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**The Community of San Antonio Rallied Together to Save Animal Lives**  
*Campaign Provided Boarding for Saved Dogs and Opened Kennels for Dogs at Risk*

San Antonio – Spring has brought warm weather, Fiesta celebrations and sadly more stray animals into the City Shelter. At the end of March, San Antonio Pets Alive! staff was preparing for their normal “walk-through” for dogs at risk of immediate euthanasia where they pull as many dogs as they can to safety when they got notified that even with saving the first round of dogs, there would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round that could possibly be euthanized the very same day. With no extra kennel space, SAPA! reached out to the community of San Antonio for urgent help!

With a simple ask for the community’s involvement, SAPA! was able to provide foster homes and boarding for 30 dogs that were scheduled to go on the next ground transport. Boarding costs \$10 a day per dog and the ground transport trip creates costs as we add more dogs to the transport list. By giving these saved dogs a place to stay until their transport day, we were able to pull more dogs to safety who were at risk of euthanasia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> walk through.

Today, two weeks after the urgent ask for the community’s help, we are finally seeing those 30 special transport dogs and 45 of their newly rescued friends head up to the Pacific Northwest to find their forever home! This trip has a special place in our hearts because many of these lives were saved because of the community’s support for our mission here at SAPA! One of the dogs included in this transport is Loomis, who made his social media debut in our first ever “Barkpool Karaoke” video where he tried his first pupacunio! He will be heading to a trusted rescue in Idaho where he will be receiving a much needed 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery.

With these monthly transports, SAPA! is always looking for temporary foster homes for the dogs selected for our Headin’ Home program. By placing these dogs in a temporary foster home until transport day, SAPA! can save another animal life at risk of euthanasia. These fosters commit to housing a transport dog for 1-2 weeks. To get learn more about SAPA!’s Transport program, Headin’ Home, or sign up to become a foster. Please visit our website at: <http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/transport-program/>

Thursday’s transport will take approximately 75 dogs on a ground transport to Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. The press is invited to come out and cover load-up at our location on Marbach Road, starting at 5:00pm

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*Pictures of transport 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.