SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY

# WHISKERS

Gussie Girl, adopted 10-27-2020



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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!

Our annual Friends for Life fundraising luncheon looked quite a bit different in October. We couldn't get together in person — but that didn't stop us from partying! Friends for Life 2020 was an all-virtual showcase, featuring live and pre-recorded segments celebrating the lifesaving achievements of the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS), including a behind-the-scenes first look of the brand new Leeu Naylor Medical Building. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Friends for Life 2020 raised over \$90,000 for homeless pets!



Friends for Life 2020 MCs Jenny & Tony from Magic 105.3 showed off multiple items from our silent auction.

## From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends.

It would be an understatement to say that 2020 was a year unlike any we've ever experienced at the SAHS. The COVID-19 pandemic created obstacles for our mission in ways we never could have imagined.

While last year brought unprecedented challenges, I certainly have never been more proud to be the President/CEO of the SAHS. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly to develop no-contact and curbside pet adoptions, wellness clinics, spay/neuter, foster and Humane Education programs to safely continue our essential services. At the same time, we met the challenge of rescuing over 90 dogs and cats from the path of Hurricane Laura in August and finalized our capital campaign with the (virtual!) unveiling of the Leeu Naylor Medical Building in October.

None of this would have been possible without the support of donors like YOU. Your dedication to our shelter pets is nothing short of amazing. We are truly humbled and forever grateful for your generosity.

For the pets,

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Nancy F. May President/CEO

# SAHS Expands Services with State-of-the-Art Medical Building



After 13 months of construction, the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) celebrated the unveiling of the new Leeu Naylor Medical Building during the Friends for Life 2020 virtual event on October 1.

SAHS leaders and supporters tuned in via Zoom to get the first look of the state-of-the-art facility, which will serve twice as many pets — an estimated 20,000 at our Fredericksburg location alone — who require shelter, surgeries, rehabilitation and more to help them get back on their paws. Funded through the \$10-million Picture the Pawsibilities Capital Campaign, the 17,685-square-foot facility features a larger clinic, a rehabilitation room, and spacious surgical, orthopedic and radiology suites.

## "I am so excited and thankful for our new medical building," SAHS Associate Veterinarian Dr. Traci Gilbert said. "The new equipment and the specialized space will allow us to provide such great care to our pets while they await their forever homes."

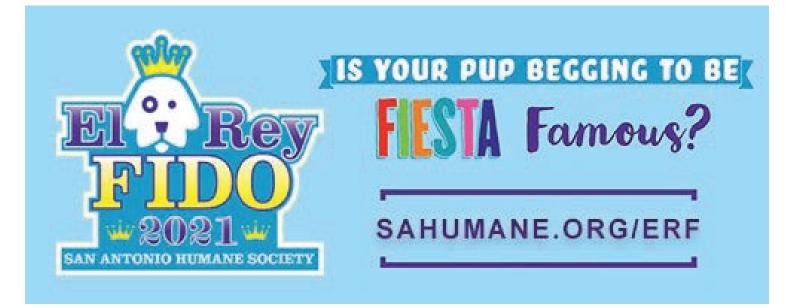
SAHS medical staff welcomed their first two pet patients, Judge and Addie, in mid-October. They were the first ones

to receive orthopedic surgeries. Thanks to the new space and equipment, they also received laser therapy for healing and pain relief, as well as underwater treadmill physical therapy to help them heal faster.

Designed to be pet friendly, the new medical building maximizes the comfort of our pet residents by offering heated surgical tables, comfortable isolation wards with great ventilation and multiple outdoor dog runs. In addition to the pet surgeries, the new building also began offering weekly curbside Wellness Clinics to the public.

"This expansion project has been a part of the shelter's vision for over a decade," SAHS President/CEO Nancy F. May said. "It's just amazing! We'll be able to help so many more animals, so we thank each and every one of you for making dreams come true."

Due to COVID-19, the public could not yet fully enjoy the new medical facility when this story went to print; however, with your help, we are still here, serving the community and saving lives. We look forward to welcoming you, once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.



El Rey Fido began in 2002 as a feel-good spin on the already long-established Fiesta Royalty title of a similar name: Rey Feo. But what began as a pun has since evolved into an annual fundraising competition that raises tens of thousands of dollars each year for countless needy dogs and cats at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS).

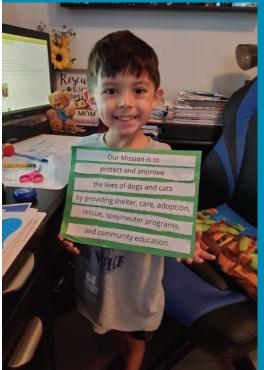
Who will be El Rey Fido XIX? The fundraising competition's top fundraising dog will be bestowed the honor of the crown, with four runners-up joining the Royal Court (Prince/Princess of the Water Bowl, Duke/

Duchess of the Squeaky Toy, Duke/Duchess of the Puppy Paws and Knight/Maiden of the Regal Kennel).

It all leads to Fiesta San Antonio and the SAHS's El Rey Fido Coronation, an official Fiesta event where San Antonio's top dogs have the opportunity to be dressed in true royal attire (velvet, sequins and all).

Don't miss your chance to support homeless pets in your community and become a part of seventeen years of SAHS Fiesta tradition - SAhumane.org/ERF!

## Connected Classroom Keeps Kids Engaged



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Humane Education team had to quickly pivot and re-design the entirety of our programming to reach our students remotely in 2020. For example, Camp Humane looked quite a bit different last summer. Instead of meeting in person, we revamped our typical camp sessions into virtual events via our "Connected Classroom." Each week, students picked up their supplies curbside from our Outreach team and completed engaging animal-themed assignments every day with the virtual guidance of our educators. While we couldn't meet in person, our animal-loving campers still learned about topics ranging from responsible pet care to the process of becoming a veterinarian.

Humane Education student Leo Jimenez shows off his project on the first day of Connected Classroom.