

# Whiskers

**FEB**  
**2025**

**Discover Inside  
How Your Support  
Transforms Lives  
at the SAHS.**

*Chill-Guy  
Adopted Jan. 11, 2025*





## 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

Dear Friends,

As we look back on the last year and step further into 2025, my heart is filled with so much gratitude for the kindness and generosity of the community. Your unwavering support has given thousands of dogs and cats throughout San Antonio the food, shelter, medical care, and love they deserve.

One adorable cat, Chill-Guy, a 1-year-old cat, arrived at our shelter battling stomatitis, a painful and chronic condition that causes inflammation and ulcers in a cat's mouth. To alleviate his pain and improve his quality of life, Chill-Guy underwent surgery to remove all his teeth. The procedure went smoothly, and he is now pain-free and feeling great. Soon after sharing his triumphant story, Chill-Guy found his forever home!

People like you make it possible for us to keep caring for sweet dogs and cats like Chill-Guy. We're so thankful for your friendship and belief in our mission — you truly mean the world to us!

Gratefully,

Nancy F. May  
President/CEO



## Spend Your Spring Break at Camp Humane!

Registration is now open for our Camp Humane 2025 Spring Break sessions at the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS). This fun-filled, two-day mini-camp gives young animal lovers an exciting, behind-the-scenes look at our shelter. The camp dates are March 10-11, 2025 for 3rd-5th grade and March 13-14, 2025 for 6th-8th grade.

Camp Humane is a fantastic way to make new friends, enjoy fun activities, and foster a love for animals and the environment. Campers will participate



## A New Lease on Life: Brandy's Transformation

Meet Brandy — a sweet mama dog who received crucial medical care after being dumped in a local neighborhood and left to fend for herself. Brandy is a gentle three-year-old Shepherd mix who came to the San Antonio Humane Society in October, thanks to the kindness of a Good Samaritan who found her a few months earlier. In search of safety, she found refuge in a chicken coop, where she later gave birth to three adorable puppies. Once the puppies were old enough, the family was brought to our shelter to receive their needed care. Since then, all three of Brandy's puppies have found their forever families, bringing joy to their new homes.

Through her struggles, Brandy's love and dedication to her puppies never wavered. When she first arrived at the SAHS, however, it was clear she would need some extra care to be able to live her best life. She had a previously broken front leg that she wasn't able to walk on, and a broken tooth causing additional discomfort. To ensure Brandy could live a happy, pain-free life, our medical team decided to amputate her leg, transforming her into a proud, resilient tripod. Along with her amputation, Brandy received dental surgery to remove her broken tooth. She spent the next few weeks in our Leeu Naylor Medical Building receiving plenty of extra TLC, including ice packs and pain medication to make sure she was comfortable as she adjusted to her new lifestyle.

Brandy faced every step of her recovery with resilience and courage, quickly mastering her new life on three legs! Her incredible journey is a testament to her strength, and we are overjoyed to see her thriving. Brandy is the sweetest dog who maintained a happy-go-lucky personality throughout her treatment. Dr. Leslie Hopes, SAHS Chief Veterinarian, shared, *"From the moment she arrived, she was happy and so loving to everyone she met. Brandy is a wonderful girl."*



Brandy fully recuperated and enjoying some outdoor playtime.

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**- Dr. Leslie Hopes**

With her amazingly friendly personality and love for being close to her favorite people, Brandy has found her perfect match and is now enjoying life in her forever home. Her story is a heartwarming reminder of the incredible bonds that form when a pet finds a safe and loving family.

in a variety of projects, help out around the shelter, and learn about empathy, compassion, and respect for all living things. They'll also have the chance to meet and learn about the most adorable pets in San Antonio!

**Prices start at \$120 per camper, with extended care options available. Visit [SAhumane.org/Camp-Humane](https://SAhumane.org/Camp-Humane) to register now!**



SAHS Camper showing off his adoption sign for a dog named Olive.

# Volunteer Service Awards 2024



The SAHS is honored to recognize Dan Alwood, Karen Bowers, Deborah Brackett, Melinda Chandler, Emilie Cortes, Mark Ferris, Eliana Galvan, Isabella Herrera, Barbara Hoffman, Cindy Huxley, Greg Jackson, Linda Larson, Martha Lupo, William Merrill, Kathy Newman, Ellen Rhodes, Nicole Rice, Kelly Rutherford, Connie Sakai, Stephen Schmidt, Sonja Scott, Anna Marie Stern, Caitlin Stern, Mike Wilson, and Diane Workman for their incredible volunteer service to our mission.

Each of these individuals are recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award, which acknowledges individuals who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service for 12 months or longer.

We also would like to specially recognize Dr. John Sarles, recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award which acknowledges individuals who have served 4,000 hours or more.

## Mushu's Journey: SAHS Clinic Keeps Pets Healthy and Happy

Found hanging from a fence in a tragic act of animal abuse, Mushu was saved just in time by a kind-hearted stranger who brought him to San Antonio Animal Care Services. He was then transferred to the SAHS, where he received a second chance. After weeks without a home, Mushu's fate changed when volunteer Cynthia met him and knew he was meant to be part of her life.

Today, Mushu's health continues with regular visits to the SAHS Clinic, where he receives preventative care. "Mushu is such a light in my life, and the clinic helps keep him healthy," Cynthia shares. "Supporting the SAHS by bringing Mushu here is one way we give back to this organization that gave us so much."

The Vaccination & Prevention Clinic is held in the Leeu Naylor Medical Building, offering affordable preventative services by appointment Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. Learn more at [SAhumane.org/vaxclinic](http://SAhumane.org/vaxclinic).



## Crowning Canine Royalty at Fiesta: El Rey Fido 2025

Get ready, San Antonio — El Rey Fido 2025 has started! Picture your dog floating along the Riverwalk during the Texas Cavaliers River Parade, dressed in royal attire and adored by Fiesta fans. Since 2002, this fun twist on the Rey Feo tradition has brought cheers and wagging tails to the SAHS community.

### Here's the Scoop:

- Dogs and their owners compete in a friendly fundraising contest for the SAHS.
- The top dog is crowned El Rey Fido.
- Runner-up pups become part of the Royal Court.
- All are celebrated at the El Rey Fido Coronation on April 26, 2025.

Ready to sign up your pup for a chance to become Fiesta Royalty?



Visit [SAhumane.org/ERF](http://SAhumane.org/ERF) to sign up and join the competition!

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