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Five-month-old Puppy receives second chance after life-saving heart surgery



After recovering from a successful heart surgery, puppy Miley is now ready for adoption at the San Antonio Humane Society. (Photo, SAHS)

SAN ANTONIO – April 9, 2022 – Sweet Miley is a beautiful 5-month-old Terrier puppy, who was rescued in South Padre Island and transferred to the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) in January. Soon after, SAHS veterinarians noticed that Miley had a severe heart murmur. A scan revealed Miley had the heart condition patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), an opening between two major blood vessels outside of the heart that does not close properly after birth. If left untreated, it could lead to congestive heart failure.

Thankfully, SAHS veterinarians reached out to local specialists and found Dr. Kelly Might, a surgeon from Austin, who agreed to do the complex heart surgery at Firehouse Health Center in Kyle, Texas on March 24.

“This surgery was literally life-saving for Miley,” SAHS Associate Veterinarian Dr. Leslie Hopes said. “Her PDA was so severe that she had already developed an enlarged left side of her heart. If she had not had this procedure, she would have developed left-sided heart failure before her first birthday.”

Dr. Hopes is grateful to everyone who helped make this surgery possible, giving Miley her second chance at life.

“It took so many different people and moving parts to be successful,” Dr. Hopes shared. “Trying to schedule a surgeon and to have our puppy from San Antonio transported all on the same day was quite a feat, but everyone came together to help her. She also spent a lot of time in the wonderful care of her foster mom, who stepped up to help while she awaited surgery and post-operatively.”

Dr. Hopes also helped foster Miley during her most critical days after surgery and described her as the perfect house guest. Miley is now feeling better and has quickly become a favorite among staff and volunteers. She's a little ball of energy with a loving and playful personality!

After everything this young girl has been through, she would love nothing more than to find her forever family. She's now strong and ready for adoption. Adopters should be aware that Miley will need regular veterinary care including cardiology exams.

"In her new home, she should be able to live the life of a normal puppy, and we are so looking forward to seeing her do that because she has had to be exercise restricted for most of her young life," Dr. Hopes added. "She's a super cute puppy, too!"

If you'd like to give Miley the loving home she deserves, visit her today at the SAHS. Her smile will melt your heart. Visit her today! For more information, please visit SAhumane.org.

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