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At Least 50 Foster Volunteers Needed While Shelter is Full

San Diego Humane Society seeks help from community to provide temporary homes pets

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is asking the community to provide temporary homes for pets as their shelters face space challenges and a high volume of incoming animals. The nonprofit animal welfare organization currently has nearly 1,500 animals in care and is asking for critical support from foster volunteers to ensure the shelter can accommodate new animals in need of sheltering. At least 50 foster volunteers are needed immediately to help alleviate the critical space shortage.

A temporary commitment to foster can have a lifelong impact for a deserving shelter pet. By fostering, you'll help set that animal up for a successful new start in life, while also making space in the shelter for more animals in need of care. "Fostering offers the one-on-one attention and loving comfort that only a home setting can provide," said Director of Nursery and Placement Jackie Noble. "Additional



foster volunteers will allow us to create space for the animals who continue to enter our care every day, especially right now when our shelters are full."

San Diego Humane Society's foster program provides support for animals waiting to be adopted, but also for pets with owners facing temporary hardships, such as eviction, domestic violence and other difficult situations. Foster care prevents these pets from ever having to enter the shelter system, and allows them to return to their family where they belong after a temporary stay.

Whatever your life looks like, chances are there's a foster pet who will be a perfect match — including dogs, kittens, cats, reptiles, rabbits and other deserving animals! To see pets available to be fostered and learn how to apply, please visit <u>sdhumane.org/fosterpets</u>.

Photos and b-roll for media use can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3FEDA2N

Suggested Tweet: With shelters at capacity, @sdhumane is asking the community to help by temporarily opening their homes to foster animals in need. Fostering a pet fur-now helps them fur-ever! View pets available to foster and sign up at sdhumane.org/fosterpets!

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, visit sdhumane.org. Follow the SDHS Media Relations department on Twitter@sdhumane.org.