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Ukrainian Refugee to Reunite with Dog After Quarantine *Pomeranian completed 28-day rabies quarantine at San Diego Humane Society.*

San Diego, CA — A Ukrainian refugee who separated from her beloved Pomeranian at the U.S.-Mexico border in order for the dog to complete a required 28-day rabies quarantine, is scheduled to reunite with her dog at San Diego Humane Society on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

The sweet dog, named Perseya, was taken to San Diego Humane Society late on Saturday, April 30. She served her quarantine and was cared for at San Diego Humane Society's Behavior Center for enrichment. During Perseya's stay, staff provided her owner with regular updates, [including a video translated into Ukrainian](#) by a San Diego Humane Society staff member.

Perseya's owner is from the Cherkasy region in Ukraine. She arrived in Mexico with her husband, mother and dog and entered the United States via the San Ysidro Point of Entry. In April, San Diego Humane Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) partnered to make it possible for Ukrainian refugees crossing the U.S.-Mexico border to bring their pets with them. "Pets are family, and families should never be forced apart," said San Diego Humane Society president and CEO Gary Weitzman, DVM. "As soon as the war broke out in Ukraine, we began looking for ways to support people with pets and the animals left behind by this tragedy. When we heard that Ukrainian pets were getting stopped at the border – right in our own backyard – we immediately wanted to help. Our goal is to get these animals safely across the border and back to their families as quickly as possible. We'll do whatever we can to help the animals and people impacted by this tragic crisis."



The effort to support Ukrainian refugees entering the U.S. came a month after San Diego Humane Society President Gary Weitzman, DVM, deployed with [Greater Good Charities](#) to Poland [on a mission to provide veterinary care](#) and help the [International Fund for Animal Welfare](#) set up a border crossing veterinary clinic to support pets impacted by the war in Ukraine. San Diego Humane Society will continue to work with the CDC and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to transport and quarantine Ukrainian pets as needed. To learn more, visit sdhumane.org/uadogs.

Media is invited to cover the reunion! Interviews will be available:

What: Ukrainian refugee to reunite with her dog after 28-day rabies quarantine is complete.

When: Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: San Diego Humane Society's Behavior Center, 5465 Gaines St., San Diego, CA, 92110.
(Parking available at 5500 Gaines St.)

Who: Ukrainian refugee, her dog Perseya, San Diego Humane Society staff, including President & CEO Dr. Gary Weitzman.

B-roll and photos of Perseya in care at SDHS for media use: <https://bit.ly/3sHCkEM>

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.