South Texas and San Antonio consistently struggle with dog and cat overpopulation. Unfortunately, many of these pets face being euthanized. Cindy Cox is one of the co-founders of Veterans Pet Rescue Express (VPRE). This organization’s main goal is to rescue lost, abandoned, or stray dogs and transport them to other areas of the country and Canada, that do not have the significant animal overpopulation issues like Texas and other southern states. She depends on volunteer drivers who often must drive to places such as Wisconsin or Canada through the night to place rescue dogs. Cindy describes her volunteer drivers as kind animal lovers who have a heart for placing dogs in forever homes. VPRE is currently seeking 501(c)3 status which allows donations to be tax deductible. Until that status is received, non-deductible donations are accepted.

Animal lovers often ask Cindy how they can help further the cause of animal rights in our area. She believes that first and foremost all animal lovers should advocate for the spaying and neutering of animals. Texas is one of only two states in the nation that does not allow municipal shelters to spay and neuter animals that are found roaming or unattended before releasing them back to their owners. It is important for all animal lovers to become active and vocal in expressing their views to local and state politicians encouraging them to enact and enforce laws that limit the pet population and ensure all pets are cared for lovingly. There are many ways to help Veterans Pet Rescue Express. Donations for the following items are appreciated:

- Gas cards for drivers
- Metal and plastic crates
- Laundry detergent and bleach
- Supplies (paper towels, calming medicines, etc.)
- Costco or Sam’s gift cards (to purchase dog food and pee pads)

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Shawn Campbell

My most conflicted family relationship is with Cirilla, the cat. She is a tortoise, and my son brought her home from work one day at lunch in 2016. I am sure the young couple who brought her to him interrupted a feral mother cat moving her kittens. I spent the afternoon trying to place her, and finally the city’s shelter on the westside gave me a number, formula, bottle, warming pad and said with the number, when she gets to a certain age/weight they would take her in. She was days old, and so I bottle fed her every four hours - for weeks.

She was a ferocious little eater, loved to play rough and did not like to cuddle with me. When she was old enough to go to the shelter, my son decided he wanted to keep her. He took her to his apartment, and she would cuddle with him and nuzzle his beard. Cirilla has issues. She did not have a mom or siblings to teach her manners. She can be aggressive, and Clinton hired a “cat whisperer” to try and figure her out. She said Cirilla is scared of everything, but instead of running away, she stands her ground. When my son married, his wife said no to Cirilla - smart young woman - and I told him we would take her in, but she would be an outdoor cat. We kept her inside to acclimate her to the house, but one day she cornered another woman and me in a

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AUGUST EVENTS

1 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
15 Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting
17 Historic & Design Review Commission Meeting
17 KWA Board Meeting

BOARD BRIEFS:

At the July 20 board meeting the board agreed to not have an August General Membership meeting. Fair Director John Costello stated the July 4th Regatta and Social was well attended and all had a great time. Upcoming October 1 Sauerkraut Bend 5K Run is receiving sponsors, and there are several homes committed to be in the Holiday Home Tour in December. Executive Director Lisa Lynde gave an update on Fair financials. Board President Shawn Campbell presented the board with an update on the Big Pig. Committee members from the Architectural Advisory Committee, Cultural Arts Committee, Membership Committee, and Nominating Committee all reported active and engaged work in support of the KWA.

Tina Garza, Board Secretary

Shawn Campbell’s tortoise cat “Cirilla”
THE HISTORY OF KING WILLIAM BY JIMMY HESTON - PART SIX

Executive Director Lisa Lynde

Please enjoy the sixth feature of Jimmy Heston’s research paper on the history of King William. I ran across his paper while going through boxes that were stored at 1032 S. Alamo. Jimmy wrote this as a sixth grader in 1984, and we will continue to include his entire paper throughout the coming issues!

Address in the King William District: Symbol of Success

The Germans of this area were also intent on providing a good education for their children. The old German-English school was started in 1858 across from the Halle by a German intellectuals group. It gave German first-borns a really excellent education; and in case of more prosperous families, this was augmented by sending the young men in the group to Germany for a couple of years. A number of genteel ladies’ seminaries in the city were for “finishing” girls. Education was very important.

By 1870, Germans dominated the city. In 1876 the total population 17,314 was made up of 5,630 Germans and Alsations; 5,475 American, English, and Irish; and 3,750 Mexicans according to the city assessor. The majority, but not all residents in the King William area were German, and not all the Germans were of one class. Some were well-educated aristocrats and others were wealthy merchants with scarcely any education. Among the original owners were businessmen involved in jewelry, ranching, building real estate, lumber, and grain. Life for all in the district; however, was the most fashionable and elegant the city had to offer. In 1890 William Corner’s guidebook San Antonio de Bexar: A Guide and History said in describing the “good life” in San Antonio:

“We have the most populous city in Texas, three railroad lines, a perfect system of waterworks, the purest water, wood-block paved plazas and streets, several electric streetcar systems, the prettiest Opera and Civic House in the South, beautiful public buildings, good electric lighting and gas systems, good hotels, a lovely river, and a climate second to none.”

President’s Report - Continued

room because she did not like the flip flops the woman was wearing. I had to use a pillow to get us out of the room. That precipitated building a caged area under our casita porch to acclimate her outside. I made sure my son entered and exited our house through our back door so Cirilla would connect him to the house. It has worked, and Cirilla has done well. Surprisingly, she stays in our yard and only occasionally ventures into the neighbors’ yards. She loves Jim and will crawl up his chest and nuzzle his beard and let him pet her. Still runs to our son when he come over. She hisses at me, and I still cannot pet her. She likes to be around us when on the porch or doing yard work but except for letting Jim pet her, does not cuddle. She likes to be put up at night in the garage; occasionally gets in a cat fight. I like dogs, but I really am a cat person. I’ve learned tortoises are touchy. It’s a tragedy she won’t let me pet her. When I need to pet a cat, I go to Kate’s house. Thanks for letting me vent. Very therapeutic.

Gather up your friends and family and come run or walk the Sauerkraut Bend 5K on Saturday, October 1, 2022!

The festive 5K route is a relatively flat scenic course and starts at the King William Park Gazebo and will take you on a short tour of the Historic King William District and along the San Antonio River Walk. The race will cap at 500 participants, so sign up today, and the after-race celebration will make you feel like a King!

ADA Accessible Course - Race T-Shirt - Finisher’s Medal - Food - Beer - Live DJ - Costume Contest
August is a good time to trim evergreen shrubs and perennials by about one fourth. New growth will "harden off" by the time freezing winter weather arrives. Roses that are repeat bloomers can be trimmed now, also by one fourth. This will encourage a better crop of fall flowers. Wait to trim climbing roses until they bloom next spring.

If you like to create new plants from those you have, honey can be used as a root hormone to encourage cuttings to root. Boil two cups of water in a pan and add one tablespoon of honey to the water, and stir until the honey melts. When the solution is cool it is ready for dipping cuttings for rooting. Once cuttings have rooted, water them regularly with a half strength solution of organic liquid fertilizer to stimulate root growth.

Summer heat can cause plants to wilt in the afternoon sun. Especially container grown plants. The best time to check to see if they need water is in the morning. If they are wilted, water thoroughly until the water comes out the hole in the bottom of the container.

Garden Note:
Make your garden a sanctuary. Do as much of the work as possible yourself. It is akin to meditation.

Alan Cash’s Tuxedo Cat “Boots” enjoying the cool air inside on a hot summer day.
Daniela Oliver de Portillo

Summer heat is in full swing, but everyone at Blue Star Contemporary (BSC) is already fantasizing about the fall, especially the annual Red Dot Show which will be on view November 11, 2022 to January 9, 2023. At BSC’s Red Dot, there is art for sale for every budget and taste, and even animal and pet lovers can find works of art that honor our most faithful companions. Be sure to save the date for BSC’s biggest fundraiser of the year, Red Dot on November 9 from 7 to 10 p.m.

For 32 years, BSC’s annual Red Dot event has featured a diverse survey of San Antonio artists such as Hiromi Stringer and Jayne Lawrence who used animals as references or inspiration for their 2021 Red Dot works. Hiromi Stringer’s A Sleeping Dog is a Black Box, is a wonderful example of an artist’s pursuit to honor and exalt the relationship between humans and dogs by pondering on the apparent ability canines have to dream, and scientific efforts to decode such dreams. Inspired by the animal world, Jayne Lawrence presented an anthropomorphic life-size figurative sculpture in BSC’s 2021 Red Dot as part of her Archetypes on the Brink of Change series.

Both Stringer and Lawrence have been selected for BSC’s Berlin Residency Program. Hiromi participated in 2019 and Jayne is bound for Berlin this fall. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, BSC is finally able to bring back this significant cultural exchange program and send artists abroad to create and inform their work at Künstlerhaus Bethanien, in Berlin Germany. The impact of Stringer’s time in Berlin will be showcased in her upcoming BSC solo exhibition in 2023.

Don’t forget you can sign up as a Red Dot 2022 collector or sponsor, and the deadline is August 15. Please contact BSC’s Development Manager, Elaine Leahy at elaine@bluestarcontemporary.org for more information.

While we dream of cooler months ahead, please consider a visit to BSC where summer exhibitions are still on view.

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS

Cindy Miller
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If you have time or a special talent:

· consider donating time as a driver
· help with accounting or bookkeeping
· prepare and load dogs for transit
· transport dogs to appointments for spaying and neutering or getting vaccines
· organize materials in warehouse

The days are long, and the needs are many for those working in the pet rescue community, but happy endings are so rewarding. Cindy described the following story with a very happy ending. One of her teams traveled to a Fort Worth shelter to pick up six pit bull mothers, their 37 puppies, and 15 other puppies and dogs. Many of these animals were CODE RED, i.e., at high risk of being euthanized at any time due to overcrowded conditions at the shelter. Enter Veterans Pet Rescue Express. The devoted team of drivers drove through an unseasonable May snowstorm and delivered each animal to loving rescues and homes in Montana and Wyoming. It’s days like these along with pictures of smiling pet owners and happy pets with forever homes that keep Cindy Cox and her team motivated and inspired to continue their work.

Cindy encourages King William residents to support The Cannoli Fund whose mission is to improve the lives of community and companion cats and dogs in the King William and Lavaca neighborhoods of San Antonio.

More information on Veterans Pet Rescue Express can be found on their website at https://veteranspetrescueexpress.org/ and on Facebook - please follow and like their page. Contact Cindy Cox at 210-315-1967 or nannbird@aol.com if you would like to donate items, time, or talent to help this organization’s mission of placing animals in forever homes.

KWA NEWSLETTER 5
KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ SIGN ME UP OR RENEW MY DUES TO BE A KWA MEMBER IN 2022

Dues for 2022 are payable by January 15 in order to receive complimentary King William Fair admission and be included in the printed directory. We nominate voting members in good standing to serve on the Board of Directors and nominating committee. A voting member must be current with annual dues 30 calendar days prior to any vote. The membership year runs January 1 to December 31. Dues may be paid any time but will not be prorated. The King William Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).

VOTING MEMBERS: Select a category:
☐ Individual ($30/1 vote) ☐ Business/Organization ($50/1 vote)
☐ Patron ($75) ☐ Family ($40/2 votes)
☐ Benefactor ($250) ☐ Lifetime ($1,000)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Select a category:
☐ Individual (Free) ☐ Family (Free) ☐ Business/Organization (Free)

INDIVIDUAL NAME(S):
For voting business members, list the designated person and alternate who may cast a vote.

BUSINESS NAME (if applicable):

CHILDREN (under 18, list names):

VOTING MEMBERS: Would you like your children's names in the KWA Directory?
☐ YES ☐ NO

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

( Check one ) ☐ I AM ☐ I AM NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION.

PRIMARY PHONE (with area code):
☐ home ☐ cell ☐ work

WEBSITE ADDRESS (for businesses):

E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES):

VOTING MEMBERS: Would you like your email address listed in the KWA Directory?
☐ YES ☐ NO

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE ON THE...
☐ Architectural Advisory ☐ Board ☐ Cultural Arts ☐ Home Tour ☐ King William Fair
☐ Newsletter Committee ☐ Other:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please fill out the KWA membership form above and mail to the KWA office. You may also drop your KWA membership form in the mail slot in the door facing Madison (not the parking lot entrance). You may also email us at info@ourkwa.org, or you may become a KWA member online by going to https://www.ourkwa.org/membership-join.

Shawn Campbell
KWA Board President
KWA NEWSLETTER

FAVOR DE ACTIVAR O RENOVAR MI MEBRESÍA DE KWA PARA EL 2022

La membresía es efectiva del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre. La cuota se puede pagar en cualquier momento, pero no se prorrateará. La Asociación King William es una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3).

MIEMBROS CON DERECHO A VOTO: Seleccione una categoría:
- Individual ($30/1 voto)
- Patrocinador ($75)
- Benefactor ($250)
- Empresa/Organización ($50/1 voto)
- Familia ($40/2 votos)
- De por vida ($1,000)

MIEMBROS ASOCIADOS: Seleccione una categoría:
- Individual (Gratis)
- Familia (Gratis)
- Negocio/Organización (Gratis)

NOMBRE(S): __________________________________________________________
Para los miembros empresariales con derecho a voto, indique la persona designada para votar y el respectivo suplente.

NOMBRE COMERCIAL (si aplica): _______________________________________

HIJOS (menores de 18 años, liste los nombres): ___________________________

MIEMBRO CON DERECHO A VOTO: ¿Le gustaría que los nombres de sus hijos se publiquen en el Directorio de KWA? Sí □ NO

DIRECCIÓN: _________________________________________________________

CIUDAD/ESTADO/CÓDIGO POSTAL: ________________________________
(Seleccione uno) □ VIVO □ NO VIVO DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE LA ASOCIACIÓN KING WILLIAM.

TELÉFONO PRIMARIO (con código de área):  
□ casa □ celular □ trabajo _____________________________

DIRECCIÓN DE SITIO WEB (para empresas): __________________________

CORREO(S) ELECTRÓNICO(S): _______________________________________

MIEMBROS CON DERECHO A VOTO: ¿Le gustaría que su dirección de correo electrónico se publique en el Directorio de KWA? Sí □ NO

¿ESTÁ DISPUESTO A SERVIR EN . . .
- Artes culturales  □ Comité de asesoramiento arquitectónico  □ Comités para el boletín
- Feria King William  □ Mesa directiva  □ Recorrido de Casas
- Otro: ____________________________________________________________

GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

Por favor llene el formulario y envíelo por correo a la oficina de KWA. También puede depositarlo en la ranura de la puerta que da a Madison (no en la entrada del estacionamiento). También puede enviarlo por correo electrónico a info@ourkwa.org, o puede activar su membresía en línea en www.ourkwa.org/membership-join.
Are community cats visiting your home or business? Have you wanted to help a stray dog or cat but were concerned about the expense involved in getting it vet care? Could you use help feeding animals you care for? Would you like to host a pet water bowl so that passing animals can stay hydrated? We can help!

Since 2011, The Cannoli Fund, an all-volunteer nonprofit, has been providing free health, wellness, and other programs for dogs and cats in King William and neighboring Lavaca. Thanks to the support of our neighbors, donors, and grants, we have directly helped over 1,800 animals to date. San Antonio continues to have a cat and dog overpopulation problem with plenty of strays. There are still animals on the street that we’re ready to help, and we need you to tell us about them.

Our Cannoli’s Canteen program, which has become especially important during this record-breaking heat, provides free water bowls to neighbors and business owners. Hosted along the sidewalk, these bowls are an important source of hydration for our four-legged friends. The bowls feature The Cannoli Fund’s logo and web address and they’ve also been an effective, low-cost way to reach neighbors who aren’t yet familiar with The Cannoli Fund. Request a bowl by visiting our website, thecannolifund.org.

Stray dogs frequently wander into the neighborhood or are dumped here. Friendly cats and kittens, sometimes left behind when residents move, can also become good companions. Neighbors who see these animals can contact The Cannoli Fund for advice and help. We own a microchip scanner and are happy to scan found dogs and cats, so those animals with chips can be returned to their owners. For the many animals whose owners can’t or don’t want to be found, we provide financial help and advice or referrals. We are not a rescue, but often partner with our neighborhood rescue, Footbridge Foundation, or others, if found animals need new homes.

The majority of these found animals need veterinary care, which falls under the Cannolicare program. Initially, we offered small veterinary care grants. As our support has increased, we have been able to raise the grant amounts and cover more services. Both owned dogs and cats of King William and Lavaca residents, or animals newly found by them, are eligible. The grants cover evaluation, spay/neuter if needed, basic wellness services like vaccinations and testing, and treatment of conditions and diseases with a favorable prognosis. During the pandemic, we also added provision of flea/tick and heartworm medication, to ensure that residents could provide these important medications to help maintain their pets’ health. This has become even more of a need as prices for medications, as well as pet food, continue to rise.

The Cannoli Fund also delivers over 600 lbs of dry cat food monthly to KW and Lavaca neighbors who are feeding colonies of community cats, once we ensure that all the cats are no longer able to reproduce. Our Community Cat Carpool ferries both community and owned cats to low-cost clinics, where we cover the expense of sterilization and vaccinations. There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of new colony kittens in our service area, thanks to our work on Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). TNR is the only scientifically proven method to stabilize outdoor cat populations. Cats are humanely trapped and transported to clinics to be sterilized and vaccinated. While the cats are under anesthesia, the tips of their left ears are removed to mark them as spayed or neutered. Then the cats are returned to their colonies to live out their lives without reproducing and with fewer problem behaviors. Visit alleycat.org to learn more about TNR.

If you’d like to help us continue our work with dogs and cats (and the neighbors who care for them), donate to our nonprofit via the link on our website, thecannolifund.org. View some of our many success stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages: https://www.facebook.com/cannolifund; https://www.instagram.com/thecannolifund/.
Wow! Sure got hot early this year didn’t it. Protect yourself and your pets from the blazing sun. Besides heat, summer means ICE CREAM! Not just for you, but for your pets too. Give them a cooling treat!

**Peanut Butter Banana Ice Cream – for your dog!**
- 3-4 ripe bananas, peeled
- 32 ounces plain yogurt, low fat
- 1 cup peanut butter

Blend all ingredients in a blender until thoroughly mixed. Pour into ice cube trays and freeze – or any container you might have.

Once the ice cream is frozen completely, you can pop the cubes out of the trays and place them in a zippered bag in your freezer.

**Make some homemade ice cream for yourself and enjoy while your pets enjoy theirs!**

**Cat Ice Cream**
- 2 cans tuna
- 2 cups hot water

Drain tuna and add to a medium bowl. Add hot water to the bowl. Mix together breaking the tuna into small pieces. Pour into ice cube trays and freeze. Pop out and put into zip lock bag in the freezer.

My grandpup, Astro, will be visiting this summer. I’m going to have some cool treats on hand. Just like humans, pets enjoy a refreshing summer treat on a hot day.

**Honeydoodle Dew**
- ½ cup frozen honeydew melon
- drop of honey
- ¼ cup non-fat yogurt
- 2 mint leaves

Finely dice two fresh mint leaves or crumble a healthy pinch of dried mint and add to blender. Add the honeydew, honey, and yogurt and blend until smooth. Pour into a bowl that has been cooled in the refrigerator or freezer.

**Slushy Pooch Punch**
- ½ cup watermelon
- ¼ cup pineapple
- ¼ cup blueberries
- 2 strawberries
- ¼ cup cold water or crushed ice (adjust as needed)

Add fruit and water to your blender and blitz until fruit is completely crushed. Serve slushy in your pet’s favorite bowl! Keep the bowl in the refrigerator until right before serving for an extra cooling effect.
KW resident Wendy Black fostered dogs for many years, and she always enjoyed walking them through the King William neighborhood and across the footbridge on Johnson Street. One day it struck her that the bridge itself was becoming symbolic. Around the time the dogs got the hang of their claws touching the metal surface of the bridge, they also forgot their desperate pasts and became ready to move into their happy futures. Shortly after this revelation, Wendy created a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and Footbridge Foundation was born.

Over the last five years, Footbridge Foundation, along with the kind and dedicated help of donors, fosters, and volunteers, has saved the lives of thousands of dogs and cats. The organization is on track to rescue and adopt out at least 450 animals this year alone. To fund their charitable animal rescue efforts, Footbridge Foundation relies solely on the much needed donations of generous supporters. Donations directly help the animals  in need and are used to help stray and foster pets with items such as low cost spay/neuter surgery, X-rays, dental care, emergency care, surgeries for amputation, broken bones, deformities, hospice care, eye care, heart worm/lyme disease tests for dogs, treatment for parasitic diseases, FIV/FeLV testing for adoptable cats, TNR trapper fees, dewormer and vaccinations, monthly flea and heart worm prevention, microchips, intake fees, transport costs, pet food, kitty litter, collars, tags, cones, leashes, harnesses, training treats, bowls, beds, crates, carriers, traps, puppy pads, formula, bottles, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, and more.

Footbridge Foundation also routinely rescues special needs animals, who often require specialized medical care and can take a little longer to adopt out. The rescue is currently caring for two animals with prolapsed rectums - a tiny chihuahua named Cupcake and a kitten named Gizmo. Together, their surgeries and medical care total more than $4,000. The nonprofit is currently raising funds for the care of these and all of the 50+ animals in their program through a Summer Fundraiser (https://footbridgefoundation.networkforgood.com/projects/163770-footbridge-foundation-summer-fundraiser-2022). Any donation amount helps and is appreciated! They are also always on the lookout for new fosters to help care for the animals as they await adoption. Potential fosters are encouraged to submit an application here: https://www.footbridgefoundation.org/foster-application.

Proud King William neighbors Wendy and Footbridge Foundation are happy to be providing a bridge to a new life for the vulnerable animals of San Antonio. If you see Wendy walking dogs in the neighborhood, be sure to say hi!

Please visit the Footbridge Foundation website and social media channels for more information and to see their adoptable animals: https://footbridgefoundation.org https://www.facebook.com/footbridgefoundation https://www.instagram.com/footbridgefoundation

Left to Right: "Cupcake" and "Gizmo" are currently being cared for by Footbridge Foundation
The Cultural Arts Committee Presents

Coming Events - Add to Your Calendar

The Cultural Arts Committee of the KWA has a lineup of Concerts in the Park for this Fall.

The committee would LOVE to have a couple of NEW MEMBERS as we plan our next Art Exhibits and Presentations. Share our joy in bringing these events to our neighborhood. Please contact Nora Peterson for more information noralpeterson@satx.rr.com.

Sunday, September 18, 2022
VOLCAN
San Antonio’s Latin Band
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 16, 2022
EDDIE AND THE VALIANTS
Come and listen to their “West Side Sound”
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 2022
Biohazard Brass Band from 323rd Army
We will celebrate Veteran’s Day
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The concerts are in San Antonio Housing Authority’s Beautify San Antonio Park and are FREE and open to the public of all ages.
KWA Board Member’s Pets

Erin Strauss’ dog “Maggie”

Kerry McKeon’s previous dog “Duchess”

Leigh Anne Lester’s dog “Noli”

Gretchen Garceau-Kragh’s cats “Coconut” and “Nutmeg”

Gretchen Rose’s previous dog “Jessie”

Pat Heard’s cat “Beauty”

Tina Garza with “Amy” (left), “Rubble” (middle), and “Coco” (right)

KW cat spotted on Shawn Campbell’s morning walk in the 400 block of Madison

Gretchen Garceau-Kragh’s cats “Coconut” and “Nutmeg”