

ANNUAL 2015



REPORT

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# OVERVIEW

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*"It is a result of the combined efforts of our donors, staff, and volunteers that we were able to adopt out 4,809 pets during 2015. Without them, we would not be able to continue our progress toward our mission of protecting and improving the lives of dogs and cats."*

*-Nancy F. Najim, President/CEO*

*"The San Antonio Humane Society continues to work tirelessly to care for thousands of animals until they find a loving forever home. Our volunteers, staff, and donors are invaluable to our success, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I gratefully appreciate and acknowledge your support."*

*-Lavonne Garrison, Board Chair*

The San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. Every year, the SAHS shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates approximately 5,000 animals. Many have been injured, abused, surrendered by their owners, or found as strays, and they remain in our care until adopted. Through our adoption, volunteer, foster, and educational programs, we remind the public of the importance of responsible pet ownership, microchipping, and spaying/neutering. As a no-kill organization, the SAHS saves healthy pets, as well as dogs and cats needing medical attention, with euthanasia reserved only for untreatable animals.



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# FINANCE

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While many believe that we are affiliated with and receive funds from the Humane Society of the United States, this is not the case. We rely on the charitable generosity of our community, therefore by donating locally you help us continue our mission to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats.

**Charitable Revenue:**

Community support includes pledges and contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations; revenue received from newsletters and mail campaigns; and donations received from memorials and the website.

**Program Services Revenue:**

Includes fees from pet adoptions and surrenders, spay/neuter services, volunteer orientation, wellness clinics, Humane Education programs (e.g. Camp Humane).

**Investment Activity:**

Investment activity includes realized and unrealized gains and losses, as well as change in values of assets held.

**Event Revenue:**

El Rey Fido and Paws on the Patio

*Complete financial statements are available upon request or can be found on our website at [SAhumane.org](http://SAhumane.org).  
The SAHS's audit of financial information is conducted by Akin, Doherty, Klein, & Feuge P.C.*

Public Support	\$1,926,464	69%
Program Services	\$786,532	28%
Grants	\$201,000	7%
Special Events	\$140,351	5%
In-Kind	\$38,738	1%
Other	\$9,325	<1%
Investment Activity	\$-298,322	-11%

### Total Revenue

**\$2,804,089**

Program	\$2,752,823	78%
Administrative	\$382,566	11%
Fundraising	\$377,426	11%

### Total Expenses

**\$3,512,815**

### Statement of Financial Position

Cash Assets	\$272,403	Liabilities	\$228,021
Investments	\$8,334,481	Net Assets	\$12,906,520
Fixed Assets & Other Assets	\$4,527,657		

### Total Assets

**\$13,134,541**

### Total Liabilities & Net Assets

**\$13,134,541**

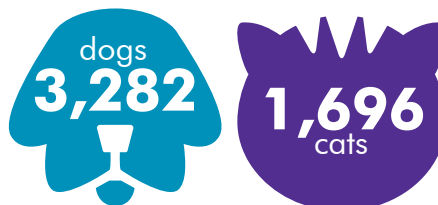




1,958 Pets Transferred In | 302 Returned to Shelter | 1,211 Owner Surrender | 1,507 Stray

LIVE  
RELEASE  
RATE  
98.73%\*

4,978  
TOTAL INTAKE



44 Pets Transferred Out | 62 Returned to Owner | 98 Euthanized†

1,599 PETS FOSTERED  
744 dogs  
855 cats  
528 foster families  
45,464 foster hours

1,457 Pets serviced at wellness clinics

\*Live-release rate = (adopted + transferred + returned)/total intake. Total intake for 2015 is 4,978 which accounts for the pets who were brought to the shelter in 2015, but did not find their forever placement until after the end of the year.

†In a shelter environment, it is impossible to have a 100% live-release rate. The shelter only euthanizes animals that we are unable to treat, have a condition that poses a significant threat to the other animals in the shelter, or that cannot be rehabilitated.



**1,506**  
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

**15,558**  
hours donated by volunteers

**846**  
new volunteers

**19**  
Volunteer for a Day groups



**2,137**  
KIDS EDUCATED

**241**  
lessons taught

**36**  
educational tours

**17**  
school presentations

**6**  
Camp Humane Sessions

 **43,630** fans

 **7,055** followers

 **1,407** followers

 **2,792,550** web hits

 **1,963,000** views

**8,406**  
SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

**3,447**  
surgeries performed on  
shelter pets

**4,959**  
surgeries performed on public pets  
which includes  
**1,020**  
surgeries performed on  
feral cats

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# SUCCESS STORY: Mysa

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During Mysa's stay at our shelter, staff and volunteers often asked themselves the same question: "Why is she still here?" After transferring into the San Antonio Humane Society in November 2015, Mysa called the shelter her home for a lengthy 147 days, and during her time here, we were privileged to share in her affection, her silliness, and her laid-back ways. She was more inclined to find a shady tree to nap under than run laps across the yard.



On the day of her adoption, Tyler walked into the shelter looking to bring a new companion into his new, but empty home. Before moving out of his parents' home, Tyler was quite used to having a pet ever-present in his day-to-day. "I missed having a dog," he says, acknowledging that he met many dogs that day, "but [Mysa] was the best one for me because she was a little lazy."

After her adoption, Mysa's new pet parent bestowed her with a new name: Ivy. Although Ivy is "still a little chunky" Tyler admits that she's turned a new lively leaf ever since coming into her new forever home. "She runs around a lot now... when she first came home, she was in her crate, but when I let her out, she was already very excited to see me. She was running around and jumping on me and the couch."



A permanent home and family goes a long way to enrich the lives of our pets, and once adopted, their space is filled by another needy pet waiting for their forever home.

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# SUCCESS STORY: Annie

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When Emma stopped by the Kitty Pavilion in October to meet its newest resident, she found herself visiting her newest family member: Annie!

“I took [Annie] out of her kennel and she immediately started to purr and lick my face,” says Emma, Annie’s doting pet parent, “I knew after holding her for just a few minutes that it was going to be hard to leave her there.”

Annie had been brought to the shelter as a stray by a shelter staff member. She was already missing her left eye when it was determined she would have to undergo surgery to remove her right one as well. Blindness, however, did little to slow Annie down.



“She adapted so quickly to her life at home with me. I was nervous about her blindness, but I completely under-estimated her abilities! She doesn’t let anything stop her.”

Emma has a lot to say about her life with Annie. It’s clear that these two fill each other’s life with joy, care, and affection. Annie currently spends her days frolicking in the garden with her 1 dog and 4 cat siblings, wading on the top steps of the family pool, climbing all over the house furniture, and traveling to friend’s homes on her kitty harness.

“Annie is a constant bright and happy presence in our family, and we are so thankful for her.”



# EL REY FIDO XIII

Official El Rey Fido  
portraits photographed by  
*Renee & Stacie*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Royal attire hand-crafted by  
Mistress of the Grr-robcs,  
Cheryl Trevor



**Ruby**  
El Rey Fido XIII



**Ethel**  
Princess of the Perpetual Food Bowl



**Bellin**  
Duke of the In-Destructible Chew Toy



**Arleigh**  
Duchess of the Ever-Present Fire Hydrant



**Dakota**  
Knight of the Royal Court

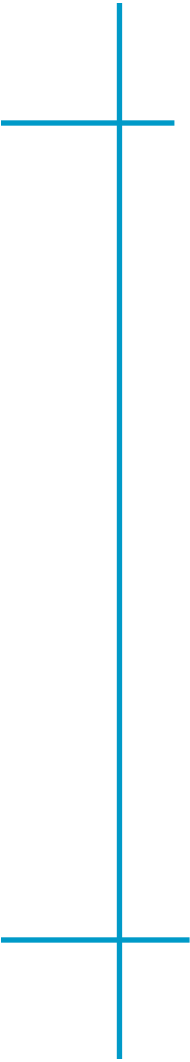
The 13th annual El Rey Fido (ERF) fundraising competition was an event for the history books! In 2015, the ERF Coronation was recognized as an official Fiesta® event, and as a result of our dedicated contestants, \$88,854.29 was raised for the pets at the San Antonio Humane Society. With hundreds of people in attendance, ERF XIII, Ruby, and the 2015 Royal Court made their grand entrance at the ERF Coronation in festive and stately style!



# THANK YOU



Another productive year has come and gone, and it's thanks to our generous donors, our supportive volunteers, our compassionate foster parents, and our hardworking staff that we are able to provide continuous optimal care for our dogs and cats and educate the community about pet responsibility and humane treatment.



We believe that education is an important pillar in our mission to improve the lives of dogs and cats and reduce the stray pet population within our community.

We were privileged to welcome 110 students from Graebner Elementary School (featured to the right) in November 2015 for their annual career day. It is during events like these that we hope to inspire the future of the community to always act with compassion, respect, and responsibility towards people, animals, and their environment.



# OUR MISSION

*To protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing*

Shelter • Care • Adoption • Rescue  
Spay & Neuter Programs • Community Education



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