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Rancho Coastal Humane Society Thrift Shop Temporarily Closed
Sixty years of serving people and pets will continue.

Cardiff by the Sea, CA – **When your Rancho Coastal Humane Society opened in Encinitas in 1960 the shelter also opened the Thrift Shop in Cardiff by the Seas to raise funds to support RCHS programs for people and animals. Shelter President Judi Sanzo has announced that the Thrift Shop will be closed temporarily due to concerns about COVID 19.**

In a letter to staff members at the Thrift Shop and the Shelter Sanzo said:

Out of concern for the health and safety of our customers, staff and volunteers, RCHS has closed the Thrift Shop for a period of two weeks. Today's news implies that it might be longer than two weeks.

In a statement last week Sanzo said, "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."

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](#).

"We are equally concerned about all who work and volunteer at the shelter, but we have a special duty to our shelter animals that makes a closure decision so much more difficult. We will continue to keep you informed as we move through this uncertain time."

"Thank you for your dedication. 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.