



**More than 70,000 lives saved!**

# **2023 IMPACT REPORT**

# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**Dear Lifesaving Friend,**

I'm often asked, "Why are there so many dogs entering the city shelter in San Antonio?" The truth is, there are multiple reasons the number of cats and dogs entering our city shelter is increasing. Nearly 20% of San Antonio residents live in poverty. In some areas it is common for homeowners to leave their pets outside with little to no containment. For those who rent, breed and size restrictions are typically present. Additionally, San Antonio residents often struggle to find access to affordable vet care which leads to there being a large number of pets not being spayed and neutered. All of this combined made 2023 a very challenging year for large dogs across the country and in San Antonio.

Moving forward, SAPA! is looking inward to refine its lifesaving strategies and capacity. Our team is thinking outside of the box and creating a path to increase our impact. The first step we have taken is realigning our team and investing more resources in our foster program. One thing SAPA! knows for certain is that fostering is effective at lifesaving. In 2023, SAPA! had more than 1,400 people open their homes and care for the animals in our custody by being a volunteer foster. By doubling our foster employees, we optimistically anticipate our investment in the foster program will expand our reach in the community, encourage new fosters to join the cause, and ultimately create a positive impact for homeless animals in San Antonio.

In addition to growing our foster program, we launched a capital campaign to build San Antonio Pets Alive! a permanent shelter – one that will create a calm, compelling, natural environment, allowing for animals to thrive and find their forever family in surroundings that encourage adoption and fostering.

**We are committed to our mission of saving the lives of the most vulnerable animals. With support from our community, SAPA! is striving to save 5,000 lives in 2024.**




If you would like to be a part of SAPA!'s lifesaving mission, there are many ways to get involved. Please visit the "**Ways to Give**" section on our website to learn more about the many ways you may consider contributing to our 2024 lifesaving goal!

Thank you for being a lifesaving friend.

Warm regards,

**Rebecca Mayberry**  
Chief Executive Officer

A woman with long brown hair is holding a small orange kitten. She is looking down at the kitten with a gentle expression. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees.

# Our Core Values define who we are and how we operate.

## SAPA!'s Core Values

**Stewardship.** We are caretakers of the dogs and cats we save. Our stewardship also extends to the gifts we receive, our reputation and the goodwill of our community.

**Integrity.** We believe integrity drives us to be honest and responsible in our actions and communications with our team and the general public.

**Excellence.** We strive for excellence and efficiency in every program we implement, ensuring the best care for the dogs and cats we save and the families who love and adopt them.

**Respect.** We treat all animals and people with dignity and kindness.

**Lifesaving.** We believe that life is precious. We work tirelessly with compassion, care, and love to save the lives of dogs and cats and to do what's best for the animals, adopters, and fosters.

# Medical Care & Adoption Center

Did you know that SAPA! is one of only a few shelters in Texas that purposefully intake and successfully treat Parvovirus positive puppies?



Our team encounters a wide array of medical cases, from kittens suffering respiratory infections to dogs injured in accidents. Each day presents new challenges alongside heartwarming tales of resilience. We take pride in our compassionate care of our patients as they seek their forever families.

## More than 70,000 lives saved!

## Medical Care

- 2,266** Animals spayed and neutered by SAPA!
- 7,000+** Vaccinations administered
  - 79** Dogs treated for heartworms
  - 156** Cats and dogs treated for ringworm
  - 258** Parvo and suspect parvo puppies treated
  - 58** Distemper/suspect distemper dogs treated
- 6,967** Diagnostic tests administered
  - 76** Specialty surgeries performed
- 1,425** Neonatal puppies and kittens saved



# Hyacinth's Tale

Hyacinth arrived with her siblings who were emaciated and in rough shape. The clinic staff nursed Hyacinth and her siblings back to health and they continued their recovery in foster care.

Hyacinth and her brothers and sisters are now with their forever families!



# Pacifica's Story

Pacifica arrived at the SAPA! Medical Clinic after a heart-wrenching incident where she was thrown from a car onto the highway. Pacifica's entire back left side was completely burned off. Upon her examination, we learned that Pacifica was also pregnant.

Pacifica gave birth to her kittens in a loving foster home. Pacifica was later adopted from the Petco Love Adoption Center!

# Our Rescue Center

We rescue the most at-risk animals and focus on saving last-chance animals. We are the only High-Volume Pet Partner for San Antonio's Animal Care Services and the City provides us with valuable space to support their lifesaving. This building is vital to our life-saving mission because it allows us access to quickly save animals on their euthanasia list and bring them into our care, at our Rescue Center.

This Rescue Center was specifically built for puppies, and because of this, our order of rescue priority is puppies and kittens, cats, small dogs, then medium dogs, to rescuing large dogs. Until we have a facility of our own, we must keep this model as the kennels aren't big enough for large dogs to be housed comfortably.

We are what's considered a High-Volume Pet Partner (HVPP) of the city shelter, meaning that we rescue A LOT of animals from them. As soon as we rescue them, they get examined and treated at our rescue center, move into a foster home or to our Medical Care Center if they have medical needs. Sometimes they stay at our rescue center until they are adopted.



## **Saving Our Neonates!**

Many of the animals on the city shelter euthanasia list are vulnerable neonatal puppies and kittens who need round-the-clock care. Our life-saving initiative fills a crucial gap, creating a lasting impact in the lives of neonatal kittens and puppies who are most often overlooked and underserved.

# Snowpea's Happy Ending

Snowpea entered the city shelter in September 2023. Her intake notes indicated that she was covered in fleas, stickers, dirt and appeared to have an upper respiratory infection.

Snowpea spent some time in a loving foster home and is now enjoying life with her forever family.



# Adoption

SAPA! focuses on encouraging adoption over buying pets from breeders and raises awareness that by adopting, two lives are saved by making room for another at-risk pet. We communicate to our adopters about animal behaviors, proper care, and the importance of spay and neuter to eliminate unwanted litters.



## Our Adoption Goals

- Educating Pet Parents
- Advocating for Adoption
- Decreasing Euthanasia Rates
- Spaying & Neutering all animals that enter our care



**Each Pet Adopted From SAPA! is:**

Microchipped, spayed/neutered, and up to date on vaccinations and heartworm and flea preventatives.

## Magenta's Life-Saving Story

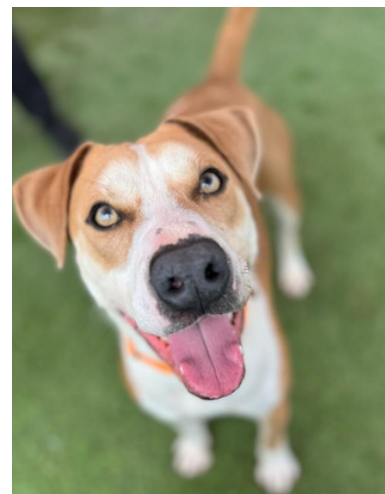
Magenta was saved from the City Shelter's euthanasia list. When she was rescued, she was emaciated and had open wounds up and down one of her legs. Despite her painful conditions, Magenta's sweet and loving personality never faded. Unfortunately, it was deemed necessary to amputate her leg.

After emergency surgery and a long recovery, Magenta starred in a Snuggle Session where she was ultimately adopted. Magenta was transported out of state and now lives with her forever family in Colorado!



# Fostering

This year we set a SAPA! record by having more than 1,400 foster families enrolled in the foster program. A foster family provides a temporary living situation for dogs and cats in our care while they are awaiting adoption. Fosters provide shelter, care, and love to animals in need and SAPA! provides all medical treatments, vaccines, microchips, and marketing support.



**1,400**  
foster families



**3,678**  
animals fostered



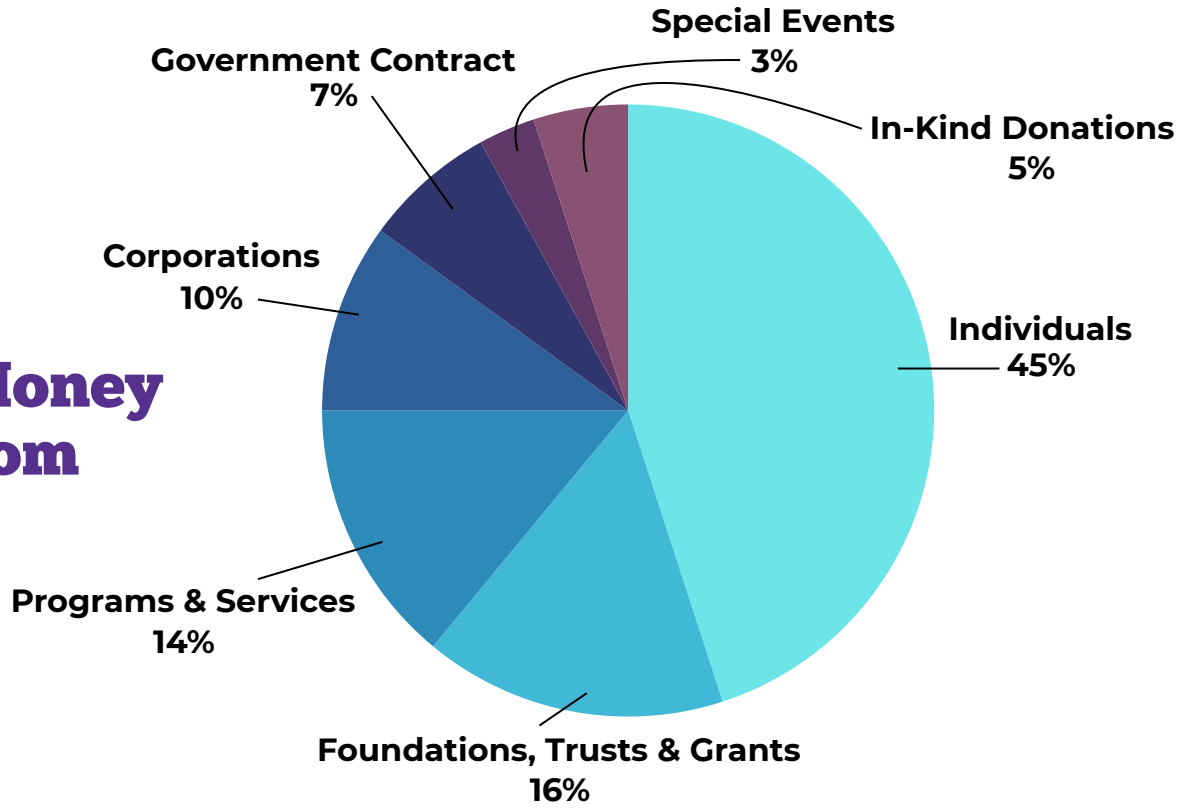
## Tovi's Hero

Tovi was surrendered to San Antonio's City Shelter after it appeared he was attacked by a group of dogs. It was discovered that Tovi sustained an injury to one of his front legs and one ear. Tovi recovered from his injuries in a foster home. Later, Tovi's foster received an adoption application from Mr. Tovar, the man who originally rescued the kitten while he was being attacked. Mr. Tovar visited sweet Tovi at our Petco Love Adoption Center, completed the adoption paperwork, and took him home!

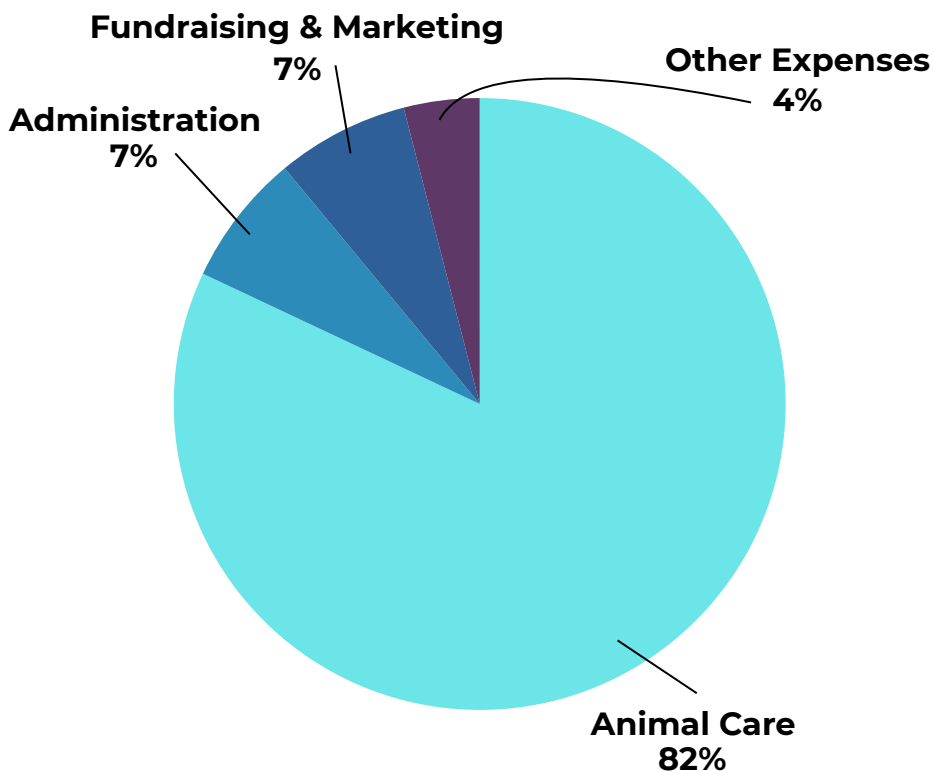
# 2023 Review

San Antonio Pets Alive! is committed to full financial transparency. Copies of audited financials and the annual IRS Form 990 filings are available on our website. The 2023 audit will be completed in the fall of 2024 and percentages represented here have not been audited and may be adjusted.

## Where the Money Comes From



## Where the Money Goes





## **Dog Foster of the Year**

Peggy Gonzalez

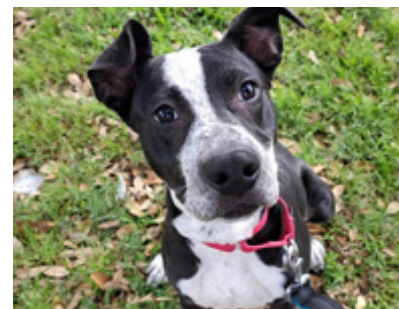
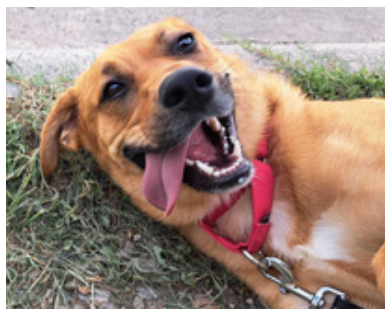
## **Cat Foster of the Year**

Beverly Oakes



# **Corporate Sponsorships & Partnerships**

- Akerman, LLP.
- AmeriVet Partners Management, Inc.
- Armanino Foundation
- Bank of America
- Bennack-Polan Foundation
- Bissell Pet Foundation
- Bright Funds Foundation
- C.B. and Anita Branch Trust
- City of San Antonio
- Dr. Scholl Foundation
- DrYoungForever | YoungForever MedSpa
- Exquisite Properties
- Factory Mattress
- Falcon International Bank
- Frost Bank
- Greehey Family Foundation
- Gonzalez Kypuros and White, Inc.
- Gunnarson Outdoor Advertising, Inc.
- HHM Charitable Fund
- Hollomon Price Foundation
- John R. and Greli N. Less Charitable Trust
- Kronkosky Charitable Foundation
- Law Office of Thomas J. Henry
- LiftFund Bexar County
- McS Charitable Foundation
- Nestle Purina Pet Care Company
- Orphan Kitten Club
- Performance Plumbing
- Petco Love
- Planet K
- Principle Auto Group
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation
- Richard D. Huff Foundation Trust
- San Antonio Area Foundation
- Security Service Federal Credit Union
- Tailwind Foundation
- Tito's Handmade Vodka
- The Alfred S. Gage Foundation
- The Arnold and Irene Kocurek Foundation
- The Faye L. and William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation Trust
- The Gramseca Fund
- The Rachael Ray Foundation
- United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County
- Vogt Enterprises Inc.
- William Dean Charitable Foundation



# Ways to Give

You can make a difference! There are many unique ways to support animals in need! Learn more by visiting our website at [www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/ways-to-give](http://www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/ways-to-give).



## Make a Gift

Visit our website to make an online gift at any time. SAPA! also accepts gifts of cash, check, and stock. All gifts impact homeless animals in need.



## Sponsor a Kennel

Kennel Sponsors fund temporary homes for animals in SAPA!'s care. Your annual commitment provides food, shelter, and medical care to homeless animals in need.



## Amazon Wishlist

Our needs vary and change throughout the year. To ensure we're putting your generosity to best use, we update SAPA!'s Amazon Wishlist constantly.



## Name SAPA! in Your Will

With SAPA! in your estate planning, you establish a legacy that lasts for generations, creating a better future for homeless pets for years to come.



## Donate Your Vehicle

We consider all types of vehicle donations, working or not. SAPA! makes it easy to give with free and convenient pick-up.



## Support SAPA! Through Employee Giving

Many businesses and companies are eager to support organizations with giving campaigns, volunteer hour grants, and matching gifts.

**CFC #33210, SAMA #8044, SECC #413040**

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We adopted Hope back in January and we are still so in love. We lost our senior dog, and her being another senior, she filled our hearts again as we were still grieving a sudden loss. She loves any and all attention from me and her dad and we cannot wait to spoil her for years to come! - Hope's Mom, Sarah  
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# Petco Love

\$1.5 Million Grant for a permanent home!



We are thrilled to announce we received a groundbreaking \$1.5 million grant from Petco Love to support SAPA!'s mission to save the lives of cats and dogs at risk of euthanasia. This significant gift marks the initiation of SAPA!'s capital campaign, Paws for Change.

"This is a watershed moment for SAPA! We are immensely grateful to Petco Love for their generosity. This gift is the beginning of fundraising for our capital campaign, with an ultimate goal of \$10.1 million dollars. This marks the beginning of our expansion efforts, dedicated to saving lives and creating enduring positive effects for homeless cats and dogs," said Rebecca Mayberry, Chief Executive Officer of San Antonio Pets Alive!

Petco Love presented the \$1.5 million dollar grant to SAPA! at the San Antonio Pets Alive! Petco Love Adoption Center, located at 6001 NW Loop 410, Suite 103, San Antonio, TX 78238.

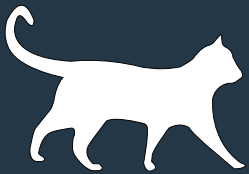
***"This grant is the single largest gift ever received by San Antonio Pets Alive!"***

**Rebecca Mayberry**



# 2023 IMPACT

Since its inception, SAPA! has saved more than 70,000 dogs and cats. SAPA! provides safety nets for the dogs and cats that fall through the cracks of all other lifesaving options and end up on the euthanasia list at the city shelter. SAPA! promotes the availability of these dogs and cats to other rescues, adopters, and fosters.



**4,068**

lives saved



**800**

transported

**503**

transferred



**3,597**

adoptions



**6,967**

diagnostic tests  
administered



**7,000+**

vaccinations  
administered



**2,266**

animals spayed  
and neutered  
by SAPA!



**3,678**

animals fostered



**76**

specialty surgeries  
performed



## LOCATIONS

### Administration

PO Box 830006  
San Antonio, TX 78283

### Rescue Center

4710 Highway 151  
San Antonio, TX 78227

### Medical Care Center

9107 Marbach Road - Suite 109  
San Antonio, TX 78245

### Petco Love Adoption Center

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



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*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.*