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Community is Invited to Adopt a Pet for Free on Saturday
San Diego Humane Society waives adoption fees for Clear the Shelters Day, Aug. 26, 2023

SAN DIEGO — With more than 900 animals ready for new homes, San Diego Humane Society is waiving all adoption fees on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023 for a special "Clear the Shelters" day. The organization has at least 359 dogs, 17 puppies, 174 cats, 248 kittens, and many, many more species waiting for a second chance at love with a new family. The one-day adoption special is part of NBC Universal and Telemundo's Clear the Shelters Month.

People who have space in their heart and home for a new family member can visit any of San Diego Humane Society's campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday to adopt a pet at no cost. If they have a specific animal in mind, it is recommended to check the organization's website first at sdhumane.org/adopt to help determine which campus is best to visit.

This has been an especially tough year for San Diego Humane Society. On July 7, the organization set a record with 2,584 animals in care. As of today, there are 2,325 animals in care. What's unusual about 2023 is the shelter was already over capacity at the beginning of the year. "Typically, summer is our busy time, but we were already breaking records in March with dogs in care," said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. "But even though the numbers are staggering, each animal here is an individual who deserves love and a home to call their own."

When you Adopt from San Diego Humane Society:
- You'll help create space in the shelter for other animals in need.
- You know you're getting an animal who has been properly assessed and cared for.
- Your pet has been microchipped, spayed/neutered and vaccinated.
- San Diego Humane Society offers an adoption guarantee, training advice, pet supplies and educational information to support pet families for the life of their animal.

Photos/b-roll of adoptable animals at SDHS for media use can be downloaded here:
https://spaces.hightail.com/space/eqxv0NZLGQ
Photo/video credit: San Diego Humane Society

Suggested Tweet: San Diego Humane Society wants to @ClearTheShelters Aug. 26 by waiving all adoption fees. Visit @sdhumane's campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside or San Diego 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. sdhumane.org/adopt #ClearTheShelters #DesocuparLosAlbergues

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. Follow the SDHS Media Relations department on Twitter @sdhumane.

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