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Imperial Beach Awards Animal Services Contract to San Diego Humane Society

IMPERIAL BEACH, CA — Tonight, members of the Imperial Beach City Council voted unanimously to approve a new contract with San Diego Humane Society (SDHS), to become the City's full animal services provider. The transition is expected to happen on Oct. 1, 2025.

Under this agreement, SDHS will provide sheltering, medical care, Humane Law Enforcement (animal control) and licensing services for Imperial Beach. All animals will receive care at SDHS's San Diego Campus at 5500 Gaines Street, San Diego, CA 29110.

"We are honored to become Imperial Beach's partner in protecting and caring for animals," said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society. "Our commitment is simple — every animal deserves safety, shelter and a chance to thrive, and we will bring every resource we have to make that a reality for this community."



Imperial Beach residents will gain access to SDHS's specialized programs — including the Kitten Nursery, Behavior Center, Pilar & Chuck Bahde Center for Shelter Medicine, Bahde Wildlife Center, Community Veterinary Services and Community Support Services — as well as extended animal control and dispatch hours for faster response to animal-related needs.

Residents can reach Humane Law Enforcement Dispatch at **619-299-7012** (press 1) or visit sdhumane.org for more information.

SDHS already delivers animal services to Carlsbad, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach and Vista. With Imperial Beach joining the roster, SDHS will now serve 14 cities across San Diego County.

SDHS operates five campuses open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, in San Diego, Oceanside (two campuses), Escondido and El Cajon. For details about San Diego Humane Society and its programs, visit sdhumane.org.

Photos/b-roll of SDHS's work and services for media use can be downloaded here:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/520fK1eq2P>

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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.