



About San Antonio Pets Alive!

Who is San Antonio Pets Alive!?

San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) saves the most vulnerable dogs and cats in San Antonio—those who have been slated for euthanasia at the city municipal shelter. SAPA! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization relying on gifts from the general public to fulfill our mission and to save lives. SAPA! provides safety nets for the dogs and cats that fall through the cracks of all other lifesaving options and end up on the euthanasia list. The dogs and cats saved are then placed at our facilities, in foster homes, with partner no-kill rescue organizations and in other states through our transport program. SAPA! operates innovative programs that rescue often overlooked pets including orphaned puppies and kittens, large dogs and animals with medical needs.

Our Beginning

Due to alarming euthanasia rates, San Antonio Pets Alive! was founded in 2011 by a small group of caring citizens who demanded better from our city shelter and wanted the animals entering the municipal shelter system to survive.

Our Mission

To provide the programs and services needed to eliminate the killing of at-risk animals due to lack of space, adopter or foster.

In 2019

- Saved 5,131 dogs and cats
- Found 3,095 dogs and cats their forever family
- Transported 550 dogs to new lives up North
- Provided 1,368 orphaned kittens and puppies with lifesaving care
- Gave 349 parvovirus puppies a second chance

50,000+ lives saved since 2011.



Core Programs

- **Medical Clinic:** When a dog or kitten enters SAPA!'s care, the medical team evaluates each animal and develops and implements a treatment plan. The clinic's medical team treats various conditions including but not limited to distemper, parvovirus, mange and ringworm.
- **Transport:** Our *Headin' Home* ground and air transport program allows us to save the lives of primarily large adult dogs who may languish in San Antonio kennels waiting for adoption. Through this innovative program, dogs are transported to no-kill rescue partners in communities up north.. In these communities, these dogs find their forever homes in a matter of weeks thanks to waiting lists of adopters.
- **Orphaned Kitten and Puppy Care:** This program saves thousands of vulnerable kittens and puppies that enter shelters in San Antonio annually. Requiring a high level of care due to age and medical issues, our neonatal fosters provide treatment and housing until these kittens and puppies are ready for adoption.
- **Parvo Ward:** One of only two shelters in Texas who purposefully take in puppies sick with Parvovirus, SAPA! gives these little lives a fighting chance. Our parvo ward allows us to isolate and treat hundreds of sick puppies a year.

How to Help

- **Donate:** There are various ways to support San Antonio Pets Alive!'s lifesaving mission: monetary, in-kind items or donate your vehicle (working or not). SAPA! welcomes donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and corporations. SAPA! relies on assistance from the community to continue to save lives daily.
- **To make a lifesaving gift,** please visit www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/donate

Our Core Values

Lifesaving · Stewardship · Integrity · Excellence · Respect