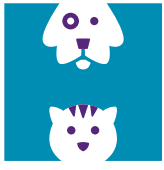


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GET READY BECAUSE THIS SUMMER IS GOING TO BE AWESOME! WE ARE OFFERING 5 SUMMER CAMPS AND WE'D LOVE FOR ANY ANIMAL LOVING KIDS, 5-16 YEARS OF AGE, TO JOIN US AT THE SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY. THEY WILL LEARN ALL ABOUT DOGS AND CATS, HORSES, RABBITS, DOLPHINS, AND MUCH MORE! THESE ARE VERY AGE APPROPRIATE, YET FUN AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG ONES AND YOUTH TO FOSTER A SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR ANIMALS! CHECK OUT MORE INFO AT SAHUMANE.ORG.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO NANCY F. MAY



Dear Friends,

The San Antonio Humane Society has started off 2014 with some amazing accomplishments! Thanks to funding provided by PetSmart Charities®, we are able to offer surgery specials throughout the year. We surpassed our goal for *Happy Neuter Year* during the month of January by performing 54 cat and 113 dog neuter surgeries and 215 spay surgeries for *Beat The Heat* during the month of February. Our Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Bridgeman and her surgery team have done a tremendous job and are looking forward to our upcoming surgery specials. This June, *Precious Not Parents* consists of \$20 spay/neuter surgeries for puppies and kittens 2-6 months of age and in August, *Primp Your Pit* offers \$20 spay/neuter surgeries for Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes.

Also in January, we kicked off our partnership with PetSense, a local pet supply and grooming store located at I-10 and Vance Jackson. Not only do we have a few of our sweet and loving SAHS cats available for adoption at this location, but we also have monthly Wellness Clinics on the third Saturday from 9am-11am, where we offer various low cost vaccinations and other services for pets. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis and we are proud and honored to continue to reach out to those in need.

We have a big (and when I say big, I mean BIG) opportunity coming up on Tuesday, May 6th from midnight to midnight and we'd appreciate your support! Big Give S.A. is a 24-hour day of giving and the SAHS is a non-profit organization taking part in this special event. We look forward to this opportunity and appreciate all of those who will be donating on that day! Be sure to check out SAhumane.org for more details.

Our Volunteer for a Day program is growing more and more and we are delighted because this provides an exclusive occasion to share our mission with various corporations and organizations. This gives their staff a glimpse into the life of a SAHS Volunteer and provides them with a great bonding experience with their managers and co-workers. Some of our past Volunteer for a Day participants include, Capital Group, HEB, Valero, Travelocity, Starbucks, Southwest Airlines, Air Force Squadrons and many more. We truly appreciate their enthusiasm and interest in the San Antonio Humane Society and hope to expand our Volunteer for a Day opportunities in 2014.

At the end of the day, we are so thankful to have the chance to help so many animals in our community and are excited for what's to come. I continue to thank each and every one of you for everything that you do for our pets at the San Antonio Humane Society!

Yours sincerely,

-Nancy F. May

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

Want to learn more about what we do here at the San Antonio Humane Society and why we do it? We'll introduce you to our furry friends, and you'll meet many other pet lovers. We offer Behind the Scenes Tours every 1st Wednesday of the month from 12-1pm and every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm.

If you are interested in taking a tour, please RSVP to Graziella Medina at 210.226.7461 ext. 103 or gmedina@SAhumane.org.



CATCHING UP

WITH DR. COURTNEY H. BRIDGEMAN



The weather is great, or soon will be, and it's the time of year that people and their pets head for the trails or the beach! Flowers are budding, trees are fruiting and the air is thick with pollen. It's a time for fetch and swimming, beach combing and camping. It can also, however, be a recipe for mishap. All of us nature lovers have experienced, at one time or another, an accident far from home. If this accident involved our pets, how many of us would know what to do to give them the best chance of survival till we could reach a veterinarian? The following information should be used only in the event of an emergency and should NOT be used to replace the advice/care of your veterinarian.

Q: How should I prepare when I am headed away from civilization?

A: Carry a first aid kit. The kit should include, a bottle of water, a bottle of rubbing alcohol, bandaging material, a rubber band/tourniquet, first aid ointment (like Neosporin), splinting material in case of a break.

Q: What should I do in case of an emergency?

A: First, if at all possible, call a professional. A veterinarian can give you case by case advice that will BEST help your pet.

Q: What if I am not able to get to a veterinarian right away?

A: Try to stabilize your pet. Check for vital signs like breathing, heartbeat, and awareness. These signs, just like in people, can help you decide how badly your pet is injured and how quickly you need to seek medical care. Administer CPR (as taught in a class) quickly and effectively if it is required. Carefully stabilize broken limbs and gently apply tourniquets above wounds to stop bleeding. Remember, animals can react with aggression out of pain and fear even to people they love. Use good restraint techniques even with trusted pets to keep everybody safe.

If you have any concern that your pet is simply not acting themselves, seems dull & listless, is not eating, is vomiting or otherwise not doing well after an accident, always err on the side of caution and go to your vet or the nearest emergency veterinarian.

To learn more about all things pet, visit SAhumane.org!



ONE CITY, ONE DAY, ONE GOAL

The Big Give S.A. is a 24-hour day of giving that will take place from midnight to midnight on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. This community-wide giving challenge will increase awareness of the impact local nonprofits make in our community, and will connect people to the causes that move them the most. By turning giving into a shared city-wide experience, we can significantly impact the future of San Antonio and collectively move our city forward.

On May 6, help the San Antonio Humane Society in our movement to make San Antonio a no-kill city by donating through The Big Give S.A. To learn more, please visit SAhumane.org. To make your donation, visit thebiggivesa.org and find the **San Antonio Humane Society** under the leaderboard. Follow the leaderboard on May 6 to see how much money has been raised for the SAHS throughout the day and stay connected to our Twitter and Facebook pages for match challenges and incentives.



SAHS Dogs Impacting Veterans Experiencing PTSD

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System and the San Antonio Humane Society are conducting a collaborative research study to explore whether adopting a dog from the SAHS might benefit Veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This project is funded by the Rehabilitation Research and Development Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Half of the 48 participants in this 6-month study will adopt a dog immediately, while the other half will receive their pet after 3 months. The adoption fee will be waived. Veterans will select a dog of their choosing (some restrictions apply such as animal ages and breeds) and participate in 8 weeks of obedience training at no charge from the SAHS Chief Veterinarian. The adopted animals will be companion dogs rather than service dogs.

To be eligible for the study, Veterans with PTSD need to have had a dog previously but not to have had a pet in the last 12 months. There are also other requirements, which study staff will be glad to discuss with potential participants. Veterans will be responsible for the costs of caring for their pet, except for veterinary care, which will be provided free of charge during the study. There will be 5 visits to the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital over the course of the study, 3 scheduled home visits, and 2 visits to a collaborating veterinary facility. Participants will receive compensation for their time. They will continue with their regular care for their PTSD throughout the study.

The San Antonio Humane Society is proud to partner in this research with South Texas Veterans Health Care System, the STRONG STAR Multidisciplinary Research Consortium, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

If you are a Veteran or know one who might be interested in participating in this study, please contact Dr. Ana Allegretti, the study coordinator, at (210) 617-5300 ext. 16079. Visit SAhumane.org/PTSD for more information.

El Rey Fido II: *Sam Bell*

We would like to honor our El Rey Fido II, Sam. He was a handsome 12 year old Golden Retriever, who recently passed away. Sam was adopted from the SAHS in April 2002 by one of our former Board Presidents, Stanton Bell Jr., and was a great ambassador for our animals during his reign as El Rey Fido II in 2003. He lived a fantastic life, enjoying many car rides and times at the office with Stanton. Donations to the SAHS, in memory of Sam, are welcome to help others trying to find their forever home, as Sam did 12 years ago!





Winter & Snowflake

SURVIVING A "POLAR VORTEX"

Spring is finally here, but it wasn't long ago that the term "polar vortex" was a regular phrase in our vocabulary here in San Antonio, thanks to the many record-breaking temperatures we experienced this past winter. Not only did this season affect all of us, it affected one particular canine family in early December 2013.

On one cold day this past December, a Good Samaritan named Paula passed by an abandoned box on the side of the road and felt inclined to find out if anything was inside. Much to her surprise, a Maltese, Miniature Poodle mix along with her four tiny puppies were left to fend for themselves inside the box. Sadly before being found by Paula, the mom had already passed away from unknown causes and one of her puppies had also passed, likely from the freezing temperatures. The three puppies were taken to the San Antonio Humane Society in hopes of survival. When they arrived, they were visibly suffering from malnutrition and hypothermia. They also had a very foul smell and were covered in fleas and dirt. Unfortunately, one of the puppies fought hard but didn't survive the first night with us.

Winter and Snowflake, the two gorgeous miracle puppies who did survive, were put into a foster home with a great family to gain weight and complete their antibiotics necessary for their condition. For two months, these puppies were shown lots of love and affection and by the time they came back to the SAHS for adoption at 3½ months of age, they were super sweet, gentle, and well on their way to being fully potty trained.

On February 3rd, Winter and Snowflake were adopted together by a family who immediately fell in love with them. They are now known as Dottie and Kit aka the little one and big one. And not only are they doing well, but they are quite spoiled! They are mischievous, love to run around and play with toys and can often be found taking a nice relaxing nap on the couch.

VOLUNTEER FOR A DAY

Our Volunteer For A Day program provides a great deal of knowledge about the SAHS and unveils what it takes to maintain our beautiful shelter each day. We offer a 2-3 hour visit for 10+ individuals from the appropriate corporation. The day kicks off with an orientation covering our history, intake and adoption processes, volunteer, foster, humane education programs, and much more. The participants will then go on a tour of our facility revealing various areas not seen by the general public. Then, they are off to volunteer in a variety of areas, including our Kitty Cottage, Laundry Room, Clinic, Dog Kennels and Puppy Palace.

A typical Volunteer for a Day consists of anything from socializing with our pets, assisting our clinic staff with bathing dogs and puppies, sweeping and mopping, scrubbing and cleaning cages, assisting our surgery staff with various tasks and general upkeep of shelter needs.

As a non-profit organization, the SAHS appreciates monetary donations or items from our wishlist from those partaking in this exclusive opportunity. If interested in Volunteer For A Day visit SAhumane.org for more information!



Congratulations

2014 El Rey Fido XII & Royal Court!



Macy



Voodoo



Chanel



Duncan



Taz

Congratulations to our 12th El Rey Fido, Macy, and her Royal Court; Prince of the Perpetual Food Bowl, Voodoo; Duchess of the Indestructible Chew Toy, Chanel; Duke of the Ever-Present Fire Hydrant, Duncan; and Knight of the Royal Court, Taz! Our 2014 El Rey Fido Royal Court raised a total of \$16,225.02 to help the orphaned pets of the San Antonio Humane Society! Miss your chance to meet the Royal Court at this year's coronation? Don't worry, El Rey Fido and her Royal Court will be participating in events around town throughout the year! Check out our Facebook page to keep tabs on "El Rey Fido in the City" in the coming months.

Don't Worry It's Just Ringworm!



Many potential fosters are apprehensive about bringing an animal with ringworm into their homes for fear of spreading the condition. Unfortunately, the lack of fosters willing to take in skin conditions such as ringworm is a true limiting factor for what the SAHS is able to save. We need your help!

Ringworm, despite the name, is not a worm. In fact, it's a fungus attracted to a few spores loose in the environment; perhaps on a strand of contaminated hair, on a tree or in some dirt. A dog or cat scratches itself on the bark or rolls in the dirt and poof! Instant ringworm contamination. Untreated ringworm can be very easily passed from person to person and animal to animal. However, ringworm is easily treated and the chance of spreading decreases. Making sure that you are following the directions for treating the animal in your care and keeping them quarantined away from your other pets and immune compromised members of your household will limit any chance of a ringworm spread.

The great aspect of our Foster Program is that we provide the foster family with everything they need for the foster animal, including ointment or medications. With good consistent treatment, ringworm will begin clearing up almost immediately. The return on your investment of time and love is tenfold when you know that the animal might not have had an opportunity to find its forever home without your care. A couple of weeks to a month of your time is worth a lifetime of theirs!

Alyssa, spent 3 weeks in a foster home for ringworm and then was adopted on 10.29.13.



Read more about ringworm on our blog at SAhumane.tumblr.com



SUCCESS STORY



"I want to offer the success story of my dog, Roxy. She is now a 2 year old athlete! I adopted her from the San Antonio Humane Society in December 2011 as an 8 week old puppy, at the time, named Paris.

Since she was a baby, and simply listed as a "Shepherd mix", I wasn't sure what kind of temperament she would have, but she quickly blossomed into an amazing puppy. She learned extremely quickly! Roxy had figured out basic commands, manners, potty training, and even some tricks by 6 months! She continues to be an amazing addition to our family. She is the most lovable, sweet, obedient, fun loving and amazing dog.



Not only is she an amazing family companion, but she's a hard working driven working dog! I started training her for weight pull about one year ago, simply as an outlet for her energy, but Roxy has taken me by surprise. She has far exceeded my wildest expectations and not only become competitive in weight pull competitions against other dogs, but she has earned multiple titles, including "Weight Pull Grand Champion", within professional weight pull organizations. I'm so proud of what Roxy has accomplished over the past year. Weight pull gives her a job to do and train for, and she has flourished since we started. It also strengthens our bond as dog/trainer, as well as dog/owner.

I couldn't have asked for a better dog in my life! Roxy is the most amazing I could've ever asked for. She gives me, and my family her all everyday, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to own such an amazing dog! Thank you!!"

-Sarah

Have a success story to share? Email your happy tale and a photo to [sucesstories@SAhumane.org](mailto:successtories@SAhumane.org)!

Save the Date!

PAWS ON THE PATIO

**OCTOBER 27, 2014. 4-8PM.
CANYON CAFE AT THE QUARRY**



ADOPTIONS

- Open from noon to 7pm every day except major holidays.
- Regular adoption fees range from \$30 to \$99.
- All animals adopted from the San Antonio Humane Society have been spayed or neutered and received their first set of vaccinations, de-wormer, and flea prevention. Cats are tested for FIV/FELV and dogs receive heartworm prevention. Both dogs and cats come with a microchip, 14 days free vet care for VCA hospitals, 30 days of free pet insurance*, a bag of Hill's Science Diet food, and a collar with a personalized tag. (*some restrictions apply)

VOLUNTEER

- Visit SAhumane.org/volunteer for orientation dates.
- Email volunteer@SAhumane.org to reserve your spot for orientation.
- A volunteer orientation and follow up meeting are mandatory for each individual prior to volunteering.
- An orientation fee is required (per person) which covers a volunteer T-shirt or apron, badge, and insurance coverage while volunteering.
- Individuals 12-15 years of age are referred to as Junior Volunteers and must have a parent/adult (18 years of age or older) volunteer with them at all times and those 16 years of age and older can volunteer on their own.
- Volunteer hours are 8am-7pm, every day except major holidays.

FOSTER

- Think you're ready to be a foster parent? Contact our Foster Care Coordinator at 210.226.7461 ext. 120 or foster@SAhumane.org
- Visit SAhumane.org/foster to download a foster application.
- We provide everything you will need to foster our dogs or cats; all you need to provide is a loving, temporary home, until they are ready to be adopted!



The SAHS feeds our pets Science Diet pet foods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS

April 25, the SAHS will be closed to the public.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 26, the SAHS will be closed to the public.

BIG GIVE SA

When: May 6, Midnight to Midnight

What: A community-wide day of online giving. Visit biggivesa.org and find the **San Antonio Humane Society** under the leaderboard to make a donation.

PRECIOUS, NOT PARENTS

When: Month of June

Where: San Antonio Humane Society, 4804 Fredericksburg Rd.

What: \$20 spay/neuter surgery for puppies & kittens 2-6 months of age.

SUMMER CAMP HUMANE

When: Various dates in June, July, and August

Where: San Antonio Humane Society, 4804 Fredericksburg Rd.

What: A day camp for kids ages 5-15 who are crazy about animals.

See SAhumane.org/education for all the details.

PAWDOPTATHON

When: June 7-8, 12-7pm

Where: San Antonio Humane Society, 4804 Fredericksburg Rd.

What: \$25 adoption fee for all dogs & puppies and \$10 adoption fees for all cats and kittens

4TH OF JULY

The SAHS will be closed to the public.

PRIMP YOUR PIT

When: Month of August

Where: San Antonio Humane Society, 4804 Fredericksburg Rd.

What: \$20 spay/neuter surgery for Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes

LABOR DAY

September 1, the SAHS will be closed to the public.

Visit SAhumane.org for info on all of our upcoming events.