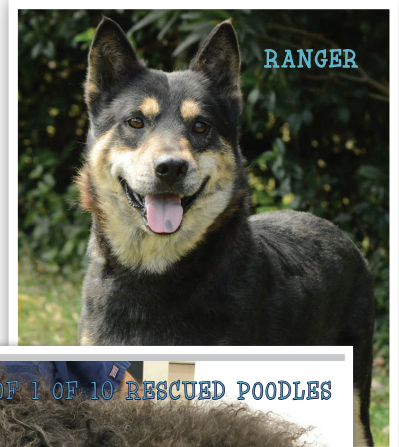


HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



HHS Animal Crimes Unit Rescues Ranger & Neglected Poodles

When our Animal Crimes Unit rescued Ranger, he was a scared, injured dog. Ranger's former owner was evicted from his home and left Ranger on the property tied out with a rope. By the time authorities were called, Ranger had chewed through the rope and was running loose. Luckily, Ranger was found, and officials transported him to safety. Once arriving at HHS, Ranger was immediately seen by our medical team. He had been neglected so long his collar was deeply embedded in his neck. After cleaning and stitching the wound, our staff went to work helping him heal. With medical care, clean water, fresh food, and plenty of antibiotics and pain meds, Ranger was finally on the mend, both mentally and physically. Bloodwork revealed Ranger was heartworm positive. Thanks to a wonderful foster to adopt family, Ranger is getting the lifesaving treatment he needs.



Earlier this year, our Animal Crimes Unit seized 10 poodles in horribly neglected shape. The miniature poodles were housed in a garage with no a/c or heat and living in feces and filth. Each one was severely matted and filthy. Upon arrival at the HHS Animal Wellness Clinic, the dogs were examined by a veterinarian, shaved and cleaned, blood work drawn, and medical rehab started.

After a month of clinic care, the 10 dogs moved into our Adoption Program. We are happy to report each one of them found a forever home!



Support our Animal Crimes Unit

The Houston Humane Society's Animal Crimes Unit is comprised of two officers from Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 5, as well as dedicated shelter staff. The HHS pays the salary for both officers to spend 100% of their time investigating animal cruelty in Harris County. While this program is costly, we feel it is a crucial part of our mission to eliminate cruelty, abuse, and the overpopulation of animals.

Did you know you can give directly to our Cruelty Program?

Just visit www.HoustonHumane.org/giving/designate-your-gift and choose the Animal Cruelty Investigations Fund.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Houston Humane Society is dedicated to, and working towards, ending cruelty, abuse and the overpopulation of animals while providing the highest quality of life to those in our care.



From the Desk of the Executive Director



WILMA

Dear friends,

This has been a very busy year so far, and isn't letting up.

The first quarter was filled trying to get animal protection legislation filed and passed.

Senate Bill 762 – Cruelty Bill, authored by Sen. Menendez (San Antonio) and sponsored by Rep. Moody (El Paso), will strengthen Texas law by increasing the punishment for certain types of violent crimes. Until now, an abuser could receive a sentence as little as 180 days for dousing a dog

with accelerant and setting it on fire, an all-too-common form of abuse happening all over the State. After much jockeying THE BILL PASSED and GOV. ABBOTT, not only signed it into law, but tweeted that "Texas won't stand for animal cruelty". First time any governor has publicly supported animal welfare!

Senate Bill 1090/House Bill 1156- Tethering Bill. Even after walking the halls, sending letters and making calls, the tethering bill did not pass even though it offered only minimal standards for dogs that are kept chained all or most of their lives.

Senate Bill 1232/HB 1087 - Bestiality Bill, passed making it illegal to perform certain sexual acts with animals. Thanks to author, Sen. Huffman (Houston) author, Sen. Menendez (San Antonio) coauthor, and Reps. Alvarado (Houston), Minjarz (San Antonio), Villalba (Dallas) and Moody (El Paso) for sponsoring and fighting for this much needed law which passed unanimously in both houses.

Only 18% of the thousands of bills submitted passed and 2 of them were animal welfare! In two more years, we'll be back in Austin, on the phone and sending letters to promote animal welfare bills.

Although holding many adoption events at the Pavilion, the Grand Opening was held July 8th. We are always proud to celebrate veterans, first responders and law enforcement. This event was no different. To honor them and our animals, adoption fees were waived. A dedication brick was presented in memory of Capt. William "Iron Bill" Dowling, the last HFD Officer to die from the May 31, 2013 apartment fire. His brick joins those of his comrades who, too, lost their lives in that event.

Lots of positive changes are happening. We are combining and restructuring some of our programs, creating more partnerships and constantly looking for creative ways to help more animals. We are proud to announce the addition of our **Medical Director Dr. Tony Malone** and look forward to providing even more to help needy animals. In addition, **JoAnne Jackson** joined the HHS team as our Shelter Director. While adoptions are increasing, animals continue to arrive needing a 2nd chance. We currently have more than 300 waiting for families.

As always, there's more work to do, more animals to help and never enough money to do either. The HHS receives no operational funding from government or national organizations. Many TV ads allude to local support, but funds donated there are not given to locally. Our Animal Cruelty Unit costs have reached almost \$300,000 each year, but it's critical to keep our officers on the streets protecting the innocent victims.

I'm asking that you please give to the HHS thereby aiding animals in Houston and surrounding areas. Gifts can be made in many ways: Mail a check to P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245 or visit www.HoustonHumane.org, under the giving tab, choose designate your gift, then pick your favorite program. Also, check out the many other ways you can help needy animals at www.HoustonHumane.org/giving/other-ways-to-help.

Wilma, the residents, staff, volunteers and myself, all **Thank You for your past support** and hope you will continue your generosity and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sherry

Sherry Ferguson
Executive Director



Wilma
Executive, Executive Director

The HHS Pavilion Has Opened

We are excited to announce the Houston Humane Society Pavilion is officially open! After hosting many small mobile adoption events at the facility, we held a big Grand Opening event on Saturday, July 8th. The event included live music, food provided by Loz Kompaz Kookerz BBQ Competition Cooking Team and Satan's Kitchen Fried Chicken, refreshments provided by Saint Arnold's, Karbach, Southern Star, and Deep Eddy Vodka, plus vendors like Telemundo Houston, Frontier Utilities, PetTalk Magazine, A&M Italian Ice, Balloon Décor & More, Best Friends Pet Care, Natural Pawz, Nature Dog Photography, Rover Oaks Pet Resort, Shake Shack, VERGI, the Houston Rockets, and more.

On May 31, 2013, the Houston Fire Department lost four firefighters while battling the Southwest Inn Fire. In July of that year, the HHS dedicated memorial bricks at the shelter with each firefighter's name and station number. In addition, we created the Honoring Our Heroes Adoption Event. Each year, the HHS offers fee-waived adoptions to Houston's local heroes – men and women that put their lives on the line to keep us all safe. During the month of July, all active and retired military, police, fire, and EMT/paramedic personnel qualify for a fee-waived adoption.

At the Grand Opening event, the HHS not only cut the ribbon and christened the new pavilion, we also took the opportunity to honor a fallen hero. This year, the Houston community was saddened by the passing of Captain William "Iron Bill" Dowling. Cpt. Dowling passed away on March 7, 2017 due to complications from injuries sustained during the Southwest Inn Fire. We're honored to add a brick with his name and station number to our HFD memorial.

The Pavilion, located at 3330 S. Sam Houston Parkway West, will provide the HHS with much needed Beltway 8 exposure. Mini mobile adoptions, family activities, and larger events will be held throughout the year to help the animals in our care. Be sure to check our website at www.HoustonHumane.org for upcoming events.



A fun filled day for families



Adoptions at the event were a huge success



Pedro found his forever home



Official ribbon cutting at the Pavilion

Can You Help?



As one of the largest shelters in Houston, the HHS consistently faces an overabundance of cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, and small animals. Thousands of homeless animals enter our shelter each year. Many are not quite ready for adoption and require the love and care of a foster family to prepare them for their forever home.

We depend on a unique and dedicated group of foster volunteers to help us save more lives! By fostering a homeless animal, you can experience the joys of being a pet parent without the lifetime of responsibility. Please consider joining our foster team. Simply email foster@houstonhumane.org to take the first step!



Pearl received life-saving heartworm treatment thanks to donors like YOU!

You Can Save a Heart

Heartworm disease is a serious, potentially deadly disease affecting roughly 25% of the dogs entering our shelter each day. The illness, spread by mosquitoes, can easily be avoided with heartworm prevention. Unfortunately, some pets go months, if not years, without prevention. The result is a growing number of animals entering our facility in need of medical care. While costly, it is lifesaving. Thanks to supporters like you, we're able to subsidize, and in many cases fully sponsor, the treatment. You can help provide heartworm treatment for a shelter dog by giving online today! Just visit www.HoustonHumane.org. Under the giving tab, choose designate your gift. Then pick Heartworm Treatment Fund!



Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2016

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,779,663
Investments	\$2,264,979
Endowment	\$838,163
Other Assets	\$1,904
Property and equipment	\$9,846,289
Total Assets	\$15,730,998

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$290,774
Accrued Expenses	\$34,173

Net assets:

Unrestricted	\$14,546,955
Restricted	\$859,096

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$15,730,998
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Revenue:

Contributions	\$1,938,387
Special Events	\$140,270
Merchandise sales	\$18,273
Service fees	\$3,386,452
Other	\$42,350
Total Revenues	\$5,525,732

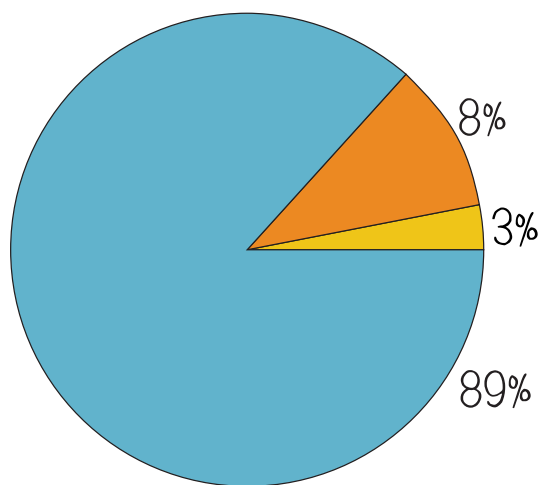
EXPENSES:

Program services	\$4,457,594
Fundraising costs	\$390,996
General and administrative	\$147,460

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,996,050
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$529,682
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Net Assets, beginning of year	\$14,876,369
Net Assets, End of Year	\$15,406,051



Expenses by Category

■ Program Services
■ Fundraising Costs
■ General and Administrative

Monthly Giving

Become a monthly donor through our Constant Companion program, and your annual gift will be divided into manageable contributions that are processed automatically. It's a convenient way for you to give and will provide a steady stream of lifesaving funds to help pets all year long. Constant Companion donors provide a dependable source of income to meet the Houston Humane Society's monthly budget, allowing us to spend less on overhead and more on lifesaving services for 50,000 pets who desperately need our assistance. For more information or to donate, call 713-341-3321 or visit HoustonHumane.org.



Your heart changed Handsome's Life



Like many animals, Handsome arrived at the HHS severely injured and in critical need of care. At just six weeks of age, he had already suffered more than many do in a lifetime. Handsome's x-rays revealed a broken leg and fractured femoral head. The injury was so severe our vet staff had to amputate one of his back legs. After a few weeks in foster care with one of our amazing veterinarians, Handsome found his forever home with a military veteran during our Honoring Our Heroes adoption special in July.

Our medical fund helps make emergency surgeries for animals like Handsome possible. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we will be there for the countless others just like him that need us.

You Changed Bella's Life

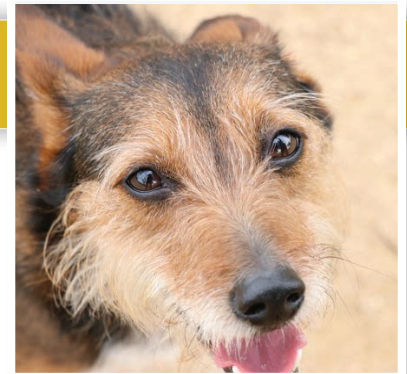


I adopted Bella, a terrier mix, from HHS in late December 2014. It was the best decision of my life! I wanted to reach out to you all and thank you for taking the time (an hour and a half, actually) to help make sure I picked the right dog for my lifestyle.

When I first adopted Bella, she was so shy that she didn't even want to leave the shelter with me. When I first looked into her eyes, however, I saw a dog who had an immense potential for love once placed with the right forever family. Since then, she has truly blossomed!

Bella is an honorary graduate of Sweet Briar College in Virginia, where she lived with me during my junior and senior year, and is now happy to be back home in Houston. She has hiked mountains, run forest trails, and is a road trip champion. I cannot wait for a lifetime of adventures with her!

Thank you again for introducing me to my best friend! ~Sarah



You Helped HHS Assist in the Care of 50+ rescued from puppy mill



On July 19, a team of four from the HHS assisted St. Landry Parish Animal Control with more than 50 small and medium sized dogs rescued from an alleged puppy mill operation. The dogs were transported back to our shelter where veterinarians, vet techs, staff, and volunteers worked late into the night to unload the dogs, begin medical evaluations, administer critical care, and help the dogs begin the next step in their long road to recovery. Many of the dogs were pregnant, suffering from severe periodontal disease, skin issues, eye issues, and a variety of other medical problems, most stemming from long term neglect. For an update on how they are doing, visit www.HoustonHumane.org.



Houston Humane Society 28th Annual Golf Tournament

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Wildcat Golf Club

12000 Almeda Rd.

Houston, TX 77045

Support the Houston Humane Society and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of golf! The 28th Annual Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament will be held at Wildcat Golf Club. Wildcat combines links-style layouts with Texas Hill Country topography and Houston hospitality. Designed by renowned golf architect Roy Case, Wildcat is like no other golf experience in the Southeast Texas area. Enjoy lunch and dinner along with a fabulous silent auction - all to support the animals of HHS!



Sponsorships are available!

For more information, contact golf@houstonhumane.org.

Santa Paws is Coming to HHS

Visit www.HoustonHumane.org for event dates and times as well as information on our **Pawliday Shopping Market**



Special Events






Pets for Vets

To honor the men and women who serve our country, the Houston Humane Society commemorates Veterans Day by offering free pet adoptions for all active and retired military personnel. This year's event, held November 1 - 12, is extended to veterans of all branches of the military. It is well known that companion animals reduce stress, relieve anxiety and alleviate depression. This is a wonderful opportunity for our organization to match up deserving pets with active military members and veterans.



Did You Know

The Houston Humane Society's Animal Wellness Clinic does much more than just vaccines!

-  Wellness Exams
-  Heartworm testing, treatment and prevention
-  Flea and tick medication
-  \$25 microchipping
-  Special services: dental cleanings, bone repair, growth removals, and more

Wish List

As a private non-profit, the Houston Humane Society needs and greatly appreciates donations all throughout the year. Donated items can be dropped off at the shelter 7 days a week during regular business hours. The shelter is located at 14700 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77053. In addition, monetary donations can be made safely and securely online at www.houstonhumane.org or by mail. We combine monetary donations and use as leverage to purchase in bulk at the cheapest costs available.

Top Wish List Items:

- Puppy Food (dry & canned)
- Kitten Food (dry & canned)
- Dog Food (dry & canned)
- Cat Food (dry & canned)
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- Feed (horse, pig, poultry, goat)
- Hay (livestock & Timothy for small mammals)
- Small Mammal Feed & Bedding
- Bird Seed (parrots, parakeets, etc.)
- Towels (new & used)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Odo Ban
- Bleach
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Cotton Balls & Q-Tips
- Disposable Latex Gloves
- First Aid Kits
- Tide with Bleach Alternative
- Bath Mats
- Rugs (small & large)
- Newspaper
- Copy Paper (letter size)
- Color Copy Paper
(pink, blue, yellow, green pastel)
- AA and AAA Batteries

Larger Wish List Items:

- Horse Trailer
- Digital Camera
- Photography Equipment (backgrounds, lights, etc)
- Lawn Equipment

Additional Animal Needs:

- Kong Toys
- Dog treats
- Cat Treats
- Dog Toys (new & used)
- Cat Toys (new & used)
- Peanut Butter
- Leashes/Collars
- Dog/Cat Brushes
- Dog/Cat Shampoo
- Puppy Pads
- Thundershirts
- Baby Wipes/Pet Wipes
- Clippers & Clipper Blades

Additional Office Supply Needs:

- Tape (single & double sided)
- Pens (black & blue)
- Sharpie Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Notepads
- USB Flash Drives
- SD Memory Cards
- Card Stock
- Envelopes #10
- Copy Paper (all colors)
- Plastic Storage Bins
- Laminating Materials
- Printing Services/Office Equipment
- Calculators
- Printing labels
- Glue Sticks
- Post It Notes
- Trash Bags (all sizes)



The 36th Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk was a huge success!



Over 200 kids attended HHS Companion Camp this summer



HHS is proud to participate in the Pride Festival & Parade

More Special Events