



SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY Scavenger Hunt

Welcome! San Diego Humane Society cares for more than 40,000 animals each year at our campuses in El Cajon, Escondido, Oceanside, Ramona and San Diego. Thank you for coming to our San Diego campus to learn how we help pets and people in our community!



Read: While animals are in the shelter, this is their home. We want to make sure the animals feel safe and comfortable here, and YOU can help! When walking through the shelter, *please:*

- ✓ Walk slowly
- ✓ Use a quiet speaking voice
- ✗ Do not tap on the habitat glass or stick your fingers in cages



Let's get started! Head to the Adoptions Center in the 5500 building.



DO: Find the large digital kiosks inside the entrance. Click on "Available Animals" and scroll through the photos. Try to find an animal whose name begins with the same letter as your name.

Note: If you can't find a match for your name, what was your favorite animal name you saw?

Pet's Name _____ Type of Animal _____

► What is it called when you choose to get a pet from a shelter or rescue?

Adopting

Buying

Breeding

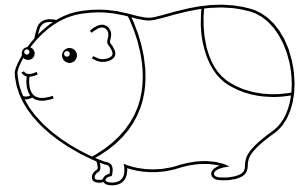


READ: When you adopt, you are a HERO! You are helping a pet in need and opening up a safe space at the shelter for another pet. You start a chain of kindness when you give a shelter pet a second chance!



DO: Find the **Squeak Squeak** room. This is where we house our small pets, reptiles and birds.

Rabbits, guinea pigs and rats are very social animals and usually prefer to live with a friend. When we have a bonded pair (two or more small animals who come in together), they will be adopted and find a home together!

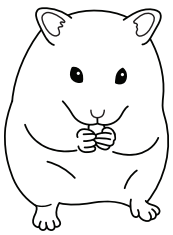


► Find a bonded pair of guinea pigs. What are their names?

Note: If you can't find a bonded pair, find any two small animals who have the same color fur.

► Look at the rabbit habitats. These habitats provide the minimum amount of space a rabbit needs for their housing. Circle the items you see in their habitat that help to keep them happy and healthy.

Litterbox Shoe Toy Place to Hide Scratching Post Hay Blanket Water Candy



DO: Explore the entire **Squeak Squeak** adoption area, including the bird and reptile rooms. What other animals do we have available for adoption right now?

Hamster

Bird

Mouse

Reptile

Rat

Chinchilla

None



Fun Fact: A rabbit's teeth can grow up to 5 inches each year! *Did you know?* Small pets like rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, hamsters and mice all have teeth that never stop growing. These animals need things to chew on, like pet-safe wood, to help grind down their teeth and keep them healthy!



DO: Head to the **Meow Meow** area to visit our cats!

▶ Look at the digital kennel cards to learn about the cats available for adoption.

▶ Find the oldest cat in the **Meow Meow** hallway.

Name _____ Age _____

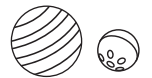
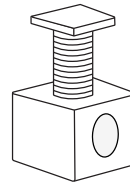
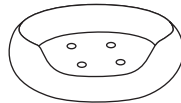
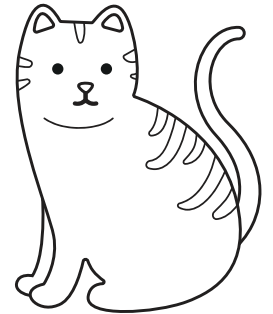
▶ Find a cat who is outside enjoying the catio or outdoor patio area. If no cats are outside, name one cat who has access to a catio.

Name _____

▶ Find a cat who is sleeping.

Name _____

▶ **Circle two items** a cat needs that a dog doesn't need.



Fun Fact: All kittens are born with blue eyes! The color starts changing to their adult eye color when they are about 7 weeks old. *Did you know?* Our Kitten Nursery and Foster Program cares for more than 10,000 kittens each year! Fostering a shelter pet in your home is a great way to help our community.



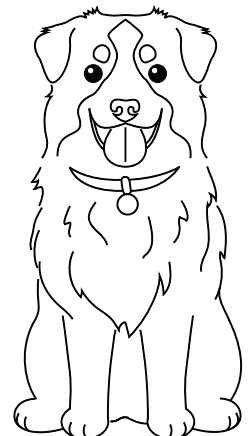
Stop for a Photo Op! Find the photo wall at the far end of the lobby and take a picture! If your adult would like to share the fun on social media, please tag us.

Instagram: @sdhumanesociety

TikTok: @sdhumanesociety

Facebook: @San Diego Humane Society

X: @sdhumane



DO: Head to the **Woof Woof** area to visit our dogs!



READ: If you come across a dog who is barking or jumping at the glass, please keep walking. Dogs might be barking because they feel scared or stressed, or they are just excited, but no matter what the reason, do not stop and stare.



READ: Before adopting a pet, it is important for your family to think about the cost, how much space the pet will need and how much time you have to spend with your pet. Getting a pet is a very important decision and caring for a pet is a big responsibility!



THINK: San Diego Humane Society also cares for sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife at Project Wildlife. When the animal is fully recovered, they will be released back into the wild where they belong. Can you name two wild animals that are native to (or live naturally in) San Diego?





DO: Use the drawings to solve the important message below!

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Congratulations! Head to the Information Desk in the Adoptions Center. Tell a staff member the secret message to receive a bookmark or sticker!

THANK YOU for being a Kind Kid and learning about San Diego Humane Society!



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It spells: Be Kind to Animals!