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DOGGONE DELIGHTFUL

Wildflowers and wildlife abound on the hidden country roads near Seguin, where the Southern Animal Rescue Association cares for 532 dogs, 162 cats, four pot-bellied pies, three goats, two Longhorns, one comical donkey, various chickens, and two pigs, one of them an 800-pound hog named Homer. Here, dogs cavort in large communal yards with kiddie pools, and cats of every color lounge in their own cheerful courtyard filled with kitty condos and scratching posts. The other animals have their own spacious quarters, as well.

There's no such thing as too much attention for these animals, so visitors are welcome to spend a day patting heads, scratching ears, and enjoying the outdoors. The critters love it, and so will you. Just don't forget to bring Homer a few apples—he'll expect them.

Bring a pair of binoculars and your bird books, too, because this 381-acre ranch also provides refuge to an amazing variety of local and migrating species. Feel free to wander the trails, or simply relax under the huge oak trees shading the main yard. Just don't be shocked if you look up and see a dog lounging on one of the branches.

Visit the ranch, at 1050 Rawhide Trail near Seguin, Mon-Sat 9-2:30. For more information, or to learn about adopting an animal, call 830/401-0280; www.sarasanctuary.org. —RACHEL BALL

MODERN MARKET

Lawndale Art Center in Houston, founded in 1979 to promote visual art with an emphasis on the Houston area, hosts its annual 20th Century Modern Market May 2-4. Lawndale's beautiful, three-story Art Deco building, designed in 1934 by prominent local architect Joseph Finger, provides an appropriate setting for the sale. A quick summary of Modern design: The period before the second world war saw a shift from the Arts and Crafts movement to an embracing of technology, with designers experimenting with form and function, as well as →



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