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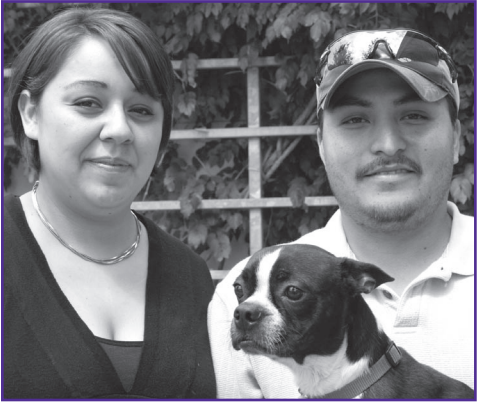


This is **Ike** renamed after the hurricane that brought him from Houston. He is a young, Pomeranian dog adopted by Joe. Ike and Joe have become each other's best friend!

Elaine adopts all her pets from us and hated to see that animals had been displaced by the hurricane. She adopted **Ashley**, a sweet Terrier puppy after her sons, Samuel, age 11 and Luke, age 8 picked out Ashley from all of the other dogs.



Morrison is a little black & white Boston Terrier who was transferred from Houston. As soon as Melissa & Albert and their children saw him, they fell in love with his sweet, gentle eyes. Morrison will be the only animal in the family and will enjoy being the new "baby" in his new home.



Basil is an adorable Hound/Boxer mix puppy who will be running & playing with his new owners, Wesley & Jeannie. Wesley heard about the adoption special from a newscast and wanted to help by adopting a rescued dog. So, Jeannie, Wesley & his sister came to rescue Basil and give him a good home.



ORPHANS FIND GREAT NEW HOMES!



MJ was one of three beautiful Retriever, Labrador/ mix puppies who came with an upper respiratory infection and needed someone who could give her tender loving care. Virgil is taking MJ to the VCA hospital for treatment and helping her get back on her feet again.



More Orphans from Hurricane Ike...



Bring your pet & walk at the annual
MUTT STRUTT & K9 CARNIVAL
10:00 - 4:00 Saturday, November 22

Now, more than ever, we need your support! For more information, call Alisha Hernandez @ 226-7461 ext. 127 or visit our website: www.humanesocietyspca.org



THANKS TO OUR DONORS between 400-500 dogs, cats, puppies & kittens are sheltered, cared for and adopted each month.

\$25 pays for flea control for one litter of puppies or kittens
\$89 pays for one full price guardian angel adoption
\$150 pays for a heartworm treatment for one dog
\$1500 pays for a broken leg surgery and rehabilitation for one dog or cat

To help, send your donations to:
Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County,
4804 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, Texas 78229

To donate online, visit our website
www.humanesocietyspca.org



Special Edition: Hurricane Ike Rescues - Look What the "CAT. 2" Brought In!



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Memory Lane Bricks

Memory Lane is a unique spot at Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County; a permanent tribute built one brick at a time by those who wish to honor or remember a loved one or special pet, mark an important occasion, or simply demonstrate their own love of animals and show their support for our life-saving work.

Bricks are \$100 for standard 4”x8” or \$500 for the 8”x8”. Reserve your space on the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County Memory Lane today. Your contribution will help save the lives of thousands of homeless pets each year.

For more information call (210)226-7461, extension 120 -or- visit www.humanesocietyspca.org

From the desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Hurricanes Ike and Gustav brought out the best in San Antonio.

Since Hurricane Gustav took aim on the Texas Coastline, The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County has been in “Disaster Relief Mode”. Many thanks to Governor Rick Perry who set the standard that “no animal be left behind” after Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. This empowered the Emergency Office of Communication (EOC) to include “animals” in the community action plans.

During Rita and Katrina, there was no EOC involvement for the care of animals misplaced by the disasters. The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County stepped up when Red Cross asked and led our local initiative to coordinate animal sheltering. We took in over 1500 pets during Rita and Katrina and our partners took in hundreds more. The City Animal Care Service provided transportation 24/7 for many weeks.

This time we took on new roles. We transferred dogs and cats from Animal Shelters in harms way.

Vans were rented, gas purchased, overtime incurred. We took on heartworm treatments, animal care, spays and neuters, microchipping and much more.

I am so proud of our staff and volunteers. Cathy McCoy, our Director of PR and Outreach worked tirelessly and continuously for 7 weeks helping both the Humane Society and the EOC with volunteers and media. She coordinated the intense animal care volunteer schedules for two, then three large and completely different locations. Eventually, the volunteers totaled 2,000 hours for community wide support of this disaster.

You can contribute to our Disaster Fund now by going to our website www.humanesocietyspca.org

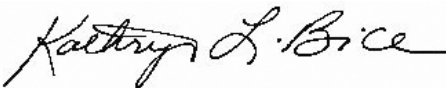
We also provided staff and volunteers to coordinate the care of both the public animals, and our shelter adoption transfers. We received over 230 pets from 4 animal protection shelters. The transferred pets became ours and we mobilized to find them new homes.

So, in the mist of the tragedy unfolding an amazing thing happened...we took in 80 dogs and cats from two Corpus Christi Animal Shelters. One shelter had dogs from 2002 and 2006 that had been long term residents. The dogs reached the Humane Society/SPCA and during our “Hurricane Adoption Special” these dogs were adopted into new homes within days!! What magic.

Our goal is to raise \$22,000 to help with our disaster relief efforts of 2008.

We hope the Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County never needs help from a major disaster. But we know animal agencies elsewhere and their supporters would help us. Use the envelope enclosed to donate today. The 230 animals from the Gulf Coast thank you with their wags and purrs!

Thank you,



Kathryn Bice, Executive Director

Hurricane Special Helps Place Animals Quickly



With the hallways and education room full of animals, the Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County & other San Antonio animal partners offered a Hurricane Special of \$25 adoption fee for all shelter animals evacuated from the coast. Prior to adoption, all the animals were assessed, tested for heartworms, spayed/neutered and vaccinated before they left our facility.

The first weekend, the lobby of our facility was jammed packed with people wanting to adopt over 100 of these animals. The public opened their hearts and homes for these newest San Antonio residents to give them a safe environment. The Hurricane Special worked and we are very grateful to the people of San Antonio who stepped up and adopted the animals rescued from the disaster.

Two Hurricanes Send Volunteers Into Action

By Cathy McCoy, Director of Public Relations & Felicia Nino, Public Relations Assistant

Hurricane Gustav was just a “test” of the capabilities of the staff and volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the first real threat of hurricane disaster to Texas this season. The knowledge learned from the first storm (Gustav) and the relationships gained, prepared our volunteers for the second and most destructive hurricane, Ike. As Ike drew close, the Humane Society staff and volunteers prepared yet again for the possibility of animals needing help in disaster areas.

After a short hiatus, the volunteers were called in to work along side the staff to get ready for housing evacuated shelter animals in need. The floors of the Education and Receiving Rooms were covered with wire crates set up with bedding, water, and food bowls to await the animals. Eighty animals were first received from Corpus Christi and would have just a short rest before being put up for adoption at the Humane Society.

Staff and volunteers watched anxiously that night for the coming of Hurricane Ike. The next morning it was confirmed that the Category 2 storm had turned north toward the Houston area and that the Houston animal shelter would be calling. With nearly 120 animals received late that night into the Humane Society shelter, staff and volunteers knew that we would work diligently to care and house pets. Knowing that our shelter was filled over capacity during this time, volunteers stepped forward to help the City of San Antonio receive 500 owned pets from the evacuated public at Port San Antonio, Stinson Field and Freeman Coliseum.

To this day, we are constantly reminded that we are fortunate in this city to have many caring people who will go beyond their normal day activities to help animals in need.



Hurricane Relief Fund

When sheltered animals arrived from Houston & Corpus Christi, the Humane Society staff and volunteers were ready to help these orphans. However, there was no budget set aside for this disaster. Please help by donating online www.humanesocietyspca.org

or

Mail to Disaster Relief,
c/o Humane Society/
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4804 Fredericksburg
San Antonio, TX 78229

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIAL GIFTS

*We thank you
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Thanks to Aid to Helpless Animals Trust and Frances Margaret Seaver Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation for their \$25,000 grant for enhancing the *Adoption, Foster and Animal Care Program*.

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We can work with you to design a gift that meets your charitable and financial goals. Some of the gift arrangements that the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County offers include the following:

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- Charitable Remainder Trusts
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