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New San Diego Humane Society Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Sworn In *Jace Huggins will oversee one of the largest teams of Humane Officers in California*

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society officially has a new Chief of Humane Law Enforcement. Jace Huggins was sworn in today before Judge Eugenia Eyherabide at San Diego Superior Court.

In his role as Vice President and Chief of Humane Law Enforcement, Huggins will oversee one of the largest teams of Humane Law Enforcement Officers in California, which includes 56 sworn officers and 18 dispatchers, along with investigations and case management, emergency response, officer training and collaborations with local courts and law enforcement.

Huggins has 22 years of experience in animal welfare and veterinary hospital management, including a decade working in humane law enforcement. Prior to joining San Diego Humane Society, he served as Chief Animal Control Officer for the City of Sacramento at Front Street Animal Shelter. Huggins has overseen programs in shelters and in the field, including Sacramento’s Homeless Outreach and Assistance Program; a free monthly vaccine and microchip clinic, and the “Promoting Animal Welfare and Safety” program. He is also a nationally elected Board member of the National Animal Care and Control Association.



“Jace has built a reputation for creating innovative programs that keep pets with their families,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, President and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. “His proven record of providing owners with non-judgmental and low-barrier access to resources, while promoting animal welfare and safety in the community, aligns perfectly with the values and mission of our organization.”

“It’s an honor to join San Diego Humane Society — an organization known in the industry as a national leader in animal welfare,” said Huggins. “I witnessed a lot of positive changes with our community outreach in Sacramento and am looking forward to working with this new team of Humane Officers to help people and pets in San Diego.”

**Photos of Huggins’ swearing-in ceremony and b-roll of SDHS Humane Law Enforcement for media use can be downloaded here: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/7jvfUwX9z5>
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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 [@sdhumane](https://twitter.com/sdhumane).

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