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Humane Society of San Antonio

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*A publication of the Humane Society of San Antonio, your local no-kill shelter*



## Receiving

By appointment Only  
Begin calling at 8:30 a.m.  
for an appointment by  
calling (210) 226-7461  
until you get through to  
a staff member.  
Do not leave a message.

To be eligible for adoption,  
all animals will be  
evaluated prior to intake  
and must be:  
in good health  
of sound temperament  
at least 8 weeks old

Depending on the age of  
the animal, a receiving fee  
is required for all intakes.

## Adoptions

NOON to 7 p.m.  
EVERY DAY  
except major holidays

Regular adoption fees  
range from \$89 - \$125  
Please speak to an  
adoption counselor  
for details.



Give your dog a good  
work out - walk all or  
a portion of the three  
miles in the Mutt Strutt

Date: November 21, @  
8:00 a.m.

Begin in the Humane  
Society parking lot,  
4804 Fredericksburg  
Road

Register online at our website [www.sahumane.org](http://www.sahumane.org).

*To create a TEAM you have to first sign up as an individual and then you get the option to create a team. After that is done others can join your TEAM.*

## Prizes:

**Most Money raised by a Team:** Dinner  
for 20 at Canyon Café with Celebrities;  
Sean Elliott, National Sportscaster and  
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**Most Money Raised by an Individual:**  
Dell Latitude 12" dual core processor  
laptop and One year of Science Diet Pet  
food.

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## *“Paws in Prison” Dogs Graduate*



*She's become  
an inspiration  
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e are so grateful to the inmates who have fostered our three special pets from the Humane Society of San Antonio and provided training and love through the last 12 weeks, making them more adoptable. We're so pleased that there is a family taking Sierra, one of our most challenging cocker spaniels, home.

Below are the following speeches given by the prisoner partners in Lockhart about the “Paws in Prison” program during their recent graduation ceremony which was attended by 32 Humane Society supporters and staff.

### *Greta*

I'm Laura and this is my partner Mandy and this is Greta. It has been really fun having her, its been an experience I never thought I would go through in prison. It is not often that people get second chances in life, and to a greater extent that also applies to animals. So when there is an opportunity for both person and animal to share in a collaborative endeavor for what amounts to not only a second chance for the inmate, but a first chance for the dog – that is always a cause for celebration.

When we got Greta she was just a dog to us. She was this gorgeous little creature with deep soulful eyes, but it was obvious that she had an uncertainty about her current situation. It suddenly came to us that we were meant to be with Greta and she was meant to be with us for the perfect amount of time to learn and grow together. However, over the course of our time with Greta, we quickly learned she is more, much more, than just a dog. She's become an inspiration and an idealized personification of how someone can be reintegrated into society with a seamless and flawless transition. All the while we were teaching Greta how to be a proper and loving companion in a family, we were learning from her. Greta also taught us that little things do matter. She taught us an appreciation for patience, love, respect, and authority while giving us a foundation to improve ourselves and begin to focus back on our lives. One can not expect to successfully teach these traits without demonstrating them first and believing in them. So it is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank not only the program, but Greta. I can say with certainty that she had impacted us. And going forward, speaking for myself, many of my future conscious and diligent endeavours will be attributed to this beautiful and wonderful dog. Thanks Greta!

### *Sierra*

Sierra is a cocker spaniel and when she first arrived here, they had nicknamed her the “snapping turtle.” We've helped her get over her fear of people and worked through that so now Sierra is able to accept someone rubbing her under her chin or talking to her, sitting on the ground.

Sierra has learned the following commands: roll over, down, stay, come (when called) and how to walk on a loose leash. She is so cute and adorable, especially when she stands on her two hind legs because she looks like a bear, trying to climb a tree.



*Hi, my name is Sierra Lancaster. My mother gave me my name at birth and my foster parents gave me my last name, after San Antonio. Since the day I was brought into this facility, I knew I wasn't going to leave the same. When I got here and saw all the people everywhere, I quickly became scared and nervous.*

*My journey here has been tough, but since the first day of being here I have been shown nothing but love. Even though I require much attention and love to be spoken to in a kind and gentle manner, I am very loving. Patience is truly a virtue with me.*

*I enjoy being read to at night before I fall asleep and I'm quite the good ball player. I will play fetch with you and a tennis ball for hours on end, even if your arm is ready to fall off. I'm not a morning dog, but I will wake you up every morning with my sweet face on your pillow and my cute nose in your ear.*

## Candy

Candy came into our lives like a breath of fresh air. She is full of life and energy and spirit. When we first saw her, she didn't flinch when we approached her. What struck us the most were her eyes, they were soft and innocent. At that moment, our hearts melted. Candy is truly bright and excited to learn. As we trained and worked with her, we saw dramatic change in her as if we were restoring a sense of worth, pride, and dignity.

Candy never wants to be far from you, but if you should ever go, on your return she'll be waiting with a smile. She has been a joy to have. The spirit Candy has shown for survival is encouragement to us, where we are all on the same path of life. Over the past few months she has learned the commands for sit, down, rollover, shake, high five, and our favorite, kiss. We are very proud of Candy.

And last but not least we would like to thank San Antonio Humane Society for bringing this wonder into our life. Candy has a lot of love to give and will be the missing piece to the perfect family's life. Please help us in finding her puzzle.

To apply for adoption go to <http://www.pawsinprison.com/>



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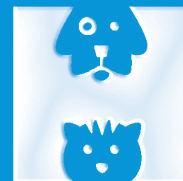
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## Mission

Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.



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## Paws on the Patio

The Humane Society of San Antonio invites you and your four-legged friend to experience the Paws on the Patio dinner event at Canyon Café on Monday October 26, located at the Quarry Market, from 4pm-8pm. The Executive Chef will prepare a scrumptious three course doggie meal for only \$10 for your pet, while you enjoy a delicious dinner outside on the patio.

Is your dog the spookiest? Enter your pet into our 'Howl-O-Ween' Pet Costume Contest for \$5, with a winner to receive a prize every hour.

So enjoy a 'Howl-O-Ween' inspired night with your pet, while supporting the Humane Society at our Paws on the Patio dinner event.

Hope to see you there!



## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, October 17**

AAPAW super adoption event, Santikos theatres at the RIM, 10am - 3pm

### **Monday, October 26**

Paws on the Patio, Canyon Cafe, Quarry Market, 4pm-8pm.

### **Saturday, November 21**

Mutt Strutt, 3 mile walk. \$25 online registration fee

### **Thursday, November 5**

"Pet's Night Before XMas" holiday window unveiling, Grand Hyatt Hotel, 5:15pm and  
NSide Magazine November Mixer, Grand Hyatt Hotel's Bar Rojo, 5:30pm

### **December 3, 9, and 16**

Holiday story times, 10:00am

For more information on Low Income Wellness Clinics visit: [www.sahumane.org](http://www.sahumane.org)

## Success Story - Freckles

Freckles, an Australian Cattle dog mix was 13 weeks old when he came to the Humane Society. This cute pup had a previous shoulder injury which caused radial nerve damage to the lower leg. This injury could have been caused by pulling on the leg, picking him up by the leg only, or being hit by a car. Unfortunately, Freckles had to have his leg amputated. He was rehabilitated after surgery by the Humane Society staff and was then put up for adoption. It didn't take long before he found his new home! Here is the report from Barley's (aka Freckles) family.



"Barley (aka Freckles) is doing great. He is really out going and gets along with my other dogs. It's nice when you have well trained dogs because he has learned a lot from them. His favorite friend is a 6 month old kitten. He sleeps between my husband and me every night, on his back with his good front leg sticking straight up.

## Transferred Pups Get a Second Chance

The Humane Society partnered with Animal Care Services to rescue 10 little puppies from a unsafe and overcrowded private home. When these puppies came to us we could see that their previous owners had tried to care for them. They were well fed, but because there were so many, none of them received the attention they needed. As a result, these beautiful babies did not really understand what it meant to be petted, held and loved. Through the kind, loving staff and volunteers at the Humane Society, they received lots of hugs and attention. Half of these puppies have already been adopted into loving homes. Sadly, the remaining puppies are still recovering from illnesses that were a result of their poor start in life. As soon as they are well, they hope to be as lucky as their siblings and find an adopted family of their very own.



### Humane Highlights Tour Come find out what we're all about!

1st Tuesday of every month: 12pm  
3rd Tuesday of every month: 6pm

Please RSVP to Jenna Metz 226-7461 ext. 100  
or email [jmetz@humanesocietyspca.org](mailto:jmetz@humanesocietyspca.org).

Map found on [www.sahumane.org](http://www.sahumane.org)



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Donations made between May 26, 2009 and September 15, 2009.

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## Humane Society of San Antonio Wishlist



### General

- Centrifuge
- Newspaper
- Distilled Water
- Hand Sanitizer
- Office Supplies
- Watering Cans
- Bounty Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (large size)
- Heavy Duty, 100' Hoses
- Tan or Buff Filing Cabinets



### Summer Needs

- Plastic Wading Pools



### For Everyone

- Beds
- Soft toys
- Blankets
- Wet Food
- Crates (all sizes)
- Grooming Supplies:
  - Brushes
  - Nail Trimmers
- Stainless Steel Water/Food Bowls



### Cats

- Catnip
- Cat Toys
- Cat Treats
- Cat Litter
- Cat Furniture
- Kitten Milk Replacement



### Winter Needs

- Blankets
- Cushions & Beds
- Cat & Dog Sweaters



### Dogs

- Dog toys
- KONG toys
- Dog Treats
- Puppy Formula
- Kuranda Dog Beds



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### Monetary Donations:

\$50 pays for one pre-adoption spay/neuter surgery

\$250 helps one litter of 5 puppies spay/neuter surgeries

\$15,000 supports one month of pre-adoption spay neuter surgeries

\$8 covers flea/tick control for one orphaned dog/cat (\$48 - litter of 6)

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# Grand Opening of Spay Neuter Suite



*Humane Society of San Antonio Executive Director, Kathryn Bice with Executive Director of PetSmart Charities, Susana DellaMaddalena and Elizabeth Jones, Daughter of Dorothy and John Wilson*

The Humane Society of San Antonio was extremely proud to open the John C. & Dorothy R. Wilson Spay Neuter Surgical Suite this summer to serve not only our sheltered animals but low income families' pets as well. Since its opening, Dr. Courtney Hurst has performed over 1,000 surgeries on dogs and cats. Considering that each of these pets could have bred at least twice in the upcoming year, a possible 10,000 unwanted pets were prevented.

"There are many reasons that this surgical suite is so vital to our community," Kathryn Bice the Executive Director stated. "With the opening of this suite, the Humane Society will have the capability to spay and neuter up to 10,000 dogs and cats annually". Dr. Hurst noted that "Not only should animals be spayed and neutered because of the severe pet over population, but health, temperament, possible tendencies of aggression and overall life span of the pet is greatly improved.

The Humane Society supports spay neuter clinics around San Antonio while educating the public on the importance of spaying and neutering pets. "The opening of our own onsite clinic was a natural progression in our fight to save lives" said Cynthia Martinez, Director Operations.

The funding for the spay neuter clinic was made possible by the generosity of the following donors: Dorothy R. Wilson, PetSmart Charities and an anonymous donor of the San Antonio Area Foundation.

## Memory Lane Bricks

Memory Lane is a unique spot at the Humane Society of San Antonio; a permanent tribute built one brick at a time by those who wish to honor or remember a special person or pet.

Reserve your space on the Humane Society of San Antonio Memory Lane today. Your contribution will help save the lives of thousands of homeless pets each year.

**For more information call (210) 226-7461 ext. 100 or visit [www.sahumane.org](http://www.sahumane.org).**

## Grand Hyatt Supports Humane Society

Join the Grand Hyatt San Antonio on Thursday, November 5th at 5:15 pm when they unveil their holiday window themed "Pet's Night Before XMas" followed by their NSide Magazine November Mixer event at 5:30 in the hotel's Bar Rojo where a portion of the \$20 entry fee will benefit the Humane Society of San Antonio.

There will also be holiday story times for families and pets with Santa Paws and celebrities reading from *Cat's Night Before Christmas*, *Dog's Night Before Christmas*, and *The Night Before Dogmas* (December 3, 9, and 16 at 10:00am).

**Visit [grandsanantonio.hyatt.com](http://grandsanantonio.hyatt.com) for directions.**