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**17 Hour Drive From Obregon to Tijuana Saves The Lives of Mexican puppies
The life they nearly missed is beginning now at Rancho Coastal Humane Society.**

Encinitas, CA -- **Puppies who began their Friday in Obregon in the Mexican state of Sonora have arrived at your Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) in Encinitas following a trip that one official says, "Saved their lives." The eight week old puppies had been rescued from the streets of Obregon. They were captured and taken to an outdoor animal shelter where many puppies do not survive.**

RCHS spokesman John Van Zante says, "These puppies were living on the streets when they were picked up and taken to Rescate Fenix (res-KAW'-tay Fee'-nix) in Obregon. It's an outdoor shelter with some overhead protection from the elements, but no walls. The dogs live in colony kennels. That means the puppies and smaller dogs are competing for food and safety with every other dog. Many puppies do not survive."

Early Friday morning a transport vehicle left Obregon and began a 17 hour drive to Tijuana. From there, they crossed the border and the puppies spent the night in foster care in Escondido. On Saturday morning they began the final leg of their journey with a ride from Escondido to RCHS in Encinitas.

They received initial medical examinations by the RCHS Medical staff before being settled into kennels with food, water, and the first soft bedding of their lives.

Van Zante says one of the puppies appears to have an injured paw that will require treatment. If everything goes as expected, the Shepherd mix puppies will become available for adoption within the next few weeks.

Rescate Fenix is working in partnership with GreaterGood.org, who arranged for the transport and rescue of the puppies. San Diego resident Susan Rosenberg is Director of International Programs for GreaterGood.org. She says, "If Rancho Coastal Humane Society hadn't taken these puppies, they would not have made it. You saved their lives."

Rancho Coastal Humane Society is scheduling "Adoptions by Appointment." Visit www.sdpets.org to see pets who need homes and to schedule your Adoption by Appointment.

If this isn't the right time for you to adopt or foster a pet, become a "Virtual Foster." Visit the Rancho Coastal Humane Society website to sponsor a pet and help pay for their care. For more information log on to www.sdpets.org.