

# Whiskers

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**Your Compassionate  
Support Makes  
a Difference,  
See How Inside.**

*Glitch*  
Adopted Feb. 14, 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 reflect on last year and look forward to what awaits us in 2026, I am full of gratitude for the kindness and generosity of the San Antonio community. Your compassion and support ensure thousands of dogs and cats throughout our city and surrounding areas receive the food, shelter, medical care, and love they need and deserve. This lifesaving work would not be possible without dedicated friends like **YOU!**

One of those lives impacted by your compassion was Winchester, a gentle 8-year-old Retriever/Hound mix who came to the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) after being transferred to us from another shelter. With his sweet gray face and kind heart, it was clear Winchester still had so much love to share. Once in our care, he received a full exam, an update on his vaccines, and a comfortable bed with tons of toys to play with while he patiently waited for an adoption application.

Thanks to the commitment of our team and the generosity of donors like you, Winchester received the daily care he needed to keep his spirit high. Today, he spends his days enjoying so much love and attention from his new forever family.

Success stories like Winchester's remind us why the SAHS mission is so important, and why your continued support is so vital. Every day, your commitment to our lifesaving work ensures that dogs and cats in our community have a second chance to live a happy and healthy life.

Gratefully,

Nancy F. May  
President/CEO



Winchester enjoys the outdoors in his play yard.

## Have the Best Spring Break at Camp Humane!

Get ready for the ultimate Spring Break adventure at the San Antonio Humane Society's (SAHS) Camp Humane! This fun-filled, two-day mini-camp gives young animal lovers an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at our shelter while learning about responsible pet ownership.

Campers will take part in interactive lessons, creative projects, and hands-on activities that inspire empathy, compassion, and respect for people, animals, and the environment — all while discovering how everything is connected.

# Shaping Compassionate Leaders

## How Humane Education Inspires Growth at the San Antonio Humane Society

When 10-year-old Braeden signed up for Camp Humane four years ago, he was not sure what to expect. He loved animals, but like many first-time campers, he had never worked hands-on with shelter pets or known about the challenges dogs and cats face in San Antonio. By the end of his first day, everything changed.

Braeden became one of Camp Humane's most enthusiastic participants. Whether he was learning how to safely approach a nervous dog, creating enrichment toys for cats, or discovering how the San Antonio Humane Society (SAHS) cares for thousands of pets each year, he dove into every lesson. But the activity that truly transformed his experience was Tales for Tails, our signature reading-to-shelter-pets program.

Tales for Tails creates a calm, comforting environment where children read aloud to shelter pets. This quiet time helps pets socialize while also boosting young readers' confidence and comprehension. During his reading sessions in the SAHS Kitty Cottage, Braeden formed a special bond with two different cats. Each day, he chose the same cats to sit with, reading as they relaxed to the sound of his voice. By the end of each camp week, the connection was undeniable. His family returned immediately after camp to adopt both cats, Opal in 2022 and Dylan in 2023.

Moments like these demonstrate the power of Humane Education. Programs like Camp Humane and Tales for Tails help children practice empathy, compassion, and respect. When these lessons are introduced at an early age, they can change the lives of both young people and the shelter pets

They'll also meet some of the most adorable pets in San Antonio and make new friends who share their love for animals.

**Registration is \$120 per camper, with extended care options available. Spots fill up fast!**

**Visit [SAhumane.org/Camp-Humane](https://SAhumane.org/Camp-Humane) to register today!**



*Hobbes feeling much better after his treatment and enjoying his sunroom in the SAHS Kitty Cottage.*

they interact with, just as they did for Braeden and the cats he bonded with.

As interest grows among children, families, and community members, so does the need for expanded Humane Education opportunities. Unfortunately, our current space limits how many children we can accept into our programs and how many community groups we can serve.

This is why the SAHS launched the Expanding Education Capital Campaign, a crucial initiative to build a new Education and Outreach Building. This state-of-the-art facility will allow us to welcome more people, grow our programs, create dedicated classrooms, and multipurpose spaces that deepen our impact on both people and pets.

**Your commitment to a more compassionate community helps drive our mission forward. Join us in creating a dedicated place where responsible pet ownership, humane education, and outreach programs can grow. To learn more or explore naming opportunities, visit [SAhumane.org/Capital-Campaign](https://SAhumane.org/Capital-Campaign).**



*SAHS Camper showing off her adoption flyer for her pet pal during Camp Humane.*

## SAHS Volunteer Service Awards 2025



Lifetime recipients, Melinda Chandler and Mike Wilson, with their awards, at the yearly holiday party. (Not pictured is Deborah Brackett.)

The SAHS is honored to recognize Karen Bowers, Deborah Brackett, Melinda Chandler, Michelle Corey, Marisa Fernandez, Mark Ferris, Eliana Galvan, Heather Gius, Kayla Hernandez, Mya Hernandez, Cindy Huxley, Linda Larson, Martha Lupo, Bill Merrill, Kathy Newman, Kayleigh Reyes, Ellen Rhodes, Nicole Rice, Kelly Rutherford, Connie Sakai, Dani Sanchez, Kate Saucedo, Stephen Schmidt, Stacy Steininger, Anna Marie Stern, Estefani Tenorio, Taylor Whittington, Mike Wilson, Daniela Wong, and Diane Workman for their exceptional volunteer service and dedication to our mission throughout 2025!

Each of these individuals has demonstrated a remarkable commitment of time and compassion to helping us provide lifesaving care to the dogs and cats in our shelter. We would especially like to recognize Deborah Brackett, Melinda Chandler, and Mike Wilson for their extraordinary lifetime service. Their combined 12,956.84 hours of service have made an instrumental impact on our organization and the dogs and cats in our care.

**We are deeply grateful to each and every one of our volunteers.  
Your support truly makes our mission possible!**

## Your Support Healed and Changed Glitch's Life

When 2-year-old Glitch arrived at the San Antonio Humane Society, she had survived something truly frightening. A fire had broken out in her previous family's home while she was inside, leaving her with painful burns on her paw pads and smoke inhalation. She was exhausted, hurting, and needed time to heal.

Our medical team created a focused treatment plan, including laser therapy, medicated paw soaks, and gentle, attentive care. Day by day, Glitch grew stronger, her bright personality returning.

By February 2025, she was ready for her new beginning. Her adopters shared, "She's the true definition of sassy and sweet. She gets the zoomies every day and cuddles for hours."

**Glitch is now thriving and her happy ending was made possible by supporters like you.**



Glitch cuddling with her new family in her permanent loving home.

## Join our Tradition of Royal Paws and Fiesta Applause

Picture this ... you and your pup floating down the Riverwalk in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade, adorned in royal attire and their gorgeous crown soaking up all the cheers from thousands of San Antonians.

Dogs and their humans compete in a friendly fundraising competition for the San Antonio Humane Society, and the top fundraising pup earns the title of *El Rey Fido!* Royal court titles are awarded to the runners-up, and all are celebrated at the coronation on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

And for our fabulous felines, *Purr-fectly* Fiesta gives cats their own festive spotlight! You can be a part of that contest later this year in October!



**So you think your pet has royal potential?  
Visit [SAhumane.org/ERF](https://SAhumane.org/ERF) to join the fun!**

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