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Dying Puppy Found in Dumpster: SDHS Asks for Public's Help

Crime Stoppers offers reward for information leading to arrest in felony animal cruelty case.

Escondido — San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement is asking for the public's help in a felony animal cruelty case, involving a dying puppy wrapped in a towel and placed in a dumpster in Escondido.

The case was reported to San Diego Humane Society on April 28, 2021. Humane Officers responded to the apartment complex in the 1,000 block of Rock Springs Road in Escondido at 8:30 p.m. Officers determined the tiny, white Chihuahua puppy was lethargic and rushed him to an after-hours emergency veterinary hospital.

The puppy's body temperature and blood glucose levels were too low to register and his lungs were full of fluids, preventing him from receiving enough oxygen. After exploring all options, veterinarians made the extremely difficult decision to humanely euthanize the 6-week old puppy to end his suffering.

"It is heartbreaking that our Humane Officers are investigating a third case of an abandoned dog with a devastating outcome in San Diego County in less than a month," said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. "There are no cameras in the apartment complex where someone placed this suffering puppy in a dumpster, so we are really hoping the community will help us out. If you saw something, please come forward. You can remain anonymous."

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case. If anyone has information, leads can be reported through an anonymous tip line at 888-580-8477 or visit the Crime Stoppers website at sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

Humane Officers do not believe the three cases are related. Anyone who needs help caring for their pets can contact San Diego Humane Society. The nonprofit organization is an open-admission shelter, meaning it will never turn away an animal in need. For more information, visit sdhumane.org.

If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect in your neighborhood, please report it to San Diego Humane Society by calling 619-299-7012 (press 1 to report animal abuse).

Photos of the dog for media use can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/2Rx10jA
(Warning, the photos are difficult to see)

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane's Humane Law Enforcement is asking for the public's help in a felony animal cruelty case, involving a dying puppy tossed in a dumpster near an apartment complex in Escondido. @sdcrimestoppers is offering up to a $1,000 reward. Call 888-580-8477 with tips.

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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