

HISTORY

The first anti-cruelty laws were passed in England in 1822. San Diego Humane Society was organized on March 10, 1880, and is the oldest and largest humane society in San Diego County.

Records dated June 9, 1880, indicate San Diego Humane Society levied the first fine for \$2 against "Mr. Collins' boy for overridding a colt." San Diego Humane Society's founding fathers were serious and ambitious about tackling cruelty, and within four months of organizing San Diego Humane Society, there was an arrest and trial for animal cruelty.



Today, all humane societies are independent and autonomous from one another as well as from any national or international organizations, such as the American Humane Association, the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the Humane Society of the United States.



Humane Law Enforcement
Report Pet Abuse and Neglect
619-299-7012

San Diego Campus
5500 Gaines Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Escondido Campus
3500 Burnet Drive
Escondido, CA 92027

Oceanside Campus
2905 San Luis Rey Road (dogs)
572 Airport Road (cats, small animals)
Oceanside, CA 92058

619-299-7012
sdhumane.org

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The First to Respond
When Animals Suffer



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



The San Diego Humane Society Emergency Response Team is a dedicated group of staff and volunteers who serve as first responders for animals in distress. ERT provides rescue and emergency animal sheltering services for over 2 million residents in our contract cities and operates as a partner agency throughout the county, state and nation in the wake of natural disasters.

The ERT received extensive training to be ready to respond to rescue animals in many different situations including removing animals from fires or flooded areas, rescuing large animals that have fallen into wells, mud bogs, swimming pools and ravines, rounding up and caring for cattle involved in trailer transport accidents and providing help for small domestic animals.

During disasters, follow @sdhumane on Twitter for up to date evacuation and emergency pet information, or call 619-299-7012 to request help. If you're interested in joining the ERT, visit: sdhumane.org/services/humane-law-enforcement/.

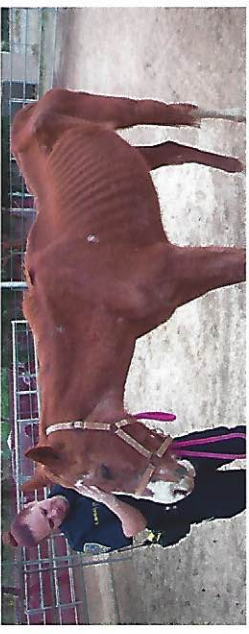
DISPATCH & RESERVE

Calls for animal cruelty/neglect and animal control are received by our dispatchers on a daily basis by telephone, email or law enforcement agencies. Dispatchers monitor officer activities as well as help coordinate emergency responses during disasters and rescue operations. Dispatchers also assist citizens with general inquiries and refer out to other agencies, if necessary.

Reserve Officers are an integral volunteer program of our Humane Law Enforcement and assist in various situations, such as providing additional coverage in the field supporting our Humane Officers or assisting our dispatchers.



HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT



San Diego Humane Society's Humane Law Enforcement team has officers in the field seven days a week, dedicated to protecting animals throughout San Diego County by enforcing animal cruelty and neglect laws to ensure every animal receives proper care as required by law. We accomplish this goal by educating owners about proper care for their animals, responding to reports of animal cruelty or neglect and following up with pet owners after initial warnings.

Animal cruelty encompasses behavior ranging from neglect or hoarding to malicious violence or killing. Humane Officers can exercise the powers of a peace officer while investigating animal-related crimes, and are commissioned by the Governor of California with full peace officer authority to enforce California's animal cruelty statutes and ensure that animals in San Diego are protected.

Our Humane Officers also respond to and rescue animals from disasters in San Diego and beyond with the assistance of volunteers and our Emergency Response Team.

Animal Services

In addition to responding to calls on animal cruelty and neglect, San Diego Humane Society provides animal services for stray animals, injured or sick animals and wildlife, animal bites and off-leash dogs in the following cities:

- Carlsbad
- Del Mar
- Encinitas
- Escondido
- Imperial Beach
- Oceanside
- Poway
- San Diego
- San Marcos
- Santee
- Solana Beach
- Vista