

June 2022

Pupdate

san antonio **PETS** **alive!**

Dear Lifesaving Friends,

This HOT weather has been absolutely relentless, not only in temperature but from the continuous stream of unwanted kittens and puppies being born in and around our community. I wrote an "I'm Scared" blog back in April about the number of puppies entering the municipal shelter, and it remains to be the same situation...two months later. My team is doing everything in its power to give these animals a fighting chance but there are many obstacles this year.

The intake number of dogs and cats at San Antonio Animal Care Services is lower than in previous years, yet there were still six code reds in the past six weeks. SAPA! defines Code Red as 25 or more dogs and puppies being released by ACS for possible euthanasia due to lack of space. This could be attributed to the inability of people keeping their pets due to inflation, relocation issues, homelessness, and pregnant dogs entering the city shelter.

SAPA! itself is being affected by inflation with higher costs to function and operate. We are also experiencing staff shortages in our animal care departments, and the number of foster volunteers is lower than normal.

As you will see, we had three big adoption events in May to help our dogs and cats find wonderful families and open up space for more animals in need. Sadly, after all these efforts and events, all of our locations remain full, and our fosters are stretched thin. We need the community to join us in helping these animals by fostering and spreading the word about fostering and adopting. We continue to fight to save these precious lives and are grateful for your support in our lifesaving efforts.

With hope and gratitude,

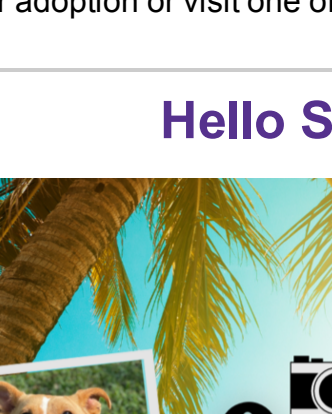
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Executive Director

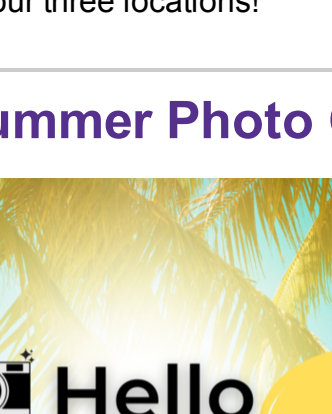
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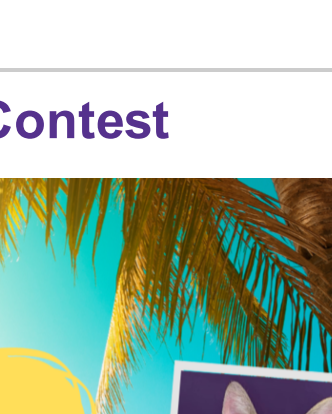
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Lifesaving Numbers



Lives Saved
448



Rescue Transfers
76



Adoptions
240

Upcoming Events

Top Dog (& Cat) Adoption Special

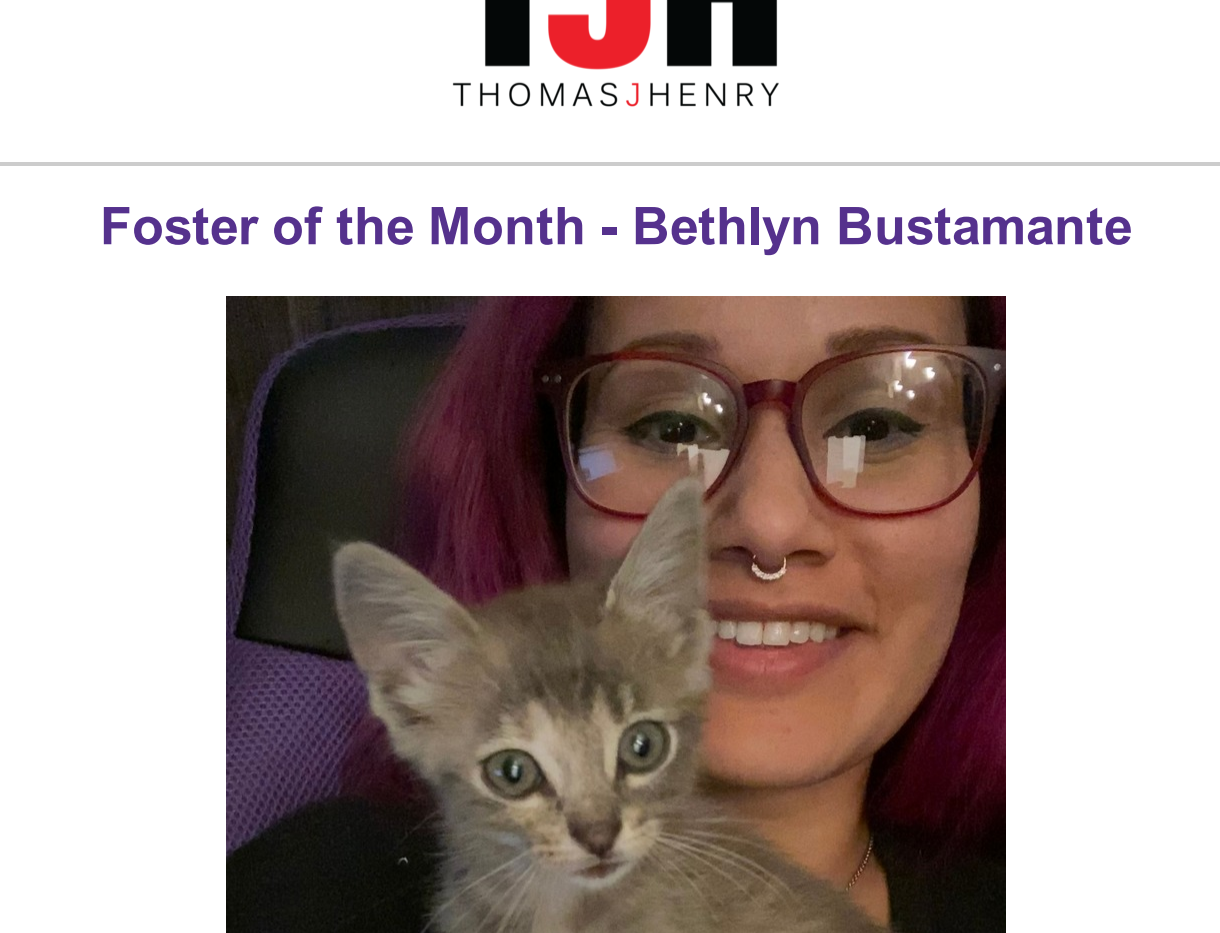


Feel the need...the need to adopt! San Antonio Pets Alive! is hosting a Top Dog (and Cat) Adoption Special premiering now until June 19th!

All kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs that are adopted at one of our locations during this adoption event will have an adoption fee of \$50! (Excluding our ambassador animals).

Visit our website www.sanantoniopetsalive.org to view the cats and dogs available in foster for adoption or visit one of our three locations!

Hello Summer Photo Contest



Calling all proud pet parents! We have some exciting news to share!

San Antonio Pets Alive! is hosting an online "Hello Summer Pet Photo Contest"! Beginning July 1st, 2022 you can enter your cat or dog to participate in SAPA!'s photo contest!

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners with great prizes! Get those adorable pet pictures ready! More details to come.

Paws for Celebration



On October 20, 2022, San Antonio Pets Alive! is hosting its 3rd annual Paws for Celebration fundraising event. Please join us for our first post-COVID in-person fundraiser, Paws for Celebration. This luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 20 at the beautiful Veranda. You'll get to mingle with like-minded individuals, enjoy a fabulous lunch, bid on auction items, purchase a raffle ticket, and cuddle with adorable rescue puppies and kittens.

Sponsorships, underwriting opportunities, and tickets are currently available. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

Thank you to our Top Dog Presenting Sponsor, Thomas J. Henry



Foster of the Month - Bethlyn Bustamante



Congratulations to our phenomenal foster, Bethlyn Bustamante, for being nominated by San Antonio Pets Alive!'s foster team as our June's foster of the month!

Bethlyn continuously steps up to foster our most urgent animals, including momma cats, kittens, and puppies. Bethlyn has been fostering for San Antonio Pets Alive! for nearly two years. In addition to fostering, she serves as a mentor to new fosters, transports other fosters to surgery appointments, and babysits other fosters' cats and dogs.

Shelly, SAPA's Foster Manager, said, "Bethlyn is always so gracious and patient. She does so much, all while working and raising four young, active boys of her own. We are fortunate to have an amazing foster helping us save lives!"

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Employees of the Month

Congratulations

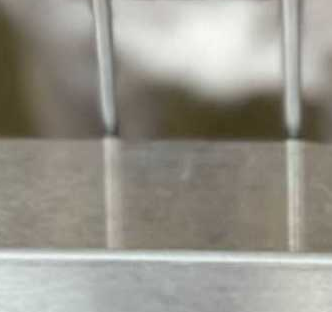
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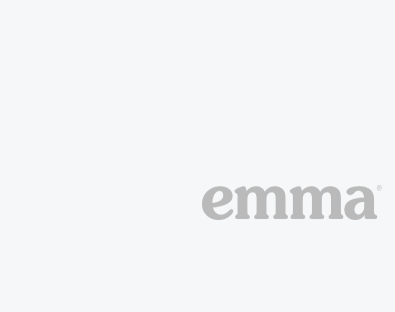
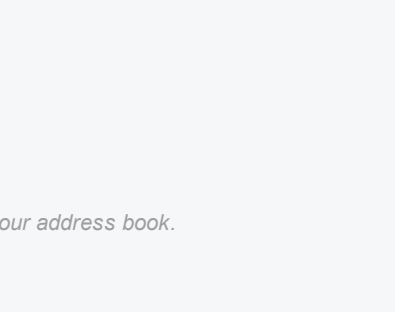
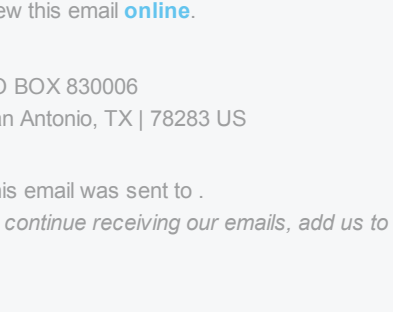


Congrats to Tina and Faith for being selected as the employees of the month! Tina is an Animal Care Attendant at San Antonio Pets Alive!'s Medical Care Center, and Faith is a Placement Transport Coordinator.

Tina's love for animals is evident. Tina said her favorite thing about working at SAPA! is "being able to work at a place that cares about animals. I love watching the animal's demeanor change from being worried or scared to opening up."

Faith always puts the animals first and leads by example. Faith said, "My favorite thing about working at SAPA! is how rewarding the work is. The long hours and hard work are always worth it when I see how happy the dogs and cats are in their forever homes. I feel like I can make a difference working at SAPA!-not just in my community, but nationwide with the help of our rescue partners and transport program."

Headin' Home Transport Update



31 of San Antonio Pets Alive!' dogs were transported to Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming in hopes to find their forever home!

San Antonio Pets Alive!'s Headin' Home program transports dogs to rescue partners in other states with available space. Dogs transported to rescue partners are assessed medically and behaviorally, then matched to adopters. Most dogs are adopted within one week of arrival!

This transport was made possible by Dog Is My CoPilot, Inc. generous donors, fosters, and animal rescue partners. Many of our pups are already in their adoptive homes!

Recent Adoption Events

Cavender Cares Adoption Event

We are incredibly thankful for Cavender Auto Group for hosting an extremely successful adoption event for San Antonio Pets Alive! at their Buick GMC West location on May 28 and for sponsoring 100% of the adoption fees!

A total of 43 cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs found their forever homes thanks to Cavender Cares!

Thank you to everyone that supported San Antonio Pets Alive! during this event, especially our fosters, adopters, and Cavender Auto Group!

BISSELL Pet Foundation "Empty the Shelter"

BISSELL Pet Foundation and Cathy Bissell aim to "Empty the Shelters" by sponsoring reduced adoption fees! 119 kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs were adopted from San Antonio Pets Alive! during our May "Empty the Shelters" event! We are so happy for these families and wish them a fur-bulous life!

Fosters Needed!

We need your help! Our lifesaving efforts have not slowed down, but there are a large number of puppies, dogs, kittens, and cats urgently needing lifesaving. Support, supplies, and your foster's medical care are provided by San Antonio Pets Alive!

[Learn More About Becoming a San Antonio Pets Alive! Foster \(Click Here\)](#)

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