



Volunteer Opportunities

For more information on how to begin volunteering along with our volunteer requirements, please visit www.sanantoniopetsalive.org/volunteer or email us at volunteer@sanantoniopetsalive.org

At Home/Remote Volunteering: **OPEN TO ALL AGES**

Crafting Opportunities

- Rice-socks: Craft tube socks filled with uncooked rice to help keep our neonatal kittens warm.
 - View the instructions [here](#).
 - **Volunteers may log 1 hour for every 2 socks created.**
- Bandanas: Create adorable bandanas for our adoptable dogs to wear in photos and at events. Bonus points for putting “Adopt Me” on them!
 - View the instructions [here](#).
 - Deliver all completed bandanas to our medical clinic during business hours!
 - **Volunteers may log 1 hour for every 2 bandanas created.**
- Neonatal Blankets: For those with a knack for sewing, sew comfortable fleece blankets for our neonatal puppies and kittens. Please make sure all fabric is machine washable!
 - View the instructions [here](#).
 - Deliver all neonatal blankets to our medical clinic during business hours!
 - **Volunteers may log 2 hours for every blanket created.**
- No-Sew Fleece Blankets: Can’t sew? No problem! There are ways to create warm fleece blankets for our animals without breaking out the sewing machine. Please make sure all fabric is machine washable!
 - Look at internet tutorials such as [this](#) or [this one](#) for help.
 - Deliver all completed blankets to our medical clinic during business hours!
 - **Volunteers may log 1 hour for every blanket made.**
- Dog Treats: Make yummy dog treats for the dogs in our care or in foster care! Please make sure all ingredients are pet safe and that any peanut butter used does not contain xylitol.
 - View some ideas here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3Mb9RyW3V4>
 - Deliver all dog treats in food-safe bags or containers to our medical clinic during business hours!
 - **Volunteers may log 2 hours for every batch of treats created.**
- Making Kong Toys: Help fill Kong toys with treats and peanut butter for our dogs!
 - Please make sure all peanut butter used is safe for dogs and free of artificial sugars like xylitol.
 - Deliver all completed toys to our medical clinic during business hours!
 - **Volunteers may log 1 hour for every 2 toys created.**

Fundraising Opportunities

- **Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:** Create a digital peer-to-peer fundraiser through Facebook fundraising. Earn volunteer hours (10 minutes per gift made through your fundraiser) for earning support for our programs and services!
 - *To Fundraise Through Facebook:*
 - Sign into Facebook through your personal profile
 - Visit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/fund/sapetsalive/>
 - Start fundraising by reaching out to friends, family, or your social network!
- **Door-to-Door Fundraising:** Travel door to door in your neighborhood to request monetary and supply donations to support our animals!
- **Supply Drives:** Organize a supply drive to gather much needed materials for our animals and medical clinic. A list of currently needed supplies can be found on our website [here](#).

Creative Design Opportunities

- **T-Shirt Illustrations:** Create digital illustrations that will then be placed onto T-shirts and sold on our Teespring store! All proceeds go to our missions and programs.
 - View our apparel here: <https://teespring.com/stores/sapa-apparel>
 - Illustrations must be approved beforehand and must be in .PNG or .SVG format at 300 dpi for quality printing. Email completed illustrations to volunteer@sanantoniopetsalive.org for approval.
 - **Volunteers may log 2 hours for each design submitted.**
- **Blog Posts:** Write informative blog posts for our website that assist new and old pet owners with their day-to-day lives. Posts must be 4-5 paragraphs in length and must include references for topics that require them. Here is a sample: <https://sanantoniopetsalive.org/6-ways-to-make-crate-training-easier/>
 - This role requires approval from the marketing team. Please inquire first by emailing volunteer@sanantoniopetsalive.org
 - **Volunteers may log 2 hours per post that is submitted.**

Donate to San Antonio Pets Alive!

San Antonio Pets Alive! Is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations and support from individuals, groups, businesses, corporations, and foundations to fund our programs, supplies, and operational expenses. SAPA! provides all of its animals with food, shelter, veterinary care, and love.

We need your help!

- **General Donation:** San Antonio Pets Alive! is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations and support from individuals, groups, businesses, corporations, and foundations to fund our programs, supplies and operational expenses.
- **Donate to our Facebook Fundraisers:** Follow us on Facebook and support our mission by donating to our twice weekly fundraisers.

- Become a Constant Companion Monthly Donor: Being a Constant Companion is an easy and convenient way to support San Antonio Pets Alive!'s lifesaving mission. These compassionate gifts change the lives of hundreds of animals every month. By setting up an automatic monthly gift from your credit card, you will be a part of the Constant Companions Circle, regardless of the size of your monthly gift.
- Sponsor a Kennel: Become a kennel sponsor with San Antonio Pets Alive! and help us provide temporary shelter that makes a permanent impact on the lives of thousands of dogs and cats. Your gift allows us to provide food, shelter, and medical care to homeless animals in need
- Donate Supplies: Help our precious dogs, puppies, cats, or kittens by making an In-Kind gift of supplies.
- Donate your Vehicle: Donate your car to help homeless pets! Your yard, garage, driveway or shed may have an unwanted vehicle taking up space. That vehicle can make a substantial impact in providing the funds we need to continue to save dogs and cats from euthanasia. ***The vehicle does not have to be working.***
- Amazon Smile: Use www.smile.amazon.com and select San Antonio Pets Alive! as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to us at no cost to you!

Become a SAPA! Foster: *18+*

What is Fostering?

Fostering is something that you can do to save lives! A foster home is a temporary living situation for dogs and cats in our program while they are awaiting placement in a permanent home. Foster families provide shelter, food, care, and love.

Why Foster?

The number of animals we can save depends entirely on the number of people who open their hearts and homes to foster them.

In some cases, a foster home is needed to help a dog or cat transition from the stress of living at the shelter. For some dogs and cats, they will need to stay in a foster home until they are adopted.

Being a pet foster family has rewards beyond the essential value of helping a pet in need find a new home. For some, it is a chance to have an animal companion without a lifetime commitment, or to try new companions for an existing pet. For others, it is the special challenge of helping an animal recover from illness or injury, the trauma or loving a beloved owner or home, or to decompress.

[Become a Cat Foster](#)
[Become a Dog Foster](#)

Fosters can earn 2 service hours per day for animals over 8 weeks and 3 hours per day for animals under 8 weeks. (Hours are the same per day regardless of the number of foster animals).

Marbach Medical Clinic: *18+*

This facility provides medical care to foster and onsite animals. It houses our quarantine animals as well as animals waiting for a spot to open in one of our adoption centers or a foster home. The clinic is located on Marbach Road, about a mile west of Loop 410.

9107 Marbach Road, Suite 109. San Antonio, Texas 78245

- Kennel Cleaning: Assist with the cleaning and organization of the kennel and kennel areas including sweeping, mopping, wiping down objects and spaces. *THIS IS WHERE WE NEED THE MOST HELP*
- Washing Dishes: Wash food and water bowls for our dogs and cats
- Doing Laundry: Wash blankets and towels to help keep our animals clean and comfortable
- Walking Dogs: Ensure that our dogs get the exercise and the time outdoors that they need. Be able to take excited pups out for a quick bathroom break or some time out in the sun.
- Feeding Cats and Dogs
- Assisting in the Cat Room: Responsible for interaction with cats and kittens as well as the cleaning and organization of the cat kennel areas.
- Train Dogs: Work with our dogs on basic commands/training. This will help our pups become more adoptable and channel their energy in a fun productive way.

Building One at San Antonio Animal Care Services: *18+, Background Check Required*

This facility is onsite at the city's Animal Care Services, located on Highway 151 near Enrique Barrera Highway.

4710 Highway 151, San Antonio, Texas 78227

- Cleaning Puppy Room: Help clean our puppy room to keep our animals happy and healthy. Includes cleaning cages, replacing newspaper, and disinfecting surfaces.
- Washing Dishes: Wash food and water bowls for our dogs and cats
- Doing Laundry: Wash blankets and towels to help keep our animals clean and comfortable
- Flower Bed Maintenance: Help restore and maintain our flower beds outside the building
- General Building Cleaning: Sweep and mop floors, disinfect areas, and wipe down surfaces.
- Play Yard Cleaning: Clean our outdoor play yards so our dogs can roam and play in a safe outdoor space.

Petco Love Adoption Center: *18+*

This facility is located inside the Petco on Loop 410 north of Ingram Mall.

6001 NW Loop 410, Suite 103. San Antonio, Texas 78238

- Cleaning and Socializing with Cats
 1. Cleaning includes dumping litter boxes, refilling and refreshing food and water, and spraying/wiping down kennels with disinfectant.
 2. Socializing includes petting and/or playing with each individual cat. Getting the shy ones used to humans and different noises.
- Cleaning, Walking, and Playing with Dogs in the Playroom
 1. Cleaning includes Picking up poop and mopping up pee. Disinfecting kennels. Refilling water bowls.
 2. Playing and Socializing includes Petting and running around the playroom. Give them one on one attention. Playing tug of war or fetch, etc.
 3. Walking includes Walking each dog in the grassy areas outside of Petco. Picking up after the dogs. Must be double leashed at all times and must complete training beforehand.
- Washing Dishes and Toys: Wash food and water bowls and toys for our dogs and cats
- Doing Laundry: Wash blankets and towels to help keep our animals clean and comfortable
- Sweeping and Mopping: Sweep and mop our play yards and rooms to keep our spaces clean and tidy

SAPA! Administration Office: *Must be 12+ based on task*

- Filing
- Donor Thank You Letters
- Re-branding Envelopes
- Making Phone Calls

Animal Transport: *18+*

- Freedom Rides: Offer transportation using your vehicle for dogs or cats that require movement from one facility to another or from a foster home to a facility.
- Headin' Home Transport Program Prep: SAPA! sends approximately 100 dogs each month to rescues out of state who have a shortage of local dogs for adoption. Volunteers help at our Marbach location with administrative work, providing food or water to dogs, spot cleaning kennels, or greeting fosters who are dropping off dogs for transport.

Miscellaneous:

- Adoption Events: Assist us with our weekend adoption events at our Petco Adoption Center location. (18+)
- Photographer: May visit facilities or events to take photos or videos for organization or promotional purposes. Volunteers are asked to provide and use their own cameras and equipment. (18+)

- Assist the Community Events Team: Represent SAPA! at community events. Answer questions about SAPA, promote our foster and volunteer programs.
- School/Business Presentations Team: Conduct presentations at local organizations about SAPA!