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# FOSTER SPOTLIGHT



Sometimes big rescues call for big-time fosters! Mimi Chavarria is always up for a challenge. Known for taking our larger dogs, this special soul sometimes takes in TWO rescues at once. In addition to her commitment to fostering, Mimi keeps in touch with all of her fosters' adopters. She's even found herself dog-sitting her former fosters! So, on top of working full-time and being a mom to her own kiddos and dogs, it's a miracle how much time Mimi dedicates to helping animals. She is currently fostering two Aussie brothers named Steve and Irwin. Thank you, Mimi, for your loyalty and dedication to SNIPSA!

## **KEEP YOUR CANINE COOL THIS SUMMER**

Now that summer is upon us, we all know what that means! Our pets are feeling the HEAT. And no, not that kind of heat.;) We're talking about the dangerous combination of HOT sun and HOT fur. If your pup will be joining you in any outdoor activities over the next few months, it's important to know how to keep them cool. First off, keeping your dog groomed can help keep them feeling easy, breezy and beautiful. You should also provide Fido with plenty of shade and fresh water! Taking steps to regulate your dog's temperature is essential to keep them from overheating. A dog can succumb to heatstroke in as little as 30 minutes, so stay vigilant. You should never leave your dog without appropriate shelter or in your vehicle during Texas summers. That said, don't let the heat scare you! Blast that AC, fill up those doggy pools and share a frozen treat or two. Just don't forget to follow our tips to ensure a healthy, safe summer with your pet!

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

When we think of someone who goes above and beyond, Halina Sobieszczyk is the first person to come to mind! Initially getting involved to gain service hours for school, it didn't take long for Halina to volunteer her extra time due to her pure enjoyment of rescue work. Now, Halina is a recognizable face amongst the office and adoption events! Thank you, Halina for your consistent willingness to help us out!

# POOCHES AND PARADES



If you're already familiar with SNIPSA, you know that we go big or we go home. So, it was no surprise that we took part in not one, but TWO Fiesta parades on the same day! Decorated with flower crowns and colorful outfits, we split up our canine crew and our fabulous fosters to attend both the Pooch Parade and the King William Parade. As usual, the SNIPSA puppies were a HIT! We had such a great time partying with our San Antonio community, showing off our pups and selling Fiesta medals. In turn, we raised thousands of dollars for homeless animals! Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who rose at the crack of dawn to spread some puppy love.

# UPCOMING EVENTS





LOOKING TO ADOPT OR VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER? VISIT <u>Snipsa.org/upcoming-events</u>