



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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Escondido, CA 92027

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Shelter Mews

Did you know that some animals go to work just like we do?

Whether they are a pet companion or a service animal helping someone to perform a specific task, animals play an important role in many people's lives. At San Diego Humane Society, we have animal ambassadors that help us with our Pet-Assisted Therapy and Education programs. Our ambassadors regularly visit hospitals, nursing homes and places where people may be in need of some extra animal love. They also go to schools to help teach children all about animals! The animals in our program are selected because of their extra sweet and calm nature and are typically rabbits, guinea pigs and rats. We also have dogs, called Canine Ambassadors, who attend these programs with their guardians. To become a Canine Ambassador, the dog has to pass a test, but most of all enjoy getting lots of loving pets from strangers!



Wildlife Window



ALL wild animals have jobs and most have a positive impact on our lives!

From opossums to raccoons, gophers to hawks, every animal has an important place in our ecosystems. Gophers help move dirt, keeping it fresh for new plants to grow. Opossums are nature's little garbage men, cleaning up after us and eating things like snakes and ticks. Take time to learn about local wild animals and discover the cool jobs they do!

Meet Our Staff

Meet Staci Hurley

Staci is one of our Humane Educators at San Diego Humane Society. She loves that she gets to share her passion for animals with kids through scout programs, birthday parties, tours, school visits, and more! All of her programs include visits from our ambassador animals, like rabbits, fancy rats, guinea pigs, dogs, cats and even a pig. These animals help Staci to educate kids about the importance of adoption and how to care for our pets. Meeting an animal makes the lesson more meaningful and creates a personal connection, and our animal friends always leave a lasting impact!





Lend a Paw



**Make a wood chew for our
Pet-Assisted Therapy and Education
Animal Ambassadors!**

Materials:

- Sisal rope
- Scissors
- Untreated wood pieces
- Drill (may be needed if wood pieces don't have holes)
- Optional items: popsicle sticks, untreated wicker, cardboard, raffia, bells
- **Note:** If you use colored wood, please make sure that it is non-toxic.

Instructions:

1. Cut the sisal rope so it is about 12 inches in length.
2. Tie a knot at the top.
3. String wood shapes or other items on the rope in any way you want. Get creative!
4. Tie a small knot underneath each wood shape or item to prevent it from slipping down.
5. When finished tying on all pieces, tie a knot at the bottom of your length of rope. Add a bell for some added fun!

Brain Teaser

ANIMAL HELPERS WORD SEARCH

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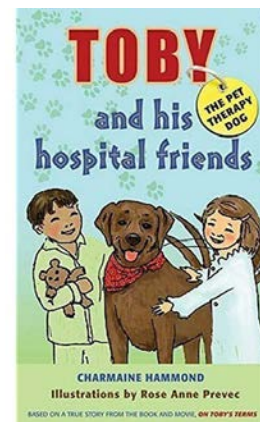
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Book Recommendation



SUMMER CAMP JUNE 24- AUGUST 9

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