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After 68 Years, SDHS's Sherman Street Location Closes Its Doors

SAN DIEGO — On March 31 San Diego Humane Society will say goodbye to its location on Sherman Street, which provided homeless animals with care for 68 years. The City of San Diego purchased the property for its Pure Water program in 2018. San Diego Humane Society's lease with the City will expire on Sunday.



San Diego Humane Society was established in 1880. On July 27, 1951, the first SDHS animals were moved into 887 Sherman St. in Linda Vista, which had formerly been a milk plant.

“Sherman has always been the rock,” said President and CEO Dr. Gary Weitzman. “It’s the place where our programs were born.”

Sherman Street was the home of San Diego Humane Society’s Humane Law Enforcement division, Project Wildlife and the Behavior Center, where trainers worked with animals exhibiting behavior challenges to prepare them for adoption. Adoptions were also based at Sherman Street until San Diego Humane Society moved into its current facility at 5500 Gaines St. in 2003.

SDHS Humane Law Enforcement moved to the Gaines Street facility in 2018, and then Project Wildlife followed in March 2019 with the opening of the state-of-the-art Pilar and Chuck Bahde Wildlife Center. SDHS’s Behavior Center is set to open in a new facility at Gaines Street this summer.

“It will be sad to see it go, but I think we are heading to bigger and better things,” said Animal Services Director Danielle Xavier. “Sometimes we have to close old doors to open new ones, and we’re ready.”

[B-roll of the Sherman Street facility and historical photos are available to download here: https://bit.ly/2FAFCkV.](https://bit.ly/2FAFCkV)



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

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