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Rancho Coastal Humane Society Announces Celebration of Second Chances: The Next Chapter

Annual Fundraising Event to Support Abandoned Companion Animals and Pet Families

Encinitas, CA – Rancho Coastal Humane Society invites the community to buy tickets NOW for the 2026 “Celebration of Second Chances: The Next Chapter,” which will take place on **Saturday, September 19th at 5:00 PM at the Del Mar Country Club.**

Join us for an unforgettable evening where second chances become "tails" of new beginnings. We believe that every companion animal has a story. Together, we'll write the next chapter for pets and the people who love them.

At the Celebration of Second Chances, guests will be treated to elevated food stations, cocktails, inspiring stories, and exciting auction items.

Honoring Jerry & Pam Cesak

A special tribute to Rancho Coastal Humane Society's longtime friends and animal advocates Jerry and Pam Cesak. In addition to their passion and dedication to animals, Jerry is remembered as “Jer” from the Jeff and Jer Radio Showgram.

Their compassion, leadership, and unwavering support helped take **Charlotte's Medical Center** from dream to reality, providing veterinary care for companion animals in need.

Critical funds raised during the Celebration of Second Chances will support Rancho Coastal Humane Society's many programs and services supporting both abandoned companion animals and pet families. This includes the Friends of County Animal Shelters (FOCAS) program, Humane Education for children, the Animal Safehouse Program for families in crisis, as well as the Community Medical Program, Pet Assisted Therapy, Brock's Community Pet Food Bank, and more.

Event Details

- **What:** Celebration of Second Chances: The Next Chapter
- **When:** Saturday, September 19, 2026
- **Time:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Del Mar Country Club, 6001 Clubhouse Drive, Rancho Santa Fe
- **Attire:** Cocktail

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The evening's schedule includes:

- **5:00–7:00 p.m.** – Cocktails, culinary stations, and *Tails of Impact* program showcase
- **7:00–7:45 p.m.** – Special presentations
- **7:45–8:30 p.m.** – Cake, cordials, and coffee

“This is one of our signature events of the year and with every ticket purchased you are providing rescue, comfort and care to abandoned companion animals, and supporting the many programs designed to keep pets healthy, happy and together with their families,” said Judi Sanzo, President and CEO of Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

Tickets are available now at SDPets.org/Gala2026 or call 760.519.8721

About Rancho Coastal Humane Society

Rancho Coastal Humane Society is dedicated to saving lives of abandoned companion animals, promoting adoption into loving homes and offering education programs and support services that inspire and strengthen the human-animal bond. A member of the San Diego Animal Welfare Coalition, RCHS abides by the pledge that NO healthy, treatable animal will ever be euthanized for time or space. Visit SDPets.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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