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Orphaned Bear Cubs in Care at SDHS’s Ramona Wildlife Center

Duo brought to San Diego Humane Society after getting too close to people in Tulare County.

RAMONA, CA — Two orphaned bear cubs in care at San Diego Humane Society’s Ramona Wildlife Center are doing well. The young bears, estimated to be about 6 months of age, were brought to San Diego Humane Society’s Project Wildlife team by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on Aug. 18, 2021 after they were captured in Three Rivers area by the CDFW.

The bears had been seen without their mother and getting too close to humans — even being fed by people in the neighborhoods. [For their own safety and the safety of the public](#), CDFW captured the cubs. Once assessed, the CDFW determined the orphaned cubs were too young to fend for themselves. “These two cubs are definitely too young to survive on their own without their mother,” said Christine Barton, director of operations & wildlife rehabilitation at San Diego Humane Society’s Ramona Campus. “We are thankful that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife was able to capture them when these two orphans began approaching people. It typically doesn’t end well for humans or animals when people begin feeding wildlife, regardless of age.”



While at the Ramona Wildlife Center, the Project Wildlife team will provide a safe environment where the bear cubs can practice their natural skills and get the proper nutrition they need to grow and eventually be released back in the wild where they belong.

San Diego Humane Society’s Project Wildlife program is the primary resource for wild animal rehabilitation and conservation education in San Diego County. Each year, SDHS gives nearly 13,000 injured, orphaned and sick wild animals a second chance. In 2020, SDHS announced a new Ramona Campus, where they specialize in caring for native apex predators and birds of prey, including hawks, owls, eagles, coyotes, bears, bobcats and, under special pilot authorization, mountain lions.

Photos of the bears in care at SDHS’s Ramona Wildlife Center for media use can be download here:
<https://bit.ly/3kmoHWz>

Suggested Tweet: 2 orphaned bear cubs at [@sdhumane](#)'s Ramona Wildlife Center are doing well. The bears were brought in by [@CaliforniaDFW](#) after they were getting too close to people in Tulare County. The Project Wildlife team will care for the bears until they can be released back in the wild.

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.

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