



#UNCONDITIONALLIFE

MAY 2024

Greetings from SARA, the largest sanctuary in the Southwest!

Not Enough Hours in the Day

We've been swamped caring for the many dogs and other animals we've rescued since the new year. They've been flooding in. Unfortunately, a record number of dogs and cats have been abandoned post-pandemic. It's a sad fact that people all over the country who bought and adopted pets to ride out the storm have discarded them now that it's over.

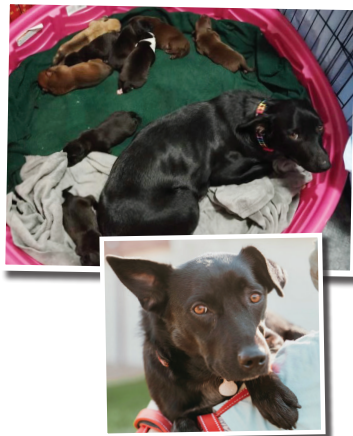
Sweet Mothers and Babies Saved

SMILEY



This happy girl and her eight babies were discovered in April after they were abandoned at a gas station in San Antonio. The people who rescued the little family took good care of them before bringing them to SARA. Smiley is a Pug mix, and the puppies will remain small.

CATALINA is a painfully shy dog whose life on the street had been horrible: people tried to poison her and threw rocks at her. It's no wonder she is still afraid of people. A local San Antonio rescue group set a trap to capture her, but she refused to go inside and had to be lassoed! She was pregnant and gave birth to fifteen puppies shortly after being taken to safety. All but two survived and were all adopted.



PEANUT BUTTER was also pregnant and scared not far from where Catalina was rescued. She and her six puppies are all at SARA, growing like weeds! (Read more about their story in the **Features** section).



We're thrilled that all these sweet pups have been rescued and brought to us, but it is only made possible by people like you who care about the lives of all animals. Right now, there are so many animals just waiting for the happy endings to their stories—**and you can make that happen for them by making a spring renewal gift today.**

When you give a tax-deductible gift to SARA, you're helping dogs like Smiley, Catalina, and Peanut Butter receive the love and care they need to thrive and find their forever homes, but you're also helping those animals who cannot live anywhere else—either because the abuse they've endured has made living in a conventional home impossible or because they need a 'farm-style' setting like our many pigs, horses, cows, roosters, and other barnyard animals.

So, please help us help them, the animals often forgotten and unloved, by making a spring renewal gift today. Let's flip the script and make all their stories end happily ever after.

Together, we can provide Unconditional Life for All Animals.

Thank you for all your help.

All my best, **TRACY**

You can make a secure online donation at [sarasanctuary.org/give](https://www.sarasanctuary.org/give) or use this QR code.



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Features

HEIDI



Heidi came to us two years ago in terrible shape: severely underweight, chipped, overgrown hooves, a shabby coat, and overall poor health.

She has blossomed into such a pretty girl. She loves her other horse friends and never takes a bad picture!

SARA currently has eleven horses, two mules, and eleven donkeys.

BARNABY JONES

We got this tiny little guy after someone bought him at a pet store. The people bought him impulsively, but they learned after the fact that San Antonio does not allow pigs within the city limits. He is neutered and ready for adoption to a home where pigs are not restricted.



IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT ONE OF THESE CUTIES OR ANY OF OUR INCREDIBLE ANIMALS, PLEASE VISIT OUR ADOPTION PAGE:

www.sarasanctuary.org/adopt.html

PEANUT BUTTER AND HER BABIES

Our friends at the vegan bakery Cake Thieves in San Antonio were helping a sweet stray dog who appeared near their location. They regularly fed her and made a plea for help. SARA staffer Heidi Wilson jumped into action and immediately drove to San Antonio on her day off to rescue the sweet, pregnant dog we named Peanut Butter.

She was infested with ticks and hookworms, so not surprisingly, her bloodwork showed she was severely anemic and would need time to grow strong and healthy before her pups were born. She was treated for parasites and started her on antibiotics and vitamins. She gave birth to six adorable, healthy brown puppies a week later!

It will be a few months before the babies and mom will be ready for their new homes.

ALPACA SPA DAY!

Our alpacas enjoyed their annual haircut! Well, we're not sure they enjoyed being sheared, but they will be happy and much cooler when temperatures rise. This year, we hired a professional team from New Zealand who did a great job. We donated the wool to a group that used it for knitting!



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Help Us Help Them

- Make a workplace gift. Many employers offer matching gift programs, which can double or even triple employee charitable contributions.
- Donate stocks.
- Give through a donor-advised fund.
- Adopt your next pet from SARA.
- Volunteer at SARA or an event.
- Tell your friends and family about SARA.
- Hold a fundraiser on Facebook. It's super easy.
- Follow us on social media.
- Pay our veterinarians directly:
China Grove Vet Clinic 210-648-1940 and County Line Animal Hospital 830-253-1041.
- Donate items from our Wish List.



Wish List

- Dry dog food
- Dry whole corn
- All-stock livestock feed
- Chicken scratch
- Cruelty-free cleaning supplies
- Paper towels
- Cat litter
- Dog and cat toys - no rawhide, fur, or feathers, please!
- Dog and cat beds
- Pine shavings
- Straw bales
- Coastal hay
- Biodegradable garbage bags

Big Ticket Items

- Tractor - *We need a tractor with a loading bucket attachment to maintain the property, such as clearing, shredding, excavation, etc.*
- Transport Van—*We need a large van to transport more animals to our rescue partners all over the country.*



News & Upcoming Events

Mundo's Birthday Party - Canceled

We're not holding Mundo's Birthday Party this year, but we plan to have a **DIA DE LOS MUERTOS** party in the fall.



We were thrilled to see our **good work featured** in Newsweek, the San Antonio Express-News, Austin Woman Magazine, Good News Austin, and the Animal Rescue Site. We also made an appearance on SA Living Mid-Day in February!

<https://atxwoman.com/tracy-frank-sanctuary-for-animal-rescue-and-adoption-sara/>

BARK

Bayou Animal Rescue Krewe did it again! Special thanks to Dr. Joe Stark and his committed helpers, who came out in mid-February to spay and neuter our animals and some from the community.

Amplify Austin

\$25K RAISED - Thank you to everybody who donated and to Jody O'Donnell for his matching gift!

Check out the beautiful spring photos by **Sarah Throop Photography** on our website.

Special thanks to these wonderful businesses for helping us with adoptions in March and April:

- **Rebel Cheese of Austin** - winners of the hit TV show Shark Tank!
- **MUTTS Canine Cantina** - We took pups there for adoption on March 23rd, National Puppy Day. Check out MUTTS Canine Cantina in Allen, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Ft. Worth, and Houston, and coming soon to New Braunfels and out-of-state in Arizona and Colorado: muttscantina.com.
- **STILL Austin Whiskey Company** - www.stillaustin.com
- **Green Jay Gardens** - greenjaygardens.com
- We have hired **Break Away Public Relations and Arnold Marketing Consultants** to help us raise more awareness and funding.

STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS!



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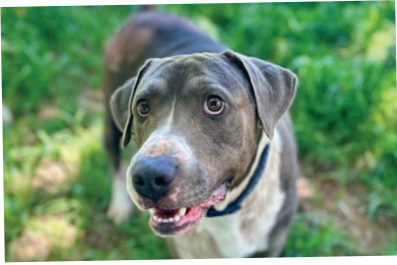


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Happily Ever After - HAPPY HOMES FOR HARD LUCK HOUNDS

We are delighted to provide a fantastic “pupdate” about the dogs featured in Newsweek and other publications. Visit the links to read their stories.

NICKEL PICKLE



<https://www.newsweek.com/overweight-dog-left-rain-after-dog-attack-1868604>

Poor Nickel Pickle was attacked by another dog and left to fend for himself, badly injured and unable to walk until a kind neighbor stepped in and stepped up to get him to the vet and to SARA back in January.

He was grossly overweight and in bad shape but still so happy and sweet. He had trouble walking and getting up and down, but he quickly recovered and has lost over 50 pounds, from 150 to 100!!! He still has a ways to go, but he's getting around much better and no longer in pain. He's still with us and ready for the next happy chapter of his life.

He gets along great with dogs and other animals and loves people. Although his eyesight is poor, he gets around very well.

ERIN AND ANNA



<https://www.newsweek.com/bonded-dogs-spend-14-years-shelter-1869816>

Senior dogs Erin and Anna had lived their entire lives at SARA and found each other after their family members passed away. We featured their story in an e-letter for Valentine's Day, which led to a story in Newsweek.

As a result of Erin and Anna's story in Newsweek, we heard from people all over the country who wanted to adopt them! They now live in “the nation's most friendly state,” North Carolina. David Berrier loved their story and fell in love with the pair. David likes to help older dogs because they are frequently overlooked for adoption. Erin and Anna now share a home with two other senior rescued dogs and will live out their golden years surrounded by love and comfort.