

Humane Society Takes Steps to Decrease Pet Overpopulation

The Humane Society/SPCA of Bexar County has expanded our medical services to include on site pre-adoption spays and neuters.



HSSPCA Surgery Suite with veterinarian conducting spays and neuters.

We purchased a mobile surgery suite and began surgeries this June. Approximately 1400 pre-adoption spays and neuters have been performed by the SNAP surgery team at the Humane Society since the initiation of the program.

In addition to surgeries, the team also microchips each animal and vaccinates all dogs and cats over 3 months of age for Rabies.

To decrease the overpopulation problem, it is vital that all shelters alter pets before releasing



Did you know, one pair of breeding cats, with all their offspring, will generate 420,000 kittens in just six years? Two breeding dogs with their offspring will produce 67,000 puppies in seven years!



TAKE PHOTOS WITH SANTA

The holiday season will be here before you know it and what better way to celebrate than having that traditional picture taken with Santa Claus – with a twist! **Picture your pet on Santa's lap this year!**

Bring your furry family to the Humane Society on Saturday, December 2nd, or Saturday, December 9th from 9am to 3pm to have your pet's picture taken with Santa Claus.



For \$10.00, you will receive two 4x6 inch digital photos of the same print. Proceeds support rescues and adoptions.

This is a "first come, first serve" event so no reservations are necessary.

Need a great Christmas card photo? Come on down in December and don't miss all the fun!

For more info or to be an Event Sponsor, call (210) 226-7461 x124.



Remember the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County in Your Will

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From the desk of the ***Executive Director ...and KNOX***



Dear Friends,

For the last 4 months we averaged 500 adoptions a month! We could not do it without you! The constant support and efforts on behalf of the orphans is truly magic.

We are fortunate to be blessed with friends who step up to provide resources for our animal protection mission! On Labor Day Weekend we met another special family that joined us in supporting our campus building fund by making a gift for the opportunity to name the Education Center! **The Mike Curb Family Education Center** is one of many educational philanthropic gestures nation wide, by this loving family.

Every day we meet exceptional people who support the work of the Humane Society for the orphans in San Antonio. Folks brought items for the Rovers Rummage Sale, others brought items to us from our wish list, while another family and their foundation invited us to write a grant for improvements to the infirmary this winter.

Join us Monday October 30 at Canyon Café to celebrate our great year by buying your pet a three course meal for \$10, all funds go to benefit the Humane Society. Dress up your pet and enter the best costume contest for \$5.

Big hugs to all of you who sent gifts and didn't attend the NO BALL at ALL!! The non event makes our work possible. We, too, enjoyed going home to our pets that evening instead of a formal party!

This fall and winter the South Park Mall is partnering with us to provide 3 day weekends of Mall pet adoptions once a month. Look for more details on our newly designed web site. www.humanesocietyspca.org

Kindest regards,



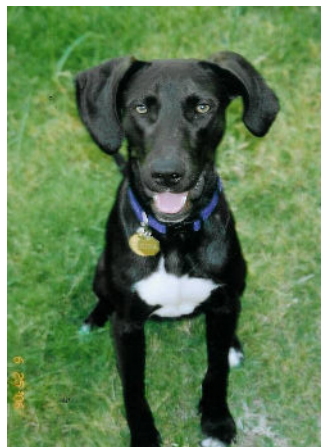
Letter From An Old Friend

Known formerly as Janet

Hi Humane Society,

I just wanted to drop you guys a note to let you know how I was doing since I left the shelter last May. I spent about a month at your wonderful facility.

Although you guys were great, I felt pretty cooped up since I was used to life as a stray with no rules. Then, one wonderful day Eileen and Tim came to the shelter looking for a dog. They actually picked me and life has been great since. My new name is Nina.



I love my new family, house, and my BIG yard! I have really cool neighbor dogs too. We run along the fence and try to make new speed records.

Here is a picture of me just being pretty for the camera (notice the free collar the shelter gave me—my favorite piece of jewelry).

Thanks again for taking such good care of me and helping me find a loving home. Tell the other dogs not to give up hope!



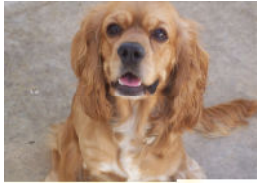
Buy A Brick for \$100! A Wonderful Memorial or Tribute to a Loved One!

Help a Friend Fund



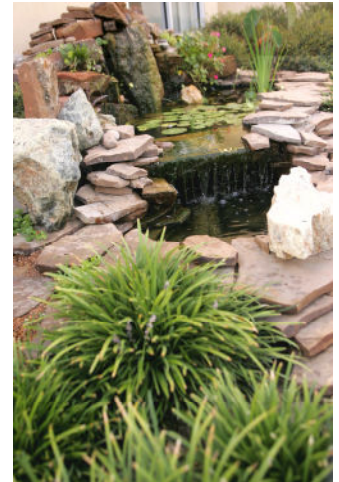
The Humane Society is posting pumpkin certificates within the shelter for donors that contribute to the Help a Friend Fund in October. The purpose of this fund is to help pay for the heartworm treatment of our animals. Each treatment can cost between \$200 and \$500. Thanks to the donors of this fund, our friends have a second chance.

Stop by and post your pumpkin!

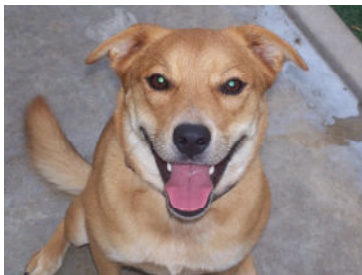


Soon we will have a flowering shade due to an anonymous donation that allowed for the planting of 26 great pink and white crepe myrtles in the dog exercise and get acquainted areas.

In addition, 2 large shade structures are soon to be erected over these areas. This has been made possible by our friends Brett and Allison Balthrope and a matching gift from Shade Pro.



Power in Numbers



There is a saying: "there is power in numbers". Cynthia Martinez, Shelter Manager, recently experienced such power. One day while tackling the normal day to day shelter challenges a co worker asked her "How many animals do you think you have personally found homes for?" This question momentarily stumped her but after some thought she was able to respond.

She realized that she had worked in the adoption department of the Humane Society for almost 6 years. On an average day she per-

sonally adopted out 6-7 animals, sometimes 10 or more on a busy day. Therefore she concluded 8 adoptions per day would be a good average for a 5 day week. Keep in mind these are only her personal totals and did not include the other 3-5 counselors on duty on any given day.

She went on to estimate that 8 adoptions a day for 5 days over a 50 week period, deducting holidays and the occasional sick day would be a good number. Then she realized that past year and a half, her supervisory duties de-

crease her ability to find homes for animals. Therefore, she used only 4.5 years in her calculations. She was astonished when she realized that she had been personally responsible for finding homes for 9,000 animals.

She then pooled other staff members to assess their numbers. The responses varied from the hundreds to the tens of thousands. It was evident that once the staff performed this exercise they all became recharged and exhilarated.

If all of our staff members, volunteers and supporters took the time to calculate how their individual efforts impact the welfare of the animals provided services by the Humane Society, it would become clear that there is truly power in numbers.



San Antonio Welcomes

Clifford the Big Red Dog



Mayor Phil Hardberger and Kathryn Bice, Executive Director of Humane Society, present Clifford with an Adoption Certificate.

October is Adopt A Dog Month!

All dogs over one years old will be half price for adoption during the month of October!

In honor of Adopt A Dog Month, **Clifford the Big Red Dog** visited San Antonio and assisted the **Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County** in the **Animals for Adoption Event** that was held at **South Park Mall October 13—15, 2006.**

To express our appreciation, the Humane Society presented Clifford with an Adoption Certificate. This enabled Clifford to enjoy a bath, nail trim, ear cleaning, wellness vaccines, heartworm prevention and flea and tick treatment. These services are provided to our orphans at the Humane Society.

Introducing...Possum...



Possum relaxing at Humane Society waiting patiently for you.

Hi my name is Possum and I am a nine year old Shepherd mix who was rescued by the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County staff along with 13 other dogs who lived in the same terrible conditions that I did.

Upon the courts ruling, my friends and I were allowed to remain at the shelter. I am a grand ole dame who appreciates the simple things in life that I have never had. My dreams are few and easily attained with a little help from you. A cozy, soft, place to lay my head and regular mealtimes on a daily basis would be dog-on fine. I also want to share my love and affection with that special someone.

Because my life was so hard before I came here, I was not sure that I could trust people and was a little timid and

shy. The wonderful people at the HS/SPCA taught me how good people and life can be and now I just need someone to share my 'New Beginning'. They tell me I would be a GREAT addition to a loving family with older kids.

I have seen all of my canine friends who came here with me become adopted and are now living in new homes with great people. I hope that it will be my turn soon.

I know I am not the most beautiful dog on the outside due to a treated hair loss condition, but true beauty shines from within. One look into my soulful brown eyes will convince you that this is true. Won't you share my golden years with me?

The **Humane Society of Bexar County** is a local organization that relies on funds from our supporters to exist. State and federal employees can help by selecting us as your charity of choice through either the **Combined Federal Campaign** or **State Employee Charitable Campaign!**



Combined Federal Campaign
Agency number 3167



State Employee Charitable Campaign

Agency Number 413167

We thank you for your gifts toward The Guardian Fund – It help us provide adoptions at half price!

Camp Humane a Great Success!



During the months of June and July, 100 children between the ages of 8-14, spent two fun-filled weeks learning about animal care and responsibility.

They studied snakes, were busy with birds, heard about (and rode) horses, found out about ferrets, and learned all about several careers involved with animals.

Guest speakers that ranged from veterinarians to zoologists taught campers on subjects from dog safety and first aid to what to consider when adopting an animal. Participants especially enjoyed giving some of our shelter dogs baths!



**Humane Society Thanks
the Following
Businesses for Supporting
Camp Humane!**

The Black-Eyed Pea
Chick-Fil-A
Double Daves Pizzaworks
Jason's Deli
Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant
Marie Callender's Restaurants
Promised Land Creamery
Romano's Macaroni Grill
Spaghetti Warehouse
Thundercloud Subs
Wendy's Old Fashion Hamburgers
Broadway Animal Hospital
Camille Photographers
Lakeridge Dog & Cat Hospital
Lincoln Heights Animal Hospital
Pawderosa Ranch
SAFE (San Antonio Ferret Rescue)
Shelly's Pet Care
Valley View Equestrian Center
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc

RC Seeks Family



Hi! I am RC and I need you!

A Good Samaritan brought RC to the Humane Society early one morning on his way to work because he thought she had been hit by a car. Fortunately, after a physical examination, our clinic staff determined that RC had not been hit by a car but was severely dehydrated and emaciated. RC was quickly seen by a vet, who put her on a regimen of fluids, vitamins, and antibiotics. She spent several weeks in the shelter and showed vast improvement. RC is spayed and now available for adoption in our Cat Pavilion.



Wish List

- Infirmary Yard Remodel (\$25,000)**
- Future Veterinary Spay Neuter Clinic (\$750,000)**
- Ionizer Equipment in Central Air to Reduce Disease (\$20,000)**
- Pediatric Puppy and Kitten Formula**
- Printer for Adoptions (\$500)**
- Digital Camcorder (\$800)**
- Heavy Duty Paper Shredder**
- Volunteer/Education Office Furniture**

For daily needs, please see wish list on our website.

**WACKY
CAT
WEDNESDAY**

Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County
4804 Fredericksburg Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78229

Open Tues. - Sun. 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(210) 226-7461

**\$25
Cat Adoption**

**Cats over
1 year old**

Cats over 1 year of age can be adopted on WEDNESDAYS ONLY for \$25 upon approval. Please see the Adoptions Department for more information. Restrictions may apply.

www.humanesocietyspca.org

We Need Volunteers For Special Events Too!

Volunteers...I WANT YOU

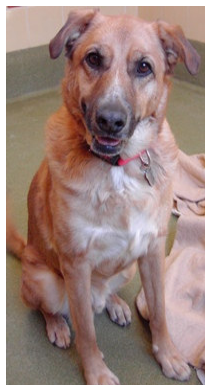
(...and I am not barking up the wrong tree here.)

My fellow pet lovers...

On behalf of all of the animals that are cared for by Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County, I am making this request that you volunteer and become a part of the dynamic team of individuals that strive to make a difference in their own lives as well as the lives of animals.

We have several teams for you to become a part of. I will provide you with some "ruff" details.

Photography Team



Is taking pictures your passion? We need your help to get our pet's furry faces on our website in the Virtual Shelter. Volunteers will sign out a digital camera and be scheduled for a specific day each week.

Outreach Team

Want to help us out on the road? Assist the Outreach Coordinator at adoption outreaches held at local PetCo and PetSmart stores as well as events held with the SPURS and Botanical Gardens (to name a few). If you are energetic and responsible, you are the ideal candidate. You must be at least 16 years of age and have volunteered at the shelter for at least 10 hours. You must also be willing to be scheduled for specific days and work on weekends.

Adoption Team

Learn the adoption process and be able to assist the Adoption Counselors. Interview potential new fami-



lies for our shelter pets. You must be at least 18, volunteered at the shelter for at least 10 hours and be willing to be scheduled for specific days and work on weekends.

Infirmiry Team

Our Infirmiry can hold over 40 animals at one time and they all need extra special care. They have to be walked in specific areas on the campus twice a day, have their cages specially cleaned, and more than anything, need to be socialized and loved.

The infirmiry is an isolated room at our facility so animals there do not see as many people as our other residents. If you want to be a member of this team, you must willing to work ONLY in this area the days you are scheduled to work.

After Hours Team

Did you know that some of the Humane Society Staff work on the campus well after we close our doors to the public? After 7pm we still need your help.

If your are a night owl (and give a hoot), 18 years of age and would like to help out between the hours of 6:30pm and 9:30pm, this might be the opportunity for you. You must be willing to be scheduled specific days.

So as you can see, we really need you and cannot do it alone. I have spoken to my animal peers and they have assured me that if you become a member of one of these teams, they will try to be on their best behavior. By the way, the cats have been "purr-fect" lately...so we really cannot wait for you to volunteer.

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If interested, please feel free to contact our **Volunteer Department**

at 210-226-7461.

On behalf of all the animals at Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County, I salute you.

Sincerely,

Uncle Woof-US

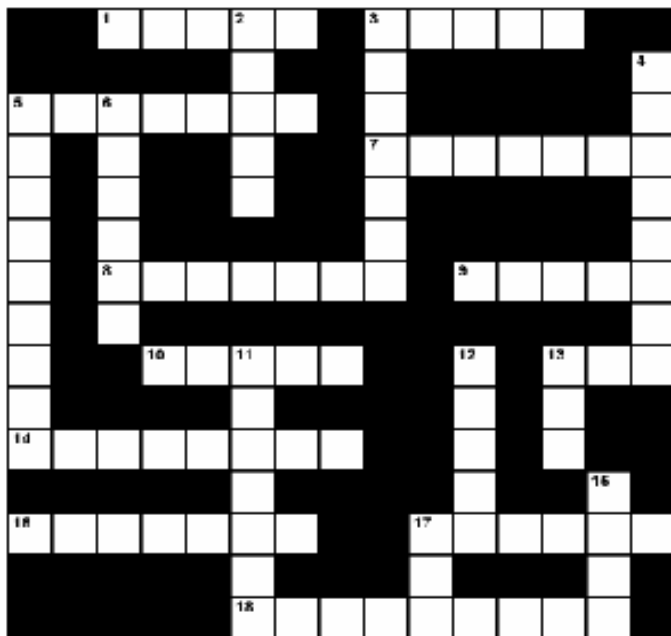




Did you ever wonder...? Answers on page bottom.

- 1: Why did the poor dog chase his own tail?
- 2: What is more clever than a talking cat?
- 3: What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose?
- 4: How do you know that cats are insensitive creatures?
- 5: Why didn't the dog speak to his foot?

How well do you know your Animals? Complete this crossword puzzle and see!



Across

1. My stripes are usually black and white.
3. I am a bear from China.
5. The ___ is a mammal that lives in the ocean.
7. I have the longest neck.
8. It looks like I wear a mask.
9. Some people think I am a bear, but I am not. I am a "marsupial" animal. That means I carry my baby in my pouch.
10. The Siberian ___ is the largest member of the cat family.
13. I say "meow"
14. The male ___ carries the babies, not the female.
16. I am also known as the American Bison.
17. I can be stubborn at times.
18. In Florida, you will see signs that read, "Do not feed the ___"

Down

2. This is short for rhinoceroses.
3. A flightless marine bird.
4. The African ___ is the largest land mammal.
5. We lived millions of years ago.
6. I am a reptile.
11. I am a primate. Did you know that you are a primate too?
12. Short for hippopotamus.
13. People drink my milk.
15. This is Billy Bear's favorite animal.
17. I am man's best friend.



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HUMANE SOCIETY
SPCA of Bexar County

The Humane Society is a nonprofit organization that relies entirely on donations, grants and self-generating revenue to operate.

The Humane Society is not affiliated with any national organizations and does not receive support from city, county, state or federal agencies.

HOURS

Noon to 7 pm

Tuesday through Sunday

Closed Monday

RECEIVING HOURS

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday-Saturday

(by appt. only)

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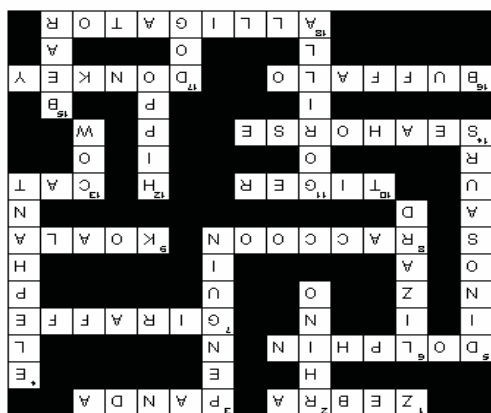
Victoria Bunch

Chief Financial Officer

Donna LaMudge

1: He was trying to make both ends meet! 2: A spelling bee! 3: A collie-flower! 4: They never cry over spilt milk! 5: Because it's not polite to talk back to your paw!

Crossword Puzzle Answers



Mmm...I Can't Wait to Eat!

Don't Forget...Paws On the Patio (Oop's...Parking Lot)

Please join us for PAWS on the PATIO on Monday, October 30th from 4 to 9p.m. at the Canyon Café. This dining event is for people and their pets. The \$10 doggie meal benefits the Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County. No reservations necessary. Call 226—7461 for more information.



Mark Broderick & Family



Families & Pets are Welcome!

Enjoy pure dining with all members of the family!

HUMANE SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

Events

Oct. 28th, 1—5pm — Pumpkin Patch Day at Fifi & Fidos and Lucy's Day Care & Spa, 2250 Thousand Oaks— El Rey Fido Kickoff will also occur at this event.

Oct. 30th, 4—9pm — Paws on the Patio at Canyon Café at the Quarry shopping center (Hwy281 & Basse Road).

Dec. 2nd and 9th, 9am — 3pm — Santa Snapshots for your Pet at Humane Society, 4804 Fredericks Road

Dec. 10th, Noon—4pm — Santa Snapshots for your Pet at Milberger Nursery, 3920 N. Loop 1604

Adoption Outreach

Nov. 4th, 1—4pm— Petco, Bandera Road and Loop1604

Nov. 5th, Noon—3pm—PetSmart, SeaWorld Exit

Nov. 10th - 12th, Noon—6pm — South Park Mall

Nov. 26th, Noon—3pm— Petco, SE Military Drive

Dec. 2nd, 1—4pm— Petco, Bandera Road and Loop1604

Dec. 3rd, Noon—3pm— PetSmart, SeaWorld Exit

