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SDHS Partners with Humane Society of Imperial County to Help More Animals

Monthly transports from Imperial Valley will save lives and alleviate shelter overcrowding.

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is partnering with the Humane Society of Imperial County (HSOIC) with monthly transports to help more animals in the Imperial Valley. The Humane Society of Imperial County already collaborates with the cities of Brawley, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and Westmorland. When lost or stray animals from those cities are not picked up by their owners, they are transferred to HSOIC. From there, they are adopted into homes or sent to rescue groups, like San Diego Humane Society, outside of the Imperial Valley.



On Oct. 26 and 27, 2021, San Diego Humane Society transported 18 dogs from HSOIC and 17 of them found homes within days. “There is clearly a demand for these pets in San Diego County,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO, San Diego Humane Society. “We are happy that our partnership can relieve some of the pressure on shelters in Imperial Valley and help pets find their new families a little faster. It takes a village in animal welfare and we all have to work together to save lives.”

“The HSOIC staff and volunteers are immensely grateful for the genuine concern that SDHS has for the homeless pets in our care,” said Devon Apodoca, executive director, Humane Society of Imperial Valley. “Here at HSOIC, we strongly believe that happy, healthy and adoptable animals should never be euthanized for time or space constraints. Our partnership with SDHS has given so many unwanted and forgotten animals a second chance at finding their happily *forever* afters. Their support helps us save lives!”

The dog still available for adoption from the transports on Oct. 26 and 27, 2021 is:

[Daisy \(771042\)](#), a 5 year-old German Shepherd

San Diego Humane Society is open for walk-in adoptions Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at its campuses in Escondido, El Cajon, Oceanside and San Diego. To view animals currently available for adoption, visit sdhumane.org/adopt.

Photos of dogs transported from HSOIC for media use can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3GOkMMH>

Suggested Tweet: San Diego Humane Society is partnering with the Humane Society of Imperial County (HSOIC) to help more animals in the Imperial Valley. With monthly animal transports, [@sdhumane](#) can help relieve some of the pressure on shelters in the Imperial Valley. [#InspireCompassion](#)

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.