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Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Rescues Ten Baby Ducklings From Storm Drain in San Mateo

San Mateo, CA—Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) rescued ten baby ducklings who were trapped in a San Mateo storm drain and reunited the baby birds with their mother. The rescue occurred yesterday, August 9, 2021.

“We received a call from a concerned resident who had seen the mother duck pacing near a storm grate on Ramblewood Way in San Mateo and could hear the baby ducklings trapped underneath the grate,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin-Tarbox. “Our rescue staff arrived quickly and were able to remove the grate, gaining access to the trapped ducklings.”

PHS/SPCA staff scooped up the ten ducklings with a net bringing them to safety. The rescue effort took fifteen minutes.



“Throughout the entire process, the mother duck stayed nearby. Once we had all ten of the ducklings above ground, we checked them for injuries, and they were all healthy despite their ordeal,” according to Tarbox. “We then moved the ducklings to an area away from the drain where the mother duck took back possession of her babies and led them into the safety of a nearby park.”



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Photos of the rescue can be found at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rtClX-lqNvQWnFGu9tcXLWWF9raw2K2v?usp=sharing>

Photos courtesy of Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA.

About the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 5,700 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-spca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.