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## **San Antonio Pets Alive! Tracks a Dog from Danger to Safety for the Big Give on March 22**

*The nonprofit organization invites the public to virtually follow along the journey!*

San Antonio – On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, San Antonio Pets Alive! invites the public to experience through social media the journey of a dog from rescue at the city shelter to safety at one of SAPA!'s locations or in a foster home. SAPA! is a complex organization that has rescued over 40,000 animals in the short 6 years since the organization started. Operating as a "last-chance safety net," San Antonio Pets Alive! saves dogs and cats who have been passed over by all other rescue groups.

SAPA! has always been an organization that does a lot with a little, and the organization must constantly be in motion to save as many animals as possible. SAPA operates 4 different facilities, a 2,000-strong foster force, over 500 volunteers, and medical staff to treat pets' medical needs ranging from heartworm to serious illness or injury. The logistics required to cover this sort of complexity is intense. It can be hard to comprehend the true impact as SAPA! handles hundreds of animals daily. This Big Give Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, SAPA! invites the public to get to know us a little better through one dog's story. Director of Operations, Clare Callison, will share videos throughout the 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the journey of one lucky dog whose life is about to change forever!

SAPA! supporters can sign up to receive email updates at [sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://sanantoniopetsalive.org) or just follow SAPA! on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. SAPA! hopes this story will inspire the animal lovers in the community of San Antonio to really understand what a dog experiences as they move from homeless to safe.

Five years ago, the Big Give was created to bring the community of San Antonio together for 24 hours of fundraising for many local non-profits and organizations. Over \$15 million has been raised for local nonprofits since the Big Give's inception. With a goal of \$7 million to be raised by our community for Big Give 2018, San Antonio Pets Alive! is hoping to reach \$150,000 in donations.

San Antonio Pets Alive! encourages people to support the mission of saving animal lives by visiting their page: <https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-pets-alive>

To learn more about the Big Give and how to create your own Champion for Animals fundraising page, please visit the SAPA! website at: <http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/big-give-2018/>

*Pictures of SAPA!'s logo and dogs 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 40,000 companion animals.