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San Diego Humane Society’s Remodeled Adoptions Center Opens

New facility showcases adoptable pets better while making animals’ stays more comfortable

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society proudly announces the grand opening of its redesigned Adoptions Center at its San Diego Campus. This significant milestone was celebrated today with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, alongside staff, volunteers, adoptable pets and community members.

Construction on the state-of-the art facility began on May 9, 2022, resulting in a remarkable transformation of animal habitats, the adoptions lobby and outdoor exercise yards. The vibrant and colorful space will enhance the comfort and wellbeing of the resident pets, while providing a better guest experience.

With an improved layout, there are now 58 dog rooms, 55 cat kennels, 11 communal cat rooms and one large cat “aquarium” for multiple felines to stay, as well as 53 spaces for small pets. “This marks a new era for San Diego’s homeless animals,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, President and CEO, San Diego Humane Society. “Our renovated Adoptions Center represents a significant leap in animal welfare and will provide a better experience for countless pets in need. We believe these new habitats will increase visibility and result in shorter stays for our shelter residents, paving the way for brighter futures.”



Key features of the remodeled Adoptions Center:

Calming enhancements to enclosures: Solar tubes for natural light, den-like housing for dogs to feel more secure, angled kennels so no dogs will have direct view of each other, sound-proofed habitats, calming music and pink noise, as well as improved drainage designs to allow staff to clean easier and spend more time with the animals.

Dedicated space for small pets: Separate areas for small animals minimize stress and make it easier for visitors to view pets available for adoption.

Expanded outdoor play areas: More play yards for dogs and outdoor “catios” for cats provide ample space for exercise and mental stimulation.

The community is invited to visit the new San Diego Humane Society Adoptions Center located at 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, 92110, to browse adoptable pets 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. San Diego Humane Society also has locations in Escondido, El Cajon and Oceanside. Through Feb. 18, 2024, all pets are 50% off adoptions fees thanks to Purina. For more information and to view adoptable pets, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.



Photos, b-roll & soundbites from today's ribbon cutting ceremony for media use can be downloaded here: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/BN1AbIOr5G>

Soundbites with:

-Dr. Gary Weitzman, President and CEO of San Diego Humane Society

-San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria

-In Spanish: Alex Mares, Director of Philanthropy at San Diego Humane Society

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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, visit sdhumane.org.

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