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San Diego Humane Society Seizes 80+ Birds from Apartment

Humane Officers Rescue Cockatiels from Unsanitary Conditions in Rancho Bernardo

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society's Law Enforcement Officers seized more than 80 birds from a one-bedroom apartment in Rancho Bernardo on Wednesday morning. Most of the birds were cockatiels flying freely inside the unit, living in unsanitary conditions.

Each bird will be examined by a San Diego Humane Society veterinarian in our mobile unit on scene, before being brought to our San Diego Campus at 5500 Gaines Street for further examination.

For the safety of the animals and our staff, the birds will be placed under quarantine and monitored by our medical team for any type of disease.

"It is extremely sad to see animals living like this, but we are glad we are able to get these birds the care they need," said Sgt. Laurel Monreal.

This case is an open Humane Law Enforcement investigation. Our officers will continue to collect information before determining how to proceed.

San Diego Humane Society continues to encourage the public to report animal emergencies, cruelty or neglect by calling (619) 299-7012.

B-roll and sound will be available later this afternoon. For more information, please contact Nina Thompson at (619) 372-0916 or nthompson@sdhumane.org

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane Humane Officers have rescued 80+ birds from an apartment in Rancho Bernardo. The birds will be evaluated on scene by a staff veterinarian and taken to our San Diego Campus for further medical care.

About San Diego Humane Society

San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. We offer programs that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty and neglect, provide medical care, educate the community and serve as a safety net for all pet families. Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. For more information; please visit sdhumane.org.