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Emaciated Dogs Allegedly Left to Die at Buena Vista Lagoon

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

San Diego — San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement team is asking for the public’s help in a felony animal cruelty investigation. **The case involves two extremely emaciated dogs, believed to have been left at the Buena Vista Lagoon in Oceanside in a shipping container.** The dogs were found by a Public Works employee on Oct. 18, 2022, near Jefferson St. at Lagoon View Dr. The good Samaritan called Oceanside Police, who contacted San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement.

The two dogs were huddled underneath shrubs, near a soft shipping container. Both were Shepherd mixes, about a year old — one a tan/black male and the other a female black/white color. Humane Officers rushed to get them to San Diego Humane Society’s Oceanside Campus. Heartbreakingly, the female dog died in the arms of an officer while being carried in to the shelter. The second was suffering so much that the medical team had no choice but to immediately perform humane euthanasia. “These dogs were without proper nutrition for a very long time to reach such an emaciated state,” said Chief of San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. “The fact that they were next to a shipping container leads us to believe they were intentionally dumped by the lagoon. We could really use the public’s help in finding the person or persons responsible for this.”



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.

Anyone who needs help caring for their pets can contact San Diego Humane Society for assistance. 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 for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3SAbatA>

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane’s Humane Law Enforcement is asking for the public’s help in a felony animal cruelty case, involving two emaciated dogs allegedly left at the Buena Vista Lagoon in Oceanside in a shipping container. @sdcrimestoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward. Call 619-299-7012 (press 1) 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. Follow the SDHS Media Relations department on [Twitter @sdhumane](https://twitter.com/sdhumane).