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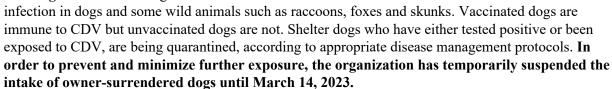# Love is in Bloom: Adult Dog Adoption Fees Waived!

Dogs 7 months+ free to adopt at San Diego Humane Society through March 31, 2023

SAN DIEGO — With the start of Spring just around the corner, *Love is in Bloom* at San Diego Humane Society! At least 244 adult dogs (7 months and older) are available for adoption and waiting for new homes across the organization's campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego. **To help these wonderful pups find a new family, the shelter is waiving adoption fees for adult dogs starting Thursday, March 9 through Friday, March 31, 2023.** The *Love is in Bloom* promotion is generously sponsored by Purina.

San Diego Humane Society currently has 558 dogs in care. 98 of those dogs are in foster homes and 460 are at a campus location. Because the shelter only has 350 standard kennels, the shelter is currently at 131% capacity. That means some dogs are housed in non-standard housing, such as in offices and in emergency kennels in conference rooms.

On top of being over capacity, recent cases of canine distemper virus (CDV), are adding to the challenge. CDV is a contagious and sometimes fatal viral infection in dogs and some wild animals such as raccoons, foxes and skunks. Vaccinated dogs are immune to CDV but unvaccinated dogs are not. Shelter dogs who have either tested positive or been exposed to CDV, are being quarantined, according to appropriate disease management protocols. **In order to prevent and minimize further exposure, the organization has temporarily suspended the intake of owner-surrendered dogs until March 14, 2023.**

The nonprofit is hoping the *Love is in Bloom* adoption promotion will inspire the community to open their hearts and homes to these deserving dogs. When you adopt, you not only change your own life and the life of the pet you bring home for the better, you help the life of another animal entering the shelter in urgent need of a second chance.

San Diego Humane Society is open for walk-in adoptions Tuesday – Sunday, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at its campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego. Visit sdhumane.org/adopt to view animals available for adoption.

Community members who can't to adopt, can still make a direct impact by:

1. **Fostering a pet temporarily in their home**. Getting shelter pets into foster care frees up critical shelter space. Support is provided every step of the way, and new volunteers can learn more or sign up at sdhumane.org/foster.

2. **Seeking support if they are not able to keep their pet.** If you are considering relinquishing your animal, San Diego Humane Society has resources to keep pets with their families through challenging times. Visit sdhumane.org/supportservices for more information.

3. **Reuniting lost pets with their families.** Many stray pets are found close to home! If you find a stray animal, there are steps you can take to reunite them directly with their owner, skipping a trip to the shelter. Visit sdhumane.org/found for more information.

Photos/b-roll of adult dogs available for adoption at SDHS for media use can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3ZO09sH

Suggested Tweet: Love is in Bloom! @sdhumane is waiving adoption fees for adult dogs (7 months and older) March 9-31, 2023 to help them find the loving homes this Spring! The *Love is in Bloom* promotion is generously sponsored by @Purina. Find your new best friend at sdhumane.org/adopt.

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

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