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The Houston Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty, abuse and the overpopulation of animals.

Letter From The Director



Dear Friends,
Another year has passed, with many accomplishments and many plans.

In June of 2004, we broke ground on our new Adoption Center. The HHS's new shelter will feature indoor canine chalets and cottages for small dogs and puppies, as well as climate-controlled cabanas for medium and large dogs. New, "Kitty Kat Condominiums" will house cats and kittens in warmth and quiet while keeping visitors in a comfortable environment. We have not reached the financial goal needed to finish the new Adoption Center, and there are many naming opportunities available. Please e-mail development@houstonhumane.org for information.

A very affordable way to help us build the new Center and honor a beloved pet or person is with a Tribute Brick. The new shelter entrance will feature a walkway of 100 special tribute bricks. Each is 7-5/8" x 3-5/8" x 2" and consists of three lines of text with up to 14 letters, including spaces, per line. Bricks cost \$200 each. We have included an order form for your convenience.

At the approximate age of 14 years, our feline mascot Max passed away this fall. We were all very sad, but he had much love from many people.



Dep. Leal, Sgt. Timmers and Burnie

This year Burnie will be 11 years old and is still going strong. She was even made a K-9 Cop!

Flash joined our HHS mascot menagerie in 2004 and is a hit everywhere he goes. He has been to the opening of several of the area's Cold Stone Creamery stores, wore a black tie to our November Gala "Humane for the Holidays" at the Marriott Westchase, and even took time out at Christmas to distribute toys to children at Shriners Hospital.



We'll miss you Max

You will see as you read through this edition that we've changed the format a little. To cut printing costs, we will only print one Annual Report that will serve all year. During the year we will send you updates and information printed and mailed less expensively. If you would like to receive more frequent updates, visit our website at www.houstonhumane.org and submit your e-mail address to the Webmaster.

I hope to see you all at our December 2005 Adoption Center Holiday Open House!



Flash brings toys and cheer to kids at Shriners Hospital



Sherry
Sherry Ferguson
Executive Director

ON THE COVER: HHS R.A.I.D.E.R. PROGRAM'S SGT. MARK TIMMERS AND DEP. MARCO LEAL, KPRC LOCAL 2 METEOROLOGIST FRANK BILLINGSLEY WITH HHS ALUMNI RADAR AND SHELTER MASCOTS BURNIE AND PIRATE.

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CLINIC CORNER

Responsible Pet Ownership

Where does the problem lie? Is there something you can do to control pet overpopulation? First, let's take a look at what the population numbers would be using low averages...

Let's start with 1 female dog:

- Year 1: She produces an average of four puppies, if two of them are females
- Year 2: Production of 1st and 2nd generation females is 12 pups, 6 of them are females
- Year 3: Production from three generations of females is 36 pups, 18 of them females
- Year 4: Production from four generations of females is 108 pups, including 54 females
- Year 5: Production from five generations is 324 pups, 162 females
- Year 6: Production from six generations of females is 972, 486 females
- Year 7: Production is 2,916, 1458 females

TOTAL PUPS FROM A SINGLE FEMALE IN SEVEN YEARS IS 4,372!

This is a conservative estimate; some projections say the numbers can go as high as 67,000 pups in seven years. Is this a good reason to have your pet spayed or neutered? YES!!

Many people who allow their pet to breed a litter try to justify their decision by saying "I have homes for all of my puppies/kittens". Each newly bred puppy or kitten takes a home away from a shelter animal already here, and waiting for a home!

The Animal Protection Institute of America reports that 32 million animals are born every year, and 10 to 13 million will be destroyed for lack of homes. Many will become feral and wild by the time they are 3 years old. Please do your part toward responsible pet ownership and have your pet spayed or neutered to avoid unwanted litters, protect the health of your pet, and help reduce pet overpopulation.

Dr. Timothy Harkness
Chief Veterinarian Houston Humane Society



Dr. Timothy Harkness & Pirate

Thanks to your support, the HHS Wellness Center is the first and only clinic in town to offer such a wide variety of services to the animals and the people of our community.

Did you know?

The Wellness Center at the Houston Humane Society offers Spay and Neuter surgery for only \$30.00! Call 713-433-6421 for an appointment today.

Please notice the sponsors and supporters throughout this newsletter that have helped us with our events and donated needed items. Patronize them as much as you can. Be sure to tell them you support them because they helped the homeless animals at the Houston Humane Society and you hope they will continue to do so.



14700 Alameda Road, Houston, TX 77053

The Houston Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty, abuse and the overpopulation of animals. Located at 14700 Alameda Road, the Houston Humane Society provides a wide variety of animal welfare programs to Houston-area residents and their pets including; acceptance of all animals, pet adoptions, humane education, the groundbreaking animal cruelty investigation and education R.A.I.D.E.R. Program, and a full-service low-cost Animal Wellness Center that is open to the general public. With your help, the Houston Humane Society cares for more than 30,000 animals every year.

The Houston Humane Society relies solely on donations from friends, supporting organizations and monies earned from special events and projects. The HHS receives NO local, state or federal government funding. While being a member of numerous animal-related groups, the HHS is a private organization, and is NOT affiliated with and DOES NOT receive funding from any national animal welfare organization.

R.A.I.D.E.R. REPORT

If you suspect someone is abusing an animal, call the Houston Humane Society at (713) 433-6421 or email raider@houstonhumane.org.

2004 has been a very busy and challenging year for the R.A.I.D.E.R. Program (Rescuing Animals In Danger & Education Resources) here at the Houston Humane Society. The two full-time animal cruelty investigators on staff at HHS are, Sergeant Mark Timmers and Deputy Marco Leal, from Harris County Constable Victor Trevino's Office, Precinct Six. (The R.A.I.D.E.R. program and the officers' salaries are funded solely by donations to the Houston Humane Society.)

Law enforcement agencies are not equipped to handle all aspects of animal cruelty investigation, such as seizing, transporting, housing and providing veterinary care for abused animals. By creating the innovative



This starved and beaten horse found refuge at the HHS.

R. A. I. D. E. R. Program, HHS became the only humane group in the Southwestern U.S. to have law enforcement officers on its staff for the purpose of investigating animal abuse. By contracting with Constable Trevino's office to employ these two deputies, HHS provides the best of both worlds by combining the power of law enforcement with a place of sanctuary and medical care for seized animals, most of whom are injured or seriously ill. These officers also have additional training, education, and experience in animal behavior and in identifying animal abuse and/or neglect.

Through the RAIDER program, the Deputies investigate animal cruelty cases on a daily basis, seize neglected or abused animals through the civil court system, and prosecute individuals through the County District Attorney's Office. HHS Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Timothy Harkness, provides expert veterinary testimony in court, which is critical to effectively seizing animals and prosecuting their abusers. And, unlike other animal welfare agencies, our officers can personally execute warrants for seizure of abused animals and make arrests if necessary, rather than being required to call in various local law enforcement agencies as a third party to an investigation, thus saving critical time for the animals.

Due to their extensive law enforcement training and background, during animal cruelty investigations the officers often identify other types of criminal activity. The results of the R.A.I.D.E.R. program have confirmed the long-established correlation between animal abuse and crimes against people. Individuals involved in domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, elderly abuse/neglect, narcotics activity, weapons offenses and those with outstanding warrants are also often perpetrators of animal cruelty. Our animal cruelty investigation officers can act quickly to refer cases to Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, environmental regulatory agencies, U.S.D.A., and other government entities. Rescuing animals from their abusers and prosecuting these individuals is vital to breaking the cycle of violence. Being authorized by law to act promptly saves time, money and lives.

HHS also believes education is a critical component in changing people's behavior, and our R.A.I.D.E.R. officers teach all aspects of humane care and treatment of animals at schools, churches, and at many events. Both the Houston Humane Society and Constable Trevino believe strongly that educating children is critical to breaking the cycle of violence that often begins with animal abuse. An animal is often the first living creature over which a child has control and is often a child's first responsibility. Showing children how to provide animals with proper care, housing, feeding, medical treatment and love teaches them that all living beings deserve compassion and respect. Our R.A.I.D.E.R. officers bring rescued animals into the classroom and give children a hands-on opportunity to interact with these rehabilitated animals and hear their stories. Having uniformed deputies as teachers provides children with powerful role models.



Sgt. Timmers answers numerous questions from students

IF YOU WANT TO PUT AN END TO ANIMAL NEGLECT AND ABUSE, PLEASE SEND IN AS LARGE A DONATION AS POSSIBLE TO HHS R.A.I.D.E.R. PROGRAM.

Their cries are being heard, but we need your support to stop the suffering.

Case: While patrolling in the Idle Wood neighborhood, a deputy constable initiated an investigation of a vehicle parked in front of a residence that led to an investigation of a 72-year-old man with a mental illness known as Collector's Syndrome. He was living with more than 50 cats inside his house, which had no running water, no usable bathroom or usable kitchen. After 40 years of marriage, the wife of this elderly man was forced to move out, as she was unable to get any help from social services. R.A.I.D.E.R. deputies obtained a mental health warrant for the man along with a seizure warrant for the cats. After living many years in substandard conditions, the elderly gentleman was diagnosed with severe dementia and poor physical condition and was placed in a nursing home. The cats were rescued and many, after being treated at the HHS Wellness Clinic, were eventually adopted by good families.

Case: R.A.I.D.E.R. deputies work closely with game wardens from Texas Parks and Wildlife and throughout the year assisted in numerous investigations of individuals collecting wild animals in violation of Texas Law. Removed from one home with a seizure warrant were over fifty squirrels, twenty-four rats, a possum and several pigeons. During another investigation a young fawn deer that was living inside a house was also removed.

Case: R.A.I.D.E.R. deputies responded to the request of animal control officers investigating a dog-bite case. Within a few hours they arrived at a house in the City of Houston. After observing the deplorable environmental conditions existing inside the residence, our officers obtained a seizure warrant and removed ten canines and a parrot. The conditions inside this residence were so terrible the house was condemned.

Did you know?

Our two R.A.I.D.E.R. deputies investigated more than 350 animal cruelty cases in 2004, involving more than 2,400 animals. An astonishing 700 animals were rescued through civil court seizures or animal surrender, and all of these animals were awarded to HHS. In addition to animal cruelty investigations, the officers instructed over 2,308 individuals about animal welfare during 241 hours of community education.



From condemned house to loving care at HHS



Collector disease not only affects dogs and cats



This garage was full of illegal snakes and reptiles



You can fight cruelty by donating online at www.houstonhumane.org

Most Famous Alumnus

Houston Humane Society's

This story begins as so many others. He was one among many animals turned into the Houston Humane Society to find a new home. Why so many precious animals come to the Houston Humane Society every day will forever remain a mystery. However, once they are with us their stories take a turn for the better. That is how things began for Local 2's Weather Dog, Radar.

This quiet little fellow, covered with the softest fur and a fluffy face, came to the Houston Humane Society because his former owners understood that if they could not keep Radar, the Houston Humane Society would be the place to care for him until he found his new home. His sweet temperament made him a standout among all the pets. As visitors would walk by his kennel, the other dogs jumped up and down to get their attention, little Radar just sat there and waited patiently. Then one day he was featured as an adoptable pet on Dominique Sachse's Houston Humane Society Petathon and it was love at first sight. This Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier mix had captured the hearts of Local 2.

The adoption process was the same as for all pets but the home this little boy was headed to not only provided him with love, it made him a star. This shelter dog is now the Weather Dog at KPRC Local 2. This NBC affiliate opened its heart and its doors to this deserving boy. He has a bed to sleep in and a large loving family to care for him every day. Radar went to school, to learn good manners from our friends over at Rover



Radar relaxes between weather duties at Local 2

Oaks. Upon his graduation, Radar has moved into the anchor chair and has his paws set on the pulse of the community. People from all over tune into Local 2 every day to get a glimpse of Radar. Chief Meteorologist Frank Billingsly loves to say, "Let's take a look at the Radar" and the next shot we see is Radar sitting there chewing on a toy. "Looks like it's gonna be a dog gone good day" remarks Frank. Radar receives more gifts and emails than his colleague main anchor Dominique Sachse, but she does not mind sharing the limelight. After all, who could resist that furry face?

While it is a lot of fun and games at Local 2 now, Radar wants to make sure that everyone knows that he is a shelter dog who got his chance thanks to the Houston Humane Society and the good folks at Local 2. He now lives in the lap of luxury and staff members wrestle over who gets to take him home on the weekends. Since Local 2 is a 24-hour news station, there is someone always with him. News Director Nancy Shafran wants to make sure that Radar stays a normal dog, and she makes sure he gets everything he needs (and a whole lot more!) from her staff. He has "Radar Handlers" who take him out to events and he is always happy to sit down for a picture with his fans. Radar's story has a very happy ending. A shelter dog who became a TV star, thanks to the good folks at the Houston Humane Society and his loving family at KPRC Local 2.

Did you know?

12,228 Rabies vaccinations were given at the Houston Humane Society Wellness Center in 2004.

HORSE SENSE

GABBY'S GOSSIP GALLERY



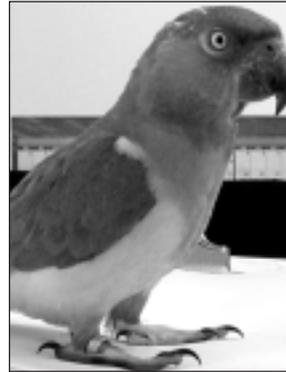
Cochise

Well, we have some good news for all the livestock that have made their home at the HHS! Our new livestock barn will be completed by spring, and we are hoof-stomping happy about it.

The new barn will be 150 feet long and 75 feet wide with over 5,000 square feet of indoor, temperature controlled facilities for our livestock. We will have six stalls and many kennels in the new barn, as well as an area for Chief Veterinarian

Dr. Timothy Harkness to treat large animals. The current livestock will be staying in the barn during cold winter days, and the barn will also house the many neglected and abused animals that are seized by our R.A.I.D.E.R. Officers. This facility has been needed by the Houston Humane Society for a long time, and our thanks go out to all of the donors that made it possible.

If you would like to send a gift to support the care of our livestock, please call 713-433-6421 or visit www.houstonhumane.org for more information



Gabby

I'm so excited to report that I've eavesdropped on some very important meetings over the past year. Because I'm the smartest (!) bird in the tree, I've been sharing my findings with Izzy, Rackel, Cloudy and all the other birdies and little critters around here.

As some of you may know, we at the HHS have been working really hard to raise funds to build a brand new Adoption Center. But you may not know that this new center will not

only provide new and better space for the doggies and kitties, it will also have new and better space for me and my winged and small and fuzzy friends!

The "Bird Bungalow" and "Small Mammal Habitat" will both be separate from the dog and cat areas to reduce stress, and will be constructed specifically for both the needs of us birds and our small mammal friends. This long-awaited bird and small mammal habitat will be 12 feet by 20 feet, with separate controls to help keep me and my tropical buddies at the right temperatures. There will even be special air purifiers included to eliminate air-borne illness and help keep us healthy.

If you would like to help make this little piece of paradise a reality for me and the rest of the gang, please call 713-433-6421 or visit www.houstonhumane.org to see how you can help.

Did you know?

The Houston Humane Society accepted 2,830 animals from other animal agencies in 2004.

Happy Tail



I wondered why Sherry was handing me a yellow towel when I arrived for the November board meeting. Upon closer inspection, I saw a tiny head poking out of the towel. When I took her in my arms, I knew that I could never leave there without her, although I did not immediately admit it. She is still in my arms most of the time and is the light of my life. What a wonderful Christmas family addition!!

Bev Brannan
HHS Board Member

P.S. My only concern was the reaction of my husband and three cats, but I am happy to report that they are all as smitten as I am, but the cats won't admit it!

"Kallie"

What a fun

Houston Humane Society K-9 Fun Run

The Houston Humane Society's K-9 Fun Run & Walk is one of the most loved and tail-wagging good times in Houston and one of the largest canine fun runs in the country. The Houston Humane Society "Greek In The Streets" K9 Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Michelob Ultra was held Sunday, March 21, 2004. The weather got a little cloudy, but that didn't stop our runners, walkers and joggers from having a pawsitively fabulous time. The day was capped with canines putting their best paws forward in our Canine Costume Contest and the crowning of the 2005 SpokesDog, "Chilly" and SpokesCat "Amber".

The 2005 K-9 Fun Run & Walk is set for Sunday, March 20, 2005 in Sam Houston Park on the edge of downtown. This year, the Houston Humane Society is partnering with KPRC Local 2 and Radar the Weather Dog, (an HHS alum), for "Radar's Pooch Picnic". The fun-filled day is a great way to help Houston's homeless animals, so don't miss the chance to show your spots and stripes and have a tail-wagging good time!

Par Fore Pets Charity Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who came out to play golf and raise life-saving funding for Houston's homeless animals. The Houston Humane Society Par Fore Pets Charity Golf Tournament gave players a great excuse NOT to work on a Monday and they came out in force to lend a helping hand to the animals. KPRC Local 2's Anchor Dominique Sachse made a special appearance at the tournament's banquet to thank everyone for playing for the animals. She was more than happy to stand up and take pictures with all the players. Dominique is a great friend to the animals and to the Houston Humane Society and we are always very grateful for her loving support.

As you read this, the 2005 Par Fore Pets Golf Tournament is being organized and we would love to have you come out, lace up your spikes and play "a round" for Houston's homeless animals.

For more information on any of our events, go online to www.houstonhumane.org or call 713-433-6421.



2004 year!



Humane For The Holidays Gala

The stars were shining bright on November 12th as Houston's finest came out for the Houston Humane Society's "Humane For The Holiday's" Black-tie Gala. Working in conjunction with the Houston Marriott Westchase, partygoers were treated to a grand evening benefiting the Houston Humane Society's efforts to rescue victims of animal cruelty.

The gala was a fabulous evening, pampering guests and providing them a party with a purpose. During the reception, Houston Humane Society's most famous Alum and all around top dog, Radar, the Local 2 Weather Dog, greeted guests. Meteorologist Wes Hohenstein and Marriot Westchase executive Harry Greenblatt joined the evening's Honorary Chairs, Local 2's Dominique Sachse and 104 KRBE's Sam Malone, for an evening to remember. Party attendees bid on wonderful silent auction items and danced to the wonderful sounds of the Ricky Diaz Orchestra. The mingling continued as guests enjoyed meeting HHS mascots Flash, Burnie and other celebrities as they danced the night away. Guests went home with a smile in their hearts, chocolate shaped dog biscuits and other commemorative items to remember this party with a purpose.

A portion of the Gala's proceeds will help the Houston Humane Society build our new state-of-the-art Adoption Center.

HOGS 4 PAWS

Motors were revving on Saturday, April 3, 2004 as bikers from all over joined Houston Area 1 Harley Owners Group in a motorcycle rally to raise money for the homeless animals. KPRC's Domnique Sachse hosted the Houston Humane Society's first HOGS 4 Paws event at Mancuso's Harley Davidson. The rally wrapped around the city for a 58-mile Poker Run and ended just minutes south of the Museum District in Tom Bass Regional Park at 288 South and Beltway 8. The day culminated in a huge Bar-B-Que cook-off, with events, fun and live music to boot, raising money for the HHS's new Adoption Center.

This year's HOGS 4 Paws is planned for May 7, 2005. For more information go on-line to www.houstonhumane.org or call 713-433-6421.



*Clockwise from top right:
Radar meets and greets at the Humane for the
Holidays Gala, Hogs 4 PAWS, Par-Fore-Pets,
2004 23rd Annual HHS Fun Run and Walk*



HUMANE HAPPENINGS

January

- 2nd - Happy Mew Year Day for Cats
- 5th - National Bird Day
- 22nd - National Answer-Your-Cat's-Questions Day

February

- PREVENT-A-LITTER MONTH
- PET DENTAL MONTH
- NATIONAL WILD BIRD-FEEDING MONTH
- 5th - Sponsor a Shelter Pet Day
- 7th - 14th - Have-a-Heart-for-Chained-Dogs Week
- 12th - Help a Stray Donation Day
- 14th - Pet Theft Awareness Day
- 20th - Love-Your-Pet Day
- 23rd - International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- 24th - Spay Day USA

March

🐾 24th ANNUAL HHS K-9 FUN RUN: RADAR'S POOCH PICNIC March 20th!

- 1st - 7th - National Pet Sitters Week
- 3rd - What-If-Cats-and-Dogs-Had-Opposable-Thumbs Day

April

- PREVENTION-OF-ANIMAL-CRUELTY MONTH
- WORLD HABITAT AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL PET FIRST AID AWARENESS MONTH
- 4th - Tag Day
- 15th - Sponsor a Pet Day
- 18th - Pet Owner's Independence Day
- 20th - 26th - National Pet ID Week
- 27th - National Hairball Awareness Day

May

- BE-KIND-TO-ANIMALS MONTH
- PETAPALOOZA
- 🐾 HOGS 4 PAWS May 7th!
- 1st - Save a Stray Donation Day
- 2nd - 9th - National Pet Week
- 2nd - Humane Sunday
- 3rd - Hug-Your-Cat Day
- 3rd - Mayday for Mutts
- 3rd - 9th - Be Kind to Animals Week
- 16th - Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- 17th - 23rd - National Dog Bite Prevention Week

June

- ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT MONTH
- ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH
- 🐾 COMPANION CAMP 20th-24th
- 5th - 11th - Pet Appreciation Week
- 7th - World Pet Memorial Day
- 18th - 24th - Take-Your-Pet-to-Work Week
- 19th - Take-Your-Dog-to-Work Day

July

- DOG HOUSE REPAIRS MONTH
- 21st - 27th - Animal Rights Awareness Week

August

- 🐾 COMPANION CAMP 1st-5th
- 14th - Chain-Off Day (to help chained & penned dogs)
- 15th - National Homeless Animals Day

September

- 🐾 HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY GALA
- 13 - National Pet Memorial Day
- 20 - 26 - National Dog Week
- 20 - 26 - National Deaf Dog Awareness Week

October

- ADOPT-A-SHELTER-DOG MONTH
- NATIONAL ANIMAL SAFETY AND PROTECTION MONTH

Check out our R.A.I.D.E.R. program at www.houstonhumane.org

- 🐾 HHS PAR FORE PETS GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 🐾 5th ANNUAL FRIGHT FEST POOCH PARADE AT ASTROWORLD

- 4th - St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day/World Pets' Day/World Animal Welfare Day
- 4th - 10th - World Week of Prayer for Animals
- 5th - 11th - Animal Welfare Week
- 16th - National Feral Cat Day

November

- ADOPT-A-SENIOR-PET MONTH
- 7th - 13th - National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

December

- 🐾 OPEN HOUSE AT THE HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY'S NEW ADOPTION CENTER, 'ANIMAL'S HOUSE'

Check for date and time at www.houstonhumane.org

A big thanks to all of our Houston Humane Society Volunteers! Quite possibly the best volunteers in the world. Whether it's helping with a silent auction at a Gala, talking about our adorable adoptables at a mobile adoption, passing out water to thirsty competitors at the K-9 Fun



Jacque exercises Rex at HHS

Run/Walk, or coming to the shelter to shampoo smelly dogs and dangle feathers for frisky kitties, our volunteers pull through for us and make the Houston Humane Society a better place for Houston's homeless animals.

Our annual K-9 Fun Run/Walk, Greek in the Streets, was a lot of hard work and the result was panting dogs and people having fun while raising money for our homeless pets. These fabulous volunteers gave us their time and pawpositive attitude in preparation for the race and on the day of the race: **Paula Akins, M'liss Evans, Jerry and Elizabeth Mask, Steve Hartwig, Shirley Lindsey,**



Melissa takes our #1 dog Burnie through her paces at the Fun Run

Maryanne and Kyoko Flasik, Lisa Brinkley, Edie and Jacob Tannenbaum, Chintan Patolia, Cary Gordon, Kristie Heep, Judy and Andrew Gwinn, Christa Muko, Girl Scout Troup

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Volunteer Voices

Contact Jennifer Williams at 713-341-3309 to be a volunteer for the 2005 K-9 Fun Run/Walk.

Tails were wagging, whiskers were twitching and phones were ringing in the **Local 2 News** studios during the 2004 Pet-A-Thon. With the help of Local 2, our volunteers, and animal lovers in the Houston area, we spent an entire day collecting much need donations and placing pets into new homes. Thanks to the **Houston Area 1 Harley Owners Group, Continental Airlines, and Visible**



Dianne with Cotton

Changes for helping us staff the phones. More thanks go out to HHS volunteers **Alice Devore, Erica Blackburn, Jenny Beckman, Joe Ramirez, Milagros Korchnak, Jenni Mouser, Annette Bunce, Gill Winnard, Shirley Lindsey, Sherrill Mohan, Cathy Schaefer, Tim Le, Dario Christopherson, Shannon Rountree, Caitlin Gordon, Courtney Cooper, Kris Bagley, Pam Paredz-Hudson, Bonita Hart, Tracie Cortes, Margaret Ferguson, Suzanne Golay, Kathryn Holly, Rachel Alder, Debra Hodapp, Brain Hodapp, Tuesday Ross, M'liss Evans, Susan Carter, Emily Yeomans, Kendall Spence, Bridget Schimara, Dawn Martin, Jason Norton, Stacy Hunt, Paula Akins, Diana Whitney, SLI Group, Constable Victor Trevino and the Precinct 6 Deputies, Ft. Dodge, Gulf Coast Vet, Benefit Concepts, John R. Ray Insurance, and Mister Car Wash.**

The **HOGS 4 PAWS Poker Run** was a fun-filled event for bikers and volunteers alike. Special thanks to **Margo Moore, Annette Bunce, Shirley Lindsey, Erica Blackburn, Jenny Beckman, Stephanie Carter, Susan Carter, Alice Devore, Pam Stanton, Debra and Brian Hodapp, Kathryn Holly, Rachel Alder, Lane and Debbie Franklin, Jennifer Quinones, Patricia Tiemann, Diane Dunkel, Jill Stonesifer, Lisa Brinkley, Jackie Instone, Amy Weaver, Kristin Neilson, Michelle Matranga, M'liss Evans, Robin and Brian Fewox and Gene Brady.** Contact Jennifer Williams at 713-341-3309 if you want to be a part of the action during the 2005 HOGS 4 PAWS.

The rain didn't stop the fun during the Fright Fest Pooch Parade and Costume Contest at AstroWorld. Volunteers **Cathy Schaefer, M'liss Evans, Paula Akins, Christina Otero, Miri Kim, Julie Liao, Shirley Lindsey and Debbie and Lane Franklin** braved the elements and cheered on the pooches as they strutted their stuff around AstroWorld.

Special thank you to Steve Lowenkron for volunteering on Mondays in the administration offices.

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Volunteer Voices

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Adrian McGrail, Patty Swords & Catrina and Nicolas McLean at the Humane for the Holidays Gala

At the Humane for the Holidays Gala at the Westchase Marriott, our volunteers flashed their pearly whites and came dressed to impress to help us raise money for the shelter. **Catrina and Nicolas McLean, Adrian McCrail, Patty Swords, Krista Heidersback and Elizabeth Johnson** from **Houston Pet Set** lent a big hand with the Gala as did **Paula Akins, Renata Araujo, and Bridget Allen**. Even “Flash” and “Burnie” partied hardy and greeted guests coming to the event.

In 2005 we will see some changes to the volunteer program. First of all, we are developing a shelter dog-training program for our rowdy residents. **Jim Burwell** from **Rover Oaks** will train the initial group of dog-trainer volunteers. This “Doggie Head Start” program will be very exciting and we look forward to seeing some of our long-time canine friends learn some manners, making them more adoptable.

We are assembling a group of volunteers to take pictures of animals to put them on different local news organizations and pet-related websites. We are also training volunteers to counsel new pet owners about the do’s and don’ts of pet ownership before they take their new animal companion home.

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We love our volunteers and are always ready to welcome new faces to our volunteer program. Please email Jennifer Williams at volunteers@houstonhumane.org or call her at 713-341-3309 to find out how you too can volunteer with the Houston Humane Society.

Happy Tail



My husband and I adopted our adorable, crazy kitty “**Mitzi**” from the Houston Humane Society last November. She loves to wake us up EARLY in the morning by licking, sucking and nibbling on our faces and necks. She attacks anything that moves, (and some things that don’t), rides in the car, goes shopping with us, and visits her animal cousins, Elroy, a one-year-old dachshund and Midget, a two-year-old Tabby. Mitzi is our little baby, and she makes coming home a joy. We are very pleased with our decision to adopt from the HHS, and plan to adopt Mitzi a little brother or sister very soon!

Monique and Frank
Houston, TX

Burnie's Bone-a-Fide Bow Wows

KPRC-TV has chosen the Houston Humane Society as their "Pet Project" giving us a much needed helping hand, and a special thank you goes out to our friend, **Local 2's Dominique Sachse**, for all her good work on behalf of the animals here at the Houston Humane Society. Dominique is one person who is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside and she works tirelessly to bring in adoptive families and to raise the financial support needed to care for more than 30,000 animals helped by the Houston Humane Society every year. Dominique is a great friend who puts the power of her position behind her good work and her daily efforts benefiting the animals here at the Houston Humane Society. Dominique, we love you!!



Burnie

A pawsitively warm-hearted thank you goes out to our friend **Radar, the Weather Dog**. He is an alum of the Houston Humane Society, and while he is a big TV star now, he wants everyone to know that he came from the HHS and he hopes everyone will continue to support us and adopt a shelter animal.

Local 2 also gives you a look at HHS adoptable animals every Sunday morning with the HHS Adoption Showcase as well as a wonderful pet tip brought to you by your friends at the Houston Humane Society. Thank you to **Sarah Greer, Nancy Shafran** and **Steve Wasserman** for their ongoing support.

A huge round-of-a-paws goes out to our friends at **KRIV-TV** and a big thank you to **Matt Lavine at Fox 26** for helping HHS showcase an adoptable dog and a cat looking for loving homes on Thursday mornings **Pet Of The Week** segment. Thank you to **Kathy Williams, Dartagnan Bebel** and the entire **Fox crew** for all your caring and ongoing support.

Both of these local television stations have stepped up and put their best efforts forward to help the Houston Humane Society and Houston's homeless animals.

With heartfelt gratitude the Houston Humane Society sends out thanks to **Mister Car Wash** for making us their Charity of Choice. Walk into any Mister Car Wash in our area and you will find information about the HHS and all our programs. Be sure to tell them thank you for helping HHS.

A very special thank you goes out to **Lori Brewer at Waterford Portraits** for her ongoing support of the HHS, **Bill Gerrish** for his inspired graphic conceptions, **Bryna at DoggieFashions.com** for her donated fashions, **Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Pet Vet, Marriott Westchase, WildCat Golf Club, Gillman Honda, Minute Maid/Houston Astros, Houston Texans, all our friends at Foleys, Jan at Sasha's Suds & Duds, Envy Magazine, Houston Press, Six Flags Astroworld, Houston Young Lawyers Association, Linda Darnell, KHOU's Lisa Foronda, Michele Mantor & Susan Brockert at Pet Talk Magazine, Houston's Angels, Rosemary St. John, Ashley Battelle, Jackie Hensler, Fred Arnold, Joe Hollister, HOGS Area 1, Mancuso Harley Davidson, Tam & the Pearland Cold Stone Creamery Crew, Gwen & Jonas with Midtown Cold Stone Creamery, and Allen at Memorial Cold Stone Creamery, Continental Airlines, Green Mountain Energy, Canyon Café, The Shops At Houston Center, Costco, Nutro, Radio Disney, Kermit Eisenhut, Imarc Engravers, Wells Fargo, Executeam, Moody Gardens, Graphography, Halliburton Volunteer Counsel, Pet Set, Ann Hodge, Rover Oaks, Kimberly Pirog, Don at CBS, Judge Armando Rodriguez, Petco, Cathy Schaefer, Wheat Scoop, Alley Theatre, Shriner's Hospital for Children, and Lorelei Zwitt at My Dog & Me.**

In the summer our days were filled with wagging tails and smiling faces as we set up a mobile adoption at the **Reliant Dog Show**. What better spot to find loving, permanent homes for HHS pets? Even our buddy, Radar the Weather Dog, came out to the HHS booth, greeting folks and signing Paw-tographs.

A big "WOOF!" to **Houston's Young Lawyers Association** and their great volunteer work on behalf of the HHS animals by teaming with the Houston Humane Society to begin hosting quarterly mobile adoptions at the **Shops at Houston Center**. Through this partnership the good folks at the mall, who also deserve a big thank you for donating the space for our Animals' Kingdom store, allowed us to move in and reach out to members of our community in downtown Houston. These day-long events are a wonderful way to find loving and permanent homes for our deserving pets. Thank you to everyone involved in this very successful endeavor. *continued on page 14*

Burnie's Bone-a-Fide Bow Wows

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Houston, we have some tasty ice cream in town and you can get yourself a bite by stopping by **Cold Stone Creamery**! Three of the new Cold Stone Creameries dedicated Grand Opening proceeds to help the animals here at our facility! This much-needed help is from the animal-loving folks at the Cold Stone Creamery located at 5535 Memorial Drive, the Midtown location at 510 West Grey, and over in Pearland at 10645 Broadway. Be sure to stop on by, have a treat and tell them the animals at the Houston Humane Society sent you!

Hounds from all over Houston and beyond came together in October for the annual **Six Flags Astroworld Frightfest Pooch Parade**! Just in time for Halloween, canines put on their costumes and strutted their stuff through this magical park of fun. The amusement rides were rolling and a gentle rain falling but nothing could snuff out the fun being had by everyone involved. One by one these dogs stepped forward to show off their costumes and take a chance at taking home great prizes. Thank you to **Six Flags Astroworld** and **Petco** as well as our celebrity judges, **FOX 26 Investigative Reporter Carolyn Canville**, **Houston ACI Officer Marco Leal**, **KRIV-TV Reporter Ned Hibberd** and **Mrs. Sugar Land Texas Danielle Hibberd**, for their caring support of the animals at the Houston Humane Society.

What better way to spend an evening than to gather the family and head out to a nice dinner with your dog? Well that is exactly what happened in November when **Canyon Café** teamed with the Houston Humane Society for **"Paws On The Patio"**. This fun evening out with your pet was just what the doctor ordered for anyone who has ever wanted to go out to dinner with their furry best friend. Folks who came out treated their pets to a dog-gone good 5-star meal. The three course meal, ordered off the bone-afied Doggie Menu, gave canine diners a starter course of salad topped with home-cooked dog biscuits, followed by the main entrée of a hearty beef and vegetable stew with a dessert of honey & peanut butter pupsicles frozen on a rawhide stick. In doggie language that spells "Y-U-M!!"

Thank you to **Andy Hall** and our friends at **Foley's** for their \$10,000 check and support of the Radar dolls program. This donation will help us build our new facility and save many lives.



We are very excited to tell you about two incredible local school districts **Foley's check presentation** working hard to help the animals. The Houston Humane Society received vital donations from the **students in the Katy ISD and Shelton ISD**. School kids from both of these caring and animal-loving school districts worked to fill the HHS Wish List and they came through in a huge way! From cotton balls, to bleach, from Dog Food, to hay, truckloads were gathered and donated to help the HHS care for the animals. Thank you to all the kids and their teachers working together; you have made a difference in the lives of Houston's homeless animals.

Everyday the good folks at **Shriner's Hospital for Children** work very hard to care for our community's youngest. As they care for the smallest members of our city, the Shriner's staff took time out from their busy schedules to put on a food drive for the HHS animals. Working with local radio stations and reaching out to the warm hearts of caring Houstonians, this great group of people gathered hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food and over \$400 in donations! The Houston Humane Society is so grateful to these good folks as well as all the wonderful individuals of our community who support us.

As a non-profit organization we could not fulfill our mission without you. Everyone out there who has ever bought an item from the Animals' Kingdom store, adopted one of our loving pets, volunteered time, sponsored an adoptable animal, or given a donation to the Houston Humane Society, has contributed to our life-saving efforts. The simple truth of it is, we could not do the the work we do for the animals everyday work we do every day without your caring and on-going support. So on behalf of all the animals, thank you for caring.

Happy Tail



Hi! I'm **"Timmy"**.

I was rescued from a really bad family - chained to a tree and infested with fleas. I only weighed 7 pounds. Sgt. Timmers from the Houston Humane Society rescued me and the clinic staff at the shelter worked really hard to save me. Now I have been adopted and weigh 22 pounds and love my new home. Most days I get to lay on the bed all day with my friend "Maggie" (also an HHS alumni - our mom is a sucker!). We play sometimes when we are tired of laying on the bed! I was so lucky to go to a great home - what a life I live now. My mom doesn't even get that mad when I chew on her stuff (I just can't resist). I wish all the animals at the shelter would be as lucky as I have been!!!!

Linda
Missouri City, TX

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



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If you prefer cremation for your pet, we offer either our multiple process, or individual with the ashes returned for you to keep or bury privately.



Happy Tail



Dear Houston Humane Society,

My husband and I had adopted our dog, “Clyde”, in January, and we wanted a companion for him. We found our precious little Bonnie girl at the HHS, and we feel so blessed to have her in our lives. “Bonnie & Clyde” have been inseparable from the moment they met. They look so much alike; we have to give people tips on how to tell them apart! Even the vet thought they were from the same litter. We were prepared to do all the things that may be necessary to introduce them slowly, but they would have none of it! This dynamic duo was rolling around together in the backyard within 10 minutes of meeting. We often tell people that God intended these two pups to be together; my husband and I were merely the tools to make it happen. Thanks HHS, for taking care of our little girl until we could make her part of our family.

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Pets And Your Health



It seems that it gets more and more difficult these days to find ways to relax. We seem to have neither the time nor the energy to do things that might help us wind down. But lots of people are overlooking one really effective way to help relieve stress: owning a pet!

Stories about the health benefits of pet ownership have been piling up for years, and these stories have been confirmed by

scientific research. It does not matter what the pet is to get the therapeutic benefit. It could be a dog, a cat, parakeet, a goldfish or anything else. The only thing that matters is that the animal is of interest to you.

The profound satisfaction of living with a dog and the therapeutic qualities of their mere presence has been demonstrated in many stories of people's experiences as well as clinical studies.

A study conducted at UCLA found that dog owners required much less medical care for stress-induced aches and pains than non-dog owners. Other researchers have found that petting a dog lowers blood pressure.

Another study of 92 patients hospitalized in coronary care units for angina or heart attack found that those who owned pets were more likely to be alive a year later than those who did not. The study found that only six percent of patients who owned pets died within one year compared with 28 percent of those who did not own pets.

Why do pets have such a healing effect? Unlike people, with whom our interactions may be quite complex and unpredictable, animals provide a constant source of comfort and focus for attention. Animals bring out our nurturing instinct. They also make us feel safe and unconditionally accepted. We can just be ourselves around our pets.



Consider adopting a pet from the Houston Humane Society today. It may just be one of the healthiest decisions you ever made!

Finding your lost pet

Becoming separated from your family cat or dog can be a difficult and traumatic experience. Here are some tips to help reunite you with your pet.

1. Contact All Your Local Animal Shelters: Be sure to file a lost pet report with every shelter within 60 miles of your home. Visit the nearest shelters as often as possible, daily if you can.
2. Search the Area: Canvass your neighborhood several times a day to ask neighbors if they've seen your pet. Provide them with a recent photo of your lost cat or dog, along with your contact information.
3. Get the Word Out: Post signs at traffic intersections, local stores, and community centers, and run ads in your newspaper. It's also a good idea to alert local veterinarians so they can be on the lookout.
4. Persevere: Don't give up! It's not uncommon for people to be reunited with their pets several months after the animal first disappeared.

You may also want to try these resources on the web:

www.petharbor.com

www.lostadog.com

<http://k911.com>

<http://www.houstonlostpets.com>

<http://www.petfinder.com/post/classifiedhop.html>

Did you know?

59 Lost pets were returned to their owners in 2004. Remember to keep I.D. and rabies tags on your pet!

Help Wanted!



Needed: A Few Good Animal-Friendly Folks!

Experience: Helpful hearts & hands

Salary: All the love you can handle

Benefits: Making a difference one heart at a time

Volunteer at the Houston Humane Society and get memories that will last a lifetime

Call 713.341.3309

or email volunteers@houstonhumane.org

Working together we can make a difference



CRITTER'S WISH LIST

Administrative List

- Batteries (all sizes)
- Blank CD's
- Calculators
- Card Stock
- Colored Paper
- Copy Paper
- Disposal & Digital Cameras
- Double sided Tape
- Envelopes (#6, #9, #10)
- File Folders (letter & legal)

- Jump Drives
- Laminating Materials
- Markers (dry erase, permanent)
- Notepads
- Office Equipment
- Pens (black)
- Photo Paper
- Plastic Storage Bins
- Printer Cartridges (HP)
- Printing Labels
- Printing Services/ Office Equipment
- Scotch Tape

Critter Needs

- Dog & Cat Shampoo
- Dog Brushes
- Dry/Canned Dog & Cat Food
- Small Animal Food and Bedding
- Sturdy, Washable Cat & Dog Toys

Clinic Needs

- Bleach
- Cotton Swabs
- Disposable Latex Gloves
- First Aid Kits
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Scrubs

Livestock Needs

- Binoculars
- Dust Pans
- Feed (horse, pig, poultry, goat)
- Hand Brooms
- Hay
- Horse Trailer
- Landscaper
- Lawn Equipment

Items always in critical need

- Bath Mats
- Canned Kitten Food
- Canned Puppy Food
- Cat Litter
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Did you know?

2,401 animals were investigated by R.A.I.D.E.R. cruelty officers in 2004.

942 canines

133 felines

20 other livestock

1,037 fowl (roosters)

83 non domestic

15 exotic

137 horses

34 reptiles

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