

SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY

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Kandi beats the San Antonio heat with a splash in the pool. Adopted August 2020.

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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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Foster Families Save Lives

Tulip arrived at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) just in the nick of time — she was heavily pregnant with a large litter of puppies, and ready to give birth any day! Luckily, one of our dedicated foster families took her home, and within 48 hours, Tulip gave birth to 15 puppies. Unfortunately, two of the puppies did not make it, but 13 out of the litter grew into strong, feisty pups. Once they were ready, mama and babies returned to the SAHS, where they all very quickly found their forever homes.



The 13 pups thrived under the care of Mama Tulip and their loving foster family.

Our foster families give care and comfort to newborn, sick, injured, or orphaned animals every day. Tulip and her puppies were lucky enough to be welcomed into one of these dedicated foster homes where they had the opportunity to grow in a secure and loving environment.

If you are interested in becoming a foster, please visit SAhumane.org/foster for more information.

From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends,

Turner and Hooch traveled more than 150 miles together to be saved. After finding the canine pair alone, scared, and desperately in need of medical care, a group of military officers brought them to the SAHS from their military base in Laredo. We performed surgery on Hooch, who was suffering from a broken leg, and provided both with updated vaccines, nutritious food, and lots of TLC. These sweet boys were best friends and provided unconditional love and comfort to one another during their most trying days. And, when it was time for them to be adopted, I'm happy to report that they went home the way they were meant to — together.

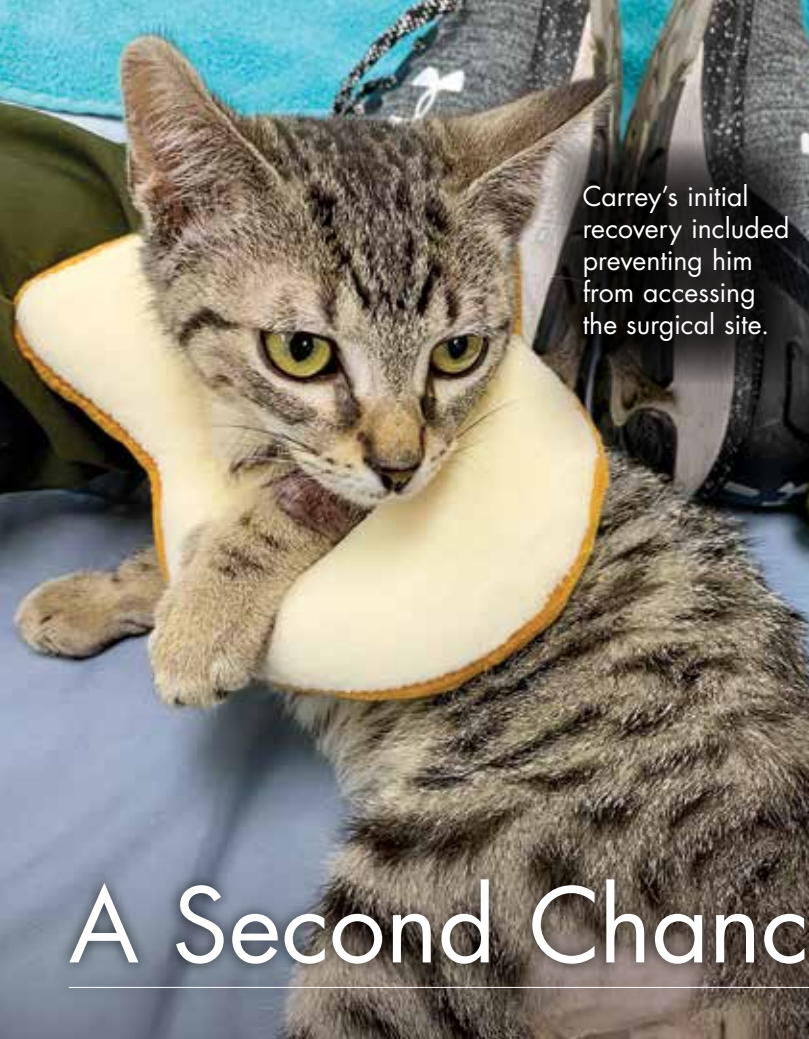
Like Turner and Hooch, our friends and supporters keep us going during the most difficult times — from enduring the COVID-19 pandemic, to weathering the ice storm in February. Whatever hardships we may face next, we know that we will continue to save countless lives — together!



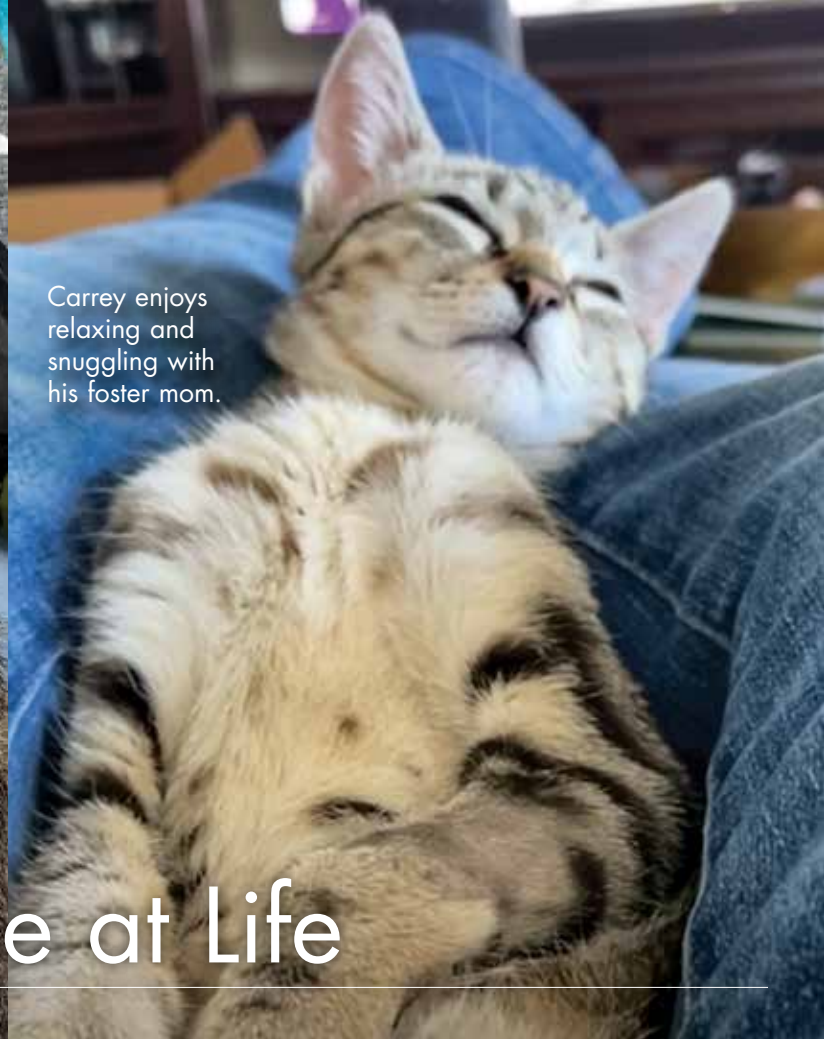
For the pets,

Nancy F. May, President/CEO

Bonded pair Turner and Hooch came to the SAHS together and were eventually adopted into the same forever home.



Carrey's initial recovery included preventing him from accessing the surgical site.



Carrey enjoys relaxing and snuggling with his foster mom.

A Second Chance at Life

If it's true that cats have nine lives, then Carrey was already close to running out. This sweet 4-month-old kitten had been through a lot during his short life. Abandoned and forced to fend for himself without access to food, water, shelter, and medical care, matters were further complicated when he was injured, resulting in a fractured leg.

Luckily for Carrey, a good Samaritan found him and brought him to the SAHS. After assessing his injuries, our medical team fortunately determined that Carrey's leg could be saved.

"The X-rays showed that the leg was broken pretty cleanly instead of being shattered, so Carrey was lucky because we were able to repair his fracture rather than choosing to amputate," explains Dr. Traci Gilbert, SAHS Associate Veterinarian.

During a specialty orthopedic surgery, veterinarians repaired the broken limb using a bone plate and pin. Furthermore, laser therapy was utilized to reduce inflammation, swelling, and pain, and to promote blood flow and quicker healing to the surgery site.

While Carrey's surgery was a success, the recovery process for a rambunctious kitten can be difficult.

"Carrey will have about eight weeks of recovery for the bone to properly set before he can go back to normal activities. Unfortunately, he'll need to be prevented from running and jumping like a kitten typically would, and he'll need to be on strict cage rest with cuddles and playtime confined to a small space," says Dr. Gilbert.

Once he is fully healed, however, Carrey will be able to run and jump all he wants — thanks to the friends and supporters of the SAHS.

"We couldn't have provided Carrey with the specialty care he needed without our supporters," says Kim Hinze, Director of Development & PR. **"We're so thankful that our donors give us the resources to save the lives of pets like Carrey every day!"**

Today, Carrey is healing and growing with the devoted help of his foster mom, Yadira Martinez, who says, "Carrey is very loving and wants all the scratches! Overall, fostering him has been a great experience." When he's ready for adoption, we are positive Carrey will quickly find his forever home — and a second chance at all nine of his lives!

Your Dog Could Be Canine Royalty!



The 2020 ERF Royal Court receiving their official Grr-robos. Canine royalty, from L to R: Chula, Duchess of the Fire Hydrant; Bella, Princess of the Food Bowl; Buzz, El Rey Fido XVIII; and Lady, Duchess of the Chew Toy.



Buzz, El Rey Fido XVIII, proudly wears his crown and Grr-robe!

The 2020 El Rey Fido Royal Court raised over \$32,800 for the dogs and cats at the SAHS. These royal pups include Buzz (El Rey Fido XVIII), Bella (Princess of the Food Bowl), Lady (Duchess of the Chew Toy), Chula (Duchess of the Fire Hydrant), and Lucy (Maiden of the Royal Court).

Who will be crowned El Rey Fido XIX? That is yet to be decided, and it can still be your pup! Don't wait — the fundraising deadline is August 26! **Learn more at SAhumane.org/ERF.**

The SAHS recognizes the contributions of our beloved Lucy, Maiden of the Royal Court, who sadly passed away before the Presentation of the Grr-robos. Lucy and her family's commitment to homeless pets was truly inspiring. Thank you, Lucy, for caring for other pets in need — we'll take it from here. ♥



Lucy, 2020 Maiden of the Royal Court, with her mom, Edith.

Tales for Tails Receives NISD Partnership Award



One of our sweet shelter cats listens intently as a Tales for Tails student reads aloud to her via a webcam.

The SAHS was recently named recipient of the Northside Independent School District's 2020-2021 Outstanding Partnerships Program Award for the Tales for Tails Reading Program!

Tales for Tails began in 2016 as a way to both encourage young readers and provide shelter pets with much-needed socialization. Last year, the program went virtual in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that method has continued into 2021. Using Zoom meetings and web cameras, students interact with SAHS pets by reading their favorite books aloud to them.

"The amazing thing about Tales for Tails is how beneficial it is for both the kids and our pets. The kids get practice reading, which boosts their confidence as their reading skills improve, and it helps our pets to feel calm and get socialization while they are here at the shelter," explains Nicole Dearstine, SAHS Humane Educator.

If you are interested in learning more about the Tales for Tails Reading Program, please reach out to education@SAhumane.org.