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OUR COVER PICTURE IS TAKEN STRAIGHT FROM THE NEW SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY COMMERCIAL, SET TO DEBUT IN EARLY OCTOBER. WE ARE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SHARE OUR ANIMALS AND MISSION WITH MORE OF THE SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY THAN EVER BEFORE. FEATURED ON THE COMMERCIAL WILL ALSO BE OUR NEW SONG, "A PART OF ME," WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY LINDSAY HARRIS AND JAMES CAHOURS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY.



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR KATHRYN BICE



Dear Friends,

After much encouragement from many of you, we are proud to announce that we will be airing a local TV and radio commercial. As if that wasn't enough, we had two wonderful Texas artists, Lindsay Harris & James Cahours, write us an original song that will be featured in the commercial. We are so thankful for their gift! Our award winning friends at K. Fernandez and Associates also stepped forward to produce both commercials pro-bono. It is because of our selfless friends and supporters that the San Antonio Humane Society and our orphaned pets are able to stand out among the rest. We know the response from our community will be great and we can't wait to see our animals benefit from everyone's hard work; they deserve it!



I am also grateful for the support we have received this summer from San Antonio and beyond. Thank you for your understanding that there is no national humane organization that contributes operating funds to our cause. We appreciate that you keep your contributions local so that we can continue to keep our efforts focused on the needs of our city. Because of the large pet over-population in San Antonio, it can be a challenge to help our orphaned pets, but with your help we are able to take on that challenge and truly make a difference.

Please remember, we are able to help our shelter animals 7 days a week, 365 days a year because you care and contribute. We hope you'll consider giving a gift, be it a onetime gift or monthly gift at www.sahumane.org; every little bit helps!

Each dog and cat is special and we are proud to help thousands of them every year.

Many kind thanks,
Kathryn Bice

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SUMMER CAMP HUMANE SPECTACULAR

Summer Camp Humane was bigger, better, and more spectacular than ever before! We hosted a total of 5 camps from June to August, 2 more camps than last year. Each of our camps was also booked to capacity, allowing us to educate 189 of our local kids. This year we also put on our first Itsy Bitsy Camp Humane, specially designed for our 5-7 year old campers. We are so thankful to all of our presenters for coming out to the shelter and making camp a memorable experience for our campers, volunteers, and staff.

For all of our summer camps, we also offered Camp Humane Scholarships, made possible by a generous grant from the San Antonio Junior League. These scholarships allowed youth from all economic backgrounds to come together to learn about responsible pet care.

Did you miss the fun of Summer Camp Humane? Don't worry, Holiday & Winter Camp Humane is just around the corner!

For more info on Camp Humane, visit sahumane.org or contact Shannon Sledge, Humane Education Coordinator, at education@sahumane.org.



CATCHING UP WITH DR. HURST BRIDGEMAN



As the hot summer weather moved into town, so did some unwanted pests, including fleas and ticks. A combination of weather factors seemed to make the fleas and ticks incredibly prevalent and difficult to eradicate. Since we're still in the height of the flea and tick season, we caught up with Dr. Courtney Hurst Bridgeman, D.V.M., to answer some of our most frequently asked questions about these unwanted visitors.

Q: How can I help my pet stay flea and tick free?

A: The MOST important step is to manage your yard and house frequently in high pest areas. This may mean going as far as offering to split spraying your neighbor's yards as well. Secondly, check your dog for parasites before returning to the house after outings. No need to bring fleas/ticks back to an infestation free zone.

Q: I found one flea on my pet, does that mean there's more?

A: One flea does not always mean more, but it certainly CAN. If you find a flea or tick on your pet, make sure to give them a bath in a good quality flea/tick shampoo and let them soak in the suds for 5-10 minutes, depending on the directions of the product. Then search your pet over carefully, paying attention to the ears, feet, between the toes on top and bottom, around the anus, and in the groin area for stragglers. Do NOT use dog specific products on cats, it can kill them.

Q: How do I remove a tick from my pet and what precautions should I take?

A: Ticks can be removed easily with tweezers. A dab of rubbing alcohol on the tick can cause it to release its hold on the pet. You should always remove ticks slowly as a quick tug could easily tear the body of the tick, leaving the head or pinchers in your pet which could become infected.

Q: What diseases can be transmitted through fleas and ticks?

A: There are many diseases that can be spread by fleas and ticks to either humans or pets alike! A short list includes: Tapeworms, Bubonic Plague, Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tick Paralysis, Ehrlichia and Babesiosis, and Typhus in humans.

TOBY & TROOPER

AMAZING MEDICAL RESCUE SURVIVORS



TOBY WITH HIS FIRST CAST



TOBY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY

Meet Toby and Trooper. To someone else they were just strays who shouldn't have lived, but to us they were two pets who deserved a chance for friendship, family, love, and life.

Toby arrived at the shelter as a helpless puppy who refused to quit. Despite his young age or extensive injuries, Toby managed to keep us laughing at his playful antics and friendly personality. Though our medical team aided Toby in every way they could, we turned to the South Texas Veterinary Specialists for help and they graciously donated their supplies and services. They operated on Toby, giving him the plate and screws he needed to make his back right leg fully functional. Our joint efforts were quickly rewarded after we were able to see Toby meet his new owner for the first time. His medical success and optimistic spirit are an inspiration to our staff and all of our other animals who have come to us without hope. We can't wait to check back in with Toby in a year from now to see the joy he has found in his new family.

Trooper came to us physically and emotionally broken; we could see the suffering in his eyes and it broke our hearts that he was in so much pain. Trooper, like Toby, had a medical condition that confounded our staff. We learned from a specialty hospital that he suffered from "carpal hyperextension," a condition that if operated on would almost guarantee an unsuccessful surgery. Instead, our medical team went to the drawing board and decided to fashion Trooper braces. Though he will wear them for the rest of his life, these braces gave Trooper his life back. After many months of searching for the right family, Trooper finally found a home to call his own. He is now the beloved pet of United States Army Specialist Charles Lemon and his mother Cheryl Towns. Charles was severely injured while serving in Iraq and ended up losing both of his legs. After seeing how loving and attentive a friend's dog was to Charles, Cheryl decided to find her son a therapy dog who would help him tell his story. When she found Trooper she said, "Trooper just looked and me and I knew he was our dog. After I read everything about him, I discovered his situation is perfect for our situation. I know that we're going to give him a lot happiness and he will give us so much in return."

Today we are proud to look at both Toby and Trooper as amazing survivors. We meet animals every day that touch our hearts, but there is something special about these two that we will never forget. Thank you to everyone for your help in getting them well and thank you to Toby and Trooper for the memories we will never forget.



DR. HURST AND A STAFF MEMBER FIT TROOPER WITH HIS BRACES FOR THE FIRST TIME



TROOPER WITH HIS NEW MOM, CHERL TOWNS, AND SOME OF HIS SAHS FAMILY

TIME WARNER CABLE PAWS ON DEMAND



Want to meet some of the San Antonio Humane Society animals from the comfort of your couch? Check out Paws on Demand, found on the San Antonio On Demand Channel 988. Tune in today and you may just find your new friend for life!



OREO IN HER KENNEL

SECOND GLANCES *for* SECOND CHANCES

All of our animals at the San Antonio Humane Society have been given a second chance to find a forever home, but sometimes you need to take a second glance to see them for who they really are. Being in a shelter is a new experience for most of our animals, so don't be surprised if they seem a little timid at first. You'd be amazed how different our animals are when they are given a second chance to show you their personalities.

Take a second glance Oreo; she is a 5 year old female feline that had a rough time adjusting to her temporary home. When you would see Oreo in her kennel, she looked terrified and acted defensive because it is the only thing she knew to do. However, after a few patient minutes of showing her you care and allowing her to smell you, she began to open up. The real shift in Oreo came when you took her out of her kennel. At first she may have felt most comfortable in a corner or hiding under a chair, and it took her a while to come around, but after some time she ventured over and curled up.

Cats like Oreo just want to be loved and feel like they belong, but because of their pasts they are often scared to trust and open up. It's up to us to show them that no matter what has happened before, now they are loved, cared for, and part of a family that will always support them. With a second glance, Oreo was adopted into her new forever home and now has a family to call her own.



OREO RELAXING IN THE LAP OF A FRIEND

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SAN ANTONIO HUMANE SOCIETY IN YOUR WILL



REX AND HIS NEW FAMILY

LOUISIANA MORGANZA SPILLWAY TRANSFER A SUCCESS!

This past May, the Louisiana SPCA and Houston SPCA called upon the San Antonio Humane Society to help with the animal overcrowding after the Morganza Spillway was opened. As always, we were pleased to lend a helping hand to our friends at other shelters who share our mission and passion for helping animals in need.

After we returned from Houston with 19 Louisiana animal flood victims, we were amazed by the outpouring of support from our local community. Within in the first week, 7 of the Louisiana animals were welcomed into new homes. We also received donations from all across the city to our Help a Friend Fund, allowing us to continue treating our new residents that were heartworm positive.

Today, we are pleased to report that all of our Louisiana transfer animals have been adopted into their new forever homes. Thank you San Antonio for opening your hearts and welcoming all of our new Texans!

HELP OUR MEDICAL RESCUE DOGS! DONATE TO MICHAELS MEDICAL RESCUE FUND TODAY!

The San Antonio Humane Society is not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA.

MORE THAN A NUMBER HOUSTON PUPPY MILL TRANSFER & NEW "PUPPY MILL BILL"

For many professional breeders across Texas, each new litter of puppies is their pride and joy. They love and care for each puppy and make it their mission to find them homes where they will be more than a pet, they will be part of a loving family. Unfortunately, contrary to those professional breeders, there are still many puppy mills across Texas whose sole purpose is to breed for numbers and profit.

In May, the San Antonio Humane Society traveled to Houston to assist the Houston SPCA with a large-scale dog breeding operation rescue. More than 200 small-breed dogs were saved, most of them suffering from numerous health problems as a result of their poor living conditions. We returned to San Antonio with 24 new additions to our shelter and worked hard to show them that they were more than a number.

Today, our rescue dogs have either been adopted or are growing strong in foster care. We are also pleased to share that our Texas Legislatures have passed the "Puppy Mill Bill." Because of this bill, many beautiful animals, like those we took in from Houston, will finally get the humane treatment they deserve.



A STAFF MEMBER WITH ONE OF THE HOUSTON PUPPY MILL DOGS

PAWS ON THE PATIO

SAVE
THE
DATE!

OCTOBER 24, 2011 • 4PM – 8PM
CANYON CAFÉ IN ALAMO QUARRY MARKET

Come dine with your dog and don't miss the best canine costume party in town; guaranteed to be a howlin' good time!

A special thank you to our 2010 Paws on the Patio Sponsors:
Global Online Computers Inc., Accu-Aire Mechanical,
Elite Lighting Designs, PetPoint, and Canyon Café.



ONE OF OUR 1ST PLACE COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS FOR PAWS ON THE PATIO 2010

SUCCESS STORY

FRED



St. Patrick's Day will be the second anniversary of the day I adopted Frederick from the San Antonio Humane Society. Fred is the happiest, most lovable, and sweetest dog I have ever known. He always seems to be smiling, and is happy to go places (even to the vet!), or just stay at home. He is not only loved by me, but my family, friends, and neighbors as well. He is extremely good natured, well behaved, and just plain wonderful.

Fred has brightened my life for two years now, and we are looking forward to many more. I am so thankful I found him when I did. St. Patrick's Day has always been a special holiday, but it's been even more special these past two years. The San Antonio Humane Society is a great place to find a best friend. The care they get before they're adopted must be something special to turn out such wonderful pets not only to me, but also friends that have adopted from there as well.

Bless you.

Jim

ADOPTIONS

- Noon to 7 pm every day except major holidays.
- Regular adoption fees range from \$30 to \$99.
- Check out www.sahumane.org for details and photos of each of our adoptable dogs and cats.
- All animals adopted from the San Antonio Humane Society have been spayed or neutered and received their first set of vaccinations, de-wormer, and flea prevention. Dogs receive heartworm prevention. Both dogs and cats come with a microchip, 14 days of free vet care from VCA hospitals, 30 days of free pet insurance*, a starter bag of Hill's Science Diet food, and a collar with a personalized tag. (*Some restrictions apply)

RECEIVING

- By appointment only.
- Please call 210.226.7461 at 8:30 am to make a receiving appointment
- See www.sahumane.org for more details



UPCOMING EVENTS

PAWS ON THE PATIO

October 24, 4pm-8pm, Canyon Café in Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse, Suite 600

Is your dog the fanciest, funniest, or scariest canine out there? We can't wait to see what costume you come up with for your four-legged friend as the San Antonio Humane Society hosts its annual Paws on the Patio human-and-dog dinner at Canyon Cafe in the Alamo Quarry Market! All proceeds from the doggie dinner and photo contest benefit the SAHS. This event is open to the public; we look forward to seeing you there for our favorite friend-raiser of the year!

HOLIDAY & WINTER CAMP HUMANE

Did you miss the fun of Summer Camp Humane? Well, Holiday & Winter Camp Humane is just around the corner! We can't wait to see all of our holiday campers in just a few months! Check out our website soon for upcoming camp dates.

STORIES WITH SANTA & SAHS

December 14 & 21, Grand Hyatt San Antonio, 600 E. Market Street

Join Santa and SAHS for story time at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. Complimenting story time will be cookies, milk, cider, and coffee for all two-legged story time guests, as well as holiday treats for their four-legged friends. We hope you'll take a moment this holiday season to spend some time with Santa & the SAHS and reminisce over some of your favorite holiday stories.



LOW-INCOME WELLNESS CLINICS

The San Antonio Humane Society is proud to offer Low-Income Wellness Clinics! These clinics are held twice a month in our Education Center and offered on a first-come, first-serve basis as time allows. Please be aware that we have the right to turn away or deny treatment to aggressive animals. Here's what we offer:

DOGS

Vaccinations:
DHPPC - \$17.50
Bordetella - \$15.00
Rabies - \$10.00
DHPPC & Rabies - \$25.00

CATS

Vaccinations:
FVRCP - \$17.50
Rabies - \$10.00
FVRCP and Rabies - \$25.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Microchipping - \$25.00
Nail Trim - \$8.00
Heartworm Test (dogs) - \$20.00
Wormer - \$8.00

Advantage Multi per dose -
\$8.00-\$10.50 (depending on
weight)

All animals must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier or pillow case. All animals must have a current rabies certificate or we will administer the vaccination at the owner's expense.