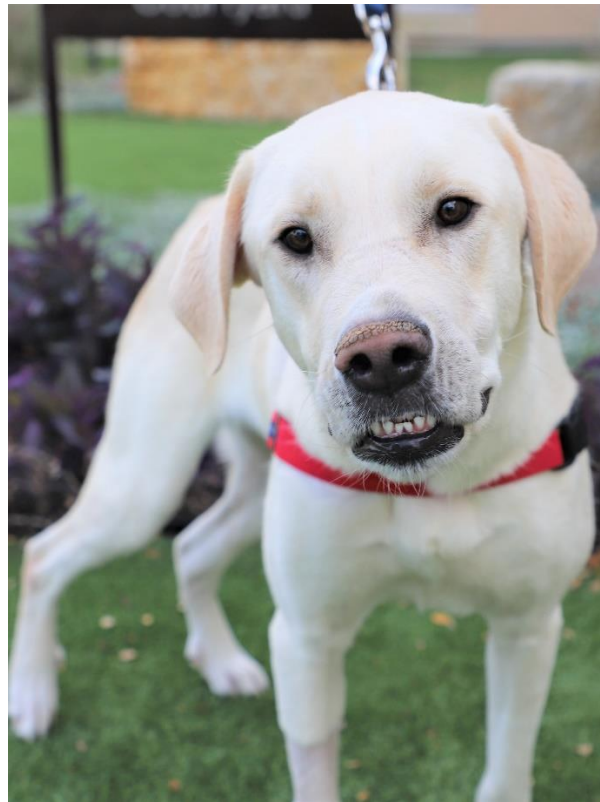




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Retriever pup receives surgery to help him breathe and smile again



Cheese, a 2-year-old Retriever boy, is ready to find a forever home after recovering from a specialized surgery to repair an injury caused by a traumatic incident to his nose. (Photo, SAHS)

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Dec. 9, 2022 – Cheese, a handsome 2-year-old Retriever boy, was having trouble breathing when he arrived at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) on Oct. 18. He had a hole beneath

his lip, which was exposing his nasal cavity to his oral cavity. Because of his unique and noticeable smile, he was named Cheese.

SAHS's medical team believes his injury was caused by a traumatic incident to his nose. Thankfully, they were able to provide the specialized surgery he needed.

"The first attempt at repairing what has been decided as an old avulsion injury to his nose did not work, and he required a second surgery by a specialist," SAHS Associate Veterinarian Dr. Leslie Hopes said. "He is approximately three weeks post-op and is doing well. He will likely always be a noisy breather due to previous trauma to his nose, but he is a happy guy who is ready to find a home."

Cheese is now feeling much better and will always greet you with his beautiful smile. He's gentle on the leash and loves to meet new friends – people and dogs. He's ready to find his very own forever family who will love him and take him on fun adventures.

Cheese will need to be fed canned food only and avoid playing with hard toys for two more weeks, and then he can resume a normal diet and toy selection. He required a tracheostomy tube following the procedure to breathe for three days, and the site is also healing well.

Visit Cheese at the SAHS today, located at 4804 Fredericksburg Rd. The SAHS is open every day from noon to 7 p.m. For more information, visit SAhumane.org.

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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