



Annual Report 2025



**Alamo Area Partners for
Animal Welfare (AAPAW)**

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ABOUT AAPAW

A Coalition Built to Change Outcomes

In 2004, a two-part exposé in the San Antonio Express-News revealed the alarming and inhumane conditions faced by companion animals in San Antonio. At that time, the city held one of the highest euthanasia rates among major U.S. cities.



In response, a coalition of rescue leaders came together with a shared commitment: to create coordinated, sustainable solutions that would improve outcomes for homeless animals across our community.

In 2007, Alamo Area Partners for Animal Welfare (AAPAW) was formed.

From the beginning, AAPAW focused on building a unified rescue network — supporting organizations that take in homeless animals, provide veterinary care, place them in foster homes, and ultimately secure loving, permanent homes.

Over the years, that commitment has grown into a powerful coalition of more than 60 animal welfare organizations working together across the San Antonio area. Through strategic collaboration, community education, financial support programs, and large-scale adoption initiatives, AAPAW strengthens the entire rescue ecosystem.

Today, AAPAW serves as a central connector — supporting rescue partners, independent rescuers, veterinarians, and Good Samaritans who step forward to help animals in need.

Together, we are building a more compassionate and humane future for San Antonio and its companion animals.

Our Mission

The mission of Alamo Area Partners for Animal Welfare (AAPAW) is to bring animal welfare organizations, veterinarians, and the community together in partnership to improve the lives of animals in the San Antonio area.



Our Vision

AAPAW is committed to providing the San Antonio area with leadership on animal welfare issues. AAPAW serves as a central resource to help coordinate and solidify the rescue efforts of rescue groups, businesses, individuals, the veterinary community, and the community at large to reach the goal of making San Antonio a city that provides for the welfare of its companion animals.

An integral part of our vision for the future includes the application of the following primary activities:

- Ensure that every adoptable homeless dog or cat finds a home.
- End overpopulation by increasing spay and neuter activities.
- Educate citizens to prevent animal abuse and promote pet retention through responsible pet ownership.

Board Leadership

Chairman

Thomas H. Veitch
Appointed in 2010

Secretary

Laura Stanford
Appointed in 2007

President

Catherine Morrison
Appointed in 2012

Past President, Board Member
and Community Liason

Lynn Buntin
Appointed in 2007

Vice President

Jen Canales
Appointed in 2017

Board Member

Niki Cascio
Appointed in 2025

Treasurer

Kelsie Tabbert
Appointed in 2018

Board Member

Open Position



Our Rescue Network Partners

4 Little Paws Rescue
A Doggie 4 You
A Place for Ace
Animal Rescue Connections
Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF Texas)
Atascosa Animal Allies Inc.
Bandera Dogs Rescue Mission
Bee Pawsitive Husky Rescue
Bexata Animal Sanctuary Inc.
Blue Angel German Shepherd Dog Rescue
Bluus Cluu's Texas Street Rescue
Cannoli Fund
Category 5 K9
Charlie's Legacy Dog Rescue
Cheri's Heart Animal Rescue
City of Cibolo Animal Services
City of Converse Animal Services
Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Austin/San Antonio
Dizzy Dog Animal Rescue
Drakes Dawgs
Footbridge Foundation
Friends of Dogs
Friends Fur Life
Golden Horn
God's Dogs Rescue
Grumpy Puppy Rescue Inc.
Heart of Texas SPCA
Helotes Humane Society
Homes for Pets
HoundHaven
Humane Society of the New Braunfels Area
Labrador Harbor
Mason's Haven Canine Rescue
Missy's Haven Canine Rescue
Mystery Dog Rescue
Nadine's Rescue
Nala and Friends Dog Rescue
Nate and Snoops Dog House
Ordinary Miracles Canine Rescue
Pause for Paws Inc
Paws Ranch Rescue
Pep's Pals Rescue
Pip's Rescue Pack
Poquita Paws Rescue
Protecting Animals within SA (PAWS)
Road to Home Rescue Support
Roaming Rover Rescue
Rosco's Rescue
Roxy's K-9 Rescue
San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition
San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter
Saving Grace Dog Rescue
Savings Shelter Strays
Sierra's K9 Rescue and Rehab
Tejas Rescued Pet Adoptions
Texas Chihuahua Rescue
They Have the Right to Live Rescue
Tri State Shepherd Rescue
Valley Dog Rescue of Texas
Vermont English Bulldog Rescue
Weimaraner Rescue of Texas
Windmill of Dreams

Our Programs



Spay & Neuter

By funding spay and neuter surgeries, AAPAW helps address pet overpopulation at its source. Outcomes include:

- Fewer unwanted litters
- Reduced strain on rescue organizations
- Long-term cost savings for the animal welfare system

Community Collaboration

Founded in 2007, AAPAW has built lasting partnerships with rescue organizations throughout the region. Our collaborative model:

- Reduces duplication of effort
- Maximizes the impact of donor dollars
- Strengthens the overall animal welfare network

Rather than operating in isolation, AAPAW serves as a central support system, ensuring that limited resources are deployed where they are needed most.

Heartworm Treatment

Heartworm disease remains one of the most common obstacles to adoption for dogs entering rescue. Through financial assistance for treatment:

- Dogs receive lifesaving care
- Rescue organizations can accept dogs they otherwise could not
- Treated dogs are able to move into permanent, loving homes

Good Samaritan

When a concerned citizen encounters an injured, stray animal in the San Antonio area, AAPAW helps bridge the gap between compassion and action. Through small, matching grants, this support:

- Encourages responsible community involvement
- Prevents animals from falling through the cracks
- Strengthens trust between the public and rescue organizations

Strengthening Animal Rescue Across Our Community

Alamo Area Partners for Animal Welfare (AAPAW) exists to strengthen the capacity of local animal rescue organizations and compassionate community members working to save homeless and at-risk animals. We do not operate a shelter. Instead, we focus on strategic, high-impact support that allows rescue groups to do more with limited resources - ensuring lifesaving care reaches animals who might otherwise be left behind.

Every dollar invested in AAPAW is leveraged across multiple organizations, multiplying its reach and effectiveness.

2,143

Animals Assisted Since 2015

143

Spay/Neuter Procedures in 2025

67

Heartworm Treatments in 2025

4

Good Samaritan Cases in 2025



Happy Tails

Stories of Second Chances

The Good Samaritan Program exists for animals facing extraordinary medical challenges — the cases that require urgent surgery, specialized care, and a community willing to step forward when the outcome is uncertain.

In 2025, AAPAW funded four lifesaving interventions through this program. Each case began with hardship. Each ended with hope.



Oliver, a dog with paralyzed hind legs, needed specialized surgery and rehabilitation. With support from AAPAW and our rescue partners, he regained stability and the opportunity for a full life in a devoted home.

Peggy, a young kitten with a damaged front leg, also required amputation. Her strength and joyful personality quickly emerged, and she now enjoys a safe home where she is celebrated for her courage.



Amman, a tiny kitten with a severely injured leg, required amputation. After surgery, he adapted quickly and now thrives in a loving home, proof that resilience comes in even the smallest forms.

Chico, suffering from a painful eye condition, underwent surgery to remove his eye. Once healed, his playful, affectionate spirit returned — and he now lives comfortably, surrounded by care.



Financials

REVENUE

Contributions	\$21,062
Special Event	<u>\$11,998</u>
Total Revenue	\$33,060



EXPENSES

Spay/Neuter	\$14,256
Heartworm	\$15,050
Good Samaritan	\$1,313
Special Event	\$3,544
Other	<u>\$2,127</u>
Total Expenses	\$36,290



Summary Overview

\$33,060

Total 2025 Revenue

\$36,290

Total 2025 Expenses

\$35,616.27

Net Assets as of 12/31/25

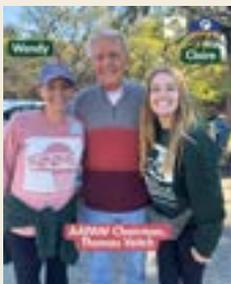
2025 Trails Fur Tails 5K

Another year, another incredible tail-wagging success! Our annual Trails Fur Tails 5K at McAllister Park continues to be a highlight for the San Antonio community, bringing together runners, walkers, and their four-legged companions for a common goal. This family-friendly event is more than just a race; it is a vital fundraiser that enables Alamo Area Partners for Animal Welfare (AAPAW) to provide life-saving veterinary funding and support for over 60 local rescue groups. Thanks to our participants and sponsors, we continue to bridge the gap between homeless pets and their 'forever' homes, supporting a network that rescues thousands of animals each year. We are proud to foster a community of compassion, one mile at a time.

Together we raised over \$8,000! Many thanks to the participants, the rescue groups, our volunteers, and of course our sponsors for their support. Without you all, this would not be possible.



**Carol
Stanford**



Thank You for Your Incredible Support Throughout 2025

Your unwavering support has made a **tremendous impact** on our animal rescue community this year. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and we appreciate each contribution that has helped us grow and thrive.

- **Building stronger connections**
- **Empowering our community**
- **Creating lasting change**
- **Inspiring hope and positivity**

Together We C-A-N!

- **CARE** -- Educate our community to prevent animal abuse and promote pet retention through responsible pet ownership
- **ADOPT**--Ensure that every adoptable homeless dog or cat finds a home
- **NEUTER** -- End overpopulation by promoting spay/neuter



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