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San Diego Humane Society Takes in More Than 260 Animals in a Single Day

SAN DIEGO — It's been an extraordinary day at San Diego Humane Society. In just 24 hours, **at least 267 animals entered our care across multiple campuses** — a testament to the urgent need for animal services in our region and beyond.

This afternoon, **an overwhelmed pet owner arrived at our Escondido Campus seeking help to surrender 96 guinea pigs**. Our veterinary team immediately began triaging the animals and identified several who required prompt medical attention.



To provide the best possible care, we have distributed the guinea pigs among our campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego, where they will receive ongoing treatment and spay/neuter surgeries in preparation for adoption.

Photos and cellphone video of the guinea pigs for media use can be found [here](#).

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At the same time, at **our El Cajon Campus, received a box with 50 chicks** — that had been sent via USPS to someone who did not come and pick them up at the Logan Heights Post Office location. The chicks had been ordered from Utah by someone who did not come and pick them up. A community member kindly offered to bring them to us at our El Cajon Campus for the animals' safety. The chicks came in a box divided into 4 sections, with the males having a purple marking on them.



The chicks will be cared for at our El Cajon Campus while they serve a 5-day ID Trace status. If they are not reclaimed by their owner, we will place them up for adoption when they are ready.

Photos and cell phone video of the 50 chicks for media use can be found [here](#).

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Meanwhile, earlier today, our **San Diego Campus** welcomed **44 animals** from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) — including **11 adult cats, 28 kittens and 5 dogs** — in response to a critical overcrowding situation at LAAS shelters. Our transport team traveled to LA's Chesterfield Square/South LA shelter to meet their staff and bring the animals safely to San Diego.



When we learned that animals at LAAS were at risk of euthanasia due to lack of space, we stepped in to help. This lifesaving transfer is part of our commitment as a founding partner of the **LAAS Shelter Support Collaborative**, a multi-agency initiative launched in October 2024 to support one of the nation's largest municipal shelter systems.

All animals from both intakes will receive medical and behavioral evaluations before becoming available for adoption.



Photos and b-roll from today's LA intake for media use can be downloaded [here](#).

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These mass intakes came in **addition to our standard intake of strays and owner surrenders through our Admissions**, bringing today's total to **267 animals**.

San Diego Humane Society is currently **over capacity for dogs**, yet we remain committed to helping animals in need — in our community and beyond. We encourage the public to support this urgent work by **adopting, fostering or donating at 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 sdhumane.org.

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