



55,000+ LIVES SAVED!







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Executive Director

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Lifesaving Partner,

In a year filled with uncertainty, one thing was certain: homeless dogs and cats had San Antonio Pets Alive! to rely on during their times of greatest need. With changing regulations, supply shortages, and canceled events, our lifesaving team persisted and thrived.

Our impact in the lives of vulnerable dogs and cats in San Antonio and surrounding counties was unprecedented, and it was made possible through your loving, consistent support.

In 2020, SAPA! helped dogs and cats in many ways:

- Never closed our doors for a single day, in spite of COVID-19.
- Honored our commitment to the community to not adopt out any unaltered animals by forming new partnerships, when the city halted alteration surgeries.
- Exceeded our contract with the City of San Antonio early for the 4th year in a row!
- Adhered to COVID-19 regulations of minimal human contact while providing maximum animal care. Including our drive-thru medical clinic which serviced thousands of animals in 2020.
- Experienced a 21% increase in adoptions, and 23% increase in animals taken in from the public.

All these milestones and kept promises wouldn't have been possible without *your support*. The community continues to step forward to open up their hearts and homes to shelter our animals during the pandemic. Your support is invaluable to our work, and our animals are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity.

This year, almost a million people are on the verge of being homeless in Texas, and countless more dogs and cats. SAPA! is taking on a new responsibility to rescue dogs and cats from the public. Thanks to our loyal partnership with the Petco Foundation, Animal Care Services, the San Antonio Area Foundation, and many other lifesaving partners, we are able to receive free space for our animals, and focus on utilizing donor gifts towards providing optimal care for our dogs and cats.

There is hard work to be done this year, and we hope to count on your support in 2021. Thousands of vulnerable dogs and cats' lives depend on it. Thank you for your kindness and compassion.

To save animals' lives,

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Rebecca Mayberry, Executive Director San Antonio Pets Alive!

During times of isolation and fear, dogs and cats give us comfort and hope.







3,731 ADOPTIONS



904
RESCUE TRANSFERS

JANUARY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020

TRANSFORMATION TALES

KING

King was found over the summer of 2020 totally infested with fleas and ticks from head to paw. It was clear that he was very uncomfortable and in pain. Two of our amazing team members worked diligently for hours to remove as many ticks and fleas as possible from this suffering dog.

After hours of care and medicine, King was finally getting some relief and cuddled up with some rice socks to get much-needed rest. Thanks to our loving and compassionate staff, King is a totally transformed dog today, and he has even found his fur-ever family!

DENALI

When Denali first came into SAPA! after losing two of her siblings, her beautiful black fur had to be shaved because it was covered in feces. Denali's skin



was also irritated, scabbing and covered in mange. After receiving much needed medical attention and care from her foster, Denali started transforming into a strong and majestic kitten.

Denali was officially out of quarantine after four long weeks, and she couldn't hold the happiness back! She zoomed around her foster mom's house in joy, and wouldn't leave her side. With the help of supporters like you, Denali has now found her fur-ever!

MEDICAL CLINIC

80% of the dogs and cats SAPA! saves from euthanasia need some sort of medical care.



219PARVO PUPPIES
TREATED



71DISTEMPER DOGS
TREATED

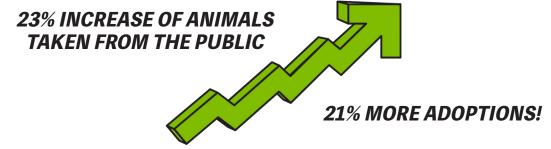


1,386
PUPPIES & KITTENS
SAVED

RESCUE TRANSFERS

With the help of rescue partners across the country, we are able to save lives. These lifesaving partners make it possible for dogs and cats to get second chances at life when our kennels are at capacity. Rescue partners ensure that fostering, boarding, and transport is secured for the animals they intake. In 2020, a total of 1,032 transfers ensued and thousands of dogs and cats found their forever families.

We are especially grateful for our friends at Rescue Pets Serving Vets who made a lifesaving impact during one of the toughest years. Their commitment to rescuing the most urgent dogs placed on the euthanasia list at the city municipal shelter, has truly turned them into a crucial ally of San Antonio Pets Alive!.



NEW PUBLIC INTAKE PROGRAM

San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) has been a lifesaving partner to the City of San Antonio since its inception in 2011.

The long-term ramifications of COVID-19, leads to thousands of people being displaced from their homes, and with them, an increase in homeless dogs and cats.

As a response, our lifesaving team is launching a new Public Intake Program, which allows us to intake, treat, and adopt out dogs and cats, who are abandoned or surrendered from the public.

FOSTERS OF THE YEAR

JOYCE HOWARD

Joyce Howard started her adventure with San Antonio Pets Alive! in 2016 by offering to feed kittens. Being a retired nurse and having a military background has given Joyce a tough skin and the ability to think ahead. She is not afraid of ringworm or upper respiratory diseases and is always willing to take in medical cases.

Joyce's favorite thing about fostering is all the love she gets from the kittens, playing with them, and seeing them progress. "It is never a dull moment, there is always something new", she says.

Her advice to those thinking about fostering is, "You need to be committed. You have to be aware and prepared because animals could crash quickly and you can't save them all." However, she says all the hard work and time invested is worth it and taking care of an animal is always rewarding. We applaud Joyce's determination, one she decides on something she goes full blast. Life saving can sometimes get challenging, but with fosters like Joyce on our side, anything is paw-sible.





AMY BREDEMUS

When it comes to wet noses and wagging tails, Amy Bredemus is quite the expert. Amy started fostering for SAPA! in April of 2018, and since, has been a warrior for our most vulnerable puppies and dogs. Amy says the joy of serving others is what keeps her motivated. Not only is she a relentless lifesaver, Amy has also become a mentor to newer fosters.

According to Amy, a word of encouragement is the greatest gift you can give. "We all have a thought that is daunting and intimidating, but don't isolate yourself. Make sure you are surrounding yourself with people who can uplift you," says Amy.

Fostering comes with challenges, no doubt about it, but the beauty if lifesaving always prevails. Amy loves how saving a life can connect and bring people together through education, support, and purpose. "There have been times when I experienced loss, but the support of the community provided me with a safe space," she says.

One of the dogs that lives in Amy's heart forever is Beverly Leslie. This pup came from a hoarding situation, severely emaciated, neglected, and with a heart murmur, was struggling to stay alive. There wasn't much hope left for Beverly Leslie, but though care, love, and medication, his needs were met and he flourished. Amy is a strong believer that making a connection with an animal is key to their recovery and that the medical part of it is only half of the equation. The puppies and dogs of San Antonio Pets Alive! are so grateful to have Amy Bredemus in our lifesaving corner!

HAPPY TALES

Tabitha, now Paige, has found the fur-ever home of her doggie dreams!

This girl fell in love with her now doggie sibling, Prince, during a meet and greet. The moment Paige laid eyes on him they couldn't stop playing. Paige's new family loves her personality. "She is one of the sweetest dogs we've ever met. She loves every person and dog she meets, so we never have to worry about her being aggressive meeting new dogs or people. Anyone that meets her falls in love, including every single staff member at our vet's office," said Paige's mom.

Paige is now living her best life, alongside Prince. They spend their days running around and playing outside and insist on sharing the same bed. Paige visited Port Aransas for the new year and had a blast at the beach! She made new pup friends, and splashed in the ocean.

Have a SAPA! pet adoption story you'd like to share? Email us at marketing@sanantoniopetsalive.org.



PETS OF THE MONTH



SUGAR

Sugar is incredibly sweet and fun. She loves to hunt for flies in the house or in the backyard and is pretty good at catching them. Stuffed squeaky toys are her weakness and she is kennel trained.

Sugar is definitely very sweet and has a lot of energy, so she would be a great running partner. If you have a hyper dog or puppy and would like to get them a playmate, Sugar would be a great dog to have because she enjoys playful dogs.

DAMIAN

Damian is an independent and brave, five-month-old cat. He is the leader of his litter and loves wresting his siblings. Damian will purr and snuggle for you.



But, what really gets this kitty purring are soft, warm blankets. He absolutely loves them! Damian is friendly with his feline friends but doesn't really care for dogs. He is positive that he can bring some happiness to your home!



Volunteers are critical to the success of San Antonio Pets Alive!

With COVID-19 creating a new "normal" in our community, our volunteer program was put on hold to ensure the safety of our staff and the public. In spite of this, the kindness and compassion San Antonio has for our animals created a network of dedicated individuals that found ways to give back while social distancing. From assisting with transporting animals to our different locations, donating food and supplies, to making toys for our dogs and cats, the community stepped up and supported us all year long.

2020 TOP LIFE SAVERS



JOANA GANESHAPPA

Every week, Joana makes large batches of chicken for sick dogs, and coordinates a large network of volunteers that assist her with this task.



SHERYL JOHNSON

Assisting on a very important task at SAPA!, Cheryl volunteers to transport some of our sickest animals between locations. She is also an amazing foster!



LARRY MOORE

When food is needed for our dogs and cats, we know we count on Larry to deliver some.







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NEW YEAR, NEW PARTNERSHIPS!





We rang in the new year with a sleek new partnership with Northside Chevrolet! Every week, our friends at Northside Chevrolet will sponsor the adoption fee for our Top Dog!

A very lucky pup, gets his professional picture taken alongside the coolest cars in town at Northside Chevrolet. Featured Top dogs Scooter, Dove, and Cole have already found fur-ever families! Now, that's what we call custom-built lifesaving!









This February 2021, Austin Eastciders joins our lifesaving wagon! The Austin-based brewery is donating 10% of their profits to San Antonio Pets Alive! when customer use code "SAPA21". Additionally, customers who use the code will receive 10% off their purchase!



KENNEL SPONSORSHIP

When home is just a couple paw-prints away, a kennel makes a lifesaving difference to your stay. Become a kennel sponsor with San Antonio Pets Alive! and help us provide temporary shelter that makes a permanent impact in the lives of thousands of dogs and cats.

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EMPLOYEE OF MONTH



SONIA RAY

Sonia Ray joined the SAPA! lifesaving team in 2020 as foster support coordinator, and has worked hard to ensure every dog and cat gets a chance. Her team members describe Sonia as a team player and a very positive person.

This amazing lifesaver was able to find temporary homes for 10 animals in one day! These animals were at risk of being euthanized and Sonia went above and beyond to save their lives. She is truly a motivator for everyone around her, and is always eager to learn more about the pet community in San Antonio. SAPA! is lucky to have Sonia in our lifesaving corner!

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ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE!

San Antonio Pets Alive! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Due to alarming euthanasia rates, San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) was founded in 2011. SAPA! is unique—it is the only high-paced, high-volume rescue in San Antonio, saving 5,000 at-risk cats and dogs from euthanasia annually.

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Our mission is to provide the programs and services needed to eliminate the killing of at-risk dogs and cats due to lack of space, adopter or foster.