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## **SAHS Utilizes Dog Boots For Puppy With Severely Damaged Paw**



San Antonio, TX (May 14, 2015) – Francine, a 4 month old Shepherd mix arrived at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) with her siblings, who were all healthy and ready for adoption. After our staff examined Francine, they noticed that her back left paw was severely damaged. Since she was found as a stray, there was no telling whether trauma occurred or if she was born this way. What was certain, was that due to the minimal paw pad that Francine has, she could not safely walk on concrete, asphalt, dirt, etc. without further damage happening; which could lead to possible infections.

SAHS Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Bridgeman, thought of two options: amputation or utilizing dog boots. Francine's leg is fully functional, so we ordered dog boots, as an alternative to amputation. She is still getting used to wearing her fancy boots but with much practice, Francine shouldn't have any issues. Today is a very big day for this sweet and loving pup, as she available for adoption at the SAHS at noon! Once she is in a home of her own, the boots will not be necessary indoors, though, when outdoors on a daily walk, during playtime, or at a park, her boots need to be worn.



If anyone is interested in adopting Francine, come by the San Antonio Humane Society (4804 Fredericksburg Road) between 12pm-7pm or call (210) 226-7461 for more info. For those who would like to help others like Francine, visit [SAhumane.org/donate](http://SAhumane.org/donate).

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### ***About The San Antonio Humane Society***

*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.***