



# San Diego Humane Society's Critter Kids **NEWS**

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

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El Cajon, Escondido,  
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## **Shelter Mews**

From the coast to the mountains to the desert and even in urban neighborhoods, San Diegans share this beautiful landscape with more than 320 wild animal species, and they each play a very important role in our ecosystem.

Each year, San Diego Humane Society's Project Wildlife program helps more than 12,000 of these wild animals who are orphaned or injured, making us one of the biggest wildlife hospitals in the country. Wild animals depend on us to take care of our environment so they can thrive! Picking up trash, recycling, reducing plastic use, reusing items that can be repurposed and eating more plant-based foods are all ways you can contribute to keeping our environment a safe and happy place for local wildlife species.



## **Wildlife Window**



Many animals come to our Project Wildlife program because they have been injured by litter and other pollutants left behind by humans.

Raccoons or skunks can get their faces or legs stuck inside yogurt cups or plastic soda rings. Seabirds can become tangled in fishing line or get fishing hooks caught in their beaks or feet. Small birds can become ensnared in plastic bags or wrapped in loose strings or other materials (like the pigeon in the picture whose wing was injured after getting stuck in a scrap piece of wire). Project Wildlife staff regularly care for and rehabilitate animals with these types of injuries and release them back into the wild once they've recovered!

## **Meet Our Staff**

### **Meet Kate**

Kate is a wildlife admissions associate for Project Wildlife. Her job is to work on the front line at our wildlife hospital where she takes in all the sick, injured and orphaned animals brought to us by members of the public. She also talks with them about how to coexist with our wild neighbors. Kate's favorite part of her job is educating people about how wonderful and important our local wildlife is and encouraging everyone to make San Diego a more wildlife-friendly place! Seeing animals released back to their natural environment once they've healed is the most rewarding part of working with wildlife!





# Lend a Paw

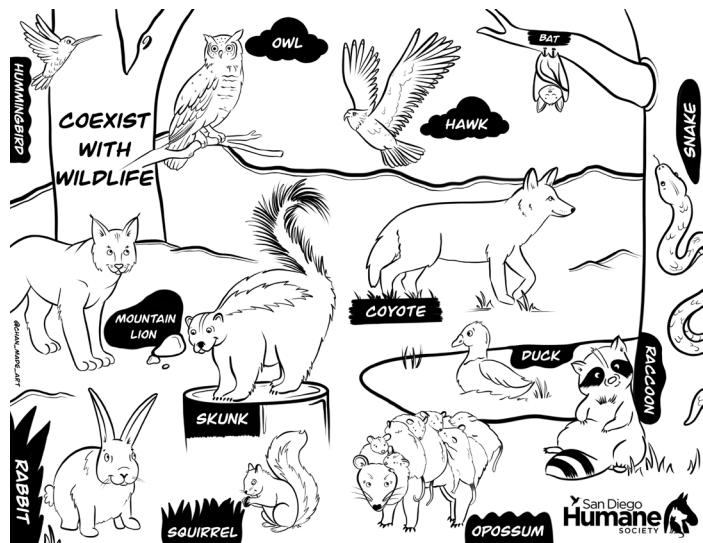
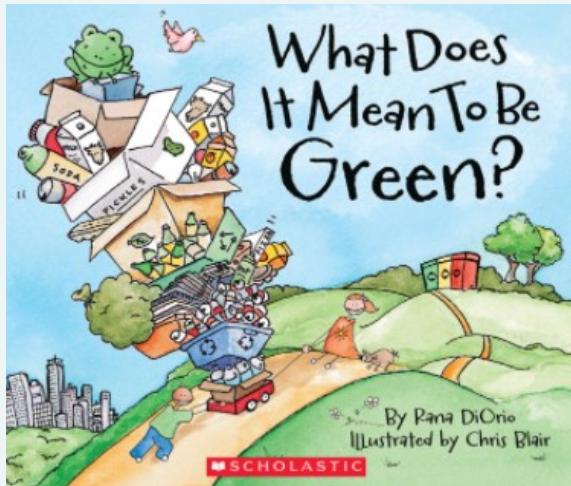
# Color Me



There are many things you can do to help the environment:

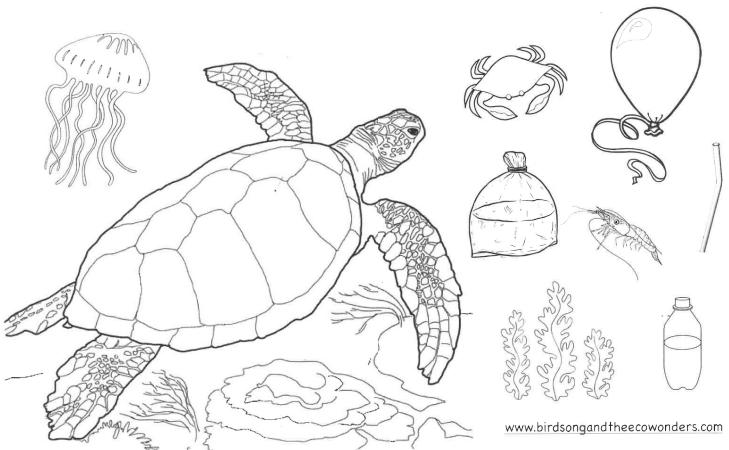
- Go on a litter walk and pick up trash in your neighborhood or a local park or beach. Be sure to wear gloves!
- Use reusable items instead of plastic ones (shopping bag, water bottle, straw, utensils, etc.).
- Make the pledge to ditch single-use plastic. See who in your family can go the longest!
- Upcycle an item like an aluminum can and make it into a pencil holder or planter. Paint it for extra fun and flair!
- Make a vegetarian or vegan dish with your family and try to choose more plant-based options.
- Sort through your trash and learn which items can be recycled. Cut up yogurt cups and soda rings to prevent animals from getting stuck in them.

## Book Nook



## Brain Teaser

1. Draw a circle around the living things that sea turtles like to eat.
2. Draw an X through the non-living things that sea turtles might try to eat because they resemble their food.
3. Color the drawing.
4. Be an Eco-Thinker! What are two things you can do to help keep the ocean and waterways clean and healthy for the animals who live there?



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