

# Resources available at San Diego Humane Society

**Project KEPPT (Keeping Every Person and Pet Together)** was created to provide education, resources, and services to assist our community in keeping their companion animals and to enhance the human-animal bond.

Project KEPPT hosts several monthly events where pet owners in need can utilize the companion animal food banks, licensing, microchipping, behavior and training advice, companion animal friendly housing referrals, and veterinary financial aid referrals.

## **Spay-Neuter Resources**

The San Diego Humane Society and SPCA has accessible spay-neuter programs for the San Diego community. These resources provide affordable spay-neuter surgeries to pet owners based on financial need. The program also aims to target specific animal populations that are at the highest risk for overpopulation, such as pit bulls and feral cats.

## **Microchip Clinics**

## **Vaccination Clinics (Oceanside & Vista)**

## **Behavior And Training Assistance**



For questions about program eligibil-

ity or additional info about Project KEPPT, spay-neuter services, and other services offered, please visit our website at [www.sdhumane.org](http://www.sdhumane.org) or contact the San Diego Humane Society at (619) 299-7012.



## **Our Mission**

*To promote the humane treatment of animals, prevent cruelty to animals and provide education to enhance the human-animal bond.*

### **Central Campus**

5500 Gaines Street  
San Diego, CA 92110  
(619) 299-7012

### **North Campus (Dogs Only)**

2905 San Luis Rey Road  
Oceanside, CA 92058  
(760) 757-4357

### **North Campus (Cats and Small Animals Only)**

572 Airport Road  
Oceanside, CA 92058  
(760) 757-4357

[www.sdhumane.org](http://www.sdhumane.org)

# Military Pets Support



The San Diego Humane Society is sensitive to the needs of our service men and women and their family members - especially their furry ones.

We thank you for your service and hope that you find this information useful.



## Pets & Deployment

### Need a Temporary Home for Your Pet?

Relatives or friends should be the first choice for a temporary home for your pet. This arrangement gives both you and your pet a sense of security and a less stressful parting. However, volunteer foster families may offer temporary care during times of crisis when sudden transfers and deployments occur.

### Foster Care Options

- Dogs on Deployment
- Guardian Angels for Soldier Pet



Creating a Pet

### Care Agreement

Regardless of the length of deployment, it is important to have a written agreement with the caregiver. Provide information such as essential details about your pet, financial arrangements for food and medical care, veterinarian contact information as well as additional emergency contacts. Lastly, provide detailed guidance about what to do if a caregiver can no longer provide care or you cannot reclaim your pet.

### Safety Net

Make sure your pet is current on their vaccinations, spayed or neutered and has a valid pet insurance policy to cover cases of injury, medical emergency or damage to caregiver's home. Update microchip identification with current contact information for the person caring for your pet in addition to that of the service member.

### What if I can no longer care for my pet?

If you must put your pet up for adoption, contact your local base animal shelter or community animal shelters. Never turn your animals loose with hopes that they will find a new home on their own. Animal abandonment is a violation of military and state law. A life of suffering awaits any animal forced to survive on its own.

## Relocating with Your Pets

### How do I take my pet if I am relocated?

If you receive transfer orders, begin completion of the following as soon as possible:

- Obtain Copies of Health History and Medicines
- Learn Quarantine Requirements
- Research Housing Restrictions

### How do I prepare my animal for air travel?

The Department of Defense (DOD) has strict policies regarding the transport of animals on military craft. If you are traveling in PCS status, you are allowed to book 2 animals (dogs and cats only) on AMC flights. A base veterinarian can provide further details regarding travel.

If you are flying on commercial aircraft, contact the airline for their regulations concerning vaccinations, licensing, and carrier size requirements.

- Book nonstop flights to avoid connections.
- Travel early in the morning or late at night. Airlines often impose travel restrictions during extreme weather months.
- Your pet should travel in a sturdy and roomy carrier marked with your name, address, email address, and phone number.
- Ensure the carrier latch is secured prior to travel and that your pet is wearing their collar and ID tags. Tranquilizers are not recommended, please discuss with your veterinarian.

### Moving by Car

If your pet will be riding in the car with you, be sure to have proof of rabies vaccination and a current health certificate available when crossing state or international borders.

### How do I find a Veterinarian overseas?

Although most military installations have veterinary facilities, you may be transferred to a base that does not offer such services. Prior to transfer, speak with the base veterinarian about veterinary care available at your new duty station both on or off base.

### Permanent Change of Station Assistance

- Operation Military Pets

## Resources & Information

### Know Your State Regulations

- The USDA lists state by state pet laws you should be aware of.  
[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_import/animal\\_imports\\_states.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml)

### Transport

- [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil)
- Air Mobility Command Pet Brochure  
~[www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090521-055.pdf](http://www.amc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090521-055.pdf)
- American Veterinary Medical Association  
~[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)
- Marine Community Service Okinawa  
~Detailed information on bringing various pets to Japan.  
~[www.mccsoknawa.com/welcomeboard/pdf/petinformation.pdf](http://www.mccsoknawa.com/welcomeboard/pdf/petinformation.pdf)
- US Army Veterinary Command  
~<http://vetcom.amedd.army.mil/commands.html>
- Military HOMEFRONT  
~[www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)

### Local

- Camp Pendleton Base Veterinary Clinic  
760-725-3439
- Camp Pendleton Animal Shelter  
760-725-8120
- Miramar Base Veterinary Clinic  
858-577-6552 x1773  
BLDG 6360

