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## Mohnacky Animal Hospitals reward card donates to military pet program

Craig J. Mohnacky, DVM, CEO and president of Mohnacky Animal Hospitals (MAH) and founder of Helping Paws Foundation, has launched a Pet Care Rewards Card program that will donate 2 percent of every dollar spent at one of the hospitals to Helping Paws.

The new project expands the outreach program, which has performed more than 1,000 free surgical procedures for military families since it began in October 2013. Helping Paws is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides charitable veterinary services through MAH for military families who need pet health procedures; this includes routine and more complex medical and surgical issues. MAH has locations in Escondido, Carlsbad and Vista.

“Our goal with this new project is to engage the public in honor and support of our military men and women who have made unconditional personal commitments to defend our country,” said Mohnacky. “We’re also reaching out to the military population in San Diego to solicit their input to define what their needs are to maintain the health of their fourlegged family members, whether they be household pets or service dogs; we can identify and help screen cases that are most critical.

“We donate veterinary services to military personnel with a free military voucher program, and our new Pet Care Rewards project is an extension of our current effort. Military members suffering from battle-related post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury benefit greatly from the aid of psychiatric service companion dogs in circumventing suicide rates; it’s our duty at MAH to make sure their dogs are serviced at no charge to them, as well as their fellow comrades with family pets.”



The Mohnacky Animal Hospitals pet care rewards card will now donate 2 percent of all purchases to Helping Paws, which does free pet surgeries for military families in need. Courtesy photo

Membership in the MAH Pet Care Rewards program includes 5 percent cash back rewards with every purchase, 2 percent automatically donated to Helping Paws for every dollar spent at MAH, two physical exams anytime during the membership year, all core inoculations (both annual and booster vaccines) for each pet in the member household, and one annual nail trim. Visit [www.helpingpawssandiego.org](http://www.helpingpawssandiego.org) or call 760-480-0028.