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Adopt a Shelter Dog Month: Dante From Texas Healed and Ready for Adoption

Dante was among seven dogs transferred from Edinburg, TX to San Diego Humane Society.

SAN DIEGO — A sweet 9 year-old Chihuahua named Dante, who needed extensive orthopedic medical care due to a severely broken tibia and fibula, is ready for adoption at San Diego Humane Society. Dante’s caretakers are hoping he will find the perfect family during October, known as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Dante was among seven dogs transferred to San Diego Humane Society from Texas to receive advanced medical care and alleviate shelter overcrowding. The dogs from Palm Valley Animal Society in Edinburg, TX, arrived Sept. 15, 2021 via ground transport coordinated by [Team Shelter USA](#), [Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program](#) and [Veterans Pet Rescue Express](#).

The shelter in Edinburg was unable to provide the surgery Dante needed, so when asked, San Diego Humane Society instantly offered its medical expertise. Veterinarians at San Diego Humane Society’s Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine amputated part of Dante’s right leg. They also performed dental surgery and placed him on treatment after he tested positive for heartworm. Dante is feeling much better now and is a very happy, sweet dog.



“When shelters elsewhere need our help, we always step up if we can,” said Zarah Hedge, DVM, VP of Shelter Medicine & Chief Medical Officer at San Diego Humane Society. “We just recently sent one of our shelter veterinarians to assist Palm Valley Animal Society in Texas, as they were in great need. It takes a village in the animal welfare world and we are grateful that we are able to share our knowledge and expertise.”

Three of the seven dogs from Texas have already found their homes. Another is currently in foster care awaiting his dental surgery. That leaves three dogs now looking for new homes:

Dante (761159), a 9 year-old Chihuahua.
[Markus \(761156\)](#), a 1 year-old Pitt Bull Terrier.
[Nectar \(761160\)](#), a 3 year-old Boxer.

San Diego Humane Society is open for walk-in adoptions Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at its campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego. To view animals currently available for adoption, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.

Photos and b-roll of the dogs from Texas available for adoption for media use can be downloaded here:
<https://bit.ly/3AzFV9S>

Suggested Tweet: A sweet Chihuahua named Dante, who needed extensive orthopedic surgery due to a severely broken tibia & fibula, is ready for adoption at [@sdhumane](#). Dante was among 7 dogs transferred to San Diego Humane Society from Texas to receive advanced medical care. [#AdoptAShelterDogMonth](#)

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 in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona and San Diego. For more information, please visit sdhumane.org.

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