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**Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Rescues
Twelve Baby Ducklings from Storm Drain in San Mateo**

San Mateo, CA—Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) teamed up with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department to rescue twelve baby ducklings yesterday afternoon who were trapped in a storm drain in San Mateo and reunited them with their mother.

“We received a call from a concerned resident who had seen the mother duck pacing near a storm drain on Saratoga Drive in San Mateo and could hear the baby ducklings trapped underneath the storm grate,” said PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. “The Fire Department removed the storm grate and our staff were able to safely net all of the ducklings, bringing them to safety.”

While the rescue was taking place, the mother duck stayed nearby keeping a close eye on her brood.

“Throughout the entire process, the mother duck stayed nearby. Once we had all twelve of the ducklings above ground, we checked them for injuries, and thankfully they were fine despite their ordeal,” according to Tarbox. “The mother was so happy to have all of her babies safe and back with her as she trotted off into the bushes with them.”

PHS/SPCA handles approximately 11,000 calls each year to provide assistance to animals in distress.

Photos of the rescue and a video of the mother duck being reunited with her ducklings can be found at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14r7W9NklZwXzgguz9pQIwGDIqoN0jS7O?usp=sharing>

Photos and video are courtesy of PHS/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 more than 4,800 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.