

HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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receiving

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

To be eligible for intake,
all animals will be
evaluated.

Animals must be:

- in good health
- of sound temperament
- at least 8 weeks old and
weigh 2 pounds.

Animals will be evaluated
at the time of the
appointment. A receiving
fee based on the age of
the animal is required for
all animals received.

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
more details.



Humane Society Team



Junior Volunteer, Hailey Briley reads
"I Adopted a Human Today"

FEATURE:

Humane Society Embraces Benevon Model of Sustainable Fund Raising

For the last 10 years Benevon has been training and coaching nonprofit organizations to implement mission based fund raising systems. Millions of dollars have been raised for nonprofits all around the country through this successful model. By cultivating passionate donors who are committed to the long term sustainability of the charity they love, non profits ensure their success for years to come. We knew this model could work for us so, about a year ago, a delegation of board members and senior staff from the Humane Society of San Antonio traveled to Chicago to learn about Benevon. The Humane Society team learned that with this model, over time, we could become financially self-sufficient, allowing us to do even more for the orphaned pets in our community.

Our first step in this process was to institute a "behind the scenes" tour twice a month at the Humane Society of San Antonio (tours are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, by invitation). The tours allow our visitors to see what it really means to work at a shelter and to be confronted on a daily basis with the realities of San Antonio's pet overpopulation problems. Our visitors have been both impressed and moved by the information they gained on our tours. Secondly, we held a themed luncheon on March 4th at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio called "Seeing is Believing". At this luncheon donors were asked to pledge their support in a one-time gift, or with gifts over time. They really stepped up and the Humane Society successfully raised over \$600,000 for the animals we serve. We launched our first Humane Friends Giving Circle, which is comprised of the 55 donors who pledged a minimum of \$1,000 per year for the next 5 years.

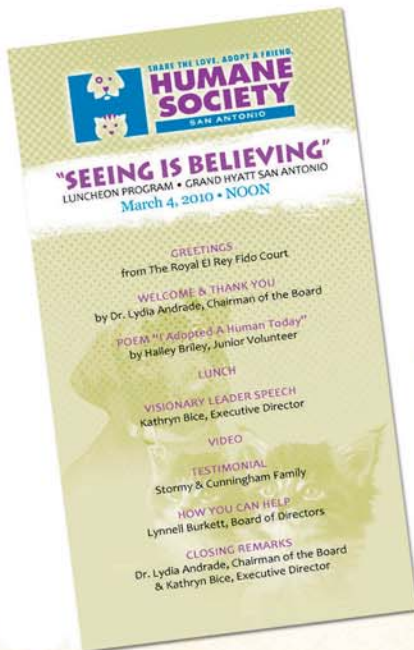
*We are truly
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who prove that
"Seeing is
Believing".*

To continue to build the relationships created or revisited with Benavon and to express our gratitude for their generosity, we are inviting supporters to participate in programs like Camp Humane and Paws in Prison graduations. At Camp Humane donors get to see our campers learn about responsible pet ownership and the various needs of companion animals. With the Paws in Prison program in Lockhart Texas, our visitors get to see Humane Society dogs graduate from an obedience program taught by the inmates. Paw in Prison is a huge benefit to the animals and the prisoners who participate. Each event shows the community and our supporters what it means to support the Humane Society and its mission.

Our family of donors is growing! With these donors and Benavon we now have a great model for sustainable fundraising that will make it possible to be self-supporting in the years to come. This is extremely important as the Humane Society is LOCALLY funded and operated without support from Humane Society of the United States, the ASPCA, or the United Way. We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors and the Grand Hyatt, our corporate underwriter who proved that "seeing is believing".



Tornado survivor, Stormy and his owner, Rhonda Cunningham



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Over 500 volunteers help with dog walking, pet bathing, laundry & a host of activities around the Humane Society. They make it possible to keep our orphaned pets clean & happy while they wait for their new owners to take them to their forever homes.

FEBRUARY



Barbara Hoffman

Barbara has been a volunteer at the Humane Society since September 2009 and has helped with many outreach events. She also comes in twice a week to help with office work. Barbara is always smiling and willing to help wherever she can.

MARCH



Julia Simmons

Julia has been a volunteer with the Humane Society since November 2009. She comes in twice a week to help in the clinic. She is always willing to help in any area, and you can often find her bathing puppies!

APRIL



Jennifer Harker

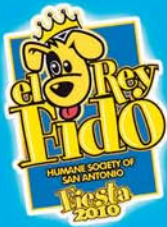
Jennifer has been a volunteer at the Humane Society of San Antonio since December 2009. During her time here at the shelter, she has provided wonderful photos of our adoptable cats and kittens for our website.

MAY



Jonathan Vela

Jonathan has been a volunteer with the Humane Society of San Antonio since May 2009. Jonathan comes by the shelter to help in the development department, and also helped with many Fiesta events in April.



Meet our 2010 Fiesta El Rey Fido Court

Our El Rey Fido VIII & the entire 2010 Royal Court made public appearances on radio and television, rode in parades, and rode on a royal barge to their coronation at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio.

El Rey Fido VIII



His Majesty **Dingy Bradshaw**

Prince of Perpetual Food Bowl



His Majesty **Benky Harden**

Duchess of Indestructible Chew Toy



Trixie Fisher

Duchess of the Ever-Present Fire Hydrant



Yawkey Barnes

Knight of the Royal Court



Noodle Villarreal

Knight of the Royal Court



Oz May-Dennis

EVENTS



Camp Humane

Camp Humane is the only humane education camp in San Antonio where kids can learn about different types of animals while being entertained throughout the week!



Brady Girl Scout Days

This past March the Girl Scouts spent a day at the Humane Society of San Antonio learning about animal care and pet responsibility. This interactive day of activities also allowed them to earn their Brady Days badge.



Q: Are there certain dogs that should be watched more carefully during hot weather?

A: All outside dogs should be watched very carefully during the Texas summers. Long haired, short nosed, or black dogs are of specific concern during this time as they have a harder time getting rid of extra heat. Make sure that you always leave plenty of water available in a container that can't be dumped over by the dog. Many dogs have suffered from heat stroke because they accidentally knocked over their water by playing and then had nothing to drink in the middle of a hot Texas day.

Q: Why do shelters see an abundance of kittens during the summer?

A: Cats have breeding cycles that are stimulated by long hours of daylight. During the spring, as the days get longer, female cats go into "heat" and become pregnant. They carry their babies for just two months before giving birth to a litter of 4-8 kittens. Since the longer days start around March, this means that most of the early litters are born in May and continue being born through to the fall when the days start getting shorter again. A single mother cat can have up to 4 litters in one season! That's why it's so important to get your cat spayed or neutered.

Q: Does my dog need to be on heart worm prevention year round since I live in San Antonio?

A: Heartworms are a big deal in the South! This parasite is passed by mosquitos which, as we all know, are abundant year round in Texas and other gulf states. It is important to prevent the baby heartworms, called microfilaria, that are constantly being injected into your dog by the mosquitoes from becoming adult heartworms! Monthly prevention, either given as an edible treat or by oil placed on their skin, is very important year round here. Missing even one month could be a lost battle in the fight against heartworms, so its imperative not to lose the war!

THE VET'S CORNER

WITH DR. HURST

Foster Care

Every day the Humane Society receives animals that are just shy of being ready for adoption. These animals range from orphaned kittens and puppies needing to be bottle fed, to sick or injured adults needing some TLC that only a home environment can provide.

This is where the true heroes, our volunteer foster families, step in. Our amazing foster families provide in home care for these animals from 2 weeks to a few months. Along with the love and devotion of their foster families, each animal receives the care they so desperately need to blossom and become someone's lifetime companion.

We would like to recognize and say **THANK YOU** to all of our foster families who make it possible for these animals to have a chance at a loving, forever homes.



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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.

sweet sweet success! SUCCESS STORIES

if you'd like to
share your pet's
success story email us at...
PGOOD@SAHUMANE.ORG



RUBY

When I first saw her, I knew she was the one!
She was adorable - 8 weeks old, with gorgeous green
eyes. Her name was 'Darling'. But she 'told'
me her name was 'Ruby'.

Ruby loves to fetch, and she's learning to play Frisbee.
She is so smart, and learns so quickly. She's such a happy,
sweet dog. And she has added so much joy to our lives.

We will always be grateful to the San Antonio Humane
Society and the people who brought her there.

Thank you so much!
Marianne and Dan



ELLIE

Ellie has been such a perfect fit into my life and is such
a great companion. She loves to cuddle with me when
I get home from work, & her favorite thing in the world
is going for a long walk around the neighborhood!

She thinks she is now living in the lap of
luxury with plenty of comfy places to lounge around the
house, lots of love and back scratches, yummy home
cooked food, and lots of treats!

Ellie has been the light of my life and is so great to
have around! She has had no behavior problems and
was already potty trained and familiar with doggie doors
when I got her. Thank you all so much for taking such
good care of her until I found her! I can't imagine ever
having a sweeter more wonderful little dog!

Stella



ONLINE STORE shop...save...support!

The Humane Society of San Antonio's online store
has gifts that are perfect for the animal lover in
your life. When you make this your place to shop,
you'll feel good knowing your purchases benefit
the animals of the Humane Society of San Antonio.
Up to 20% of total retail sales will be donated to
support our life-saving programs!

visit our store online at
sahumane.petfulfillment.com



We're
Social!

Letter from the Director

Kathryn Bice

Dear Friends,

We believe like you do, that each animal is precious and we are proud to be a No Kill Shelter where every adoptable and treatable dog and cat in our care is saved. In 2009 we took in 5000 animals with a 95% save rate, one of the highest in the nation. (our statistics are on our website under "About Us" click the Maddies link). The 5000 animals came in not only from good Samaritans, but also from adoption transfers from 33 other agencies, some of which have to euthanize to make space. We are working hard to make a difference.



Another focus this year is our education and spay /neuter programs. These programs along with our adoptions will help San Antonio overcome the serious problems we face in the areas of irresponsible pet ownership and overpopulation. Our education program is expanding to year round services. This was made possible by a recent, generous gift from the Coates Foundation. Look for our new education offerings this fall on our website www.sahumane.org. Our goal to do inhouse and public spay neuter surgeries is a reality. Our surgery suite is busy 6 days a week! We offer a unique service of public appointments on the weekends. We are grateful for the low income funding made possible by the City of San Antonio and an anonymous donor to the San Antonio Area Foundation. Our vision to have a shelter medicine hospital is in the future and this surgery suite is a stop gap measure but necessary intermediate part of our plans.

We are grateful to all our Humane Society supporters. Your gifts of time and dollars make a difference. Thank you again for your generous support and friendship. With your help we are on our way to better and brighter future for San Antonio's animals!

Kathryn Bice & The Humane Team

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@sahumane.org

Map found on www.sahumane.org





MEMORY LANE BRICKS



Memory Lane is a special spot at the Humane Society of San Antonio. It is 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.

save the date! UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP HUMANE

Do you know a kid who loves animals? Then tell them about Camp Humane – the summer camp that teaches kids all about pets!

July 12-16 (Ages: 11-13)
August 2-6 (Ages: 8-13)



HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO:

wish list



general

- Digital Dental X-Ray Machine
- 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



for everyone

- Beds
- Soft Toys
- Blankets
- Wet Food
- Crates (All Sizes)
- Grooming Supplies:
 - Brushes
 - Nail Trimmers
- Stainless Steel Water/Food Bowls



dogs

- Dog Toys
- KONG® Toys
- Dog Treats
- Puppy Formula
- Kuranda® Dog Beds



cats

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



summer needs

- Plastic Wading Pools



winter needs

- Blankets
- Cushions & Beds
- Cat & Dog Sweaters

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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PAWS ON THE PATIO

October 25 • 4pm-8pm

Share A Spooky Dinner With Your Canine Companion!

It's that time of year again for the Humane Society of San Antonio's Halloween themed event! Bring along your canine companion, enjoy a scrumptious dinner & treat them to a 3-course doggie meal prepared by the Executive Chef, all for only \$10, at Canyon Café. Don't forget to enter your dog into our 'Howl-O-Ween' pet costume contest for \$5. There will be no tricks but plenty of treats awarded to each winner, every hour on the hour. So make sure to show off your dog in his spookiest attire!

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