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SDHS Asks for Public's Help in Finding Who Abandoned Starving Dog

Crime Stoppers offers reward for information leading to arrest for felony animal cruelty.

Oceanside — San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement is asking for the public's help in a felony animal cruelty case, involving a severely emaciated dog who was found dead in Alamosa Park, Oceanside. The female brindle American Pitbull terrier was discovered by a citizen on March 17, 2021 and taken to San Diego Humane Society's Oceanside Campus. Upon examination and a necropsy, veterinarians determined the 3 year old dog had a body score of one and died from starvation.

"If there is anyone who has information about this heartbreaking case or has witnessed anything, we ask that they come forward and let us know," said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. "This dog was



discovered in a park next to an elementary school, a middle school and a daycare. There are a lot of people moving around, so we're hoping someone may have seen something and can assist our investigating officers."

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case. If anyone has information, leads can be reported through an anonymous tip line at 888-580-8477 or visit the Crime Stoppers website at <u>sdcrimestoppers.org</u> for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

Anyone who needs help caring for their pets can contact San Diego Humane Society. The nonprofit organization is an open-admission shelter, meaning it will never turn away an animal in need. For more information, visit sdhumane.org.

If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect in your neighborhood, please report it to San Diego Humane Society by calling 619-299-7012 (press 1 to report animal abuse).

Photos of the dog for media use can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/2OFoqlV (Warning, the photos are difficult to see)

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane's Humane Law Enforcement is asking for the public's help in a felony animal cruelty case, involving a severely emaciated dog who was found dead in Alamosa Park in Oceanside. @sdcrimestoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward. Call 619-299-7012 with tips.

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.