



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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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

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Shelter Mews

Did you know that spending time with animals can make you feel happier and healthier?

Our Pet-Assisted Therapy (P-AT) program brings the joy of animals to those who need it most! Not everyone who loves pets is able to have one of their own- that's where P-AT comes in. Specially trained P-AT volunteers bring animal visitors to over 20,000 people in nursing homes, mental health centers and hospitals every year. The animals that participate in this program are friendly guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, dogs and cats. Petting the animals makes people relax and smile. Some people like to talk to the animals or even sing to them! This program would not be possible without our amazing P-AT volunteers.



Wildlife Corner

Cottontail rabbit babies start leaving the nest at just a few weeks!

Many people "rescue" them thinking they were abandoned, only to learn they've actually kidnapped the rabbits. Cottontail mothers spend little time with their babies to avoid attracting predators to the nest by their scent. To find out if babies are truly orphaned, leave twigs in an X shape over the nest and come back the next day. If the twigs are moved, mom is still taking care of her babies!

Meet Our Staff

Meet Laura Leonard

Laura Leonard is our Pet-Assisted Therapy (P-AT) Specialist. The P-AT program brings animal visitors to people in care facilities all around San Diego. Laura coordinates the visits, animals and volunteers for this program. She makes sure that our working animals are comfortable and happy in their job. Guinea pigs, rabbits and rats work for 6-12 months and then Laura helps them find loving homes when they retire. A fun part of Laura's job is the monthly "Pig Wash," where she and volunteers give our working guinea pigs a glamorous spa experience, complete with a bath, pedicure and blow dry.





Lend a Paw

How can you help your local wildlife? Start a neighborhood or beach cleanup! Picking up trash, even the smallest piece, can have a huge impact on our environment!

Our marine animal friends swim with trash every day. How would that make you feel? By securing trash cans, recycling properly and making sure you leave the environment cleaner than you found it, you can make a positive impact for our wild neighbors.

So grab your family, friends and gloves and head outside to beautify your favorite park, beach or hiking trail!



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

Animal Adventure Camp
June 26-August 11

Brain Teasers

Write a rabbit acrostic poem!

R _____
A _____
B _____
B _____
I _____
T _____



Color Me

