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SDHS Asks for Public's Help in Finding Who Abandoned Helpless Dog
Crime Stoppers offers reward for information leading to arrest for felony animal cruelty.

San Diego — 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. Officers are searching for the person or persons who willfully abandoned a shepherd-mix, approximately 3 years old, near Campland on the Bay in Pacific Beach on or around Dec. 7, 2020. The dog was found by a good Samaritan in the afternoon of Dec. 8 by the Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve near Pacific Beach Drive and Olney Street.

The good Samaritan immediately sought veterinary care for the dog and he was transferred to San Diego Humane Society's Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine. Veterinarians determined the dog was in such a deteriorated state, he could not have made it to the location where he was found on his own — meaning he was abandoned there. Unfortunately, because of his suffering and failing organs, veterinarians made the extremely difficult decision to humanely euthanize the dog.



“This is absolutely heartbreaking and completely unnecessary,” said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. “The necropsy revealed socks, a washcloth and a stuffed animal inside this dog's stomach. San Diego Humane Society is here to help, and to learn this poor dog was left to die in this state just a few miles from our doorstep in unfathomable.”

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

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 sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips. Information can also be reported to San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement by calling 619-299-7012 (then press 1).

Photos of the dog for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/2LpTG6p>
(Warning, the photos are difficult to see!)

Suggested Tweet: [@sdhumane](https://twitter.com/sdhumane) Humane Law Enforcement is looking for the person who abandoned a severely emaciated dog in Pacific Beach. The shepherd was found near the Marsh Reserve by PB Drive & Olney St. on 12/8/2020. [@sdcrimestoppers](https://twitter.com/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.