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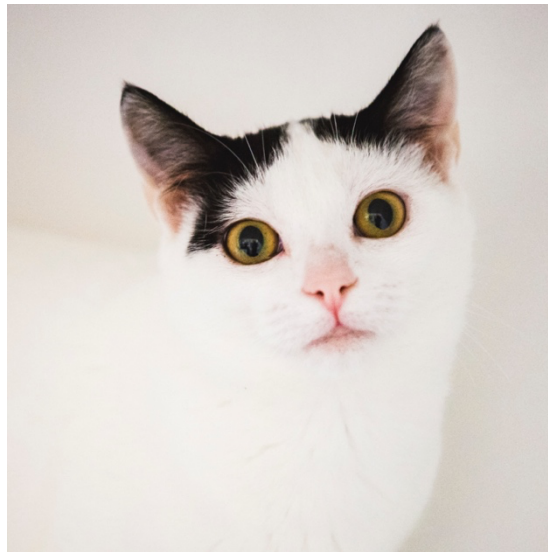
Monthlong Adoption Drive to “Clear the Shelters”

San Diego Humane Society participates in nationwide campaign to promote pet adoption.

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is participating in a nationwide campaign to “Clear the Shelters” in partnership with NBC Universal and Telemundo from Aug. 23 to Sept. 19, 2021.

To help individuals and communities continue to practice safe social distancing, this year’s Clear the Shelters adoption event will span an entire month, just like in 2020. The longer adoption drive will allow for spaced-out adoption consultations at San Diego Humane Society’s campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. In addition to promoting adoptions, the campaign encourages donations to participating shelters.

Out of the 550,000 animals who have found homes during the Clear the Shelters campaign nationwide since 2015, 2,817 were adopted from San Diego Humane Society. “Every year, we look forward to ‘Clear the Shelters,’” says Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. “Right now we have hundreds of animals available for adoption and each time we find one of them a new home, we create space for another animal who needs our help in San Diego County and beyond.”



Benefits of Pet Adoption:

- Adoption is more affordable than purchasing a pet.
- You know you’re getting an animal who has been assessed behaviorally and medically.
- You may receive special pet-specific resources. For example, San Diego Humane Society offers an adoption guarantee, training advice, pet supplies and educational information to support pet families for the lifespan of the animal.
- By opening your home to an animal, you’ll help create space in the shelter for other animals in need!

San Diego Humane Society is open for walk-in adoptions Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at its campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego. To view animals currently available for adoption, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.

Photos and b-roll of animals available for adoption for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3AUFB5w>

Suggested Tweet: San Diego Humane Society is hoping to [@ClearTheShelters](https://twitter.com/ClearTheShelters) Aug. 23-Sept. 19! It is a great time to adopt & donate. By opening your home to shelter animals, you’ll create space at [@sdhumane](https://twitter.com/sdhumane) for other animals in need! sdhumane.org/adopt. #ClearTheShelters #DesocuparLosAlbergues

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.