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## **Malnourished, Matted Terriers Abandoned at Escondido Park**

*SDHS Asks the Community for Information in Animal Cruelty Case*

**SAN DIEGO** — [San Diego Humane Society](http://San Diego Humane Society) is looking for information to identify the person who dumped two severely neglected terriers at Mountain View Park in Escondido on Sunday, Feb. 3.

A witness reports seeing a person in a grey car, stopping at the park around 2:30 p.m. and dumping what looked like trash near an empty lot on Mountain View Drive.

Two San Diego Humane Society humane officers responded to the call, and brought the male dogs to SDHS's Escondido Campus for care. The dogs were covered in mud, fleas and so matted they could barely move. SDHS's medical team triaged the dogs, giving them emergency exams and cleanup. The dogs have tested positive for parasites and are now on quarantine, undergoing treatment.



Because of the critical condition of the dogs, this is a felony cruelty investigation by San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement.

“For the second time in less than a week, we have a person abandoning helpless animals in an Escondido park,” said Laurel Monreal, sergeant of humane law enforcement for San Diego Humane Society. “We want the public to know, anyone who needs help with their animals can bring them to us without judgement.”

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case. If anyone has information, leads can be reported through an anonymous tip line at 888-580-8477 or visit the Crime Stoppers website at [sdcrimestoppers.org](http://sdcrimestoppers.org) for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips. Information can also be reported to San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement by calling 619-299-7012.

**B-roll and photos are available here: <https://bit.ly/2WKDqxy>. For more information or to schedule an interview with a Humane Law Enforcement Officer, please contact Dariel Walker at 619-250-6801 or [dwalker@sdhumane.org](mailto:dwalker@sdhumane.org).**

**Suggested Tweet:** @sdhumane is looking for information to identify the person who dumped two severely neglected terriers at Mountain View Park in Escondido. Call 619-299-7012 if you have any information.



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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](http://sdhumane.org).

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