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## **SDHS Humane Law Enforcement Rescues 31 Cats Abandoned By Owner**

*Officers urge anyone who needs help with their pets to reach out to San Diego Humane Society.*

**Escondido** — San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement rescued 31 cats abandoned by their owners inside a condo in central Escondido. Officers received a call for help from the property manager of the condo complex in the 1,000-block of East Washington Ave. on Oct. 22, stating the tenants had been evicted and left their cats behind.

Humane Officers found 31 cats living in unsanitary conditions inside the unit. They were all medically triaged by veterinary staff on scene and then transported to San Diego Humane Society’s campuses in Escondido and Oceanside for more detailed medical exams. The majority of the cats were found suffering from a number of medical conditions, including upper respiratory infection, diarrhea, ear infections and heart murmurs. Sadly, one cat had to be humanely euthanized due his severe suffering. The remainder of the cats have undergone more than three weeks of intensive medical care at San Diego Humane Society and are in the process of transferring to our rescue partner [Love Your Feral Felines](#) for recovery.



It is illegal to abandon an animal and San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement is continuing its investigation working with a prosecutor assigned to the San Diego County District Attorney’s Animal Cruelty Prosecution Unit. “We want the community to know it never has to get to this point,” said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. “If you are a pet owner and your situation gets out of control, reach out to us so we can be a part of the solution. We want to help you and your animals.”

San Diego Humane Society encourages the public to report animal emergencies, cruelty or neglect by calling 619-299-7012 (press 1).

**Photos and b-roll for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/2Uhdlqd>**

**To schedule an interview with a Humane Officer about the rescue, contact Nina Thompson at 619-372-0916.**

**Suggested Tweet:** San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Officers rescued 31 cats abandoned in a condo in Escondido. Most were suffering with medical disorders, including upper respiratory infection, diarrhea & ear infection. After lengthy treatment at [@sdhumane](#), they will transfer to a rescue partner.

### **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](http://sdhumane.org).