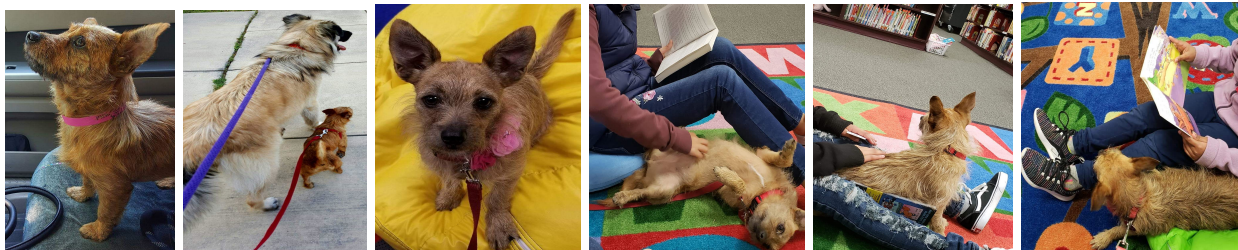


Helping Paws

Winnie (the Pooh):

When you work at an animal shelter, it is easy to fall in love with dozens of animals a day. You have to learn to tell the difference between animals that you love and wish well on their way to their new families, and animals whom are meant to be a part of your family. Winnie (the Pooh) was meant to be mine. I was giving a tour to a Girl Scout troop ([Book a Tour](#)) when I saw this small little Cairn Terrier mix sitting at the back of her kennel looking a little bit lost and unsure. She was brought into the San Antonio Humane Society by one of our rescue partners earlier that day. The moment our eyes locked on each other I knew we belonged to each other, no doubts, no hesitations. I adopted her that day and brought her home and instantly, she became not only my best little friend, but the best friend of her big brother Moose.



Winnie the Pooh has not been content to be a house puppy however. Soon after adopting her she started to participate in our SAHS Education programs as one of our ambassador dogs! Winnie thinks that every child she meets is her new best friend and insists on letting them know with endless wiggles and exuberant licks. She loves to help kids with our Tales for Tails Reading Program ([Tales for Tails](#)) and won't let the kids read for too long without praising their work. Her sweet nature makes her a tireless advocate for our SAHS Education Programs and the perfect addition to our Ambassador Pet team!

Rescue animals have so much love to give! Does your pet give a Helping Paw to others? Send your story and photos to education@SAhumane.org on how your pet helps to teach compassion, empathy, respect and responsibility.