

Emergency Response Team

A program of San Diego Humane Society's
Humane Law Enforcement Division

Our Mission:

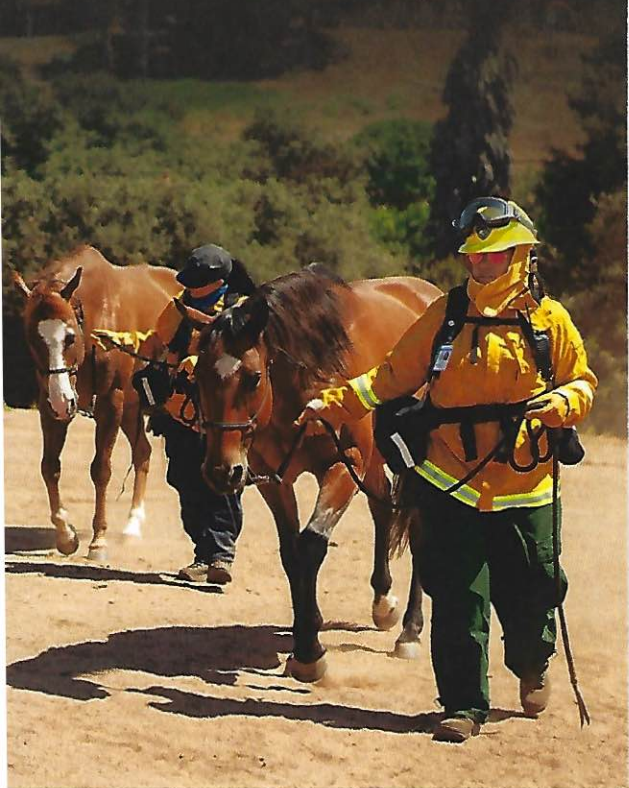
Help communities prepare.

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Provide lifesaving rescue services.

Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a professional group of 200 staff and volunteers who are highly trained to assist communities before, during and after disasters. We work closely with partners throughout San Diego County — including public safety entities, other nonprofits and individuals — to provide services that benefit both people and animals.

San Diego has had several of the most destructive wildfires in California history. We train to respond to all kinds of natural disasters, large- and small-scale accidents and other emergency situations.





Who We Are

In 1971, San Diego Humane Society formed the Animal Rescue Reserve to be ready to help when needed. In 2018, we restructured as ERT to align with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards and operate at local, state and national levels. ERT has eight response units:

- Small Animal Sheltering
- Large Animal Sheltering
- Fire Animal Search and Rescue (FASAR)
 - Technical Animal Rescue
 - Incident Management
 - Veterinary Medical
- Large Animal Transport
 - Logistics

Our Team Culture

Help. Whenever and wherever it's needed.

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Serve each other first and the needs of the mission second.



If you're interested in volunteering, please visit sdhumane.org/donate.