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## Greyhound Adoption Center Gifted to San Diego Humane Society

Sale of property goes into fund reserved for future greyhound dog rescue efforts

**SAN DIEGO** — San Diego Humane Society has been gifted — and just sold — the property formerly known as the Greyhound Adoption Center in El Cajon. The \$600,000 in net proceeds from the sale of 4821 Dehesa Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019 and an approximately \$350,000 will go into a fund dedicated to ongoing medical care and emergency boarding of greyhounds.

Greyhound Adoption Center spent the last three decades rescuing, rehabilitating and finding homes for greyhounds rescued from greyhound tracks. The nonprofit's decision to cease operations and transfer some of their efforts and assets to San Diego Humane Society, was made due to fewer dogs



needing help as greyhound racing tracks have closed across the country. There are currently two active greyhound racetracks left in the United States. The closest track to San Diego is the Agua Caliente Racetrack in Tijuana, Mexico.

"Track greyhounds are wonderful pets, and we are proud to carry on with the work of the Greyhound Adoption Center in finding them homes," said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. "We will continue to raise awareness about the unique qualities of greyhounds and help place them with families who will appreciate their loyal and gentle nature."

"We wanted to ensure that every track greyhound has a place to go when they stop racing," said former Greyhound Adoption Center Founder and President Darren Rigg. "Our organizations have always shared a common goal of helping animals in need, and we are confident San Diego Humane Society will continue our efforts to be there for greyhounds in need of a second chance."

Four other groups will also continue the work of Greyhound Adoption Center. <u>Greyhound Friends for</u> <u>Life</u>, <u>Operation Greyhound</u>, <u>FastFriends</u> and <u>GreySave</u> will oversee fosters, adoptions and returns of greyhounds in California.

For more details about Greyhound Adoption Center's transfer to San Diego Humane Society, visit <u>sdhumane.org/greyhoundrescue</u>.

<u>Greyhound Adoption Center photos for media use can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3NvvzkG</u> Photo credit: Greyhound Adoption Center

## 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 <u>schumane.org</u>. Follow the SDHS Media Relations department on <u>Twitter @schumane</u>.