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Temporary Family, Lifelong Bond



Our foster families may mean a lot to us, but for our pets in need, they mean the world.

Whatever their ailment, from gaining weight to weeks-long rehabilitation, our foster parents take each pet into their home

with open arms and hopeful hearts.

Annalisa Craig is a perfect example of an amazing foster parent who has impacted many pets in our care for over 10 years. This past September, she welcomed two special newborn puppies, Wallaby and Wallaroo, into her home and not only was she excited to care for them, but so were her kids. Annalisa shared: "The kids definitely take the responsibility seriously. A lot of late nights/early mornings... but a lot of snuggle time, too."

What's hard to imagine is how Wallaby and Wallaroo came into our care at the San Antonio Humane Society

(SAHS). They were only a few days old when found in a basket at a bus stop. Abandoned, without anyone to care for them, a good Samaritan brought them to the SAHS in desperate need of help. Our foster coordinator immediately put out a plea in hopes of finding a foster family able to care for them until they were ready for adoption. The unique aspect of our foster program is that we provide all of the necessities for our foster pets (e.g., bedding, formula, food/water bowls, crates, toys and medications), in order to make this transition for all as simple as possible. Wallaby and Wallaroo thrived while in their foster home for several weeks and were adopted into loving forever homes. We are so thankful and blessed to have close to 200 selfless foster families ready to welcome pets in need. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please visit SAhumane.org/foster.





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OUR MISSION

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

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Thank You for Saving Lives!



Jeep makes his grand debut as the guest of honor at the 2018 Friends for Life Luncheon.

Thanks to the generosity of our valued supporters, we raised over \$102,000 at our 2018 Friends for Life Luncheon! It costs about \$35/day to provide quality care for each of our pets, so these funds will cover nearly 3,000 days of nourishing food, warm shelter and endless belly rubs for dogs and cats in need.

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, VCA Animal Hospitals, and our Platinum Sponsor, Lt. Col. Robert Kelso. We are also grateful to our Silver Sponsors, Rich Braune, Silver Eagle Distributors, The Kinder Partnership, H-E-B, Frost Bank, and Valero Energy Foundation for helping to make the 2018 Friends for Life Luncheon a huge success!

From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends,

It's been a colder than average winter here in San Antonio. However, even though the temperatures have dropped, there has been no shortage of homeless dogs and cats coming through our doors here at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) in desperate need of a good meal and a warm bed. Animals like Hunter, a 2-month-old Terrier puppy, who was found wandering the streets on a day temperatures fell to freezing; thank goodness a good Samaritan found him and brought him to the SAHS, where we promptly provided him with medical care, filled his little belly with quality food and snuggled him until he was warm. On the streets, Hunter would not have stood a chance.

We never would have been able to help Hunter — and thousands of others like him — without the support of donors like YOU. You amaze us with your generosity every day! Thank you for saving Hunter, and thank you for continuing to help the homeless pets of San Antonio who need you now more than ever.

Thank You and Best Wishes,

Nancy F. May, President & CEO

Learning to Walk Again

Unlike the usual cases of sick or injured pets taken in by the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS), Jeep arrived with all the signs of a normal, healthy dog. He came into our care through our transfer partnership with Animal Care Services (ACS) and was immediately made available for adoption. For two weeks, Jeep ate normally, acted normally, and gave no hint that he would soon suffer from a sudden mystery affliction that would leave him paralyzed.

He could not stand, he could not walk unassisted, and eventually, as the paralysis in his hind legs moved into his forelegs, he was bedridden and unable to walk completely.

Our medical team was very concerned, “It appeared that something was wrong with his spine, and that can be very challenging and expensive to manage — especially for a nonprofit with limited funds available.”

Due to our limited space, Jeep was moved out of the kennel and into our surgery office for what was sure to be a long and difficult rehabilitation. Because of the severity and obscurity of his affliction, he received around-the-clock care. In the evenings and during the weekend, he was transported to and cared for at the home of a staff member.

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After he overcame the first few days of discomfort, it was clear Jeep’s attitude was not hampered by his sudden limitations. “From the beginning,” said Samantha Delicati, Surgery Services Supervisor, “his attitude was so positive. His tail wags nonstop. He showed us some really encouraging signs, and that made us want to fight for him and give him the chance to recover.”

When Jeep’s X-ray results returned, they were inconclusive and revealed no clear cause for his sudden paralysis. With no definite answers, the road to recovery seemed distant and at times nonexistent. As staff continued searching



for solutions, Jeep remained immobile and anchored to his bed.

Although his hopes were high, Jeep’s limitations kept him frustrated. When left alone without staff for company, he would cry constantly for attention.

Determined to take advantage of every available resource, our surgery staff consulted outside veterinarians and landed on an unorthodox solution: acupuncture.

In addition to his routine physical therapy, Jeep began regular acupuncture treatment that lasted three weeks. Slowly, with much patience, hard work and plenty of tail wagging, Jeep began to show signs of movement in his legs.

Jeep spent months at the SAHS. Months receiving costly medical care and rehabilitation that ultimately saved his life. Alone, Jeep would not have stood a chance. Thanks to the funds provided by regular supporters like you, Jeep was able to walk again.

YOUR DOG COULD BE FIESTA® ROYALTY!

Help Homeless Pets at the SAHS and Join the Fundraising: SAhumane.org/ERF

The El Rey Fido fundraising competition culminates with one top dog being crowned El Rey Fido and four runner-ups joining the Royal Court. Don't miss your opportunity to meet Fiesta Royalty and party with a purpose during Fiesta 2019 at the El Rey Fido Coronation, an official Fiesta event!



Pictured from right to left: Duke of the Fire Hydrant, Samuel Oliver; Princess of the Food Bowl, Alexandra Hamilton; El Rey Fido XVI, Jerry Rosenthal; Duchess of the Chew Toy, Ellie Wheeler; Knight of the Royal Court, Squish Boyd

We are saddened to share that Samuel Oliver, our 2018 Duke of the Fire Hydrant, passed away in November. We are forever thankful to Sam and his wonderful mom, Brenda, for being SAHS Ambassadors. Sam will be greatly missed.

The Impact We Make Together

4,500+



Pets adopted into loving forever homes.

5,000+



Kids educated about responsible pet ownership.

19,000+



Spay/neuter surgeries performed to reduce the homeless pet population.