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SDHS Rescues Dog with Heatstroke at Three Sisters Falls Hiking Trail

San Diego Humane Society Asks Hikers to Leave Pets at Home During Hot Weather

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Humane Society is reminding pet owners to leave their animals at home when exercising on hot days. With another heat wave this week, it is crucial to remember that animals are sensitive to the conditions. Dogs are lower to the ground, absorbing heat from above and below. Their paws are also sensitive as the ground is often much hotter than the air.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, SDHS's Emergency Response Team was requested by the Department of Animals Services to respond to a dog in distress on the Three Sisters Falls hiking trail at 14850 Boulder Creek Road in Descanso. Half a mile down the trail, the dog named Joey collapsed and started panting heavily, a sign of heatstroke.



San Diego Humane Society's Emergency Response Team transported Joey to Animal Urgent Care in Escondido, where he was treated for heat exhaustion and separating pads. Luckily, Joey responded well to the treatment and was able to return home.

Joey's owner Patrick McCarroll wishes to help spread awareness and is open to speaking to media: (760) 271-2594.

Remember, animals should never be exercised heavily when temperatures rise above 70°. Always provide plenty of access to shade and fresh water. You can find more pet safety tips to beat the heat <u>here</u>.

B-roll and photos are available here: http://bit.ly/2P6SRAX.

Suggested Tweet: @sdhumane is urging pet owners to take extra precaution during the heat. A large dog was just rescued by our Emergency Response Team after he suffered heatstroke at Three Sisters Falls hiking trail.

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.