



**SAN ANTONIO**  
**PETS!**  
**alive!**



**San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!)**

# **2021 IMPACT REPORT**

**59,000+ Lives saved!**

**High-volume, foster-based rescue saving approximately 5,000 at-risk cats and dogs annually.**



**Rebecca Mayberry**  
Executive Director

**“There is still much work to be done, but the future is bright with you by our side.”**

Dear Lifesaving Partner,

I'm proud to share that after ten incredible years, San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) continues to be a lifesaving leader in our city - taking in the animals often overlooked by other rescue groups and adopters. SAPA! **always has and always will** strive to give them the chance of a happy and healthy life.

As we continue to face uncertainty and hardships due to COVID-19, our lifesaving efforts keep going full speed ahead, **saving 4,745** at-risk cats and dogs in 2021. Vulnerable puppies, dogs, kittens, and cats need us, and we need them to comfort and befriend us. Every time I witness a happy tails story, my heart is whole, knowing these animals endured great obstacles and are now thriving with their new families.

### **2021 Highlights**

- Honored our commitment to the community to spay and neuter all of our animals prior to being adopted.
- Re-launched our transport and volunteer programs which were halted in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- Participated in two BISSELL Foundation Empty the Shelters events resulting in 231 adoptions.
- Received two multi-year grants, helping to provide financial stability.
- Grew our board with the addition of three new directors who are deeply committed to our lifesaving mission.
- Enhanced our rescue transfer application process, improving our protocols and evaluations of our rescue partners.
- Worked with more than 1,000 fosters who loved and cared for our animals.
- Saved more than 600 cats and dogs through our Public Intake Program, a 67% increase.

Thank you for helping to make these achievements possible and for believing, as we do, that saving animals is an important priority in our community. There is still much work to be done, but the future is bright with you by our side.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Mayberry  
Executive Director  
San Antonio Pets Alive!

# OUR IMPACT

San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization saving lives in San Antonio and surrounding areas since 2011.

**January 1 - December 31, 2021**



**4,745**  
Lives Saved



**1,424**  
Rescue Partner  
Transfers



**2,905**  
Adoptions

MORE THAN **59,671** LIVES SAVED SINCE 2011

\* As of 12/31/2021



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## MEDICAL CARE CENTER

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



**651**

Dogs & Cats were Spayed/Neutered at our clinic



**9,100+**

Vaccinations Administered



**219**

Dogs Treated for Heartworms



**284**

Cats & Dogs Treated for Ringworm



**259**

Parvo & Parvo Suspect Puppies Treated



**189**

Distemper & Distemper Suspect Puppies & Dogs Treated



**6,300+**

Diagnostic Tests Administered

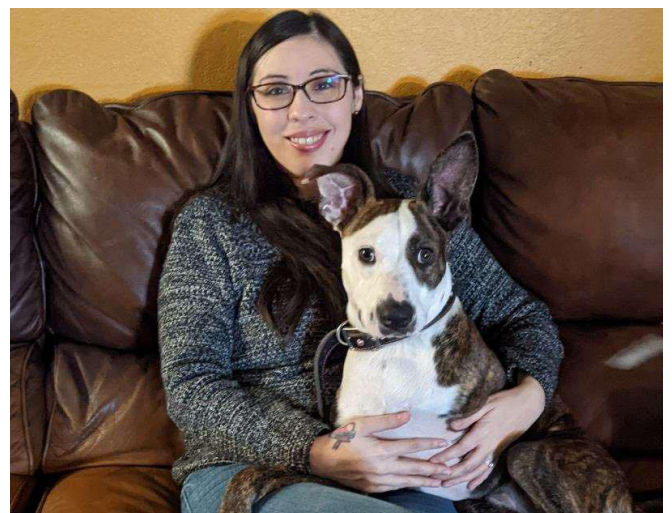


**1,521**

Neonatal Puppies & Kittens Saved

## Xena's Medical Fundraising Update

Xena was surrendered by her owner to the City of San Antonio Animal Care Services and brought into our care. This sweet girl had a significant amount of pain in her front left leg. Thanks to our amazing donors, Xena had surgery and has fully healed! She was adopted by her foster who loves her so much! Xena's adopter, Summer says, "Xena is doing great! She fits right in and she's a good dog. We love her!"

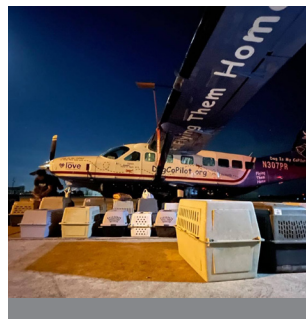


# TRANSPORT

## SAPA! Transported 114 Animals in 2021

We relaunched our Headin' Home transport program after the program was halted due to COVID-19. Our transports were made possible by generous donors, animal rescue partners, and fosters. Our Headin' Home program transports dogs to rescue partners in other states with available space.

These dogs are adopted out quickly in their new state instead of staying in our facilities or foster homes, allowing San Antonio Pets Alive! to save more lives!



# PLACEMENT

SAPA! collaborates with animal welfare organizations across the country and internationally to save as many lives as possible. We partner with more than **110** animal welfare organizations in 25 states and Canada. In 2021, SAPA!'s placement team established 27 new partnerships, and **1,424** of our animals were transferred to other partners, a 53% increase over 2020.



## Rescue Partner Highlight

A special thank you to Hope for Love Rescue, one of our largest rescue partners. Hope for Love Rescue helped our lifesaving efforts by pulling 77 dogs into their care last year. They always have a foster lined up for each dog they pull and are a pleasure to work with!

# FOSTER SUCCESS STORY

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Sweet Gabby and her six tiny puppies (Graham, Gilbert, Gigi, Ginger, Guiseppe, and Griffin) were found as strays this past October. SAPA! and our amazing fosters swooped in to save them from an uncertain future. All had an awful upper respiratory infection and were barely strong enough to survive. With treatment, love, and care from our Medical Care Center team and fosters, they fought through their illnesses and survived. They have all found wonderful homes, including miss Gabby! How could anyone resist these precious faces? We are thrilled that this whole family can get the chance to know what love is.



## LONG STAY ANIMALS

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### SYLVESTER



Sylvester was injured from a car accident. His back legs are not fully functional, but have been improving with physical therapy. He is sweet, charming, and very playful.

### FAUNA



Fauna is exquisite! She has the softest coat you will ever feel! She loves to go on walks, play with her doggy toys, and give lots of hugs and kisses.

### POCKET



Pocket is a talkative, social, and loving kitten. He can be shy when you first meet him, but he will repay your patience with lots of love and purrs once he's comfortable.

Visit [www.sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org) to foster or adopt a long stay animal.

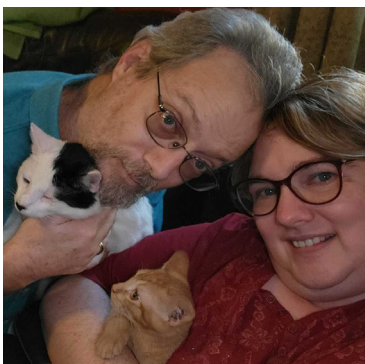
# 2021 FOSTERS OF THE YEAR

While we've had more than 1,000 wonderful fosters this year, three stood out in their dedication and commitment to saving lives; Melissa and David Christman, our dog fosters of the year, and Valri Berkoff, our cat foster of the year.



**Melissa Christman**

Melissa and David have fostered five momma dogs and their 36 puppies with some mothers giving birth while in their care. They will also take in a single puppy and kitten that need a foster. The Christmans take excellent care of their fosters and find wonderful loving homes for them. Melissa also serves as a mentor for fosters that foster moms and pups. Since 2018, this dynamic duo has cared for 257 of our dogs, puppies, and kittens!



**Valri Berkoff**

Valri has been fostering for SAPA! for many years. She is patient, takes excellent care of her fosters, and finds them loving families. Every time we ask Valri to foster a kitten that needs an urgent placement, she says, "yes." She also helps other fosters when they need to transfer their kittens. Valri fostered 53 kittens in 2021 and a total of 228 kittens, cats, and dogs since she started fostering in 2018.

To learn more about this lifesaving program, please visit [www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/foster](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/foster).



We had **21** SAPA! employees foster **261** cats and dogs and **1,015** volunteer fosters in 2021.

# HAPPY TAILS STORIES

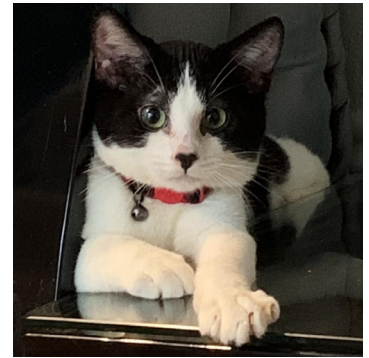
## Homer

Homer, a three-year-old Malinois Belgian mix, came into our care from the City of San Antonio Animal Care Services. After a few days, Homer was pre-adopted in September 2021 by a family who instantly fell in love with him.

Sadly, Homer had to complete several medical treatments before going home with his forever family. While waiting to go to his new home, his family visited him daily.

Our Lifesaving team loved to watch the bond between Homer and his forever family bloom and flourish. Homer waited for his family to visit and had his ball in his mouth, ready to play fetch with his soon-to-be human brother. He received a ton of cuddles and support from his family as he recovered from his illnesses.

We are happy to share that Homer loves his new life and is best buds with his human brother!



## Mason

Mason is a sweet seven-month-old kitten that was brought into our care from San Antonio Animal Care Services. Our medical team administered several tests, and little Mason tested positive for Feline Leukemia (a virus that affects a cat's immune system). We were able to get Mason the treatment he needed to live a normal life with appropriate care.

In addition to Feline Leukemia, Mason contracted Pan Leukopenia virus as a stray kitten and needed round-the-clock specialized care to beat it. Pan Leukopenia acts very much like the Parvo and Distemper viruses in puppies and was once a leading cause of death in stray cats.

This curious kitty loves attention almost as much as he loves cuddles. He is a huge cuddle bug who adores being petted, carried and held. He is very capable of entertaining himself all day with a simple toy. He is a quirky, vocal, curious, and loving companion.

Mason's foster couldn't let him go, and he is now an official member of their family.

# VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are critical to the success of San Antonio Pets Alive!. We are extremely appreciative and grateful for the kindness and compassion of our community. Our volunteers transport animals to our different locations, donate food and supplies, clean our facilities, foster, and even host their own donation drives benefiting San Antonio Pets Alive!.



We are thankful for Teresa Garcia, Roxanne Schmid, and Aurora Forinash, who visit our Medical Care Center every Sunday. These three are always willing to lend a hand!

In addition, Pam Plummer has been an integral part in keeping our neonatal kitten fosters equipped with all the supplies they may need to care for their foster babies! Each month, Pam donates bags full of goodies, like play pens, toys, treats, food, baby blankets, and more each month.



San Antonio Pets Alive! is proud to celebrate our lifesaving partnership with Petco Love. Our longtime and top partner, Petco Love, supported SAPA! in 2021 through \$125,000 in grants, including selecting two SAPA! Petco Love Stories. In addition to supporting SAPA! financially, Petco Love donates the space at the adoption center to us, where we had more than 1,000 adoptions in 2021. Lastly, many Petco Love employees stepped up to save lives through volunteering their time fostering, including President and CEO, Susanne Kogut.



If you are interested in hosting a donation drive or volunteering, please email [volunteer@sanantoniopetsalive.org](mailto:volunteer@sanantoniopetsalive.org).

# KENNEL SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Paul and BJ Fuhrmann support SAPA! because they share in the belief that all animals, especially cats who often get overlooked, deserve the opportunity for wonderful forever families and regular medical care. In 2021, they sponsored four cat kennels in loving memory of Chelsea and Nick and in honor of their beloved Tiger and Dusty. Paul said, "Our cats are great companions and bring a lot of fun and enjoyment to our house. Each of them has shown a distinct personality and we have loved them all."



**If you or your company is interested in sponsoring a lifesaving kennel this year, please visit [www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/kennel-sponsorship/](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/kennel-sponsorship/).**

## CONSTANT COMPANIONS

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Thank you to our 198 monthly donors – tried and true constant companions to our organization! We never know what each month will bring in terms of the number of animals that depend on us and the medical needs associated. This continued support allows us to keep all our critical programs intact, plan, and save the dogs and cats most at risk of being killed .

It's also a convenient way to make a difference, spreading your donations out during the year. Your monthly gifts protect us during times of uncertainty or emergency, allowing us to stand ready to help animals in need. Avoid the hassle of re-entering your details every time you donate and give in a sustainable way.

**Consider being a constant companion today and join us in our fight to leave no animal behind! Learn more at [www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/monthlygiving/](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/monthlygiving/)**

# CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

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**Thank you to our top corporations, foundations, and organizations for supporting our lifesaving mission in 2021.**

Alamo City Furry Invasion	Mia Sangria Foundation
AmeriVet Partners Management, Inc.	Muñoz and Company
Amor Cycling Studio	Northside Chevrolet
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Lisa's Closet	

**Thank you, Merrick Pet Care, for being our exclusive feeding partner!**





## OUR LOCATIONS

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### Administration

PO Box 830006  
San Antonio, TX 78283  
210-370-7612

### Building One at Animal Care Services

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)

## LEADERSHIP

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Rebecca Mayberry, Executive Director  
Alexis Moore, Senior Director of Development and Marketing  
Shelly Cady, Foster Program Manager  
Amber Erickson, Live Release Manager  
Alison Macklin, Development Manager  
Connie Ojeda, Medical Care Center Manager  
Stephanie Paz Perez, PR and Marketing Manager  
Tarah Robinette, Placement and Transport Manager

## ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE!

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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.

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## MISSION

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Our 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.

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