<u>Here Comes Santa Paws!</u>

It's Christmas Day. The doorbell rings. Standing there with your new dog or cat, puppy, kitten, or bunny are Santa Paws and a reporter from CBS News 8!

Again this Christmas Day a limited number of pets adopted from your Rancho Coastal Humane Society will be delivered to their new homes by Santa Paws himself.

Here's how it works. Visit your Rancho Coastal Humane Society Friday through Monday from 11 AM to 2 PM or Wednesday and Thursday by appointment. Or log on to www.sdpets.org to find a pet that you want to adopt. You can complete your Adoption Survey and submit it online.

If it looks like a good match, you'll take part in an adoption interview.

Once an adoption is approved, you pay the adoption fee and Santa's helpers discretely schedule your delivery. Your donations to Rancho Coastal Humane Society are appreciated to help cover costs.

Unless there's breaking news that pulls them away, CBS News 8 will be with Santa Paws to record this special occasion. The story will begin airing Christmas evening.

Adopt your new pet from Rancho Coastal Humane Society by Friday, December 24th to be eligible for your Christmas Day delivery by Santa Paws. The number of deliveries is limited, so you'll want to schedule yours right away.

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- Each adopter will be given a "window" when they can expect Santa to deliver their new pet on Christmas Day.
- Remember that pets are a lifetime commitment. They're not decorations or photo opportunities.
- If you're already thinking about adding a pet to your family this holiday season, a visit from Santa Paws can make it an experience of a lifetime.
- You can't buy a new best friend for someone else, but you can let them pick their new pet then pay the adoption fee for them.