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San Antonio Humane Society Celebrates 70 Years of Service

Anniversary campaign focuses on future endeavors and community impact

San Antonio (Oct. 11, 2022) – The [San Antonio Humane Society](https://www.sahumanesociety.org), a nonprofit no-kill organization, is marking its 70th anniversary since its founding back in 1952. For the past seven decades, the SAHS has been providing shelter, care and adoptions for pets who have been injured, abused, surrendered by their owners, or found as strays. In celebration of its milestone achievements, the **SAHS will be hosting a 70th Anniversary Celebration of Connecting Friends for Life event on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the SAHS main campus on 4804 Fredericksburg Rd. The special event will highlight the SAHS' history of providing programs and trustworthy services such as pet intake and adoption, humane education, spay/neuter and wellness services requested in growing demand by the local community.

Since the beginning, the SAHS has provided a platinum level of care and consistency to cats, dogs and the caring people who adopt them. From offering holistic veterinary care, increasing access to low-cost pet wellness clinics, managing medical services, to transporting and rescuing over 400 dogs and cats from affected areas during Hurricane Harvey, the SAHS has led the way in serving homeless pets in San Antonio and its surrounding areas. Today, the SAHS remains committed to providing shelter, medical treatment and rehabilitation to thousands of dogs and cats to prepare them for their forever homes. The nonprofit has grown to almost 100 employees, a substantial increase from about 50 a decade ago. Through its adoption, volunteer, foster, and educational programs, the SAHS informs and educates the public on the importance of responsible pet ownership, microchipping, and spaying/neutering.

“We are proud of the San Antonio Humane Society's decades of lifesaving care and impact that we continue today,” said President and CEO of the San Antonio Humane Society Nancy F. May. “We are thankful to all our donors, staff, volunteers and adopters who play a significant role in our success.”



The SAHS is committed to its vision to end pet overpopulation and to create a community where every pet is treated with respect and has a permanent loving home. In its role as a value-based organization, the SAHS strives to create a more humane community within and outside the organization and can provide the necessary pet supplies and ongoing education to foster volunteers. With the addition of the Leeu Naylor Medical Building, a state-of-the-art facility, the SAHS now offers transformational veterinary care for its shelter pets.

The SAHS is presently working towards adding more staff and expanding educational programming and spay/neuter services throughout San Antonio.

“Each year, the demand for pet wellness and welfare services continues to grow in our community,” said the SAHS Board Chair Robert Ochoa. “Our goal for the future is to have enough funding and staffing to offer wellness services to the community at large. Our next decade of work will be centered on determining how to answer the city’s extensive needs.”

In the coming years, the SAHS will work toward increasing the number of administrative and veterinary staff, expanding community engagement through educational programs for all ages, and increasing services to additional parts of the county and city.

The SAHS invites the community to get involved during its 70th anniversary year and help raise funds to close staffing and services gaps. Dollars received from pet adoptions provide only a small part of the cost of housing, feeding, providing medical treatments, and readying our shelter pets for adoption. The SAHS receives additional funding through grants, but most of the funding comes from generous donors. To RSVP for the event or donate to the SAHS’ 70th anniversary campaign, visit SAhumane.org/70th.

About the San Antonio Humane Society:

The San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) is a nonprofit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. This year marks 70 years of fulfilling our mission to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education. As a local nonprofit, we are not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). We do not receive funding from the federal government, the HSUS, or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Every year, the SAHS shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates thousands of animals. Many are injured, abused, surrendered by their owners, or found as strays. All pets remain in our care until adopted. SAhumane.org.

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