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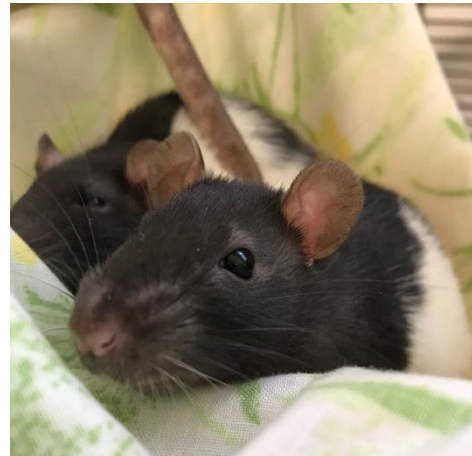
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140 Rats Relinquished By Owner Available for Adoption

Pet rats are personable animals who bond strongly with humans

San Diego – San Diego Humane Society is looking for homes for 140 rats recently relinquished by their owner. The rats have undergone veterinary exams and tests to make sure they are healthy, happy and ready for adoption.

On Oct. 8, a woman contacted San Diego Humane Society for help. Her pet rat population had gotten out of control and she wished to relinquish all of her animals so they could find good homes. Our Humane Law Enforcement Officers worked diligently for days to locate all the rats and bring them to our three campuses in Oceanside, Escondido and San Diego.



Although rats are not as common as other small rodents, they make great pets. They are very social, smart and love to interact with humans. Rats eat pellets, veggies and fruit. Domestic rats stay clean by grooming themselves like a cat several times per day. They are very popular as classroom pets, because they like to interact with people.

Because rats are social animals, we require rats to be adopted in same-gender pairs, unless you already have a resident rat. The adoption fee for a pair is \$5. Rats are available for adoption at our campuses in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego.

San Diego Humane Society encourages any animal owner who needs assistance to reach out to us for help by calling 619-299-7012.

B-roll and photos of the intake of the rats are available here: <https://bit.ly/2VILHCq>

Suggested Tweet: More than 140 rats relinquished by a single owner are now available for adoption. The rats had veterinary exams and are healthy and happy. Pet rats are personable animals who bond strongly with humans. #InspireCompassion

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.

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