



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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Shelter Mews

Did you know that one in three pets will go missing at some point in their lifetime? You can protect your pet by getting them microchipped and making sure the information is up to date!

A microchip is a tiny, painless computer chip that is placed under the skin of dogs, cats, rabbits and some other pets. A special tool called a microchip scanner is used to see if a pet has a microchip. Since pets can't talk, microchips store their owner's phone number and address, allowing shelter workers and volunteers to reunite pets with their families more quickly!



Wildlife Window



What should you do if you find wildlife you think may be injured or orphaned?

First, wait and watch to determine if the animal really needs help. Baby birds learn to fly from the ground up, and most wild animals only spend a small portion of the day with their young. It's important to wait so you don't mistakenly take baby animals away from parents who are still caring for them! If the animal does need help, you can ask an adult to:

1. Pick them up using a towel, cloth or gloves.
2. Put them in an escape-proof box or container with air holes.
3. Keep them in a quiet and dark place away from people or other animals to reduce stress.
4. Minimize any handling of the animal.
5. Provide a low heat source, such as a heating pad under half the box and set on low.
6. Do not feed or give them water.
7. Bring the animal to Project Wildlife as quickly as possible!

Meet Our Staff

Meet Cam!

As the Lost & Found Lead, Cam guides the Lost & Found team that reunites lost pets with their owners! Helping pets get home to their families takes education, connecting community members with services and resources, and a little bit of detective work. Cam's favorite part of the job is helping pets and families stay together through unexpected challenges. Cam also enjoys seeing how happy both pets and owners are when they're reunited — sometimes after years of being apart!



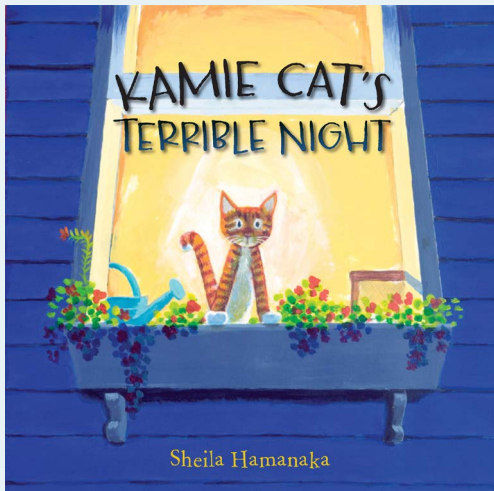


Lend a Paw

If you see a lost pet, ask an adult for help and follow the steps on our website to help them reunite with their family. Kids can help with important tasks like posting found pet flyers in the neighborhood. sdhumane.org/found



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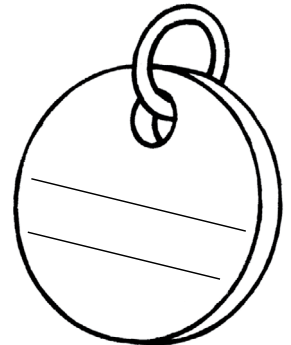
Tag - You're Mine!

How can you help your pet return home safely if they ever get lost? Always make sure your pet is wearing a collar and identification (ID) tags with your phone number and pet's name.

Happy to be home! Draw a happy face on this dog and fill in the ID tag with the pet's name and phone number.



Puppies and kittens need larger collars as they grow up - check regularly to make sure they're not too tight! Cats should wear a "breakaway" collar in case they get caught on something.



Since collars and ID tags can fall off, ask your veterinarian or local shelter about getting your pet a permanent ID called a **microchip**! A microchip goes under your pet's skin, right between the shoulder blades, and stays there forever.



Learn more about microchipping here!



Fun Fact: Every dog, cat, or rabbit is microchipped before adoption at San Diego Humane Society. Even turtles can get microchipped!



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