

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Bald Sphynx Cat and Two Furry Kittens Found Near a Dumpster** **Thumbelina, Tiddly Wink, and Tornado are ready to begin their new lives.**

**Encinitas, CA – Soft sounds of “Mew” attracted an Orange County animal lover to a dumpster, where they found a cat and two tiny kittens. At Orange County Animal Control – OCAC, as the veterinary medical team focused on the health of the little family, a staff member pointed out that the mommy cat appeared to be a hairless, Sphynx cat and her babies had thick, black fur coats.**

Sphynx cats are considered an uncommon breed overall. They’re even more rare in Southern California. The odds of finding a Sphynx cat in a shelter or rescue are even lower.

When no owner came to claim them, the cat and kittens were transferred to Rancho Coastal Humane Society (RCHS) in Encinitas through the Friends of County Animal Shelters – FOCAS program.

“Thumbelina” and her kittens, “Tornado and Tiddly Wink,” arrived at Charlotte’s Medical Center at RCHS. Following their exams, they began medical treatment then went into foster care with RCHS Veterinarian Dr. Jullie Moews (Mays).

### **How does a hairless Sphynx cat give birth to furry babies with thick, black coats? Are the babies hers, or were they from another litter, then raised by Thumbelina?**

Dr. Moews says that Thumbelina continued to nurse Tiddly Wink and Tornado during their 6 weeks in foster care. While the kittens look quite different from their mother, Dr. Moews says, “It’s very likely these are her kittens. They have sphynx teeth and her sensitive stomach issues.”

Two-year-old Thumbelina is described as “silly and sweet.” She’s playful and energetic, social, confident, and tolerant. She’s a high energy cat who loves wand toys.

Ten-week-old Tiddly Wink and her brother, Tornado are a bonded pair who must be adopted together. Dr. Moews says that, in spite of their difficult start, they’re playful, inquisitive, and adventurous.

### **Thumbelina, Tiddly Wink, and Tornado remain under medical supervision at Rancho Coastal Humane Society. All three are expected to be available for adoption, possibly as soon as this weekend.**

The \$100 adoption fee for Thumbelina includes medical exams, spay, up to date vaccinations, and a registered microchip.

Kitten adoption fees at RCHS are \$125 per kitten. Because Tiddly Wink and Tornado are a bonded pair, their adopter will pay the standard \$125 adoption fee for one kitten, and the fee for the other kitten will be waived.

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

The FOCAS Adoption Center at Rancho Coastal Humane Society is open to the public from 11 AM to 4 PM every day but Tuesday.

### **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](http://SDPets.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).