

## NO old dog should die alone or afraid

Mona was found by animal control with five others. Her fur was matted, too long, and she was so weak, she could barely stand. No one knew how long she had been like this, where she came from or how long she'd been alone. Luckily, a Good Samaritan found her and called animal control. As a member of Missy's Haven Canine Rescue (MHCR) was walking



the kennels she noticed how scared she was and knew they needed to help. First things first, Mona needed a bath! MHCR groomer bathed her and shaved her, and after that she felt much better. Secondly, was to get her checked by the vet. They guessed Mona was somewhere between 12 and 15 years old. Based on her age and condition, at some shelters, Mona would've been a candidate for euthanasia. But thanks to a hospice foster program at MHCR of San Antonio, and support by a grant from, San Antonio Area Foundation, Mona and her four others friends were able to receive the care and loving home and enjoy the life they deserves. Mona is enjoying every minute with her foster family, including a canine sister and brother. She has a large yard to play in, a comfy bed to sleep in and a foster mom who adores her so dearly. Mona's foster mom says, "When I come home, Mona gets excited and wants to play and be petted and hugged. She barks until I pick her up and give her hugs and kisses. She is walking better and even runs around with her friends. Mona was a difficult one to figure out what she likes to eat, after all she only has one tooth, but she is eating more and is more active when we go on short walks. Every day we get closer, she shows her friends that life is okay now. I just love little this little girl! We might not know about Mona or her friends past, but we know that, thanks to our supporters and our caring partner in SAAF, she'll only know love, compassion and comfort in the days to come.

