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Dog Covered In Motor Oil Abandoned At SAHS



San Antonio, TX (August 19, 2014) – On Friday, August 15th, a kindhearted 2 ½ year old Airedale Terrier and Rottweiler mix was found tied to a pole in front of the San Antonio Humane Society. As our staff inched closer to this helpless boy, they noticed that he was completely covered in motor oil. When greeted, Diego, stood right up with his tail wagging and was ready to enter the SAHS. He immediately went into spa mode, receiving numerous baths to remove the motor oil that was drenched all over his coat and skin.

It was then our staff realized that Diego had Sarcoptic Mange. This occurs when mites burrow under the skin and cause excessive itching and scratching, which leads to, in Diego's case, massive amounts of hair loss. While this type of mange is contagious, it is easy to treat when done properly. A common misconception is that dogs who have Sarcoptic Mange can be treated with the use of motor oil, therefore our assumption is that whomever was caring for Diego, thought that this would help him.

Through our amazing foster care program, we are able to treat and save thousands of adoptable pets every year and Diego is a perfect example of an animal in desperate need of a foster home. We are looking for an understanding and patient foster family to care for Diego until he is completely healed and ready for adoption. He absolutely loves people and just needs some time and tender loving care!

As an SAHS foster, one will receive everything needed to care for the foster pet/s, including bedding, blankets, toys, food, litter, medications, etc. As mentioned previously, Diego's Sarcoptic Mange will be easy to treat and all of his necessary medications will be provided. He will need to visit the SAHS every two weeks for a checkup and we will inform the foster family of any and all necessary instructions involved in caring for him. We are certain that fostering Diego will be a fun and rewarding experience, as he loves everyone he meets.

If you'd like to help Diego, please visit SAhumane.org/foster or call (210) 226-7461 ext. 120 to speak to our Foster Care Supervisor.

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SAHS Info: *The San Antonio Humane Society is a non-profit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. We are not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. Every year, the San Antonio Humane Society shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates approximately 5,000 animals that have been injured, abused, or abandoned until they are ready for adoption. Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.*