San Diego Humane Society Appoints New Chief Operating Officer
Jennifer Brehler Brings With Her 20 Years of Animal Welfare Experience

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society has promoted one of its Vice Presidents who currently serves as Director of the Escondido Campus, Jennifer Brehler, to the role of Chief Operating Officer for the organization. Brehler brings 20 years of animal welfare experience, more than a decade in executive leadership, to her role as Chief Operating Officer. At San Diego Humane Society, she will oversee all Operations functions for the organization, which includes: Operations of four campus locations, Admissions, Adoptions, Animal Care, Medicine, Facility Management, Project Wildlife and the Behavior Center.

Before joining San Diego Humane Society in 2014 as the Director of the Escondido Campus, Brehler served as the interim Executive Director of Asheville Humane Society for 14 months, and previously worked as the VP of Operations and Government Affairs for more than 5 years. Recently, she was awarded the 10News Leadership Award given in conjunction with LEAD San Diego & Media4Women.

“Jennifer’s wealth of experience and knowledge in animal welfare operations makes her an ideal fit as our new Chief Operating Officer. She’s been instrumental in leading our Escondido Campus through tremendous growth over the past two years, and now we’re fortunate to have someone with her talent, skills and passion lead the overall operations of the organization,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. “Jennifer will also be overseeing two of our largest and most important programs: Project Wildlife, one of the only local emergency wildlife trauma centers in Southern California, and our Behavior Center, one of only two of its kind in the nation. These are crucial resources for the animals in our community, and I can’t think of anyone more suited to lead these efforts.”

More About Jennifer Brehler’s Professional Background
Jennifer Brehler has a Bachelor’s degree in Humane Leadership from Duquesne University and has worked in and held executive level positions in open admission animal shelters for 20 years. She is also an active member of the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) and is a regular lecturer at national animal welfare conferences and webinars. Prior to beginning her career in animal
welfare, Brehler was an Intelligence Analyst in the U.S. Army, serving during Desert Storm. She was the first woman to graduate from the Air Assault School in Germany. Brehler currently lives in Ramona with her husband, daughter, three dogs, four cats and two parrots.

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About San Diego Humane Society
Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets.

As one of San Diego’s oldest nonprofit organizations, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside Petco stores throughout San Diego County. San Diego Humane Society is supported solely through contributions, grants, bequests, investments, proceeds from the Muttique retail store and small fees for services. For more information or to view our current animals available for adoption; please visit www.sdhumane.org.

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