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Winter 2008

## San Antonio Spur, Tony Parker, makes a visit



Spurs basketball player, Tony Parker visited the Humane Society along with students who won a Paw Print Essay Contest earlier this year. They were treated to an educational talk, tour, and romped with some of the HSSPCA dogs. The day was topped off with pictures with Tony. One of the Humane Society's primary goals is to help educate kids about pet responsibility and compassion. Go Spurs Go!



# Tough Beginnings, Happier Endings

The latter part of 2007 and the start of 2008 brought many different stories to the Humane Society, two of which, Riley, the Rubber-Band dog, and Parker the mutilated puppy, had their share of hard times.

Riley, a 2-year-old retriever, was found after his previous owner attempted an "at-home" castration procedure. The affected area was left with severe infection and tissue death. His need for immediate medical attention was obvious and he was brought into the Humane Society for treatment. Riley was treated and will be in foster care until he is ready to be adopted to his new home. Riley is another HS/SPCA success story!



Riley



Parker

Parker came to us at 5-weeks-old riddled with infection and too weak to move. Another dog had bitten off his left hind leg and tail. Parkers' owners were unable to seek medical help for him for 3 days. They surrendered him to us and we immediately sent him to the vet. After surgery, rehabilitation, many weeks of rehabilitation and foster care, Parker was able to be put up for adoption. He went to a wonderful home and has a brand new start on life. Parker is just one of the over 650 dogs and cats that we fostered last year and over 240 dogs and cats that we provided medical rescue for.

Your contributions make stories like Parker's and Riley's possible. Thank you so much from Parker, Riley and the rest of the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County family.



Help end animal cruelty and abuse. Donate to our Abuse & Cruelty Rewards fund.

The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County has established an Abuse & Cruelty Reward Fund. Rewards will be given to community members who provide information that lead to the prosecution of those responsible for animal abuse.

Call 210-226-7461

## From the desk of the **Executive Director**

#### Dear Friends,

You have expressed your belief and support in the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County through the act of giving. Through that act you breathe life into the life saving mission of the Humane Society. Whether through a monthly or annual gift or a bequest, a gift to the Humane Society rescues, rehabilitates and saves lives. I see this generosity at work everyday on our campus and extend deep gratitude to all of you who support this valuable work.

We are and continue to be the highest pet adoption agency in San Antonio, Texas. We did almost 50% of all pet adoptions in San Antonio. The Humane Society and our community partners are working together to identify and address all the education, spay, neuter, and rescue needs. The coalition completed our first AAPAW super adoption event in December and plan to have 4 events in 2008.

The community statistics we collected in 2004-2006 show the various animal overpopulation dynamics we need to challenge and change. The San Antonio Area Foundation and Peter Holt of the Spurs are joining animal protection agencies to influence the responsible pet ownership message.

The GOAL is to have every "adoptable pet adopted".

Join us in embracing the goal

Of NO KILL by 2012.

Thank you for being a friend

of the animals,

altry L. Bice

Kathryn Bice and the Humane Team





Studies prove pets help to relieve stress. The dogs at the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County want to help you start your week off right!

Any dogs over the age of 1 year can be adopted for only \$25 every Monday!

## A "Heart"-Warming Letter!

I feel compelled to write a note to the Humane Society to say **THANK YOU** for the most wonderful cat in the world! My son and I went to the Humane Society of Bexar County. We saw this man in one of the pet rooms meeting different kittens. One of which was this friendly orange and white kitten. I have no idea why he didn't choose her, but maybe it was divine intervention.

When she was brought to the room she was so sweet and friendly. I knew that this was the cat that we wanted in our family. She even has a heart shape on her left side. She was originally

named "Gwen" (at the shelter), but her new official name is Marmalade Gwendolyn. She is an absolute blessing to our home - a warm and caring cat.

Thank you so much for the work that you do - giving these animals a second chance!

- Elizabeth

### **Remember the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County in Your Will**

Dog Whisperer invites HSSPCA dog to be guest



One of the HSSPCA dogs was a guest at the Cesar Millan seminar during the 2007 Holidays. Scarlet Rose and staff were up on stage during the show and got some pointers on dog walking. Thanks to the Dog Whisperer for giving the Humane Society tips to help our San Antonio animals!



At the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County, we make every effort to find the best home for the pets in our care. Sadly, many of the dogs and cats that come to us have been abused or neglected and others are injured or have chronic illnesses. These injured or ill animals are treated based on the funds available at the time of intake or illness.

Through our **Veterinarian Medical Rescue Program**, you can choose to make a one time or monthly contribution for a dog or cat with special needs. This will defray the costs associated with the provision of necessary medical care they need and deserve. Once these animals are healthy, they will then be available to the public for adoption.

## Persian and Himalayan Rescue Mission Successful

On January 14, 2008, The Humane Society and Animal Care Services partnered together to remove over 90 Persian and Himalayan cats from a woman's home. These purebred cats were used for breeding purposes and kept in cages housed in her garage.



The Humane Society transferred most of the cats and kittens from the old ACS facility to the Humane Society on Fredericksburg Rd. Once the cats and kittens were received at the Humane Society, they were evaluated, given vaccinations, dewormed, bathed and made comfortable in the special needs wing of the shelter. The momma cats with kittens will be in their own maternity suite. Due to the condition of their badly matted coats, they all needed to be shaved down. All will be spayed and neutered.

It will be some time before any of these purebred cats will be available for adoption. If anyone would like to make financial contributions to the Humane Society to offset the expenses incurred related to the



rehabilitation, please visit our website at www.humanesocietyspca.org.

The Humane Society is well-known for helping out the City's Animal Care Services and other animal organizations in and around the San Antonio area.



The Humane Society is a nonprofit organization that relies entirely on donations, grants and self-generating revenue to operate.

The Humane Society is not affiliated with any national organizations such as the Humane Society of United States and does not receive support from city, county, state or federal agencies.

#### HOURS

Noon to 7 pm

Open 7 days a week

RECEIVING HOURS

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday-Saturday

(by appt. only)

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## Winter Pet Tips

- Protect your pet during the cold winter months!
- If you must keep your dog outside for any period of time, provide a **DRAFT-FREE** dog house.
- If your pets are kept in a garage, remove ALL toxic chemicals!
- CAUTION! Cats and Kittens tend to nap on or near car engines to keep warm.



• Outdoor pets need more calories to produce body heat during cold winter months.

#### **To My Fury Followers:**



Well everyone, it's been one "Paw"-fect year for me as the 2007 El Rey Fido! But, it's that time for me to turn the crown over to the next deserving canine compadre.

The Humane Society is having its 6th Annual El Rey Fido Contest. You can enter your dog or school mascot to be the next El Rey Fido or Mascot.

Here's the way it works...the dog that raises the most money is crowned El Rey Fido. Second, Third and Fourth place fundraisers are representatives of his royal court. They get to participate in the Royal Crowning, the Fiesta River Parade, the Royal Court and become year long ambassadors of the Humane Society!

If you or your school is interested in participating, contact Bryan Chase at the Humane Society at 210-226-7461 Ext. 124 or visit www.humanesocietyspca.org. All money raised goes to care for the animals in our shelter!



Yours Truly,

Kyle El Rey Fido V Worth-Glendenning





**HSSPCA** 



The Humane Society is in need of the following items:

Canned Dog Food

- •Treats (for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens):
- •Rubbing Alcohol
- •Feline Scale
- •Kong Toys
- •Latex Gloves
- •Cotton Balls
- •Q-Tips
- •Gauze Pads
- •Dog Scale
- Check our website for more items to donate

www.humanesocietyspca.org



### **Rescued Dogs from Corpus Christi**

In January 2008, the Humane Society transferred 20 dogs from Corpus

Christi Animal Care to help in a horrific dog hoarding case. Over 230 dogs that were housed at a woman's home for breeding purposes were seized. The Pomeranians and other small dogs were extremely of medical care. The HS/SPCA evaluated

matted and in need of medical care. The HS/SPCA evaluated the dogs and treated them for various medical issues. They were also spayed or neutered, micro chipped, and given vaccinations and dentals before they were adopted out. The Humane Society is committed to collaborating with other animal organi-

zations in and around the city to reduce animal hoarding and abuse cases.



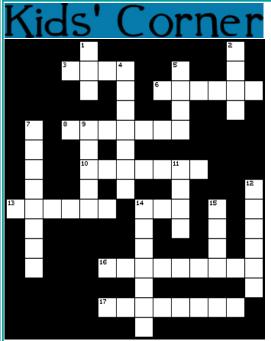
## **Camp Humane**

If you love animals, ask your parents to call the Humane Society SPCA for more information regarding the 2008 Camp Humane —the summer camp that teaches kids all about pets.

At Camp Humane, kids learn about the care and

behavior of all sorts of

companion animals, including dogs, cats, ferrets, turtles, birds, rabbits, and other pets. There's even a special day where they learn all about horses.



13. What baby cows are called. 14. This farm animal likes to roll around in the mud.

- 16. A farmer uses this tool to bail hay. 17. Where horses, cows, pigs, etc all live.

#### DOWN

- 1. This farm animal goes "moo".
- 2. Cows give this. You put it on your
- cereal.
- 4 Farmers drive this machine in the field
- 5. Farm animals live in this building.
- 7. Many farmers wear this kind of pants.
- 9. Which came first, the \_\_\_\_ or the egg? 11. Chickens lay these. We fry, boil or scramble them.
- 12. Baby chickens are called \_
- 14. This is where cows eat their grass.
- 15. This tall farm tower is where farmers store their grain.



ANSWERS



#### ACROSS

- 3. This farm animal eats anything and sometimes has horns.
- 6. You put this on a horse to ride it.
- 8. Which came first, the \_\_\_\_\_ or the egg?
- 10. This farm bird wakes you up in the morning.



HS/SPCA Executive Director, Kathryn Bice, speaks with media

### \$10,000 raised towards Abuse & Cruelty Reward Fund

Society

The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County Abuse & Cruelty Reward Fund was started in November 2007 on the Humane Society website in response to the overwhelming support toward the injustices that happened in the city starting in October 2007. The HS/SPCA received \$1,000 from the Animal Defense League, \$2,500 from the Humane Society of the United States, and the rest from private donors.

Over 10 cats were found mutilated in different areas of the city over a few months. The Humane Society teamed up with the Animal Care Services to canvas a neighborhood that was hardest hit. The goal was to educate people in that area of the cat mutilations. The reward fund is now a permanent fixture on the HS/SPCA website and will be ongoing for future help in prosecution of a person responsible for animal cruelty. The Humane Society was featured on the National Geraldo Rivera Show in October and a syndicated



radio show in November dealing with the issue of animal cruelty in San Antonio.

For more information on how to contribute to the Reward Fund please go to http://www.firstgiving.com/humanerewardfund



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## **Caring Kid's In Action**

Jared Wulfe & Bryan Chase, Director of

The Humane Society

Jared Wulfe, raised \$280 at his school

St. Mary's Hall. His efforts will help

the orphaned animals at the Humane

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Planned giving makes your every dollar go farther! To maximize your charitable giving, as well as fulfill your own financial needs, vou can fund the future of the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County through your estate planning. Making a gift through your estate is one of the most effective ways to ensure that we can carry on our mission to save animals' lives far into the future.

We can work with you to design a gift that meets your charitable and financial goals. of the Some gift arrangements that the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County offers include the following:

♦ Gifts Through Your Will or Living Trust

♦ Gifts Through Life Insurance or Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designations

Retirement Plans

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♦ Life Income Plans: Gifts That Give you Income for Life

♦ Charitable Gift Annuities

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♦ Gifts of Real Estate

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Contact: Bryan Chase, Director of Development & Marketing at 210-226-7461 Ext.124 for more information!

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Ms. Roberta Tiner

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#### **Memorials**

#### **Memory Lane Bricks**

Memory Lane is a unique spot at Humane Society SPCA or Bexar County; a permanent tribute built one brick at a time by those who wish to honor or remember a loved one or special pet, mark an important occasion, or simply demonstrate their own love of animals and show their support for our life-saving work. Visit our website www.humanesocietyspca.org to find out more about becoming a memory lane sponsor.

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#### THANK YOU

We thank you so much for your care and generosity in 2007! We were able to care for and adopt out over 5,200 cats and dogs last year! We are looking forward to another great year in 2008!



**Humane Society Upcoming Events** 

*Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 6pm-9pm- San Antonio Dog Training Club* at Humane Society Curb Family Education Building, 4804 Fredericksburg Road. Let these professionals help instruct you on how to train your dog. *This 8 week course is \$50.* Call 738-1030

March 1st, 10 am– 3pm, AAPAW Super Adoption Event, at The Rim Shopping Center in front of the Palladium Movie Theaters, Take 1-10 W exit La Cantera Parkway. Look For Big Tent & Hundreds of Pets to choose from!

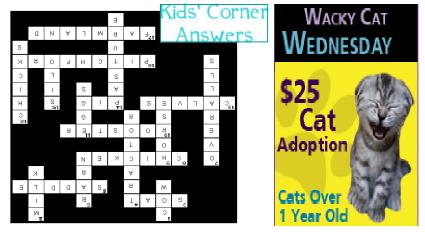
March 17th, 4pm –8pm, Paws on the Patio at Canyon Café at the Quarry Shopping Center (HWY 281& Basse Road). This dining event is for people and their pets. The \$10 doggie meal benefits the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County. Best Easter Bunny and Leprechaun Costume Contest. No reservations necessary. Call 226-7461 for more information

April 1st, 7 pm, Last Day For Donations Accepted for El Rey Fido. Go to <u>http://www.firstgiving.com/humanesocietyspca</u> to enroll your dog!

April 12th, 9am-5pm Tour for Life Adoption Day in Humane Society Parking Lot. Many pet adoption agencies will converge with their a wide variety of dogs and cats for adoption. Expand your options and come and adopt an orphaned animal.

April 12th, 2pm-3pm El Rey Fido- Coronation Ceremony Come to the Shelter and enjoy the celebration of El Rey Fido and his/her Royal Court

*April 13th, 1pm-5pm PAWTY, at Fifi & Fido Dog Boutique PAWTY. You & your dog join us for Paw-grita's, Prizes, Cake, & Fashion Show . Located 555 E. Basse at the Village on the Green Shopping Center.* 



#### Share your time, help a friend!

Become a Humane Society Volunteer! Your time is valuable socializing animals, working in the offices or clinic, and a host of other

possibilities. It all benefits our homeless and abandoned animals.

Call Hilda Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator, at 226-7461 ext. 119 for more information.

#### Volunteers of the Month

The Mitchells have been volunteering with us since 2006. They like to spend their time taking pictures of our cats for our online virtual shelter. Thanks Paul and Bobbie!! January 2008 Paul & Bobbie Mitchell



December 2007 Marian Burns



Sasha spent her time helping us out with photography and graphics. She recently joined staff as Public Relations Assistant. Sasha also published a book on Foster Kitties! Thanks Sasha!

#### October 2007 Brandi Rodriguez



Marian Burns has helped us out on numerous occasions. She attend events to help with our information booth and even helped decorate our shelter to get ready for Christmas. Thank you Marian!!

#### November 2007 Sasha Kelly



Brandy volunteers her time helping the clinic staff. She enjoys the time spent with each animal and loves being a part of the difference we can make each in animal's lives'. Thanks Brandy!!