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OUR New Van Saves Lives!

Encinitas, CA – **We can't tell you who to thank, but we can tell you that a very generous animal lover made a donation to your Rancho Coastal Humane Society. The donation was used to buy and outfit a customized transport van that will save thousands of lives in the coming years.**

For the past several years RCHS has relied on a large, passenger van with the seats removed to transport animals. During trips to other shelters to rescue cats, dogs, rabbits, and other animals, crates that were held in place by bungees were stacked front to back and floor to ceiling. It served its purpose, but it was not the best situation for the animals that were transferred to RCHS through the Friends of County Animal Shelters (FOCAS) program.

This donation enabled RCHS to purchase a Dodge ProMaster Cargo Van that was selected with the help of Bob Baker Auto Group. The van was shipped to Mavron, Inc. in Warsaw, Indiana. Mavron specializes in converting vans for animal transport.

At the conclusion of the six month project, the new van arrived with three banks of enclosures. Kennels can be configured to accommodate dogs of various sizes. The van can transport 19 or more animals during each trip.

More than 90% of the pets adopted from RCHS are transferred from other shelters and rescues, mostly in southern California. The transports take place nearly every week of the year. For the safety of the animals, the care providers, and the veterinary medical personnel, the new van is fully air conditioned and has seating for a driver and two (human) passengers.

Not every Rancho Coastal Humane Society supporter can afford a customized van. The shelter is in constant need of towels, blankets, pet food, and other supplies. Clothing and other items that you no longer use can be donated to your Rancho Coastal Humane Society Thrift Shop in Cardiff by the Sea.

Find out how you can help. For more information visit Rancho Coastal Humane Society at 389 Requeza Street in Encinitas, call 760-753-6413, log on to www.sdpets.org.

Here is a video of the first transport with the new van. <https://youtu.be/TqfpDB9r4uw>