

san antonio  
pets alive!



San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!)

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

**64,000+ Lives saved!**

SAPA's mission is to provide the programs and services needed to eliminate the killing of at-risk animals due to lack of space, adopter or foster.



Dear Lifesaving Partner,

There is no other way to begin this letter than to simply say, "THANK YOU." Thank you for your support in helping San Antonio Pets Alive! march forward in our mission to make San Antonio a "lifesaving" community. We are grateful for the generosity of our fosters, donors, adopters, and supporters, and we are excited to head into 2023.

Our mission is a challenging one, but we continue to utilize our resources, leaning on the kindness and support of our valued donors and supporters, as we dedicate ourselves to rescuing one precious life at a time. Despite this past year being difficult with the increasing number of Code Reds and the state of our economy, we had many successes, thanks to the help of supporters like you.

### 2022 Highlights

- Saved nearly 4,800 at-risk dogs and cats from euthanasia. This is an INCREASE over 2021!!
- Increased adoptions by 22%, resulting in 3,531 adoptions in 2022. We partnered with local businesses to host adoption events, and sought out additional community partners willing to host and help us market animals searching for a pet parent.
- Secured funding to purchase an X-ray machine for our medical clinic, giving our medical staff more resources to diagnose and treat our sick and injured animals. This allows San Antonio Pets Alive! to save time and money, as we can do more assessments in-house at our medical facility.
- Hired key staff positions to make us a stronger rescue group. This has allowed us to free up other dedicated staff members and volunteers, allowing them to focus on what they do best, and allowing us to become more efficient in our rescue efforts. We now have our very own animal behaviorist on staff helping our dogs and cats have the best chance in finding forever families.
- Created a detailed strategic plan and this plan will help to guide our efforts over the next three years.

From the bottom of our hearts, and the hearts of those animals we saved with your help, we sincerely thank you. We have a long way to go, and there is much work to be done, but every day we are so very grateful that our community partners are willing to step up to help us care for the tiniest lives that can't speak for themselves.

With love & gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca".

Rebecca Mayberry  
Executive Director



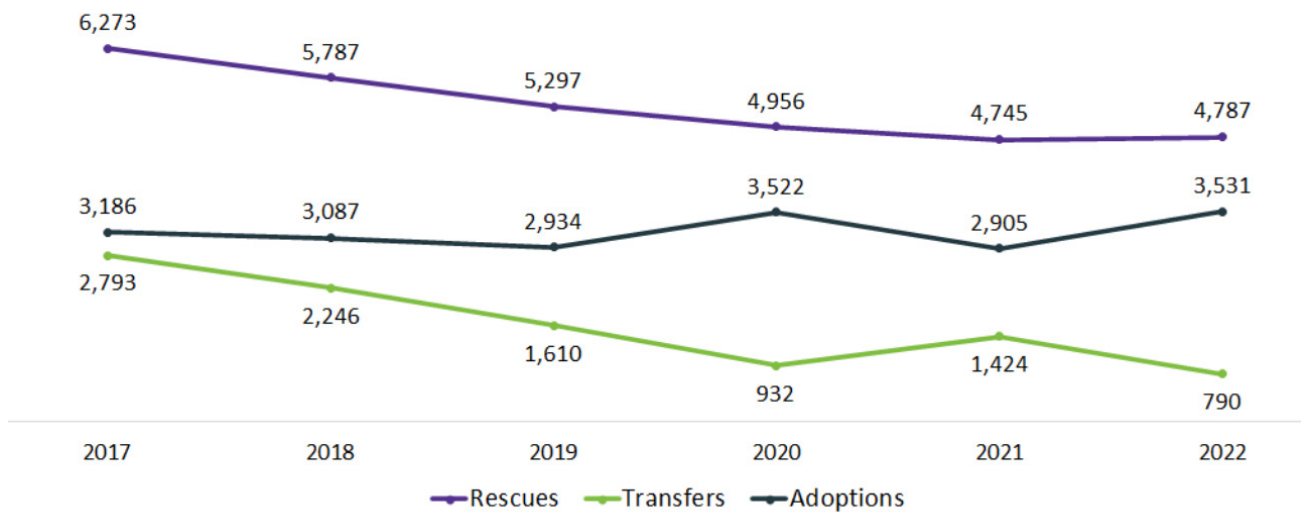
# OUR IMPACT

San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization saving lives in San Antonio and surrounding areas and **has saved more than 64,458 lives since 2011\***

## SAPA! At Work

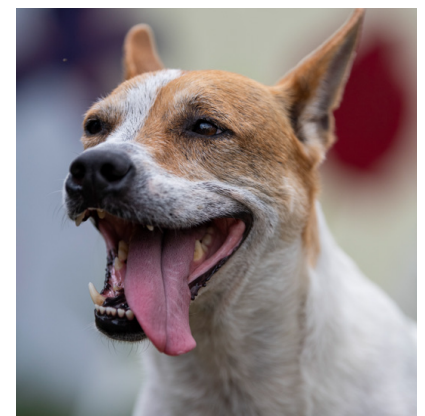
SAPA! offers a range of programming across four sites, including Adoption, Foster, Owner Surrender, Medical Care Center, and Placement. Together, these programs allowed SAPA! to save thousands of dogs and cats each year. The graph below shows the number of animals rescued, transferred, and/or adopted from 2017 to 2022. The dip in transfers and spike in fosters during 2020 is due in large part to the closures and homebound nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Total Intakes, Transfers, and Adoptions, 2017-2022**



## 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

SAPA! enlisted the support of SAPA!'s board, staff, and community stakeholders, including fosters and adopters to provide feedback in order to create a strategic plan for the next three years. SAPA!'s goals for 2023-2026 are to Improve Employee Recruitment and Retention, Improve Sites and Infrastructure, Increase Animal Rescues, Increase Repeat Fosters, and Increase Adoptions



*\*as of 12-31-2022*

# MEDICAL CARE

100% of the dogs and cats San Antonio Pets Alive! saves from euthanasia need medical assistance.



**491**  
Dogs & Cats were  
Spayed/Neutered at  
our Clinic



**9,160**  
Vaccinations  
Administered



**56**  
Dogs Treated for  
Heartworms



**352**  
Cats & Dogs Treated  
for Ringworm



**235**  
Parvo & Parvo Suspect  
Puppies Treated



**124**  
Distemper & Distemper  
Suspect Puppies &  
Dogs Treated



**4,598**  
Diagnostic Tests  
Administered



**1,433**  
Neonatal Puppies &  
Kittens Saved



**82**  
Specialty Surgeries

# MEDICAL UPDATES

Thank you to our generous supporters for helping cover the medical care for many of our cats and dogs. Because of you, these animals received the medical care urgently needed and successfully recovered from their injuries and illnesses.

## Bonnie



In June 2022, one of our staff members saw Bonnie Blue Eyes at the city shelter and quickly stepped up to foster her. Bonnie was found with her mouth bound shut. Aged at about five months old and weighing in at only SIX pounds, underneath all her fur was skin and bones. She was lethargic, too weak to walk or stand, and had an upper respiratory infection. During the first few weeks, Bonnie had many overnight stays at a vet clinic due to her fragile state.

Though the beginning of her life was very touch and go, we are thrilled that today, this spunky and smart little pup is loving life with her wonderful foster family, who decided they could not let her go and adopted her! Thank you for rooting for and supporting her through this journey. Bonnie has even traveled the country with her family and is now residing in her new home in Tennessee.

---

## Potter



Potter (aka Allen) was brought into SAPA!'s care with a horrible burn wound on his back. Potter's wound was carefully cleaned with saline daily and was examined closely by our medical team and his foster until the wound completely healed.

A loving family fell in love with Potter's gentle and sweet personality and adopted him this past September. His new family wrote, "Potter is doing great! He has a 10-year-old sister dog named Onyx. They get along great! He also has two human brothers that love him dearly. We never thought we were a two dog family but here we are loving it & loving him."

---

## Salt



Salt came into our care this past August with her sister, Vinegar. They both were severely underweight, dehydrated, and suffered horrible upper respiratory and eye infections. Due to the severity, they both needed enucleations, removal of one of their eyes.

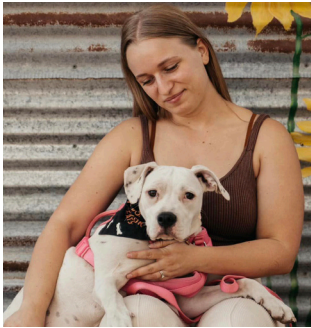
Today, they are thriving with their forever families. Salt's mom wrote, "We love our Salty Baby! She has acclimated well and has made fast friends with everyone here but her favorite is our Dachshund rescue, Peanut. She's filled a void in our hearts after losing a favorite feline. What a great kitty she is and we adore her!"

# FOSTER PROGRAM

Fosters are the heart and soul of SAPA!. The number of animals we save depends entirely on the number of people who open their hearts and homes to foster them. SAPA! is a foster-based rescue organization and relies on the community to save thousands of lives each year.

## Foster Spotlights

### Staycation



Justine and her husband received an email from our foster team about Stellar needing a foster. Since they have a dog who can be a little grumpy with other dogs, they decided to try out Stellar in their home through SAPA!'s staycation program.

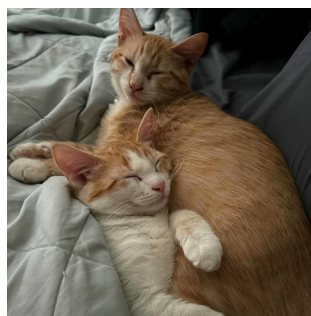
When they introduced their dogs to Stellar, they immediately loved her, even their grumpy pup. "The first night we had planned for her to sleep in her crate, but before we even made it into our bed Stellar was already comfortably cuddled up under the blanket and our dogs were lying next to her. We knew it was meant to be for her to be our new foster and not just our staycation pup. Stellar found a really amazing home and she now has a dog sister named Robyn. I couldn't have asked for better! The staycation program gave us the opportunity to take it slow and be sure that our grumpy pup is comfortable with a new dog in the home."

### Mom and Puppies



Sunkist and her puppies were on the city shelter's euthanasia list and running out of time. Thankfully Peggy, a foster, offered to take them in until they were ready for adoption. The pups were all adopted in April, and Sunkist was adopted in June after she completed her heartworm treatment! Peggy wrote, "Despite the bumps in the road, they went to successful families full of love, families they so very much deserve."

### Neonatal Kittens



Comet came into SAPA!'s care with his three siblings when they were just three weeks old. It was clear from the start he was a little different – lagging behind his siblings in growth and coordination.

Subsequently, Comet was diagnosed with Cerebellar Hypoplasia, sometimes called "wobbly cat syndrome." This was causing his unsteadiness, but it doesn't progress over time or cause pain. During this time, Comet's siblings had already been adopted and moved into their forever homes. Luckily, the family that adopted one of his brothers and his sister reached out to set up a meeting with Comet after hearing about his story, and it was love at first sight! Comet has since thrived in his new home with his siblings, and with a few accommodations, he has grown to be the biggest of the three. You could hardly tell he has a wobble at all!

# 2022 FOSTERS OF THE YEAR

## Cat Foster of The Year



**Maria Rusert**

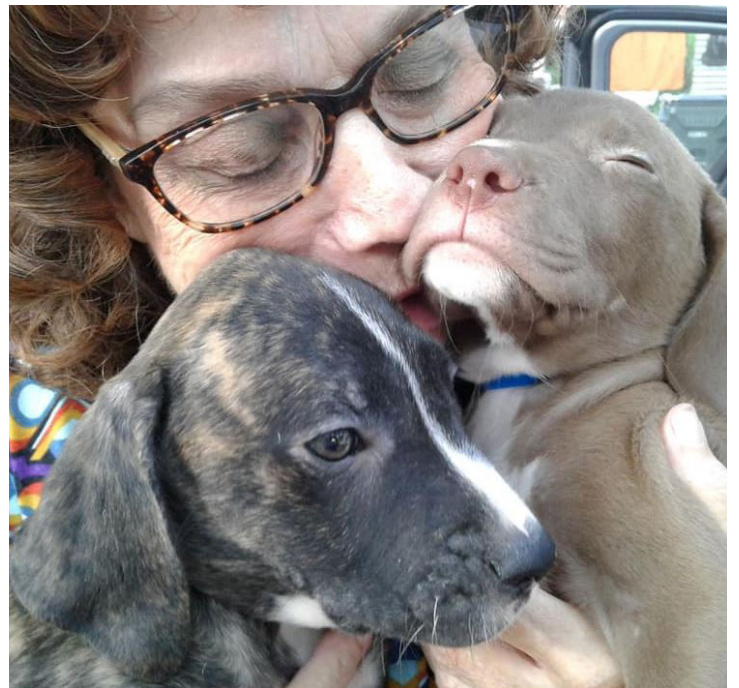
Not many people jump at the chance to foster disabled animals. Daily diaper changing, bath time, or caring for blind cats and kittens is no easy feat. Thankfully, we have Maria, our go-to-guru for these most hard-to-place cats and kittens! In more than four years of fostering, Maria has nurtured and saved 201 cats and kittens, 45 cats and kittens this year alone helping them to find forever families of their very own. Without Maria, they almost certainly wouldn't have had a chance. Thank you, Maria, for taking the toughest cases and turning them into healthy and lovable family members!

## Dog Foster of The Year



**Goldie Coventry**

Goldie has been with SAPA! since the beginning, specializing in tiny bottle baby puppies – and my goodness, after a few weeks of caring for them, she gets them to be chunky little pups! She and her daughter, Rebecca, work tirelessly and selflessly attending to their needs around the clock. After 700 plus little puppies, and 38 puppies this year, Goldie is a true lifesaver! Thank you, Goldie, for your tireless and selfless dedication to helping our most vulnerable babies.



# ADOPTION

With every cat and dog that is adopted from SAPA!, their space becomes available for another animal in need. This year, 3,531 cats and dogs were adopted from SAPA!.

## Panda Bear

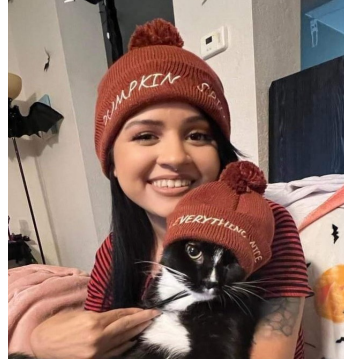


Mr. Puppy Pan, now known as Panda Bear, is truly a big teddy bear! Panda Bear quickly became a staff favorite when he was

in our care. His tough exterior melted everyone's heart as soon as his sweet and calm demeanor shined through.

Patrick took Panda Bear home for the weekend as part of our Staycation Program and knew instantly that he couldn't imagine his life without Panda Bear! Patrick adopted Panda Bear during his Staycation and now lives in the heart of downtown San Antonio! He enjoys his daily walks around Hemisphere Park and has befriended the neighborhood squirrels. Panda Bear and Patrick have traveled across the country to 38 different states as Patrick is a commercial truck driver!

## Boo



Boo doesn't let his one eye limit him in his daily life, and neither does Crystal! This dynamic duo continues to live life to the fullest, helping people and animals by sharing their story of positivity and perseverance.

"Rescue pets are special. They've been through so much, and when they find their person, they seem to understand that their life is going to change for the better. It was almost like Boo knew instinctively that we are both disabled and that we need each other equally...because I had been through a lot too."

For Crystal, the connection with Boo was immediate. He sleeps with her every night, and although Crystal can't move around as easily as she would like, Boo always seems to know when a cuddle is needed. "When we are together and feel his purr, I know that he's happy which makes me feel more at ease which is nice especially after a rough day."

Crystal says that her advice to anyone who may be struggling right now is "just to keep trying to be your best self every day, no matter what. Remember to celebrate the good days, be kind to others, and know that love comes in all forms."

## Long Stay Animals

These long stay animals are hoping to have a happy tail ending of their own!



Tumbleweed



Nefertiti



Bagheera



# PLACEMENT



SAPA! collaborates with other rescue organizations across the country to save as many lives as possible. We partner with more than 160 animal welfare organizations in 25 states and Canada. In 2022, SAPA! transferred 790 animals to other rescues.

A special thank you to A Place for Ace, one of our largest rescue partners. A Place for Ace helped our lifesaving efforts by pulling 51 dogs into their care last year. To learn more about their work visit [www.aplaceforace.org](http://www.aplaceforace.org).

# VOLUNTEER

## Volunteer of The Year



**Mari**

It takes a community of volunteers to provide our animals with the kindness and compassion they deserve while in our care. San Antonio Pets Alive! sees this dedication and commitment in Mari, a 17-year-old high school student who has stepped up to bring in homemade treats on multiple occasions to more than 100 on-site animals. During our Halloween “Treats no Tricks” event, Mari baked 30 batches of treats so that visitors could pass them out while visiting each location.

## Corporate Volunteer of The Year



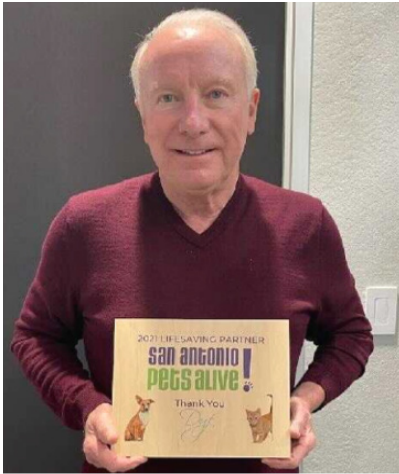
**Ameritas**

We are especially grateful to our corporate volunteers at Ameritas helping us at our Rescue Center located at the City Shelter. This year they have taken the time to come in and organize storage sheds, snap eye-catching biography photos, clean out kennels, and get elbow deep in puppy baths.

The Ameritas team is always willing to help no matter the size of the task and we are thankful we can count on them to help our animals.

# SUPPORTERS

## 2022 Distinguished Supporter of the Year



**Dr. Robert N. Young**

Our distinguished supporter has contributed to SAPA! for more than five years. Dr. Young goes above and beyond in supporting SAPA! and its mission, making a significant impact to help sustain SAPA! and its operations. Dr. Young is one of the most recognized board-certified plastic surgeons in San Antonio. He has developed a first-class reputation for excellence in South Central Texas and has been in practice for more than 30 years.

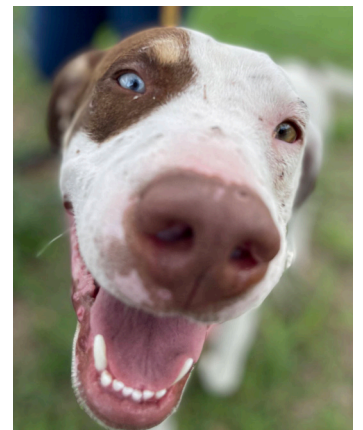
Dr. Young and his team at Dr. YoungForever have been longtime supporters of San Antonio Pets Alive! since early 2016. Dr. Young has two rescue cats and is a passionate animal lover. His support has been vital to our organization's success and to San Antonio's most at-risk animals.

## 2022 Distinguished Foundation of the Year



**Petco Love**

Petco Love, our longtime and top partner, has supported San Antonio Pets Alive! for more than nine years, providing grant funds totaling \$2 million+! This past year, Petco Love provided us with a multi-year grant of \$400,000 making a tremendous impact in sustaining our organization. Petco Love also donates the space at the adoption center to us, where we have more than 1,000 adoptions each year. Petco Love sees the importance in fostering, and many Petco Love employees have stepped up to foster and save lives through SAPA! this year. Thank you Petco Love for your ongoing partnership and commitment to saving lives!



# CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Thank you to our top corporations, foundations, and organizations  
for supporting our lifesaving mission in 2022.

Akerman LLP  
Alamo Beer Company  
Alamo Title Company  
Allegra  
AmeriVet Partners Management, Inc.  
Badger CPA  
Banfield Foundation  
BISSELL Pet Foundation  
Cavender Cares  
CVS Foundation  
Donnie Britt State Farm Insurance  
Dr. Scholl Foundation  
DrYoungForever | YoungForever Plastic Surgery & Medspa  
Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
Fifth Generation Inc/Tito's Handmade Vodka  
Frost Bank  
Gonzalez Kypuros and White Inc  
Gunnarson Outdoor Advertising Inc  
HHM Charitable Fund  
Hill Country Honda  
Hollomon Price Foundation  
JDog Junk Removal & Hauling  
John and Florence Newman Foundation  
John R. and Greli N. Less Charitable Trust  
KENS 5/KENS Cares  
Law Office of Thomas J Henry  
Lisa's Closet  
M Stagers Realty Partners  
Orphan Kitten Club  
Performance Plumbing

Petco Love  
pixelreflex Media  
Renaissance Charitable Foundation  
Revolution Consulting Co.  
Richard D Huff Foundation Trust  
Ricos Products  
San Antonio Animal Care Services  
San Antonio Area Foundation  
Secure Financial Management  
Security Service Charitable Foundation  
SkyCipher LLC  
Standard Insurance Company  
Subaru  
Tailwind Foundation  
The Allstate Foundation  
The Carmax Foundation  
The Cato Corporation  
The Faye L. and William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation  
The Greehey Family Foundation  
The Jan M. Smith Charitable Trust  
The PM Group  
The Rachael Ray Foundation  
THRIVE Head and Spinal Care  
Titan Solar Power  
Valero Energy Foundation  
VBF Investments LLC  
Vogt Enterprises Inc  
Volvo Cars San Antonio Principle Auto  
WalMart



## LOCATIONS

### Administration

PO Box 830006  
San Antonio, Texas 78283

### Rescue Center

4710 Highway 151  
San Antonio, Texas 78227

### Medical Care Center

9107 Marbach Road, Suite 109  
San Antonio, Texas 78245

### Petco Love Adoption Center

6001 NW Loop 410, Suite 103  
San Antonio, Texas 78238

[www.sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers

Andrea Brightwell, board chair  
Alexis Eidson, vice chair  
Derek Stahlman, CPA, treasurer  
Rebecca Clausewitz, secretary

### Members

Danny Arnold  
Sarah Dorgan  
Chris Flowers

Rebecca Mayberry, executive director



## ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE!

San Antonio Pets Alive! is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Due to alarming euthanasia rates, San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) was founded in 2011. SAPA! is unique—it is the only high paced, high-volume rescue in San Antonio, saving approximately 5,000 at-risk cats and dogs annually.