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San Diego Humane Society is Recruiting Foster Families Before the Holidays

Shortage of foster parents who sign up for longer 30-90 day volunteer opportunities.

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is recruiting volunteers willing to foster animals for 30-90 days at a time. As the holidays approach, the nonprofit organization is experiencing a shortage of foster parents willing to commit to volunteer opportunities that could last for up to 3 months.

Among San Diego Humane Society's many foster options, there is a Safety Net Foster Program aimed at keeping pet owners who run into temporary hardships from being forced to relinquish their animals. By offering a foster solution, the pet never has to enter the shelter system and can return to their family where they belong after a temporary stay with a foster volunteer.



"There are times when we see people facing eviction, domestic violence situations or other hardships that mean they have to be temporarily separated from their pets," said Director of Nursery and Placement Jackie Noble. "If we can offer their pet a temporary Safety Net foster family, they can keep the pet they love and take them back as soon as they've figured out their situation. It's a program that keeps animals out of shelters, keeps pet families together and helps people during their times of crisis."

San Diego Humane Society is also looking for volunteers willing to foster large dogs, mother dogs with puppies, and pets with medical and behavior needs. Throughout the process, foster volunteers are supported by San Diego Humane Society staff who can answer questions, and provide resources and veterinary services.

For those who are unable to foster a pet in their home, but still want to support San Diego Humane Society's foster program, there are items on <u>San Diego Humane Society's Foster Wish List</u> that can be purchased through Amazon Prime and delivered directly to SDHS.

To learn more about becoming a foster volunteer, or to sign up, visit schumane.org/foster.

Photos and video of SDHS foster volunteers Brent Evans and Connie McDonald can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3awMmzf

Suggested Tweet: San Diego Humane Society is recruiting volunteers willing to foster animals for 30-90 days. As the holidays approach, @sdhumane is experiencing a shortage of foster parents willing to commit to volunteer opportunities that could last for up to 3 months. sdhumane.org/foster.

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.