



# 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!

### SAN DIEGO CAMPUS

5500 Gaines Street  
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

(619) 299-7012  
[sdhumane.org](http://sdhumane.org)



## Shelter Mews

Most pets live with their families or are waiting at the shelter for a new family.

But there are some cats that do not have a family and rely on the community members to care for them. They are called community cats and live outside all the time in neighborhoods all over the United States. Community cats may either be afraid of people or friendly, born in the wild or left behind. Many rely on kind neighbors to care for them by providing food and water, while others must find ways to survive on their own just like a wild animal. You can help community cats (with help from your parents) by making sure they have shelter, food and water or by bringing them to San Diego Humane Society to receive their spay or neuter surgery and vaccines. After the surgery, we ask that they be returned to the exact same spot they were found. Their ear will be clipped so others know that they have been helped. This process, called Trap-Neuter-Return, is practiced by many shelters around the country in order to make sure community cats are being taken care of.



## Wildlife Window

Have you ever seen a mountain lion in San Diego?

Most people have not, but mountain lions do live here! Mountain lions are quiet and solitary animals. They are very beneficial to keeping our ecosystems balanced. Because they hunt mostly deer, they help to keep deer overpopulation under control. As with all wildlife, never approach a mountain lion if you do encounter one, and be aware of your surroundings at dusk, dawn and night! Read signage and be cautious when hiking in areas that are known for mountain lions. You can help by being aware and giving them the respect they deserve.

## Meet Our Staff

### Meet Jane Harrison

Jane is an Animal Caregiver at San Diego Humane Society and loves caring for the cats that come into the shelter. Often the cats are a bit scared or shy when they first arrive, but Jane offers a kind hand, calm voice and yummy food to help reassure them that life here is a good thing. Jane helps to make sure that our animals have a positive experience while they wait for their new forever home.





# Lend a Paw

**Make catnip toys and donate them to cats in the shelter!**

**MATERIALS:**

- Small sock OR felt fabric
- Fabric scraps or cotton balls
- Dried Catnip
- Yarn
- Scissors

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

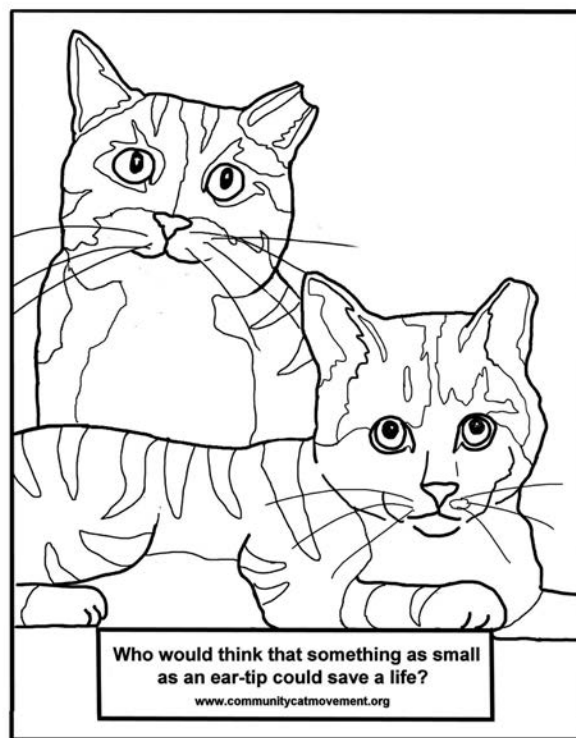
1. Put dried catnip in the sock and then stuff with fabric scraps or cotton balls.
2. Tie a knot to close off the top of the sock (or tie off with yarn)!



## Color Me

## Brain Teasers

Can you spot the difference in these 2 cat images?



**Animal Adventure Camp**

Spring Camp March 26-30

**Pet Pals**

September - May

**Paws & Paperbacks**

One Thurs. per month

Check out our website at [sdhumane.org](http://sdhumane.org) for other fun events going on at San Diego Humane Society!