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the impact your
support has on
SAHS pets.

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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

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you enjoying the sunshine and warm breeze of the Texas summer! On behalf of the San Antonio Humane Society's board, staff, and shelter pets, I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support. Your kindness and compassion continue to bring warmth and joy to the dogs and cats in our care.

Thanks to you, we were able to provide critical medical care, food, safe shelter, and rescue for so many dogs and cats. It's my absolute pleasure to share with you the impact your contributions made last year:

- 670** needy pets placed in foster care
- 3,603** pets found their forever homes
- 6,890** children and adults reached through Humane Education programs
- 15,546** pets received specialty surgeries, spay/neuter surgeries, and other procedures
- 19,771** hours of completed volunteer service by **728** individuals

Not only is your commitment supporting our shelter pets and their needs, but it's helping raise awareness and educate others on the importance of responsible pet ownership in San Antonio. As we continue soaking up the summer sun, we want you to know you've made a difference in the lives of thousands of dogs and cats.

Successes like this wouldn't have been possible without your generosity and support — just imagine all the healthy pets, wagging tails, playful purrs, and cozy cuddles happening right now because of wonderful donors like YOU!

For the pets,

Nancy F. May
President/CEO

Team Spirit Unleashed



South Texas Orthodontics enjoying a group volunteer day at the SAHS.

Calling all animal lovers and adventure seekers! Have you ever considered spending a day away from the office and looking for some fun? Well, look no further than the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS)!

The Miraculous Rescue of a Deaf and Blind Dog

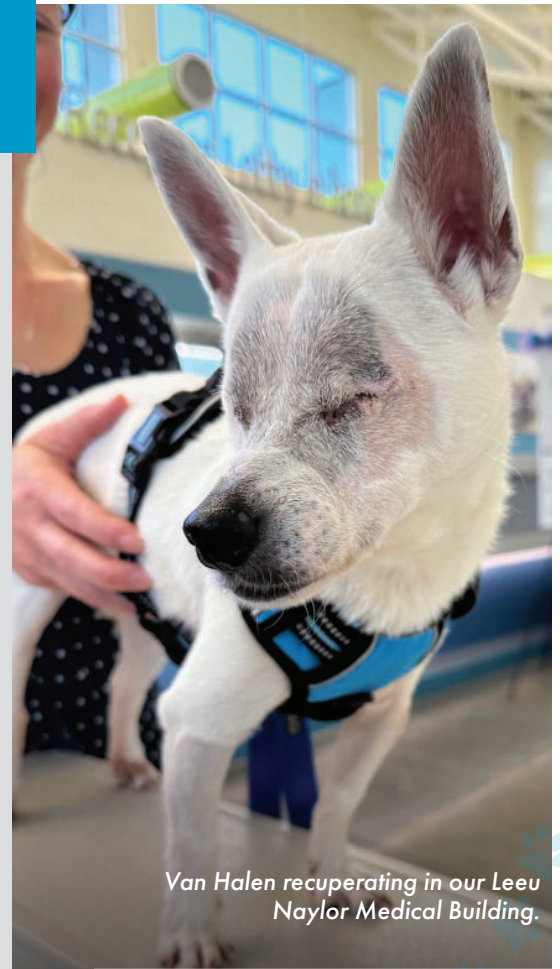
Van Halen, a lovable canine, entered our care from another local shelter with a history that tugged at our hearts. Upon arrival, the veterinary team in our Leeu Naylor Medical Building quickly discovered that he faced significant challenges — he was blind in both eyes and either deaf or severely hard of hearing. After further examination, it was revealed that his eye lenses were luxated (a kind of dislocation), likely due to glaucoma, and required immediate attention.

Given the extent of Van Halen's visual impairment and the discomfort caused by the luxated lenses, our team decided that a double enucleation was the best course of action. This surgical procedure involved the removal of both eyes, aiming to alleviate his pain and improve his overall quality of life.

The surgery was performed with the utmost care, and Van Halen emerged from the procedure with a newfound resilience. *"Almost immediately after the surgery, Van Halen began to showcase his spunky personality and profound love for attention,"* SAHS Associate Veterinarian Dr. Amanda Preczewski said. One of the most heartwarming aspects of his recovery was his ability to adapt quickly.

Dr. Preczewski emphasized that Van Halen was walking well on leash and generally tolerant of handling, but cautioned that approaching him too quickly might overstimulate him. Despite this, Van Halen did not show any signs of pain post-surgery and exhibited a remarkable recovery.

Van Halen's resilience and adaptability, along with the loving care provided by his new forever family, demonstrate the incredible impact that the San Antonio Humane Society has on the lives of so many dogs and cats.



Van Halen recuperating in our Leeu Naylor Medical Building.

**"One of the most heartwarming aspects of his recovery was his ability to adapt quickly. I know he's doing well in his new forever home."
- Dr. Amanda Preczewski**

No matter if you're a dog person, cat lover, or friend to all animals, the SAHS has a variety of group activities that offer a unique opportunity to escape the ordinary work day, reenergize your team, and have tons of fun while interacting with the most adorable shelter pets. Our group activities range from Puparrazi, Barks & Crafts, and Yappy Hour.

So, what are you waiting for? Gather your colleagues, friends, or community group and get ready to unleash the fun of group volunteering at the SAHS! For more information and available dates please visit SAhumane.org/volunteergroups.



Join Camp Humane for a Pawsitively Awesome Summer

Get ready to embark on a summer adventure like no other at Camp Humane! This is not your average summer camp — it's a behind-the-scenes experience into the wonderful world at the San Antonio Humane Society.

From learning more about the SAHS mission to understanding the importance of responsible pet ownership, every session at Camp Humane is an adventure filled with new insights and discoveries! Camp Humane provides exciting opportunities to interact with some of San Antonio's cutest pets while also fostering a sense of empathy, compassion, and respect for people and animals.

Whether it's creative pet-themed art projects to display across the shelter, learning about different animal species, or even helping to take care of our shelter pets, campers participate in an unforgettable summer experience.

Spaces at Camp Humane are limited and fill up fast, so don't miss out on this opportunity! Pricing starts at \$110 per camper with add-ons and extended care options available.

Join us at Camp Humane for a summer filled with furry fun and more! Visit SAhumane.org/summercamp to register now!



SAHS Camper having a fun-filled day at Camp Humane.



Neonate kittens awaiting placement in our foster program.

Transforming the Lives of Shelter Pets through Foster Care

Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of needy and vulnerable puppies and kittens? The SAHS is calling on compassionate friends to step into the role of a hero by becoming an essential part of our foster care family. Foster care isn't just about providing a temporary home for animals, it's about being a catalyst for transformation and a beacon of hope.

Why foster?

- **Save Lives:** Fostering gives animals a second chance at a happy life.
- **Healing Homes:** Provide safe shelter for pets recovering from an illness or surgery.
- **Building Bonds:** Foster care is a rewarding way to share your love with animals going through a growth period.
- **Prepare for Adoption:** Help animals become socialized, trained, and ready for their forever homes.

Join us in making a real difference — one paw at time by opening your heart and home to foster care. To become a foster volunteer today or support our foster program by donating much needed items for their daily care, visit SAhumane.org/foster.

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