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**Tomorrow, San Antonio Pets Alive! Transports Dogs Who Have Recovered from Heartworm**

*Over 70 dogs, several of whom have beat heartworm disease, will get a second chance at life in the North.*

San Antonio – San Antonio Pets is transporting 70-75 adult dogs on Thursday, 02/22/2018 to trusted non-profits in Idaho where they will find their forever home. Many of these adult dogs find themselves in local San Antonio shelters with medical problems, neglect, or abuse. SAPA!'s goal is getting these adult dogs healthy for their journey to their new family.

Included on this transport are dogs who have recovered from heartworm disease. This potentially deadly condition is a result of a parasitic roundworm that settles into a dog's heart and lung arteries. The disease is avoidable when dogs are treated with a monthly preventative; however, the dogs SAPA! rescues typically have never had a loving home.

Last year, SAPA! rescued and treated over 700 dogs who were suffering from heartworm disease. The American Heartworm Association predicts that heartworm disease will continue to affect even more animals in the coming years. SAPA! estimates that the number of dogs treated will grow to 900 in 2018.

The cost of each heartworm medication ranges from \$200-300 for the typical 5-6 week treatment cycle. The dogs must be free of the disease to be eligible for transport. SAPA! welcomes donations to help pay for the cost of treatment to give these animals an opportunity to live a healthy life. Donors can learn more and give at [sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://sanantoniopetsalive.org)

Thursday's transport will take the lucky dogs on a ground transport to Idaho. The press is invited to come out and cover load-up at our location on Marbach Road, starting at 5:30pm.

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*Pictures of heartworm recoveries 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.