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Coyote Trapped in Car Bumper Returns to the Wild

Coyote rehabilitated at San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center after rescue.

RAMONA, CA — A senior, female coyote who was rescued from the bumper of a car, is back in the wild where she belongs. The coyote spent 18 days at San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Wildlife Center receiving treatment for shock and a severely injured paw pad. Project Wildlife's medical team treated her with fluids, pain medication and kept her under close observation as she recovered.

It was on Nov. 1, 2021, when San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement was dispatched to rescue an animal lodged in the bumper of a car in a San Marcos parking lot. Humane Officers recognized the need for medical backup and called San Diego Humane Society's veterinary team to the scene to assist and monitor the wellbeing of the animal as she was cut out from inside the fender.

The person who hit the coyote did not realize that she was stuck in his bumper and was inside a Ralphs grocery store shopping when another shopper noted a "dog" in the bumper and called for help. The car's owner was alerted to the situation when he came out of the Ralphs.

Upon intake at the Ramona Wildlife Center, the coyote could stand and walk. The veterinary team performed multiple exams and extensive radiographs to ensure there were no fractures and no internal bleeding. The coyote's teeth revealed her age as a senior. "She was actually in wonderful condition before being hit by the car," said Christine Barton, director of operations & wildlife rehabilitation at San Diego Humane Society's Ramona Campus. "Her coat and weight are exactly what we want to see in wild animals. We are so happy she recovered quickly and could be returned to her natural habitat."

The coyote was released in the late afternoon of Nov. 18, 2021, in a nearby San Marcos Parks & Recreation Department location, not far from the San Marcos parking lot where she was found. The Humane Officers and medical team who rescued the coyote were also present, to witness their patient's return to the wild.

San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife program is the primary resource for wild animal rehabilitation and conservation education in San Diego County. Each year, SDHS gives more than 13,000 injured, orphaned and sick wild animals a second chance. In 2020, SDHS announced a new Ramona Campus, where they specialize in caring for native apex predators and birds of prey, including hawks, owls, eagles, coyotes, bears, bobcats and, under special pilot authorization, mountain lions.

Photos and b-roll of the coyote's rescue, care and return to the wild for media use can be downloaded here:
<https://bit.ly/3EMXzBT>

Suggested Tweet: A coyote rescued from the bumper of a car, is back in the wild! The coyote spent 18 days at @sdhumane's Ramona Wildlife Center receiving treatment for shock and a severely injured paw pad. The Humane Officers & medical team who rescued the coyote were present at the release.

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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