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San Antonio Pets Alive! Turns 6, Rescues Older Dogs

Help SAPA! transport older dogs to waiting families

San Antonio – San Antonio Pets Alive! is celebrating their 6th Birthday by transporting adorable older dogs to trusted nonprofit partners and forever homes in other states. In 6 years, SAPA! has rescued over 40,000 animals. 80% of them require extra care due to abuse, neglect, injuries, illness, or simply age. On Thursday, 2/1/18, SAPA! will transport 70-75 dogs to our trusted nonprofit partners in Washington and Oregon. Several senior dogs will be going along to find the families that will love them for “fur”ever.

Large adult dogs are historically difficult to place in San Antonio, but there are families lined up in the Pacific Northwest to adopt senior dogs. SAPA! sends many larger adult dogs on transport. While some might view a 6-year old (or more!) animal “undesirable,” they actually have many positive traits that make them ideal for families. These Seniors will be adopted quickly thanks to our trusted nonprofit partners.

Older dogs are typically more relaxed than their puppy counterparts, allowing a more low-key environment – perfect for enjoying some couch cuddle time! Older dogs also are more likely to be housebroken and less likely to chew.

Everyone has heard the phrase, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” While that is a popular phrase, it simply doesn’t ring true. Older dogs tend to learn quickly because they can better focus on the task at hand. While a younger dog might be distracted by any and everything, an older dog is calmer.

Transporting dogs to other states has the added benefit of reducing an animals’ length of stay. Length of stay refers to the time animals spend in the shelter environment. The Transport program has helped SAPA! reducing the time, which is good for the animal and their new family. In 2013, the average length of stay for SAPA! animals was 92 days. In 2017, it was 12 days!

Thursday’s transport will take approximately 70-75 dogs on a ground transport to Oregon and Washington. The press is invited to come out and cover load-up at our location on Marbach Road, starting at 5:30-pm.

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Donations to help send these loving seniors to new homes are accepted on the website at sanantoniopetsalive.org.

Pictures of the senior dogs going on transport are available upon request.

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About San Antonio Pets Alive!

San Antonio Pets Alive! is a life-saving nonprofit organization that solely rescues dogs and cats selected for euthanasia at the San Antonio City Shelter. We save these animals after all other options have been exhausted. Our vision is to make San Antonio a No-Kill Community. SAPA! is the last hope for animals kenneled at the city shelter awaiting euthanasia. SAPA!'s innovative programs include saving puppies with medical needs and/or the parvovirus and caring for neonatal kittens too young to survive without trained help. SAPA!'s transportation program, Headin' Home, selects at-risk dogs in San Antonio to make the trip to nonprofit animal sheltering organizations in other states without the pet overpopulation issues our community faces here. SAPA!'s robust volunteer and foster teams work hand-in-hand with staff to save thousands of animals who otherwise have no other options with these innovative programs. Since SAPA!'s inception in 2012, SAPA! has saved over 35,000 companion animals