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Over 20,000 Spay/Neuter Surgeries Conducted by the San Antonio Humane Society in 2019



SA, TX (January 08, 2020) – With roaming and neglected pets still posing a large problem to our community, **the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS)** is excited to announce it **conducted 20,064 spay/neuter surgeries on dogs and cats in 2019.**

In a recent study conducted by Animal Care Services, it was estimated over 80% of the 35,000 dogs roaming the city are owned pets. Of the thousands of dogs and cats surrendered to the SAHS each year, the nonprofit estimates over 70% of these pets are unaltered.

“With thousands of unaltered strays roaming our community, one of the most effective ways to reduce the homeless and roaming pet population in San Antonio is by spaying or neutering our pets,” said Dr. Kristine Hawkins, Chief Veterinarian at the SAHS.

In addition to the communal benefits, **spaying/neutering can also help increase a pet’s lifespan, lower the risk of certain cancers, and reduce unwanted pet behavior such as roaming or urine marking.**

The SAHS offers multiple opportunities year-round for pet owners looking for free or low-cost options to spay/neuter their pet, and these services are expected to increase with the completion of the Leeu Naylor Medical Building on the nonprofit’s Fredericksburg campus by the end of this year.

For more information about wellness services or to schedule a spay/neuter surgery, please visit SAhumane.org/spayneuter.

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. 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. 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. SAhumane.org

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