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Overwhelmed Owner Agrees to Relinquish Cats to SDHS

San Diego Humane Society encourages pet owners to speak up before a situation gets out of hand.

Escondido, CA — Fourteen cats are now in the care of San Diego Humane Society, after their owner agreed to accept help to care for his animals.

San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement responded to do a welfare check at a residence in the 1,100 block of East Grand Ave. in Escondido and picked up 10 cats on Friday, July 16, 2021. Humane Officers returned to pick up another four cats on July 19, 2021 and have made additional visits since to monitor the property for more cats.



The cats were taken to San Diego Humane Society's Oceanside Campus for medical evaluation and care.

"We are very pleased with this outcome," said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. "San Diego Humane Society is a resource for all animal-related needs and we applaud this owner for realizing he was overwhelmed and needed help."

The cats will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and medically and behaviorally evaluated. Six of the cats will be returned to the owner upon his request, while the others will be placed up for adoption when ready.

To view animals available for adoption at San Diego Humane Society, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.

<u>Photos of Humane Officers retrieving the cats for media use can be downloaded here:</u> https://bit.ly/3in5tz7

Suggested Tweet: 14 cats are now in the care of *@sdhumane*, after their owner agreed to accept help. San Diego Humane Society is a resource for all animal-related needs and applauds this owner for realizing he was overwhelmed and needed assistance. More info: sdhumane.org.

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 <u>sdhumane.org</u>.