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PETS ALIVE | 

2025
Impact Report

SINCE OUR FOUNDING, SAPA! HAS SAVED THE
LIVES OF OVER **80,000** ANIMALS

ABOUT **San Antonio Pets Alive!**

San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) is a 501(c)3 non-profit and the city's only high-volume, foster-based rescue. We serve as the ultimate safety net for the dogs and cats that fall through the cracks of all other lifesaving options. Our mission is to eliminate the killing of at-risk animals due to a lack of space, adopters, or foster homes by rescuing those on euthanasia lists—often with only hours to be saved.

What makes SAPA! Unique is our commitment to the "untreatables." We specialize in critical neonatal rescue and care, providing round-the-clock support for bottle-baby puppies and kittens. We are one of the few organizations with the expertise to rescue and treat pets facing highly contagious and life-threatening illnesses, including Parvo puppies and Panleukopenia kittens.

Through our dedicated network of fosters, volunteers, and community supporters, we provide the urgent medical care, rehabilitation, and behavioral support these animals need to thrive. Together, we are working toward a future where every adoptable pet finds a loving home and no animal is left behind.

OUR **PROGRAMS**

ADOPTION

One adoption, two lives saved. When you adopt from SAPA!, you give one pet a home and another a chance. Your empty kennel becomes a new beginning for the next animal in need.

FOSTER

Help us save more lives by becoming a foster parent. SAPA! covers 100% of medical and supplies, making it easy for you to provide a temporary home for a pet in search of their family.

PAWS BEYOND TEXAS

To save more lives, SAPA! transports cats and dogs to partner organizations across the continent via plane and transport van. Because pets are adopted quickly in these high-demand areas, we can save more animals right here at home.

MEDICAL CARE

Every animal we rescue needs a helping hand. Our dedicated team provides daily medical treatment for critical conditions like parvo, panleukopenia, distemper, and physical trauma, ensuring every pet has a path to recovery.

OUR 2025 IMPACT

At San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!), Our focus is squarely on the "last-chance" animals. We are proud to serve as the only high-volume pet partner for San Antonio's Animal Care Services (ACS). To support this critical lifesaving work, the city provides us with a dedicated Rescue Center located immediately adjacent to ACS. This proximity is vital; it allows us to act within minutes to rescue animals from the euthanasia list and bring them into our specialized care.

Our impact is further amplified by our high-growth Transport Program. While we set an ambitious initial goal to transport 500 pets this year, we far exceeded expectations by moving a total of 808 animals to partner rescues in regions with high adoption demand. This program serves as a crucial lifeline, allowing us to save hundreds of additional lives even when our local facility is at capacity.

Our current Rescue Center was specifically engineered to support the needs of puppies. Because of this specialized layout, our immediate rescue priority follows a tiered approach: starting with neonatal puppies and kittens, followed by adult cats, and small to medium dogs. While we maximize every square inch of our current home, our ultimate vision is to secure a new facility that will allow us to expand our capacity. We dream of a space where we can comfortably house and rehabilitate a higher number of large dogs, ensuring that no animal—regardless of size—is left behind.

Every Life Matters. Whether a tiny kitten or a large dog, every pet adopted from SAPA! leaves our care ready for a fresh start. Each animal is:

- Fully Spayed/Neutered
- Microchipped for lifelong safety
- Up to date on all vaccinations
- Provided with heartworm and flea preventatives



*Scan here to see our dogs and cats get their close-up!
Explore our current adoption opportunities and learn
more about how our mission gives every animal a
second chance.*



OUR FOSTERS

Our ability to save as many lives as possible is due, in large part, to our incredible Foster Program. We are proud to share that we now have more than 3,749 foster families enrolled in our lifesaving network. As we continue to grow, we are always looking for more heroes to join this community and help us expand our reach even further.

Fostering is the bridge between a "last-chance" rescue and a forever home. It is crucial because it not only frees up vital space in our Rescue Center but also gives animals the chance to heal, grow, and thrive in a comfortable, loving environment. Many of the pets we rescue require specialized care—whether they are neonatal bottle-babies, animals recovering from illness or injury (including Parvo and Panleukopenia), or those simply in need of socialization and confidence-building.

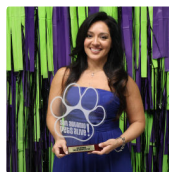
You provide the love; we provide the rest. SAPA! ensures our fosters are fully supported by providing:

- All medical treatment and vaccinations
- Microchipping
- Marketing support to help find their forever home

If you can foster, even for a short time, you can be the difference between life and death for an animal in need. Every foster home, no matter how temporary, moves us closer to our goal of making San Antonio a city where no animal is left behind.

FOSTER OF THE YEAR

In a celebration of heart and heroism, we are proud to present our Dog and Cat Foster of the Year awards at our signature Paws for Celebration Gala. This prestigious honor recognizes the extraordinary individuals who go above and beyond, providing a vital lifeline for San Antonio's most vulnerable pets. Their unwavering dedication is the cornerstone of our mission, proving that a single open door can truly change the world for an animal in need.



ALBA
DOG FOSTER
OF THE YEAR



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the full video.*



THALIA & BARBARA
CAT FOSTERS
OF THE YEAR



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HAPPY TAILS

Ollie's First Christmas

Ollie's journey with us began when he was just five months old. After his time in foster care came to an unexpected end, he found himself back in the shelter system. The transition was incredibly difficult for him. Like many sensitive dogs, Ollie struggled with the noise and uncertainty of the kennel environment.

In the shelter, we watched Ollie's spark begin to fade. He showed significant signs of anxiety, lost weight, and struggled with the chronic stress of not having a consistent place to call home. What he needed most was exactly what every dog deserves: a calm, loving environment and a patient companion to help him feel safe again.



"Ollie's story is a beautiful reminder that sometimes all it takes is one person saying 'yes' to change a life forever."

At one year and four months old, Ollie's luck finally changed. Just in time for the holidays, a family saw the sweet soul behind the anxious exterior and said, "Yes."

This past December marked a major milestone for Ollie. Instead of the cold concrete of a kennel, he spent his very first holiday season surrounded by:

- Warmth: A soft bed and a quiet living room.
- Safety: The knowledge that he wouldn't have to move again.
- Love: A family dedicated to his continued growth and health.

Ollie is now exactly where he belongs. His recovery and successful adoption were made possible by the resources your donations provide—from veterinary care to high-quality food and the behavioral support that kept him going until his family found him.

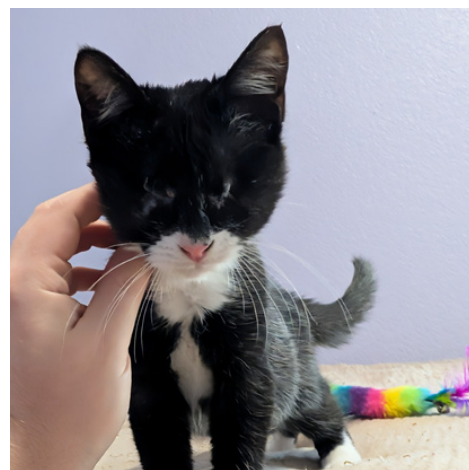
Because of you, Ollie is finally home.

HAPPY TAILS

Scuba Steve: A Lovely Mystery

Scuba Steve arrived at San Antonio Pets Alive! facing a challenge that would have daunted many. Suffering from a severe case of feline herpes—a common condition that had caused significant abnormalities in his eyes—he was completely blind. He didn't just need a house; he needed specialized medical care, a patient heart, and the time to heal.

That's where his dedicated foster, Eri Denewellis, stepped in. In foster care, Scuba Steve (affectionately nicknamed "Scooby-Doo") proved that a lack of sight wasn't going to slow him down. Despite his disability, Scuba Steve navigated his world with a confidence that inspired everyone he met.



- Fearless Navigator: He learned to find his food and water bowls by smell and used his litter box like a champion.
- Playful Protector: He spent his days "bunny kicking the baddies" and purring louder than the Mystery Machine.
- Social Butterfly: Ready to play with anyone—human, cat, or dog—he proved that his heart was wide open to making new friends.

"He may not be able to tell you where he is on account of being blind, but he sure doesn't shake or shiver over it."

Because of supporters like you, Eri never had to worry about the cost of Scuba Steve's treatments. Your generosity funded the essential surgery he needed to regain his comfort and health.

Today, Scuba Steve isn't just surviving; he is thriving in a loving forever home. His journey is a testament to what happens when medical expertise meets a foster's devotion—all fueled by your belief in saving the most vulnerable pets in San Antonio.

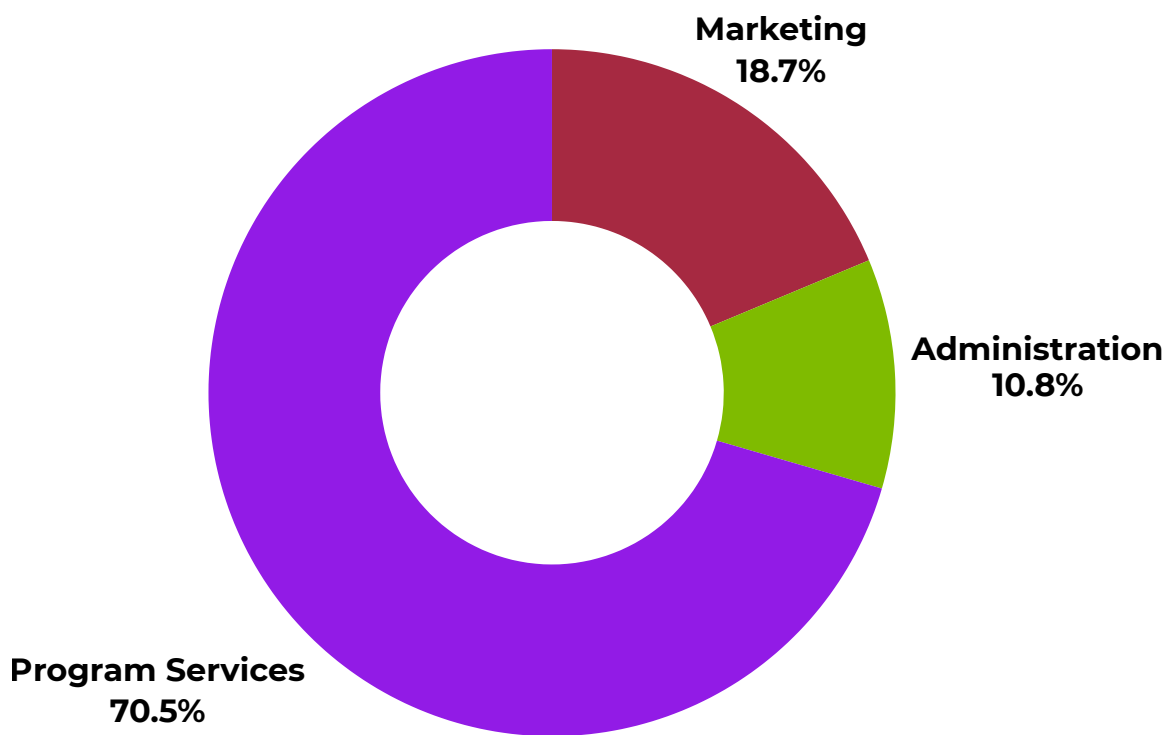
Scan here to view the full
story of Scuba Steve



THE POWER OF YOUR SUPPORT

Every dollar donated provides critical financial support for the thousands of animals in our care throughout the year. These funds are the lifeline that allows us to provide the high-standard medical attention every animal deserves. Your generosity directly powers:


- Life-Saving Surgeries: Essential procedures for animals like Scuba Steve who arrive with urgent medical needs.
- Emergency Care: Critical treatment for parvo cases and other highly contagious, life-threatening illnesses.
- Daily Essentials: Ensuring every dog and cat has high-quality food, clean water, and a safe environment to heal.
- Behavioral Support: Providing the patience and training resources needed for pets like Ollie to overcome shelter anxiety and find homes forever.



Scan to learn more about ways to donate. Help us continue our mission of providing life-saving surgeries and compassionate care for animals in need.



Scan to explore volunteer opportunities. Whether you're walking dogs, socializing cats, or helping at our Second Chance Thrift Store, your time saves lives. Join the SAPA! family today!



We brought 11-year-old Almond home for a week of fostering in 2024, but he never left. After a year of waiting for the 'perfect' family, we realized he was already with them. From comforting our senior dogs to being the gentlest best friend to our 4-year-old daughter, Almond Joy is the definition of a gentle giant. We officially adopted him in July 2025 and couldn't imagine life without him.

- Almond Joy's Mom



2025 IMPACT

By The Numbers



5,289

lives saved



808

transported



520
Dogs



288
Cats



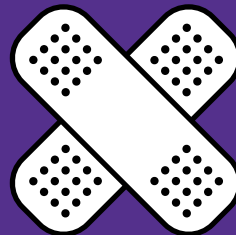
3,720

adoptions



8,577

diagnostic tests
administered



16,810

vaccinations
administered



3,749

animals spayed
and neutered
by SAPA!



3,749

animals fostered



126

specialty surgeries
performed

WHERE THE **LIVES ARE SAVED**



The Gold Standard for Animal Adoption

Choosing to adopt from San Antonio Pets Alive! means more than just finding a new best friend; it means participating in a sophisticated safety net designed for the most vulnerable animals in our city. As San Antonio's high-volume, foster-based rescue, we specialize in saving pets that have no other options. When you adopt from us, you are supporting a dedicated network of medical professionals and compassionate fosters. Your choice directly combats shelter overcrowding and ensures that every healthy, treatable animal in San Antonio has a fighting chance at a happy life.



Investing in a No-Kill Future

Your donations are the engine of our life-saving mission. Unlike general funds, a gift to SAPA! is a direct investment in urgent medical care, life-saving surgeries, and specialized treatment for conditions like parvo and feline herpes. We operate with transparency and efficiency, ensuring that every dollar—whether spent at our Second Chance Thrift Store or given as a gift—is maximized to provide food, shelter, and medical attention to animals in crisis. By donating, you are providing the critical resources necessary to eliminate unnecessary euthanasia and build a compassionate community for all.



Rescue Center

4710 Highway 151 - Building 1
San Antonio, TX 78227

Petco Love Adoption Center

6001 NW Loop 410 - Suite 103
San Antonio, TX 78238

Medical Care & Adoption Center

9107 Marbach Road - Suite 109
San Antonio, TX 78245

San Antonio Pets Alive! Second Chance Thrift Store

8336 Marbach Road
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