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**Rancho Coastal Humane Society Temporarily Closed**  
**Not to worry. The animals will still be cared for.**

Encinitas, CA – **Your Rancho Coastal Humane Society President Judi Sanzo has announced that the shelter will be closed temporarily due to concerns about COVID 19.**

Sanzo says, “We know that things are uncertain out there, and we are wishing you health and peace as you face the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) brings to Southern California. Our pet adoption program and all other Rancho Coastal Humane Society services are suspended effective immediately.”

The decision to temporarily close the shelter and halt the other RCHS programs comes out of concern for the safety of guests, volunteers, and staff members.

According to the Center for Disease Control:

- There is no reason to think that any animals, including pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this new coronavirus.
- CDC has not received any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19.
- There is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19.
- More information can be found at [Healthy Pets, Healthy People website](#).

Sanzo adds, “We have a special duty to our shelter animals that makes a closure decision difficult. We will continue to provide care, any necessary medical treatment, and enrichment to the dogs, cats, and rabbits here at the shelter and those in our foster care program.”

“Stay strong and safe. Use precautions and limit activities. We will get through this -- together!”

For more information visit Rancho Coastal Humane Society at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas, call 760-753-6413, log on to [www.sdpets.org](http://www.sdpets.org).