

SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY

# WHISKERS

Faith, adopted 9.17.17

2018



## Saving Stanford



Stanford, a young Retriever mix, came to the San Antonio Humane Society at the beginning of October 2017. He was found wandering the streets of San Antonio alone and in desperate need of help. It was clear that he was suffering from neglect. His coat was infested with fleas

and a cable wire had become embedded at least a half-inch deep in his neck. Our assumption is that the wire was used to prevent him from roaming as a small puppy, and as he grew the wire was never adjusted, resulting in months of pain from tissue damage and infection.

After anesthesia was given, wire cutters were used to remove the cable wire, and his neck was shaved to thoroughly

examine the severity of his wound. Hydrotherapy was also provided, and our wonderful

surgery staff treated his wound with medical honey. Through the generosity of supporters like you, we had the funds needed to ensure that Stanford was well taken care of.

His wound healed within a few short weeks, and he was even featured in a special photo shoot with Red McCombs Toyota (photo above). His journey wasn't easy at first, but Stanford is living the good life now with a loving family who adores him.

If interested in helping other animals in need, please visit [SAhumane.org/Donate](http://SAhumane.org/Donate).





San Antonio Humane Society  
4804 Fredericksburg Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78229-3628  
(210) 226-7461  
www.SAhumane.org

## OUR MISSION

To protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay/neuter programs, and community education.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Chair**  
Glenn MacTaggart
- **Vice Chair**  
Derick Fletcher
- **Treasurer**  
Scott Matkin
- **Secretary**  
Kathy Zeltmann
- **Past Chair**  
Lavonne Garrison
- **Board Members**  
Susan Beldon  
Rich Braune  
Lynnell Burkett  
Dina Cole  
Pierre Emond  
Sandra Banks Dance  
Max Golman  
Eric McCormick  
Denise Pride, MD  
Cathy Ritter  
Jessica Flynn Saldaña  
Mary Stefl, PhD

## STAFF

- **President/CEO**  
Nancy F. May
- **Chief Financial Officer**  
Jean Flores
- **Chief Veterinarian**  
Kristine Hawkins, D.V.M.
- **Director of Communication**  
Felicia Niño
- **Director of Development**  
Traci B. Gomez
- **Director of Human Resources**  
Sabrina Fowler
- **Director of Operations**  
Aaron Grady



Carolina Roberts accepts an award on behalf of her grandmother.

# Thank You!

Special thanks to our *Diamond Sponsors*, VCA Animal Hospitals and Col. Bob Kelso, and our *Silver Sponsors*, Rich Braune, Silver Eagle Distributors, US Trust, Valero Energy Foundation, The Kinder Partnership, Jefferson Bank, Broadway Bank, and Dr. Alex & Mrs. Helene DePeralta for helping make the 2017 Friends for Life Luncheon in honor and memory of Betty Stieren Kelso a huge success!



Be sure to save the date for the  
**2018 Friends for Life Luncheon**  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
at the Mays Family Center at the Witte Museum

## From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends,

As we welcome a new year, I can say without a doubt that 2017 was one of the most difficult years I've experienced at the SAHS — but also the most rewarding. In August and September, we faced one of our biggest challenges to date: sheltering and providing rescue for animals displaced by Hurricane Harvey. Our staff worked tirelessly to save, transfer, and temporarily shelter 400-plus dogs and cats. Without the generosity of supporters like you, none of this would have been possible!

You continued to make 2017 one of our most successful years yet by helping us raise over \$93,000 at our Friends for Life Luncheon in October. In November, nearly 2,000 pet lovers came out in support of the annual dog-friendly Poochamania event, and on Giving Tuesday you donated more than \$6,000 to help our shelter pets.

Your kindness ensures that we can continue to provide the best possible care for our amazing dogs and cats as they wait for their forever homes. Your contributions also allow us to provide low-cost spay/neuter services to the public, at the SAHS and Brooks Spay/Neuter Clinic.

**We are so grateful for your support, and with your help, I am so excited to see what we can accomplish in 2018!**

Thank You and Best Wishes,

Nancy F. May, President & CEO

# Donors Deliver After Hurricane Harvey

**Late last summer, when Hurricane Harvey began heading our way, our staff and volunteers immediately began preparing.** Not knowing exactly what to expect, crates and cages of various sizes were put together and extra supplies were gathered.

Within hours, people fleeing the hurricane began arriving, looking for a safe place for their pets to stay. Not only did we provide shelter for these owned pets, but we also took in strays affected by the storm and made several trips to

the Gulf Coast to give out supplies and transport pets to the SAHS.

In all, over 400 additional dogs and cats were cared for at the SAHS. It was

an intense time at our shelter, but what came from this disaster was a community full of love, passion, and giving. Our back dock was often jam-packed with donations, including pet beds, blankets, food, and more that came from all over the world, which we shared with hurricane victims in devastated areas. Our Harvey's Heroes Fund was another glimpse into the hearts of pet lovers whose monetary donations made it possible for us to continue our mission.

We are thankful to everyone who donated, volunteered, fostered, and adopted those in need. Here's one fantastic testimony that we'd like to share:



"I've heard that people with children are reluctant to adopt an older dog, but that's precisely why we did! It was the best decision for us!

"We decided a 4+ year old dog would be great for us. We wanted a dog that we didn't need to spend a lot of time with correcting puppy behaviors. Between hectic school, work, and sports schedules, we wanted a dog that could just blend in to our routine. We met Gus and he was so sweet. We brought him home and fell in love with him so quickly! He knew how to go to the bathroom outside and sleep through the night, and he doesn't bark or chew or jump. He just follows us around, quietly interested in whatever we're up to.

"He goes to soccer games and happily lays by our feet. He goes on every car ride to pick up someone from school and eagerly greets the boys when they get in the car. He walks so nicely on a leash and loves all the attention from the kids at the bus stop. He gallops from room to room at night and lays his paws on everyone's beds to say good night. In the mornings, he nuzzles all the boys with his cold nose to wake them up. He seems so proud of himself after his daily rituals. His tail wags so hard that his rear end flies from side to side. He's just a mature guy who is happy to hang with us and soak up all our love and attention. We're all pretty sure he thinks his name is actually 'Good Boy!'

"For us, this easy transition to a pet is exactly what our family needed. I wonder about his history and what his life was like before. We know he came to our area after being a hurricane evacuee, but we don't know the circumstances he encountered. We're just so happy we found each other and can't even remember our days before having him with us. We just love him." – Danielle

## You Help Us Save Lives Every Day



For 107 days, Honey has called the shelter home. In addition to medical expenses, it costs about \$35 per day to care for each of our shelter pets. To date, Honey's basic care has cost about \$3,745. It's thanks to dedicated supporters like you that we are able to help every pet at the SAHS receive the love and resources necessary while they wait for their forever homes.

Join our *Giving Circle* of friends and set up an automatic contribution each month, quarter, or year at [SAhumane.org/Donate](https://SAhumane.org/Donate) to help pets like Honey every day.

# Save the Date for El Rey Fido!

The El Rey Fido (ERF) Coronation became an official Fiesta event in 2014; however, the ERF tradition has been carried on since its humble beginnings in 2002.

On Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m., the ERF Coronation will be held at the historic Sheraton Gunter Hotel (205 East Houston Street, 78205) in true festive Fiesta spirit, with everything from folklórico dances to vivid royal canine attire.

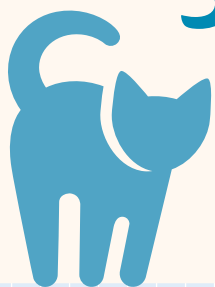
This event happens annually during Fiesta® San Antonio and is the culmination of months of vigorous fundraising by local participants and their canine companions. Each year's top fundraising dog is crowned El Rey Fido (The Doggy King/Queen!), with four runners-up joining the ERF Royal Court. All funds raised during the competition benefit pets at the San Antonio Humane Society.

Visit [SAhumane.org/ERF](http://SAhumane.org/ERF) for more information.

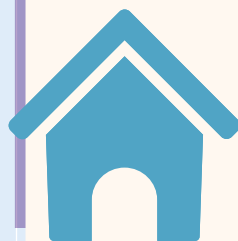


AC\_38-BNEW\_TXSA2

## Your Dollars at Work



**500+**  
Pets  
Fostered



**5,000+**  
Pets  
Adopted



**15,000+**  
Spay/Neuter  
Surgeries  
Performed