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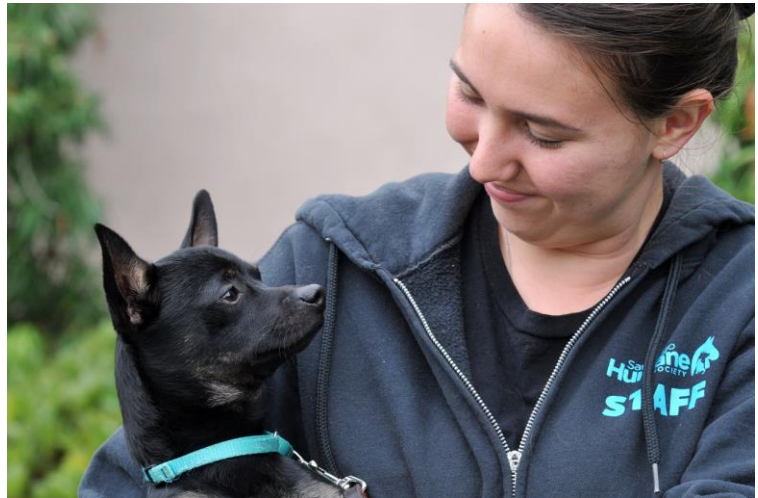
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San Diego Humane Society Launches Innovative Adoption Process

Adopters can participate in a virtual consultation from home during COVID-19 pandemic

San Diego – In response to California’s ‘Stay at Home’ order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, San Diego Humane Society has changed its adoption process to a virtual experience.

SDHS campuses in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego are open by appointment only each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested adopters should call SDHS at 619-299-7012 to make an appointment. An adoption counselor will call the prospective adopter to conduct a virtual consultation over the phone to discuss available animals and help the adopter choose the animal who best fits their lifestyle. Once the pet is adopted, the adopter can drive up to the campus and SDHS staff will help safely load the animal into the adopter’s car.



“The COVID-19 pandemic is presenting significant challenges for San Diego Humane Society’s lifesaving work, but it is imperative that we continue to find homes for the animals in our care,” said SDHS president and CEO Dr. Gary Weitzman. “The flow of animals into shelters will not cease due to this virus, so we are pleased to be able to continue providing adoption services in this way.”

San Diego Humane Society is encouraging any community member who is able to open their home and heart to a shelter pet in need. SDHS currently has more than 100 pets available for adoption.

B-roll and photos of the adoption process are available here: <https://bit.ly/2w3IcOG>.

Suggested Tweet: In response to the #COVID19 pandemic, @sdhumane is finding innovative ways to adopt animals into new homes. To adopt, call SDHS at 619-299-7012 to make an appointment.

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 located in Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego. For more information; please visit sdhumane.org.

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