Local Dog Rescue Secures First Medical Clearing Facility

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The Animal Pad will now be able to rescue almost three times the amount of dogs.

[San Diego, CA]: The Animal Pad (TAP) today announced the opening of their first medical clearing facility in San Diego. This milestone is a significant move for TAP on its mission to save dogs from high kill shelters and Mexico?s streets.

?Ever since the inception of TAP in 2010, it has been our dream to have a facility of our own. Now that dream has become a reality, and it will allow us to significantly increase the number of dogs we can rescue, and lives we can touch, both canine and human,? says Stephanie Nisan, founder of TAP.

This news comes in the wake of TAP?s many recent accomplishments despite having to overcome the many obstacles thrown their way by the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, TAP has always been an event-heavy focused organization, relying on several events every month to help raise money, and secure volunteers, fosters, and adopters. Despite this, during the pandemic, TAP has been able to achieve record numbers, such as:

-1,064 dogs rescued in 2020 to date (319 total rescued in all of 2019)

-966 dogs adopted in 2020 to date

-984 rescued and 884 adopted just since the start of the pandemic (3/1/2020)

When TAP brings dogs up from Mexico to eventually be adopted, many things need to happen first. Every dog needs medical care by one of their licensed veterinarians, ranging from only needing the simplest vaccines, to some even needing several surgeries and around-the-clock care during their recovery. During this process, all dogs must go through a 10-14-day quarantine before going into foster homes. This is mainly where the facility comes in. TAP can now house significantly more dogs at any given time to start the socialization process. Just since signing the lease about one month ago, TAP has had over 100 dogs come through this facility, all while in the midst of remodeling.

?The new facility serves as the stepping stone to our dogs? new lives, but is equally important to our volunteers as it allows for a greater sense of community and unity for these animals we love so much,? says Nisan.

Although the dogs are always the number one priority for TAP, this facility is also an excellent achievement for the nearly 200 volunteers. The facility will now give TAP a place to hold meetings, seminars, and events (when it is safe to do so), and it provides the volunteers with a sense of community.

To learn more about The Animal Pad and how to help, click here.

About The Animal Pad: The Animal Pad is a non-profit, all- breed dog rescue that focuses on saving dogs from high kill shelters and the streets of Mexico. TAP gets them vet care, places them in foster homes, and then finds them loving forever families. A few years ago, TAP turned their attention to Mexico?s street dogs as there is very little help for them. Since then, they have developed an extensive rescue network in Baja California, Mexico and have a sister shelter in Ensenada that focuses on taking dogs from whenever funds allow.

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