

# Animal hospital gives free care to military pets

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**ESCONDIDO** — Two years ago Mohnacky Animal Hospitals started a nonprofit called Helping Paws to provide free veterinary services to the pets of local active duty military. Since then the outreach program performed more than 1,000 free surgeries for military pets, including the companion service animals of military members recovering from post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.



In an effort to expand the program, the nonprofit started a pet care rewards card program this month that will donate 2% each dollar spent at the hospital back to Helping Paws, according to the hospital's CEO and president, Dr. Craig Mohnacky, also the founder of Helping Paws Foundation.

The hospitals are in Escondido, Carlsbad and Vista. Military vouchers are available on the Helping Paws website; click on voucher request.

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