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San Diego Humane Society Announces Winning Names for Mother Dog and 9 Puppies
Out of 478 submissions, SDHS staff pick 10 names for sweet Rhodesian Ridgeback/Hound family.

San Diego — San Diego Humane Society is announcing the winning names for nine adorable Rhodesian Ridgeback/Hound-mix puppies and their mom who were rescued by Humane Officers. The names are:

- Mother dog: Laguna
- Puppy 1: Torrey
- Puppy 2: Cowles
- Puppy 3: Woodson
- Puppy 4: Azalea
- Puppy 5: Fleming
- Puppy 6: Cedar Creek (CC for short)
- Puppy 7: Sunset
- Puppy 8: Anza
- Puppy 9: Balboa



Members of the public suggested 478 sets of names for the family via an online form April 8 – 18, 2021. The winning names were submitted by Renee B. in Vista, who will receive a “swag bag” of San Diego Humane Society branded items. Since the dogs are Ridgeback mixes, she picked the names of famous ridges and hiking trails in San Diego!

The puppies and mom were rescued March 25, 2021, when San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement responded to a report of a stray dog who just delivered a litter of puppies in the 5200 block of La Paz Drive, 92114. When Humane Officers arrived, they found a mother dog who took shelter under a van during the rain where she gave birth to 10 puppies. SDHS’s Humane Officers carefully pulled them out, one by one. Sadly, one puppy was not alive, but the other nine appeared healthy.

The five girls and four boys are nearly a month old and growing fast thanks to the wonderful care they are receiving from their foster family. Mom did not have a microchip and no owner has come forward. Once the puppies are at least 8 weeks old, they will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and fully vaccinated before being placed for adoption. Anyone interested in adopting can visit sdhumane.org/adopt to view animals who are ready for new families. During the COVID-19 pandemic, adoptions are by appointment only.

B-roll/photos of the rescue and growing puppies for media use are available here: <https://bit.ly/390iLRQ>

Suggested Tweet: After reviewing 478 entries, @sdhumane announced the winning names for 9 adorable Rhodesian Ridgeback/Hound puppies & their mom who were rescued by our Humane Officers. Please officially meet Laguna, Torrey, Cowles, Woodson, Azalea, Fleming, Cedar Creek, Sunset, Anza & Balboa.

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.