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Community News

Paying Tribute to the Older Pet

Every year, we wonder if this might be the last photo shoot for Scooter, the original SNIPSA dog. Scooter was returned not once but twice and eventually landed a home with SNIPSA's founders in 2005. This wiry Benji breed has brought great joy to his family, served as the mascot for countless SNIPSA events, and whose Hollywood glam decks the walls at the SNIPSA office. If we could clone this fun-loving mixed breed we would - a 1,000 times over! If we would have known that leaving him alone on that first Christmas Eve would have resulted in the mass destruction of every grass shade in the bedroom, we may have surrendered him, too. If we would have had a crystal ball to know how instrumental he would be in raising four children, we would have made him the official nanny.

We share this to bring attention to the "senior dog." When considering adoption, please consider an older pet. They are often the first to be overlooked and the first to be euthanized in shelters. They are also some of the first to be surrendered by their owners — replaced with younger, more spry pups.





However, owning a senior dog has many advantages:

- Senior pets have graduated from their search and destroy phase — you can leave your favorite purse and shoes on the floor without a worry
- What you see is what you get there are no surprises to size, length of fur, color, or temperament
- Senior pets make great companions for senior citizens — not only do they provide unconditional love but also a sense of purpose for their caretaker.
- Older dogs have manners they are typically housebroken and know basic obedience making an easy transition to an indoor home

- Adopted pets are grateful for your kindness — older pets seem to know you've provided them with a second chance when someone else has given up on them.
- Less need for exercise not only do senior dogs walk at a slower pace, they also travel less distance. Their interest and constant sniffing of the world around them serves as a reminder for us to slow down, too.
- Old dogs can learn new tricks older dogs have longer attention spans than puppies making them easier to train.
- Shouldn't have to be alone every pet deserves to have someone with them as they take their last breath.

Lights! Camera! Donation!

Each year, our favorite dog bakery, PAWsitively Sweet Bakery, has a movie premiere fundraiser. The money raised from the event is given to an organization of their choice. Guess who was their chosen recipient this past summer? You guessed it. SNIPSA! The Secret Life of Pets played to a sold out crowd in June 2016. Thanks to the generosity of all those present, as well as PAWsitively Sweet Bakery, SNIPSA received a check for just over \$1,600. Their contribution will be used to extend our mission to even more dogs and cats in our community. We are "pawsitively" thankful for the incredible gift!

Adoptions: 616 dogs/cats Big Fix surgeries: 2,425



Fixin' Big with SNIPSA's Big Fix

Approaching seven years of Big Fix clinics, SNIPSA has provided over 9,000 (yes...9,000!) FREE spay/neuter, vaccination, and micro-chipping services for underserved areas of San Antonio.

HOW HAVE WE DONE THIS?

Through a dedicated group of volunteers, veterinarians, staff, and community partners that are committed to improving the lives of homeless animals in the Alamo city.

WHAT SETS THE SNIPSA MODEL APART?

It's a grassroots effort going door to door and backpack to backpack to solicit our appointments in targeted zip codes predetermined by Animal Care Services. We use a large gymnasium or community center to accommodate any size, breed, and gender of dog or cat.

HOW DO WE INCREASE COMPLIANCE?

By offering free service on a Saturday within walking distance of the pet owner's home. There is also no additional charge for pain medications, vaccinations, or microchips which can be a financial burden for folks with multiple pets. This is often a pet's first and only time to see a veterinarian during its life.

HOW MANY ANIMALS ARE TREATED DURING A BIG FIX? Approximately 325. Rumor has it we've done more.

HOW MUCH DOES EACH CLINIC COST? Roughly \$25,000 - approximately \$75 per animal.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The more lives saved in the community, the less lives entering the shelters. The less lives entering the shelters, the greater the savings to tax payers. Most importantly, it is the most effective means to make a sustainable difference in the lives of our companion animals.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Volunteer at one of our Big Fix clinics or sponsor the surgery of a Big Fix appointment. Or do both!

WHAT'S OUR MOTTO?

Come early...stay late!

🕻 Special Thanks

Your support and belief in SNIPSA's life-saving mission has enabled us to rescue and re-home more than 7.500 animals and sterilize over 9,500 through our spay/neuter outreach.

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Saving Lives.



Porter House Pup

Seeing homeless animals in our community when visiting San Antonio can be an eye opener. This was especially true for two New Yorkers vacationing in the Alamo city. After a day of museum visits and Riverwalk fun, a lone pup walked up to them. An old rope was tied around his hairless neck, his body covered head to toe in scabs and sores from demodectic mange and neglect. They kept the little guy close to their side and called every one they could think of: police dispatch, local animal shelters, and countless rescue groups. A couple of hours after their first meeting, the short and stout Porter walked through SNIPSA's doors. Seemingly unaware of his physical state and his hard luck, he pranced into our office with tail wagging and head held high. After many medicated baths, antibiotics and lots of love, his transition from San Antonio stray to beloved pet was seamless. With every tuft of fur that slowly comes back, Porter becomes more and more the pup he was meant to be — the happy and playful Porter House.

Fixin' Frisco

When a young and puny Frisco was brought into our program, we knew he would quickly become healthy. However, as days went by, he did not get any healthier. He could not keep food down and soon became lethargic. We realized that Frisco was puny for a more serious reason. He suffered from megaesophagus.

Megaesophagus is a life-threatening condition where the esophagus loses muscle tone and remains enlarged rather than contracting when eating. Because of this, foods and liquids cannot make their way into the stomach. This was causing Frisco to regurgitate every time he ate. The only solution was to build a platform where Frisco could eat upright allowing gravity to move the food to the stomach.

We at SNIPSA never give up on an animal, so it wasn't long before, little by little, Frisco began to put on weight. With the help of a committed adoptive family, this tenacious boy fought his way to become a typical kitty - chasing insects, climbing trees, and napping on his favorite sofa. Yay, Frisco! We knew you could do it.



Photo by Benjamin Yanto.



Call Me Maeby

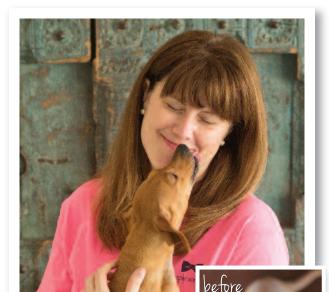
Maeby suffered some hard knocks. Neglected and ill, her owners surrendered her to Animal Care Services. SNIPSA saved her and committed to getting her well. She was sullen, scared and afraid of human touch. After some observation, it was decided she was in pain. Foul-smelling discolored urine led to the diagnosis of bladder stones. The stones were so large they had displaced her bladder. The treatment: surgical removal of the stones, antibiotics, and a special diet.

After a full recovery, the true Maeby started to slowly come alive. No longer the timid girl, she loved tagging along with her foster dad to dog-friendly spots. It was at one such restaurant that she met her adoptive family. There was an instant connection as Maeby's golden tail couldn't stop wagging and her new mom couldn't stop smiling.

Today, you won't find Maeby hiding in a corner. Instead, she's front and center on her family's social media hamming it up for the crowd. Proof that a little extra love and never-give-up attitude can transform a hopeless pup to the terrific family dog.

SNIP-ITS.

The joy of reading heartfelt messages from adopting families is the driving force of fostering – the reason we open our homes to animals in need. In the end we know any sacrifice is worthwhile.



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🛟 Maeby

The beginning of Maeby's story is on the previous page in Saving Lives. We've never before done a crossover story, but we love sharing our happy endings and this is a picture-perfect happy ending indeed!

66 Maeby has been the sweetest and most wonderful dog. Her foster dad told me "there is no perfect dog, but Maeby is pretty close!" Wow, was he right. I never have had any doubts that she belongs with me. She is sweet, cuddly, and has a sense of humor. Even though she's a dog, she's my family here in San Antonio while the rest of them are in Dallas. I prayed for a dog like her to come into my life. She is more of a blessing than I ever could have expected. Cheers to my sweet new pup! 99 — Kaitlyn

🛟 Turbo

One early quiet morning at the SNIPSA office, the front door gently opened and in scooted a little cardboard box. Nothing unusual really, as we are blessed to receive donated items throughout the week. However, donations don't cause a box to move! We peaked over the top of the box and there sat little hairless Turbo. He clearly had mange, his skin red as a tomato and he stunk to high heaven. He was in dire need of medical attention. After some TLC, medical treatment and nutrition, this tiny naked pup stole the heart of his adopted mom, Erica.

G Turbo definitely lives up to his name. The little guy has gotten most of his hair back and has a lot of energy and I do mean a lot! Most puppies will play hard for 10-15 minutes and then sleep for an hour. Not Turbo! He is non-stop action and plays for about an hour and then rests for 5 minutes, then back at it again. Turbo loves to cuddle when he is quiet and resting, not to mention the one-on-one attention. His siblings, Remy (another SNIPSA rescue), Petunia, Freckles, and Cotton love him too! **79** — Erica



🛟 Ophelia (now Pepper)

After being struck by a car, Miss Ophelia found herself at a local shelter with a fractured leg and a terrible infection due to a piece of bone that had become necrotic. She also had heartworms! Orthopedic pins were placed in her tibia and she required an extended course of antibiotics. Her devoted foster mom drove her to our office for weekly bandage changes. She now lives the good life with two children dressing her in costume, sleeping on her "flower" pillow, and taking a dip in the water tank on hot summer days.

We love having Pepper at our house out in the country. Our kids love to play with her and work on training or teaching her tricks. My daughter has especially become attached to her. Pepper is the perfect inside dog and is amazing with all the kids in our family. We are very grateful to have found SNIPSA and appreciate everything they did to save Pepper's leg. — The Bartons

Visit www.snipsa.org to learn more about SNIPSA's mission or adoption.

Canine Chatter

9th Annual R4TR

SNIPSA's 9th Annual Race for the Rescues was another grand success with more than 850 participants joining together with their dogs to run, walk, or stroll the Alamo

Heights course. But the fun didn't end at the finish line. There were treats, music, and festivities for everyone — Kiolbassa sausage wraps, gourmet iced coffee from Rosella, watermelon lemonade from the Good Kind, face painting and balloon twisting from local artists, and our signature doggy pool avenue where tuckered out pups could take a break or swim (whichever the case may be!). Hank, a middle-aged dachshund, garnered more than \$6,000 for his fellow "street brothers," beating out 13 other contestants to win SNIPSA's Face of the Race. In all, we raised more than \$100,000!

We at SNIPSA extend our most sincere thank you to our sponsors, racers, and SNIPSA fans for continuing to support our annual fundraiser year after year. We would not be the success we are without each one of you.



2016 Face

of the Race





6th Annual Dia De Los Perros

Green Dog Kennel owners, Andre and Lola Crane, started this event to raise awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering. This year's celebration raised over \$6,000 to support SNIPSA's Big Fix outreach. More than 50 runway-ready costumed pups took to the stage to prove they had what it takes to be crowned the winner. It was a tight contest between Chicken Poodle Soup and Tux "Prince" the Pomeranian, with Tux taking the grand prize. The purple-clad pooch took a victory lap to the tune of Purple Rain on his very own custom purple motorcycle. Thank you, Green Dog Kennels and all those that supported another Dia de Los Perros!

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4 cups flour + 1 cup salt + 1 1/2 cups water

Mix all ingredients together and knead until dough is well combined. Roll out dough and cut into desired shapes. Press your pet's paw into the dough. Don't forget to make a hole in ornament for hanging before baking.

Bake in a 350°F oven for 12 minutes. Let ornaments cool completely before decorating further.

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