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## **Anonymous Donor Offers \$50K Match for SDHS Veterinary Medicine**

*Every donation to San Diego Humane Society is doubled to help twice as many animals in need.*

**San Diego** — Thanks to a \$50,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor, contributions to San Diego Humane Society’s Veterinary Medicine program through Aug. 15, 2021 will have twice the impact for homeless pets and wildlife in need.



Each year, nearly 35,000 companion animals and 13,000 wildlife are cared for by San Diego Humane Society. Many require extensive medical care rarely performed in shelter environments — like Mr. Heather Gray, a Siberian Husky puppy found stray in the Tijuana Estuary with a dislocated hip. Veterinarians at the Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine performed a femoral head and neck osteotomy to successfully repair the injury, so Mr. Gray could be adopted and have a pain-free life.

“It is only thanks to the generous support from the community that San Diego Humane Society can go above and beyond for each animal and be a leader in the field of shelter medicine,” said VP of Shelter Medicine and Chief Medical Officer Zarah Hedge, DVM. “When you donate to our Veterinary Medicine matching campaign, your gift will have twice the impact for homeless pets and wildlife in need. I am so proud to be a part of a team that is prepared to care for an incredible variety of species with extraordinary medical needs.”

San Diego Humane Society is a national leader in the growing field of shelter medicine, providing animals with everything from basic exams to cutting-edge, advanced surgeries. The best practices established in the organization’s Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine are shaping how animal lives are saved across the country. And through its veterinary internship and residency programs, San Diego Humane Society helps develop shelter veterinarians of tomorrow.

**To donate to San Diego Humane Society’s Veterinary Medicine Match Campaign, visit [sdhumane.org/vetmed](https://sdhumane.org/vetmed).**

**B-roll and photos of Mr. Heather Gray for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/2W0GzxD>**

**Suggested Tweet:** You can have twice the impact for animals in need of medical care at @sdhumane! Thanks to a \$50k match from an anonymous donor, gifts to the Veterinary Medicine matching campaign are doubled. Donate at [sdhumane.org/vetmed](https://sdhumane.org/vetmed).

### **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](https://sdhumane.org).

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