

Helping Paws

Moose (the magnificent):

Moose is an Anatolian Shepherd that was found as a stray and brought to the City of San Antonio Animal Care Services. One of his front legs had been previously injured and healed on its own. The result was that the injured leg was quite a bit shorter than the other, with a pronounced bulge/deformity. He was transferred to the SAHS where he underwent numerous surgeries to re-break, realign, and lengthen the bones in his forelimb. Moose spent over 400 days in foster care with one of the SAHS Humane Educators while he was healing from all of these surgeries. His foster mom ended up adopting him so he stayed a permanent part of the SAHS family!

But Moose's story isn't finished. He serves as a SAHS ambassador to teach children about the mission of the SAHS and about the humane treatment of animals in our city. He travels to different schools with his mom, who uses his story to teach kids about compassion and helping others. "Often when kids hear the story of how Moose came to the SAHS, they think his story is sad. But we show them that actually, Moose's story couldn't be happier! His happy ending came the moment someone saw him and decided to stop and help him. That one moment in time, when someone chose to act, chose to help, instead of turning away. It changed his life and led to him being rescued, having surgery, finding a family, making friends and helping kids all over San Antonio!".





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