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San Diego Humane Society Hosts World Turtle Day Microchip Clinic

Chelonian pet owners are welcome to get their turtles and tortoises chipped!

San Diego — San Diego Humane Society is hosting a special chelonian microchipping event on Saturday, May 21, 2022 — just before World Turtle Day on May 23. Walk-ins are welcome from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the San Diego Campus and the cost is $40 per chelonian.

In 2021, San Diego Humane Society took in 178 stray turtle and tortoises. A microchip with current information will greatly improve the chance of returning the reptile to his or her home. "You'd be surprised how far a tortoise or turtle can wander from their home," said San Diego Humane Society Veterinarian Daniel Barbour. "The tiny microchip we implant either in their hind leg or under the base of the tail is like an insurance policy, in case your pet should get lost. The month of May is also officially recognized as Chip Your Pet Month, so it is the perfect time!"

San Diego Humane Society also currently has 12 chelonians available for adoption. In honor of World Turtle Day on May 23, the organization is waiving adoption fees for those turtles and tortoises Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22! To view the chelonians available for adoption, and find at which campus they are located, visit sdhumane.org/adopt and pick "reptile" under the "species" button.

Media is invited to cover the event! Interviews will be available.

What: San Diego Humane Society hosts community chelonian microchipping event.

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: San Diego Humane Society's San Diego Campus, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, CA, 92110.

Who: San Diego Humane Society's medical staff microchipping chelonians.

Why: Many turtles and tortoises wander off from their family and a microchip will help them return home.

B-roll and photos from 2021 for media use are available here: https://bit.ly/3susPZn

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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