



San Diego Humane Society's Critter Kids NEWS

Volume 4 / Issue 2

Welcome to San Diego Humane Society's Critter Kids News. We hope you have fun learning all about pets and wildlife in San Diego!

SAN DIEGO CAMPUS

5500 Gaines Street
San Diego, CA 92110

ESCONDIDO CAMPUS

3450 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92027

OCEANSIDE CAMPUS

2905 San Luis Rey Road (dogs)
Oceanside, CA 92058

572 Airport Road (cats, small animals)

Oceanside, CA 92058

(619) 299-7012
sdhumane.org



Shelter Mews

Did you know that dogs use their bodies to communicate with us?

At San Diego Humane Society's Behavior Center, our team of trainers spend extra time helping dogs who need a little extra training, encouragement or confidence. They help dogs feel better by watching their body language and then giving them what they need like toys, quiet time, exercise or petting. You can help dogs by watching their body language too! A happy dog has a loose, wiggly body, floppy ears and a relaxed tail. Sometimes they even smile like we do! A dog that is not feeling comfortable may have a tense body, stiff tail, tight mouth and hard eyes. You can help dogs by leaving them alone when they show you they are feeling uncomfortable.



Wildlife Window

Did you know that wild animals communicate too?

Not only do they "chat" with each other, but they also display body language letting humans know not to bother them. Skunks stomp their feet and raise their tails, opossums show their teeth and hiss and crows caw to warn other crows that you're walking your dog down the street. Next time you're outside, take a look around and listen to what the animals are telling you!

Meet Our Staff

Meet Amanda Kowalski

Amanda is the Behavior Center Director at San Diego Humane Society and loves helping the shy dogs and cats that come into the shelter. Amanda and her team teach the dogs and cats to have positive experiences with new people, animals, and places by pairing those things with yummy food. She also teaches them new skills like "sit" and "down", or tricks like "shake" and "roll over" while they wait for their new home.





Lend a Paw

Help dogs feel cozy and relaxed with a no-sew dog blanket!

MATERIALS:

- Sharp scissors
- Fleece fabric

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Decide on how large or small a blanket you wish to make.
2. Fold the fabric in half or place two pieces on top of each other and cut the fabric into the size and shape you want.
3. With the two pieces lined up, cut strips about $\frac{3}{4}$ -1" wide and 4-5" long around the entire piece of fabric.
4. Take one strip from the top layer and tie it to the corresponding strip beneath, creating a secure knot. Tie until all strips are knotted.

Brain Teasers

Draw a line from each picture to the three words that describe it.

May Be Friendly

Nervous

Frightened

"Angry"

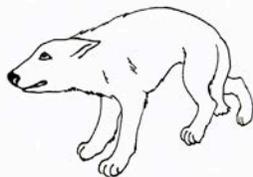
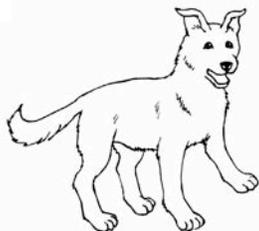
Happy

Leave Alone

Threatening

Stay Away

Relaxed



by Sarah Wilson, SarahWilsonDogExpert.com

Drawn by Arielle Fischer

Color Me

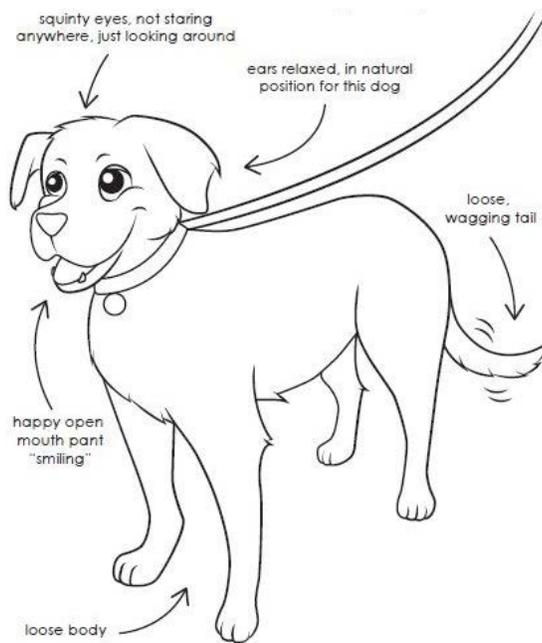
squinty eyes, not staring anywhere, just looking around

ears relaxed, in natural position for this dog

loose, wagging tail

happy open mouth pant "smiling"

loose body



Summer Camp

June - August

Paws & Paperbacks

One Thurs. per month

Check out our website at sdhumane.org for other fun events going on at San Diego Humane Society!