



Duck, Duck, Duck

On the morning of May 9, 2012, the County of Santa Clara Animal Care and Control Division responded to a call reporting that eleven ducklings were trapped in a manhole well that was 18 feet deep with no access down to the bottom. The mother duck appeared distressed and was calling to her ducklings as they huddled at the bottom of the well. Two of the ducklings did not appear to be moving, and Officer Setzer was concerned they may be seriously injured from the fall. Officer Setzer called for assistance from fellow Animal Control Officer Robert Ribardo and they successfully retrieved the eleven ducklings. Officer Ribardo also captured the mother duck in order to move the duck family to a safe area for release. The duck family was safely released in a nearby creek and were last seen contently swimming up the creek. Thanks to the cooperative efforts of concerned citizens, City of San Jose staff, and County of Santa Clara Animal Care and Control staff, it was just another day in the life of a duck! If you would like to help animals in Santa Clara County, please visit www.sccountypets.org for ways to help and/or consider a [donation to help animals](#).