

Husky Finds Home After a Story That Ends Happily Ever After

Last summer the Humane Society was contacted by dedicated folks who had been feeding a husky that appeared to live at the McDonalds Restaurant at 1604 and Babcock.

The restaurant staff had told these good Samaritans that a car of people dumped the dog last December 2005 and that he continued to wait for them to return at the entrance curb of McDonalds. He, "MAC" as he was aptly named by neighborhood folk, would not let anyone touch him. When approached he would rise up and back up doing the typical WOOO, WOOO talk of a husky.

This gorgeous creature had a fluffy coat of silvery seal and white, a red collar, and ice blue eyes. We heard about him just about the time the Disney movie *Eight Below* came out.

The Humane Society tried to use a big dog humane trap to rescue him, but he always had food and water and was not attracted to the food in the humane trap in the trees. All we seemed to trap were fire ants. Larry, a friend of the Humane Society purchased a special throw net. We talked about practicing on his dog Henry to see if it worked. We were not able to get proficient in tossing it.

Meanwhile, we tracked a story of a person who was able to capture "Mac". As the story went, this individual took the dog to the vet for a rabies vaccination, only to loose him again when he pulled out of the collar and leash. Shortly thereafter, "Mac" reappeared at McDonalds. Huskies do not normally have good homing instincts so that was amazing.

Nine months into this story we had met Mike and Deborah who came every day to feed "Mac", who they called "Bear".

They received medical advice on a tranquilizer and tried that. The Humane Society and they all met at McDonalds and tried placing the tranquilizer in the food treats. He got woozy but shook it off and we could not capture him.

We agreed to try a higher dose and did it on a weekend when I could meet them and get "Mac" aka "Bear" checked in at the Humane Society. They called when they had him in their car and we all rendezvoused at the McDonalds and caravanned to the Humane Society SPCA.

Mac aka Bear was checked in and scheduled to be evaluated for temperament and neutered.

A wonderful family that had previously rescued a husky (who had recently passed away from old age) was interested in meeting Mac aka Bear now named Jake by staff. They came twice and walked Jake and agreed they wanted to be his rescue adoption family! In less than 72 hours Mac, aka Bear, aka Jake, became Misha and went to "live happily ever after" with Terry and his wife.

A Note from Mischa, aka Mac, aka Bear, aka Jake



Excerpt from a note received from "Mac" and family:

We thought you might like to see how Mischa (Jake, to you) is doing. We love him. He is an awesome dog. Makes no attempt to escape the backyard. He rolls around on his back, sleeps with his feet up in the air — signs of a good puppy!

Thanks so much for letting us have him. He is still shy of men, but Terry is making a lot of progress with him.

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



Dear Friends,

This morning I met two sets of folks crying in the parking lot at 9AM. It turns out that the gentleman was a good Samaritan who rescued a big happy black lab off the highway (before he was hit) and the happy woman was the owner who was crying grateful tears because we had scanned the lost dog and found a microchip under his skin that allowed us to immediately call her, so this was a tearful happy reunion.

In 2004 we were proud to be the first major adoption agency in San Antonio micro-chipping all adoptions. We are so glad that now over 10,000 pets are now being micro-chipped prior to adoption in the San Antonio Metroplex. Getting pets home and keeping pets home is part of the solution to our animal welfare issues in our community.

In this issue of the newsletter, we have included all of the tributes, honorariums and memorials we have received this year as of our printing deadline (Dec. 1st). Our hearts burst with thankfulness – Through honorariums and memorials made by our supporters, we are able to continue our life saving work. What a great tribute to those in our thoughts.

Great energy has been committed toward improving animal welfare in the San Antonio Metroplex. Your time and gifts have helped us maintain our infirmary, rehabilitation facility, and our dynamic adoption and educational programs. It also assists us in the maintenance of our Michael Curb Family Education Center that provides a place where dog training classes and other animal related groups can hold their sessions on our campus.

Do we dare to dream of a day not too far in the future when each adoptable pet can find a home? We are developing this reality through collaborations with other local animal organizations. Through the support of these alliances in concert with your continued support, this dream can be realized.

We thank you everyday.



Letter From The Family Of An Old Friend



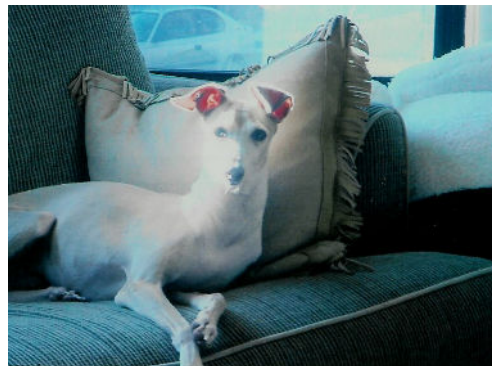
Niko—Adopted March 9, 2006

Dear Friends,

It's been almost a year since I left my family at the Humane Society. I am now living in Chicago with someone who loves and cares for me a lot.

You treated me and my extended brothers and sisters very well and I know it's a lot of work to give us all the love we need. I just want to let you know I have gone from one great family (you) to another and couldn't be happier. Thank you for giving me someone who loves me as much as you do.

Niko



Niko lounging at his new Chicago home.

The Humane Society SPCA of Bexar County provided homes to over 6,000 orphaned animals in 2006. Your contributions to our organization help us care for these animals when they are in our care.

Thank You for All of your Support!

Do you want to raise money to help our animals? Call 226-7461, Ext. 124



Hey Kids, We thank you for your Help!

We had several children help us in 2006. On behalf of my fellow cats and those “ruff-neck” canines, we would like to state that your activities were just “purr-fect”



Jokes For Your Brain

- 1- What do you get when you cross a computer and a Rottweiler?
- 2- When is a black dog not a black dog?
- 3- What do you get if cross a cat with a canary?
- 4- What did the cat say when he lost all his money?

Answers on the back page!

Kid's Corner



The Ward Elementary School Student Council organized a fundraiser which sought funds and pet supplies to help the orphaned animals at the Humane Society. Through their efforts, they raised over \$1,000 for our pets.



10 year old **Jared Wulfe** of Saint Mary's Hall School organized “A Humane Halloween” fundraiser which raised over \$300 for the orphaned animals of the Humane Society. This industrious boy is in the 4th Grade and has two dogs named “Ringo” and “Cookie”.



The Humane Society is having it's 5th Annual El Rey Fido Contest. You can enter your dog or school mascot to be the next El Rey Fido or Mascot.

Here's the way it works...the dog that raises the most money is crowned El Rey Fido. Second, Third and Fourth place fundraisers are representatives of his royal court. They get to participate in the Royal Crowning, the Fiesta River Parade, the Royal “Pawty” and become year long ambassadors of the Humane Society!

If you or your school is interested in participating, contact Bryan Chase at the Humane Society at 210-226-7461 Ext. 124. All money raised goes to care for the animals in our shelter!



Last October, **Lauren** organized a neighborhood dog walk and the money raised went to benefit the Humane Society. She was able to raise over \$300.

There were around 15 participants on the dog walk. At home Lauren has 1 dog, 3 cats, 2 rabbits, and one duck.

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- ➔ _____ Only wealthy people need wills.
- ➔ _____ Once a will is made, nothing can change it except a new will.
- ➔ _____ A will is the only method for disposing of property after death.
- ➔ _____ A good will, professionally drawn, rarely needs revision.

The answers: Each statement is **FALSE**.

When it comes to estate planning, many people believe they know "facts" that simply aren't true. Unfortunately, they are left with inadequate plans on how their lifetime of earning, saving and accumulating property will eventually be distributed.

To learn the real facts about preparing a will, contact our office development office and ask for a free copy of **37 Things People "know" About Wills That Aren't Really So**. Whether you're are thinking about having a will prepared or updating your existing will, you will find this 11— page brochure an invaluable guide for accurate information.

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HUMANE SOCIETY
SPCA of Bexar County

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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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Jokes For Your Brain Answers

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- 1 – A computer with a lot of bites.
- 2 – When it is a Greyhound.
- 3 – Shredded Tweet.
- 4 – I'm Paw.

With a New Year starts new activities. This year, we have decided to include in our quarterly newsletter, information regarding our most valued asset...**Volunteers.**

If you have candidates you would like to nominate for the Humane Society Volunteer of The Month, please contact **Ms. Cathy McCoy**, Director of Volunteers and Public Relations at **210-226-7461, EXT.125.**

Volunteer of the Month



Ms. Dianne Workman was selected as Volunteer of the Month for January. She **has been volunteering** at the Humane Society for **over 4 years**. Her main duty is washing all of the laundry utilized by of our orphaned animals within the shelter.

What makes her stand out this month is the fact that she also collects donated comforters and bedding and **has created over 3000 custom kitty condo quilts and dog crate beds** in her home for use by shelter animals.

Diana encourages donors to bring old bed pillows and comforters to the shelter so she can continue to recycle them.



HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Feb, 12th, 4—9pm — Paws on the Parking Lot at Canyon Café at the Quarry shopping center (Hwy281 & Basse Road). Just in time for Valentine's Day. 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

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6—9pm — San Antonio Dog Training Club at Humane Society Curb Family Education Building, 4804 Fredericksburg Road. Let these professionals help instruct you on how to train your dog. This 8 week course is \$50 (\$25 is returned if you attend all classes). Call 738 - 1030 for details.

March 10th, Noon—4pm — Volunteer Appreciation Family Night at Humane Society Curb Family Education Building, 4804 Fredericksburg Road. Volunteers are valued and this is a way to show how much the Humane Society appreciates what these individuals do to help fulfill the organizational mission. Contact Cathy McCoy, 226-7461Ext.125.

April 14th, 9am—5pm—Tour for Life Adoption Day in Humane Society parking lot. Several pet adoption agencies will converge with their assortment of dogs and cats for adoption. Expand your options and come and adopt an orphaned animal.

April 1, 2007—Last day donations considered for El Rey Fido. Go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/humanesocietyspca> to enroll your dog!

April 14th, 2007— Coronation Ceremony for El Rey Fido and his/her Royal Court

May 5, 2007—Mutt Strutt—Come and either run or walk with your pet. Prizes awarded based on finish, age group and largest amount raised from sponsorships.

