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**Read inside
about how your
support helped give
animals a second
chance at life.**

Sir Fancypants
Adopted Sept. 9, 2022





San Antonio Humane Society

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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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From Our President/CEO

Dear Friends,

As we continue to welcome the New Year, let me just take a moment to say I am very thankful for your support! None of what we accomplished in 2022 would have happened without compassionate donors like you. Last October, when we kicked off our yearlong celebration of serving the San Antonio community for the past 70 years, many of you helped us raise over \$128,000 for our dogs and cats.

Your generosity continues to ensure all of our amazing pets receive a platinum level of care while they wait to find their new forever homes. Pets like Balto, whose story you'll read in this newsletter edition, serve as a testament to the incredible lifesaving work the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) has been doing for the last seven decades.

We are eager to see what the rest of this year has in store for us and we look forward to working with you all to provide shelter, food, and care to vulnerable dogs and cats in our community.

Thank you and Best Wishes,

Nancy F. May
President/CEO



Balto, post surgery and back at the shelter from foster care.



William Merrill with Sarah Rihn receiving his award.

Volunteer Service Awards 2022

The SAHS would like to recognize Toni Hensley, Lisa Huerta, Linda Larson, Kristin Stuckey, Lacey Soileau, Joan Ruffini, Stephen Schmidt, Elizabeth Hish, Kelly Rutherford, Stacy Steininger,

Nicole Rice, Greg Jackson, Yanessy Goday, Eliana Galvan, Connie Sakai, Michelle Linsley, John Metcalf, Mike Wilson, Melinda Chandler, Cindy Huxley, Ellen Rhodes, Barbara Hoffman, Allison Acosta, Deborah Brackett, Elsa Nava, John Sarles, Anna Marie Stern, Diane Workman, Martha Lupo, Karen Bowers, Caitlin Stern, Daniel Flamm, Steven Perry, and Jamie Bigelow, recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award honors individuals demonstrating a sustained commitment to volunteer service over 12 months.

We would also like to congratulate William Merrill, recipient of the President's Lifetime Achievement Award honoring those who contribute more than 4,000 hours in their lifetime.

Balto Embarks on a Journey for a Second Chance at Life

Balto, an adorable Hound puppy, arrived at the SAHS with a loud heart murmur. An echocardiogram revealed he had severe pulmonic stenosis, a condition that restricts blood flow from the heart to the rest of the body. His small heart was working overtime and desperately needed help. Luckily, our veterinarians were able to coordinate a road trip to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he could receive the heart surgery he needed to survive. With the help of his foster mom, Pam, Balto embarked on his lifesaving journey to LSU, and his heart surgery was a success!

"The procedure, a balloon valvuloplasty, requires specialized equipment usually only located at veterinary teaching hospitals," SAHS Associate Veterinarian Dr. Leslie Hopes said. "LSU was incredible in working with us to help get Balto the care he needed."

Two weeks after his surgery, Balto was feeling great, and his heart was stronger. This resilient boy quickly found his forever home and will get to live a full and happy life.

Balto's story is a great example of how fostering can help save lives. His foster mom played a major role during his entire journey and recovery. Pam fostered Balto before and after surgery, transported him to Baton Rouge, stayed multiple nights in town during the procedure, and transported him back.

"Pam is truly a rock star," Dr. Hopes added. "I am forever grateful to Pam for being the real MVP in this case!"

Pam describes her time with Balto as truly rewarding. *"I feel so fortunate to have been part of the team caring for Balto," Pam shared. "Balto is a sweet puppy. He loves to be petted and snuggled and will be a great addition to his family."*

If you'd like to become a foster and help save pets like Balto, visit SAhumane.org/foster.



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- Pam



Kitten Gains Strength Through Physical Rehabilitation



Manu using the underwater treadmill during his rehab.

When Manu, a 3-month-old kitten, was brought to the SAHS our medical team quickly assessed during his general wellness exam that he had weakness in both of his back legs. After X-rays were taken, it appeared Manu had severe bilateral hip dysplasia. Once our veterinarians were able to evaluate him and develop their treatment plan, he started rehab in our medical building to strengthen his back legs.

After a couple of weeks, Manu began walking more and moving around much easier with the newly developed strength in his back legs. As soon as he was cleared by our medical team for adoption, Manu found his perfect home.

Camp Humane, Now Enrolling!

Camp is back in session at the SAHS! We are now accepting registrations for Camp Humane's 2023 Spring Break and Summer sessions. With new themes and the popular 2-day or 5-day session options, there is something for everyone! Campers will learn about empathy, compassion, and respect for people, animals, and the environment as well as recognizing the connection among these.

Prices start at \$110 per camper with add-ons and extended care options available.

For additional information and to enroll, visit SAhumane.org/summer-camp.



Campers during our 2022 summer session.

Is Your Pup Ready To Be Fiesta Famous?

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. This fun and friendly competition will bestow the top fundraising dog the honor of the El Rey Fido XXI crown, along with four runners-up to join the Royal Court.

Don't miss your chance to become Fiesta Royalty and support homeless pets in your community!



Become part of this cherished Fiesta San Antonio tradition and sign up today at SAhumane.org/ERF.

*Zora, Princess of the Food Bowl,
2022 El Rey Fido Royal Court.*



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