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**Read inside
about how your
support helped give
animals a second
chance at life.**

*Azura
Adopted May 25, 2023*





San Antonio Humane Society

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Our Mission

To protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay/neuter programs, and community education.

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From Our President/CEO

Hello Friends,

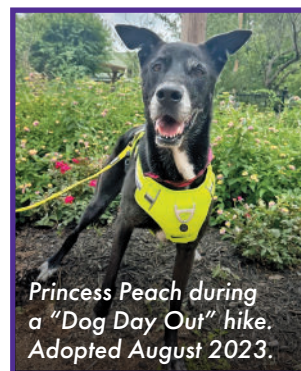
As we celebrate the successes of this past year, it's vital to recognize how your generosity has provided a lifeline for thousands of dogs and cats, offering them hope, care, and a second chance at a brighter future. The impact of your contributions resonates throughout our shelter, creating a haven of love and support for so many dogs and cats that often have nowhere else to turn.

Pets like Princess Peach, who spent nearly 400 days with us until she finally found her forever home, are a testament to the enduring impact of your kindness. Without compassionate donors like you, the daily care for Princess Peach would not be possible. As the cost of caring for these animals increases, along with the costs of veterinary care, your generosity is more crucial than ever to provide the food, shelter, and medical care so many pets need.

We seriously could not do this work without you. Your steadfast support enables us to dream big and implement initiatives to further our vision of creating a community where every dog and cat is treated with respect and compassion and has a permanent and loving home.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Nancy F. May, President/CEO



Camp Humane Now Enrolling!

Camp is back in session at the San Antonio Humane Society! Enrollment is now open for Camp Humane's 2024 Spring Break sessions.

Our popular 2-day mini camps return March 11-12 for 3rd-5th grade campers, and March 14-15 for 6th-8th grade campers! Go behind-the-scenes to experience the shelter's mission in action, all while having the opportunity to meet and learn about some of San Antonio's cutest pets.

Whether they want to do some "Barks and Crafts" or become the latest "Shelter Helper," campers will learn about empathy, compassion, and respect for people, animals, and the environment as well as recognizing the connection among these.



Prices start at \$110 per camper with add-ons and extended care options available.

For additional information and to enroll, visit SAhumane.org/Camp-Humane.

Two Kittens' Heart-Wrenching Journey from Despair to the Warmth of a Forever Home

On June 23, 2023 the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) received an unexpected and heart-wrenching case. Two tiny black kittens were brought in by a Good Samaritan who found them in a pitiful state weighing only one pound each.

Yin and Yang, as they would fondly come to be known, were infested with lice, their fur matted and dirty. They both were dealing with ringworm, which left patches of bare skin exposed. To make matters worse, both kittens were battling severe upper respiratory and eye infections that claimed one eye each. Yin had lost his left eye, and Yang, his right.

Uncertain if these tiny fighters would pull through, the team in our Leeu Naylor Medical Building jumped into action to make it possible for Yin and Yang to have a second chance at life. The kittens underwent major eye removal surgery, a difficult but necessary procedure to alleviate their pain and prevent any further health issues.

Despite a challenging start to life, the SAHS staff saw something special in these two resilient souls. Mirroring the ancient Chinese philosophy, Yin and Yang perfectly complemented each other, their bond unbroken even in the face of adversity. When the odds seemed against them, Yin and Yang defied expectations with their courage and will to live.

"Yin and Yang have transformed from fragile kittens to two of the most adorable bundles of joy," SAHS Chief Veterinarian Dr. Kristine Hawkins said. "They discovered the joy of snuggling and playing, displaying an unbreakable spirit that melted the hearts of everyone at the shelter."

After two months of care, the kittens had completed their ringworm treatments, their fur growing back soft and shiny. Their eye surgeries had successfully removed the source of their pain, and they were neutered to ensure a happy and healthy future. Their recovery journey involved meticulous care, including combing out lice daily — a testament to the dedication and love showered upon them by our medical team.

Yin and Yang finally left our cat isolation area in August, ready to begin their new chapter of life. Struck by the kittens' captivating story, a wonderful family decided to adopt Yin and Yang together, ensuring this duo would never be separated. The once-frail kittens, now vibrant and full of life, symbolize the transformative power of compassion and care provided by the San Antonio Humane Society.



Volunteer Service Awards 2023

The SAHS would like to recognize Kelly Rutherford, Greg Jackson, Victoria Silva, Elizabeth Hish, Linda Larson, Kathy Newman, Toni Hensley, Stephen Schmidt, Cynthia Allen, Joan Ruffini, Lisa Huerta, Sonja Scott, Margie Shantz, Stacy Wallace, Allison Bates, Allison Acosta, Nicole Rice, Margaret Klausmeyer, Jordan Pacheco, Jamie Biglow, Amani Martinez, Amberjae Harvey, Mike Wilson, Diane Workman, Connie Sakai,

Karen Bowers, William Merrill, John Sarles, Martha Lupo, Elsa Nava, Anna Marie Stern, John Metcalf, Deborah Brackett, Eliana Galvan, Melinda Chandler, Stacy Steininger, Caitlin Stern, Richard Minars, Cindy Huxley, Ellen Rhodes, and Barbara Hoffman, recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over 12 months.

A Heartwarming Update on Resilience and Joy after Adoption

Denali Before



Denali Now

Denali's story is one of heartbreak and triumph, which was previously shared in our 2022 Winter Newsletter. Since then, our team has kept in close contact with Denali and her parents, Ryan and Jason. Once plagued by sarcoptic mange, she's now the picture of health and happiness in her loving home. Nestled in the heart of Napa Valley, Denali enjoys her own room adorned with plush toys, embodying the joy she brings to everyone she meets.

Her zest for life is boundless; she adores meeting new people, and her puppy energy is a beacon of delight. Denali is a source of renewed happiness for her parents, a bright light after the loss of their two beloved dogs.

During the SAHS' annual Friends for Life fundraiser on October 24, gratitude filled the event tent. Ryan and Jason said, "It's that much more enjoyable to tell her story when we travel, especially given everything she has been through. It was truly amazing to see how hands-on the team is with every person coming to adopt, it's touching."

Denali stands as a testament to resilience and the joy of adoption. Her journey serves as a tribute to the signature events tagline and mission of the SAHS, *Connecting Friends for Life*.

Unleash Your Pup's Inner Royalty as El Rey Fido XXII

Picture your pup basking in the glory of becoming Fiesta Royalty. El Rey Fido is a thrilling and good-natured competition that is about fun, frolic, and fundraising that began in 2002 as a spin on the other Fiesta Royalty title with a similar name, Rey Feo.

The top fundraising pooch secures the coveted crown and title, while four delightful runners-up grace the Royal Court at our grand coronation event on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Why participate? That's easy to answer!

1. Elevate your pup's status in the San Antonio community as Fiesta Royalty.
2. Create lasting memories with your companion.
3. Participate in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade!
4. Make a difference in the lives of homeless and vulnerable pets in need.

Sign up to join the ranks of Fiesta Royalty or learn more about the event at SAhumane.org/ERF.



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