



2008
annual report
SEEING IS BELIEVING.





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Our Mission

PROMOTING HUMANE TREATMENT
OF COMPANION ANIMALS.



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The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952.

Every year, the Humane Society shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates over 6,000 animals that have been injured, abused, owner surrendered, or found as strays until ready for adoption.



What We See Brings Hope, One Adoption at a Time

Seeing is believing, and what we see every day brings hope, even in the midst of animal homelessness and cruelty. At the Humane Society, we see orphaned animals find loving homes. We are honored and proud to bring hope to homeless animals and companions to the people of our community, changing their lives for the better.

In 2008, operating on a budget of \$2.6 million, the Humane Society adopted out 5,654 animals, making it the largest center for adoptions in the community. When the hurricanes hit the gulf coast, we sheltered 231 animals from that area. The Humane Society believes in a world where every pet has a permanent and loving home, dogs and cats are spayed or neutered, and every animal is treated with respect and compassion.

We also believe the pet overpopulation problem must be solved one adoption at a time. Seeing the magic and joy that takes place in our lobby every day as people leave with their new companion friends confirms that we are providing this community with the best possible solution for getting homeless animals off the streets. From our shelter, they go into loving homes, and, in turn, people who need a friend find one.

As you read this annual report and see an overview of our work, I hope you will see what it requires to make this possible. It takes loyal donors, hard working volunteers, dedicated staff, and visionary board members. Without them, this shelter would not exist. Thus, I offer my deepest thanks to all of our family of supporters, team of steadfast volunteers, loving staff, expert management team, and committed board members for embracing our mission and making it possible for others to find joy and companionship at the Humane Society.

Great plans are under way for 2009. We are converting space into a new surgical suite so that we can conduct spay/neuter surgeries here, not only for our shelter animals but for the public as well. This program will include a new transport model to take animals from locations throughout the city into our facility on weekends, eventually creating region-wide partnerships. Building this additional spay-neuter capacity will help reduce the severe pet overpopulation. As the year progresses, our friends will find many opportunities to get involved in supporting our newest spay/neuter initiative.

Last year brought much progress, and next year holds exciting new activities for us. Our vision keeps expanding. We will continue to change the world one adoption at a time, making life better through the humane care of homeless dogs and cats. Come join us!

*Vision without action is a dream.
Action without vision is simply
passing the time. Action with Vision
is making a positive difference.*
- Joel Barker

Kathryn Bice
Executive Director

Bill & Helen Michaels' MEDICAL RESCUE FUND

Injured or ill animals are treated based on the funds available at the time of intake or illness through the Michaels' Rescue Fund.

Once these animals are healthy, they are ready to be adopted into their forever home.



In 2008, the Humane Society gratefully accepted from the George B. Storer Foundation, Inc. a very generous legacy gift that created the Bill and Helen Michaels' Endowment Fund. This will add support in perpetuity for the licensed veterinarian and the medical rescue of sick and injured companion animals.

Volunteer HIGHLIGHTS

500+ Active Volunteers
23,946.87 Hours for 2008
30 Community Service Volunteers
50 Foster Families



A Volunteer in Action

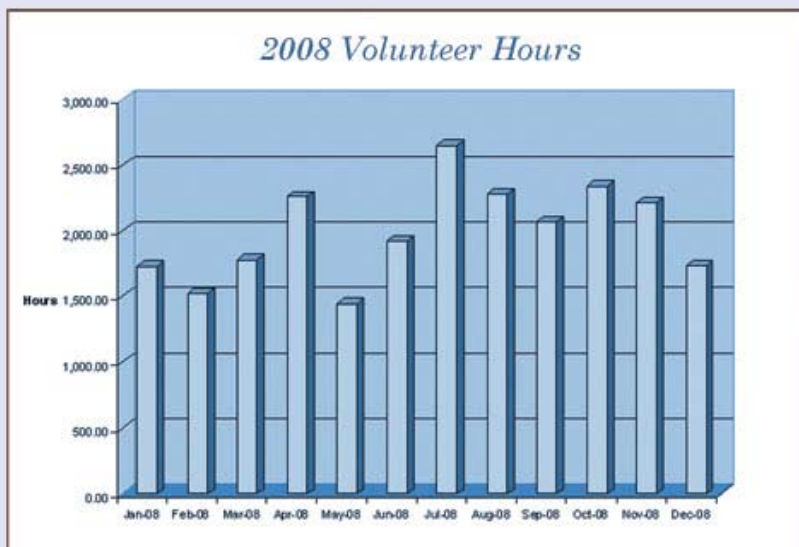
A volunteer since 2002, Diane Workman has found her niche in the back hallways of the Humane Society. Twice a week, Diane works to keep our seemingly endless piles of laundry manageable. Diane also spends an average of 30 hours per month working at home to make her sturdy, fluffy, flannel bedding.

This adds up to nearly 2,300 hours per year!



Foster Heroes

524 animals were nurtured by more than 50 foster families in 2008.



(above) Super Adoption at The Rim, 12/08

(below) Paws on the Patio, 10/08

(right) Sean Elliot and SADTC members at Mutt Strutt 11/08



San Antonio Dog Training Club

Eight San Antonio Dog Training Club members spend their free time at the Humane Society on a weekly basis as part of our K-9 Cadet Program.



Public Relations & Outreach

LOOKING TO THE COMMUNITY

“The Humane Society was featured in various media stories throughout Texas. These were our top 3 stories of 2008.”

Cathy McCoy, Director of PR & Outreach

Hurricane Gustav & Ike Relief

Breeding & Hoarding Cases:

Persians Case

Pomeranians Case

TOTAL MEDIA FOR TOP STORIES

45 TV interviews

31 Radio interviews

22 Print / Internet articles



We educate more than 150 children each year through our Camp Humane program. Our goal is to promote the humane treatment of animals through activities and speakers to make learning fun.



(left) More than 90 Persian cats were removed from a San Antonio home in January 2008
(right) More than 200 Pomeranians were seized from a Corpus Christi home in January 2008



Hurricane Ike evacuated animals.



Each Spring, more than 100 girls from Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas come to the Humane Society to complete service requirements for their Brady badge, through classes focusing on pet responsibility and safety.

See the Fun

COMMUNITY EVENTS
& SUCCESS STORIES



El Rey Fido & Fiesta



Honorary Chairs Sean Elliot
and Claudia Zapata-Elliot



Mutt Strutt & the K9 Karnival



Paws on the Patio at Canyon Cafe
St. Patrick's Day & Halloween



We adopted Evey in October when she was about 3 months old. Evey is a very unique, one of a kind kinda kitty! She has one blue eye and one hazel eye, she is deaf, which is in no way a handicap for her, and she is a big talker! She is like my little baby! She will even wait for me to come out of rooms in the house, and is always sleeping on me! I just want to thank you for doing everything that you do and giving these animals a chance to have a family and a place to call home. Thank you for our baby Evey! I can't imagine my life anymore without her!



Kylee & Bear have been doing great! They make a wonderful addition to our family. Besides hanging out by the pool they are on a mission to chase the armadillos out of our yard. Kylee keeps a close eye on Bear when he's near the pool... just in case he ever needs her. We love the both of them so much!



I walked into the shelter for the first time not expecting to go home with a new friend, but once I saw Magenta's crystal blue eyes I had to have her. She is so energetic and has gotten me out of the door even on the days where I couldn't find inspiration. Thank you for taking care of her until I came along!

Sweet Success!

{ 2008 Financial Report }

Sources of Support

Public Support Revenue

Mail campaigns, newsletter revenue, unsolicited public support revenue, memorial/tribute donations, grants from local foundations, and endowment funds.

Program Services Revenue

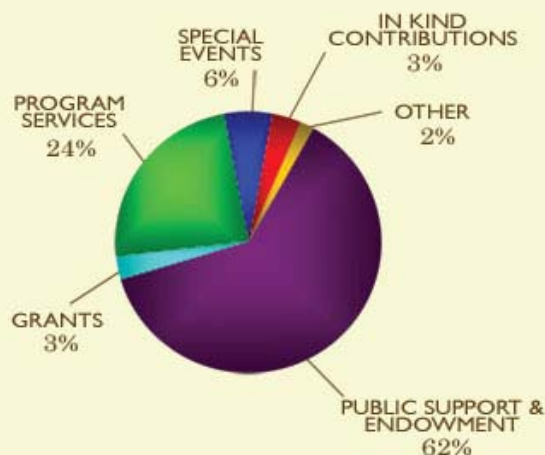
Includes adoption revenue, surrender revenue, trap/equipment rental fees, volunteer orientation fees, and Camp Humane fees.

Event Revenue

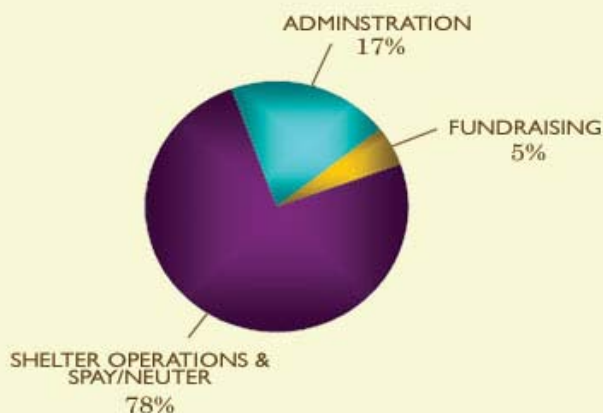
El Rey Fido, Mutt Stutt, Paws on the Patio, and other special event revenue.

The Humane Society of Bexar County has an investment portfolio that has been managed by Sendero Wealth Investment in San Antonio, Texas for many years. The Board of Directors has provided these wealth managers with a very conservative investment policy that maximizes our income. A classic balanced portfolio approach is generally adhered to, investing in financial products such as stocks, bonds, and cash equivalents. These holdings are compared to benchmarks and closely monitored for best performance. These unrestricted assets are used to support our operations and are not reflected in the "Total Support" pie chart.

Total Support \$2,731,184



Total Expenses \$2,855,468



*Complete financial statements are available upon request. The Humane Society's audit of financial information is conducted by Akin, Doherty, Klein, & Feuge P.C.

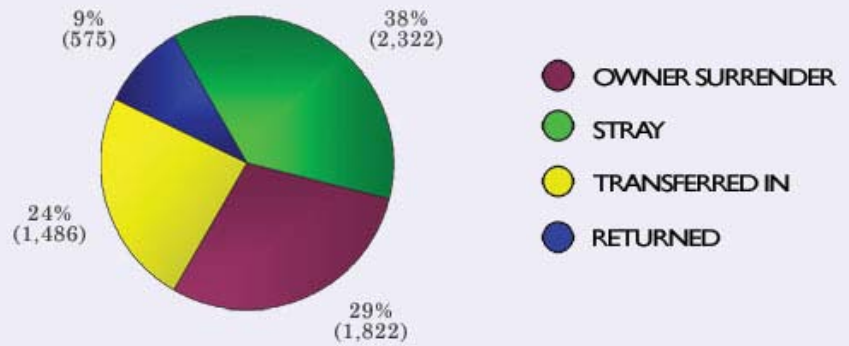
The Humane Society of Bexar County does not receive financial support from any national organizations, nor from any city, county, state, or federal agencies. The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County is funded solely by private donations. Individuals, corporations, foundations, even school groups contribute to the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County to keep our programs viable. Individual giving opportunities include participating in our special events, making online donations and responding to our newsletters and community mailings. Corporations and other organizations offer additional funding through event sponsorships, matching gift programs, grant making and annual giving. Planned giving opportunities include establishing a trust, naming the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County as a beneficiary, establishing an endowment or Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County bequest and setting up a charitable gift annuity. Please call (210) 226-7461 for more information on how you can help.

Look At Our Success

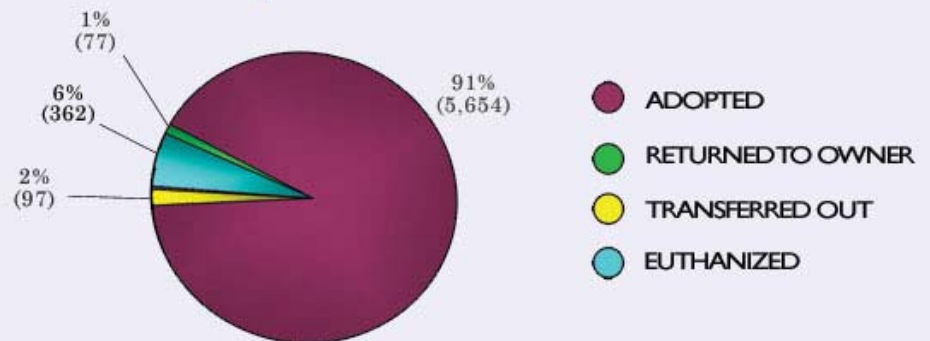
Year Begin: January 1, 2008
Year End: December 31, 2008



Orphans Received



Orphans Placed





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PLACEMENTS: Social & Healthy

94%

UNADOPTABLE

6%

Looking to the future: 2009

In 2009 we look forward to opening our in-house pet surgery suite! As a responsible pet welfare agency we saw a great need for practicing what we preach about reducing the pet overpopulation in San Antonio. By June of 2009, we plan to spay and neuter our shelter orphans in house, and also offer the public an affordable opportunity to spay and neuter their pets. We will be offering the public a way to drop their animals off at strategic locations throughout San Antonio for transport to the Humane Society with their speedy return to a location that is convenient and close to their home. We believe this is the best way to help our community end the severe pet overpopulation and make it affordable and convenient to San Antonio citizens and their pets.

The average stay of an adult animal is 7 to 9 days.
The average stay of young puppies and kittens is 72 hours.

“The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt



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SOCIETY**
SPCA of Bexar County



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