

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



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More Than Dogs & Cats



The Houston Humane Society's Animal Cruelty Department investigates all sorts of cases involving many different types of animals. Animals like Lucy Goosey and Lucky Ducky, are recovering well at the HHS after being rescued. Lucy, especially, was in terrible shape when she arrived. Nearly all of her feathers were missing or damaged, and she is suffering from one of the worst cases of bumblefoot we've ever seen.

Her feet are swollen, calloused, and disfigured. Unfortunately, the majority of the damage is permanent. Our veterinary team treated the infection with antibiotics. We've seen remarkable progress in a short amount of time, and we're committed to helping Lucy every step of the way.

The sad reality is Lucy's condition is a direct result of the vile living conditions and severe neglect she suffered at the hands of her "owners." Relegated to a filthy tub and forced to live in her own waste, it was a matter of time before she would have died if officers had not intervened.

Lucy and Lucky are living comfortably at HHS. Our dedicated team continues to help them on their road to recovery. They have their own pond, fresh food and water, and daily vet checks.

Poodle Rescue

In March, the Houston Humane Society and Deputies from Harris County Constable Precinct 5 seized four poodle mixes from a home in Harris County. Officers began investigating the location after receiving a tip concerning the well-being of the animals.

The dogs showed severe signs of long term neglect. They were found extremely matted, filthy, and covered in fleas. They were brought immediately to the HHS' Animal Wellness Clinic where they received the emergency medical attention they desperately needed.

Due to years of neglect, our team had to sedate each dog to begin the tough task of shaving and cleaning them from head to toe. Their matted fur was full of dirt, filth, and even feces. Once shaved, old wounds and open sores were found. The poodles remained at the shelter under veterinary care for several weeks. Thanks to our officers and dedicated staff, all four found forever homes.



The Houston Humane Society is proud to be the lead non-profit animal shelter and founding partner of the newly launched Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force. Reports of animal cruelty, abuse, abandonment, and neglect can be made online at 927paws.org or by visiting HoustonHumane.org and clicking the "Report Cruelty" tab.

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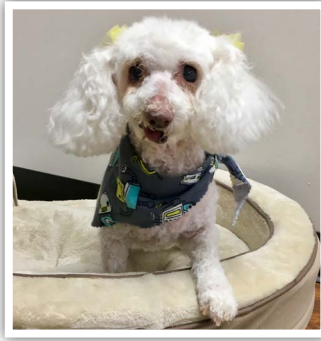
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Dear friends,

Our mission states “The Houston Humane Society is dedicated to, and working towards, ending cruelty, abuse and the over population of animals while providing the highest quality of life to those in our care.”

To accomplish “dedication to working toward, ending cruelty and abuse” it’s critical to be as efficient and widespread as possible. The most extensive is to reach the entire State by giving law enforcement officers the ability to save animals and get them out of dire situations. Laws are the only tools investigators, prosecutors, and judges have to use and regardless of the situation, if the law isn’t there, animals cannot be seized or abusers prosecuted and animals’ suffering will continue and grow. January through May 2019 is the upcoming legislative session, and **I cannot state strongly enough how important it is for ALL OF YOU to take part by writing letters, making calls, meeting and emailing your elected officials.** For more information and sign up for THLN Action Alerts, go to thln.org.

Our dedication to ending animal cruelty is also local. For years we have contracted with HC Pct 5 for two full-time deputies, Sgt Jantzen and Dep. Stephanie Womack. While this is a great expense to HHS, we feel it is critical to have local law enforcement officers on the streets. We are founding members of the HC Animal Cruelty Task Force established to streamline the process of analyzing, organizing, and dispatching the hundreds of animal related calls and emails we receive. See article on the first page.

Education is another key to ending cruelty and abuse. HHS hosts local, state and national seminars and meetings, man booths and speak at numerous events on all topics of advocacy, animal safety, cruelty and abuse prevention. We offer summer long Companion Camps for kids, law enforcement trainings, and educational trainings for rescues and other community members. We hosted Houston’s first Lobby Day where more than 100 local advocates learned how to effectively engage participation of State legislators and law makers for more animal protective laws.

The last part of our mission “providing the highest quality of life to those in our care” extends not only to our shelter residents, but also encompasses others we care about. Our medical team handles treatment and housing for cruelty cases. The HHS Animal Wellness Clinic is open to the general public and offers reduced cost services ranging from vaccinations, to spaying and neutering, to heartworm treatments and provides hundreds of other lifesaving surgeries and cures.

It is imperative we move forward with our plans to build a larger hospital with expanded services. The need is there and we must be there to fill that need.

Last year ended with an event in which most of us were affected either directly, or indirectly. While the flooding devastated many in southeast Texas, HHS, our animals and staff, while some a bit soggy, stayed safe and sound. See article on page two.

The dedication to our mission results in many animals being saved and tended to on many levels. On behalf of Wilma, the HHS Staff and Volunteers, I extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you,

Sherry

Sherry Ferguson
Executive Director



Wilma
Executive, Executive Director

PS: Please come visit and check HoustonHumane.org frequently for updates on events, issues and all things animal related.

The Importance of Vaccinating your Pets

Vaccinations are an integral component of any shelter or rescue organization's overall population health management program. The Houston Humane Society has a vaccination protocol that is tailored to our population's needs, and we are ready to adapt if changes in overall population health is observed as part of a routine health monitoring program.

Some vaccines provide protection within a few days or even a few hours of administration, and can drastically reduce the frequency of life-threatening disease in animals. Other vaccines can **reduce the frequency and severity of disease** both within the shelter and after release to adopters or rescue groups. The Houston Humane Society's strict vaccination protocols not only support the health of our residents, they reflect our reputation of responsible animal care and have facilitated increased adoptions and improved relations with rescues, conferring a benefit well beyond the vaccine itself.

What pathogens should we vaccinate against?

Core vaccines are those indicated for virtually all animals, and include vaccines that offer protection against other common diseases.

The first four antigens are often grouped into one modified live vaccination (DA2PP or DHPP) administered by a single injection given under the dog's skin. Puppies should be vaccinated with DHPP starting at four to six weeks of age and revaccinated every two to four weeks until 18-20 weeks of age. **Adult dogs should be vaccinated annually.**

Vaccines for *Bordetella bronchiseptica* are available with or without canine parainfluenza and canine adenovirus-2. In general, intranasal vaccination is recommended due to the demonstrated rapid onset of immunity (three to five days).

Feline vaccinations are usually grouped into one vaccination (FVRCP). Modified live subcutaneous vaccination is generally recommended because of demonstrated rapid onset of protection and good efficacy. Kittens should be vaccinated starting at four to six weeks of age and revaccinated every two to four weeks until 18 -20 weeks of age. **Adult cats should be vaccinated annually.**

For more information on these core vaccines and other preventative vaccines and treatments we offer, please visit our Animal Wellness Clinic.

You can find up to date hours of operation, pricing for vaccinations, info on spay/neuter services, and other details online at HoustonHumane.org.

Dog Vaccines



- Distemper (CDV)
- Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2/hepatitis)
- Parvovirus (CPV)
- Parainfluenza (CPiV)
- Bordetella bronchiseptica



Cat Vaccines

- Feline herpesvirus-1 (feline viral rhinotracheitis/FHV-1)
- Feline calicivirus (FCV)
- Feline panleukopenia (FPV)



Fred Finds a Forever Home

When he first arrived, three-year-old Fred was in critical condition with severe trauma to the left side of his face. Our medical team **determined there was significant damage that could not be repaired** — his eye had to be removed. After managing his pain, Fred was rushed to surgery. A few weeks post op — and Fred was ready to start the next part of his journey — finding a family.

One of our amazing volunteers saw a post about Fred on our Facebook page. She fell in love with the sweet boy and she couldn't wait to adopt him. She visited the shelter the very next day. After just minutes she knew **Fred was meant to be part of her life**. Fred is now living cone free and has the run of the house!

When Hurricane Harvey Hit Houston in August

When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, **no one could predict just how disastrous the impact from the storm would be to our city.** Instead of moving inland, Harvey stalled for days producing catastrophic, devastating, and deadly flooding. Relentless, torrential rain pounded Houston and surrounding areas. Over 51 inches would fall.

Through the worst of it, the Houston Humane Society had staff on site 'round the clock to clean, feed, care for, and soothe all of our animals. We had a veterinarian on site every single day to make sure residents received the medical care they needed. If the worst had happened, if HHS had flooded, staff was ready to move animals to safety.

By Tuesday, with water still standing on freeways, tollways, and most major roads, the HHS was already moving into action. Staff and volunteers mobilized a trailer full of supplies to set up a safe, temporary shelter at the Berry Center on the west side of town. As families were pulled out of flooding neighborhoods, the HHS was on site to check in animals and provide a clean, safe sanctuary while pet owners got their bearings and made calls for family to pick them up or to find placement in permanent shelters.

Through our partnership with Harris County Constables Office Precinct 5, our team was on the ground conducting rescues in boats and high water rescue vehicles.

By Wednesday, we'd partnered with HSUS and Miranda Lambert's MuttNation to transport out all of our pre-Harvey animals. This allowed us to quickly free up space to become a holding facility for pre-Harvey animals pulled from hardest hit areas like League City, Dickinson, Beaumont, La Porte, Rockport, and Corpus Christie.

Another big thing happened that Wednesday, our low cost Animal Wellness Clinic was back open to the public for those needing assistance. In the first week after the storm, we served





over 1,000 patients needing anything from vaccinations so they could travel, to critical care for injuries or illnesses.

Thanks to GreaterGood and 24 Hour Pet Watch, we were able to offer a free vaccination, exam, testing, and microchip day a few weeks after the storm. **We helped over 250 patients for free the day of the event, and handed out 1,500 vouchers to people standing in line so they could receive the free services at a later date.**

Through it all, we made sure we helped others in our community with the supplies they needed to keep their doors open, to set up temporary shelters, and to provide care for stray animals. Places like Missouri City, Port Arthur, Sheldon, and beyond.

In the weeks after the storm, our partnerships with HSUS, Animal Investigation and Response GreaterGood, and Wings of Rescue allowed us to fly out hundreds of pre-Harvey animals after the HHS clinic fully vetted and supplied health certificates.

Staff and volunteers worked hard to rescue, return strays to owners, provide the highest quality of care, and help the community recover from the biggest storm we've ever faced. Bottle babies, animals with injuries like broken bones, eye trauma, lacerations, infectious disease, and so much more received the specific medical care they desperately needed, a warm, dry, safe place to lay their head, and staff and volunteers to shower them with love.

Thanks to supporters like YOU, we made it through the storm, and we're still here for Houston. We'll continue to be here for those that need our help.



Basil Gets A Passport

Hi there,

My girlfriend and I adopted a black lab mix in Toronto, Canada. We recently learned that she was originally from the **Houston Humane Society**! She's been such a blessing to us! We are so happy with her and have always thought about her story — so we dug a little bit.

The name she came with was Julie. She came to us at 10 months old. We call her Basil now.

She's on Instagram: @blacklabbasil

Ken & Jan



Save the Date



October 6 – Fall Festival



October 27 – Jeepers for the Paws Event at the HHS Pavilion



October 30 – Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament



November 9-13 – Free Pets for Vets Adoption Event



December 1 – Pawliday Market & Santa Photos



December 15 – Pawliday Market & Santa Photos



Find out more info on upcoming events at HoustonHumane.org

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2017

Assets:

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| Cash and cash equivalents | \$9,221,317 |
| Investments | \$2,579,682 |
| Endowment | \$926,237 |
| Other Assets | \$639 |
| Property and equipment | \$9,760,922 |
| Total Assets | \$22,488,797 |

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

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| Accounts payable | \$185,601 |
| Accrued Expenses | \$39,646 |

Net assets:

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| Unrestricted | \$21,337,313 |
| Restricted | \$926,237 |

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| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | \$22,488,797 |
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Revenue:

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| Contributions | \$9,134,902 |
| Special Events | \$188,715 |
| Merchandise sales | \$10,714 |
| Service fees | \$3,089,633 |
| Total Revenues | \$12,423,964 |

EXPENSES:

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| Program services | \$4,993,332 |
| Fundraising costs | \$299,493 |
| General and administrative | \$273,644 |

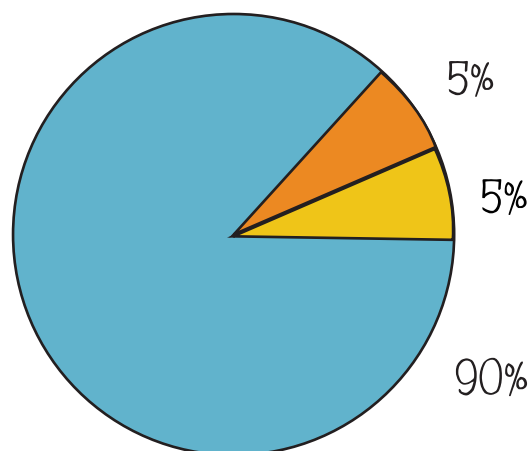
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$5,566,470 |
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| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | \$6,857,494 |
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| Net Assets, beginning of year | \$15,631,303 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$22,488,797 |

Expenses by Category

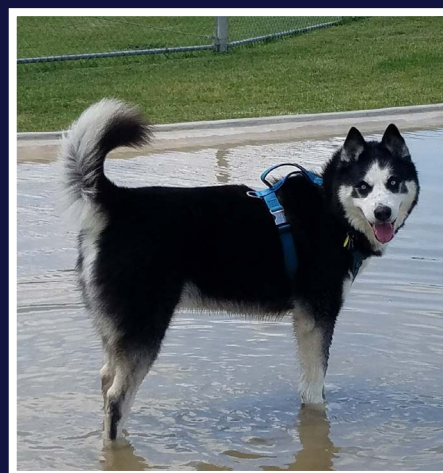
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Welcome Home, Panda!

Here is an update on Panda. He is adjusting to his new home but doesn't really like the kennel training. He got a spa day at PetSmart then a visit to the dog park. He likes the pond at the dog park. It was his favorite part. He thinks the couch and bed belong to him. Apparently he doesn't know he is a dog and the floor is not for him.

Laurie



Happy Tails

Riley

We adopted “Molly” who is now Riley in November on Black Friday. We got to take her home a few days later after she was spayed. She is the **PERFECT** addition to our family. When we first adopted her she was very timid and shy around everyone she met. We have made an effort to bring her to the dog park at least once a week — sometimes more — so she can socialize with other dogs and humans. She also has been to Doggie Day Camp a few times and always gets wonderful praise from the staff. She is becoming quite the social butterfly who after getting a good sniff of a new person or new dog starts wagging her tail! **She is such a sweet girl.** She loves playing with her toys, cuddling, and road trips! **We can't imagine our lives without her.** We love her so much! Thank you Houston Humane Society. This little 1 year, 4 month old Chihuahua mix loves her forever home!

Love,
Joey & Caitlin

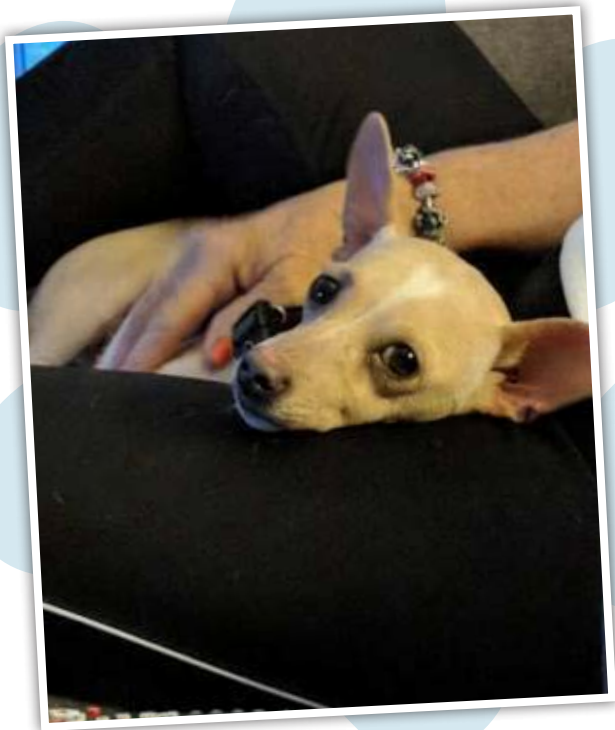


Kirby

Good evening! I just wanted to let you know that Kirby (formerly known as Marcus) is doing great in our home. He had a few rough days getting adjusted but he is now **starting to come out of his shell**. Kirby now has a loving grandma and a new buddy (Oliver) he gets to see on almost a daily basis, and he is getting to know Home Depot and Lowes quite well as his owner continues with home improvements! His new community is full of small dogs just like him so he's got lots of company.

He has been a bright light in what has been an awful 7 months and I just love him to bits. Thank you all so much for placing him with me and thank you also for doing God's work with all the homeless animals.

Warmly,
Gary C.



The Houston Humane Society uses foster volunteers to save more lives. Join our team today!
Sign up online at HoustonHumane.org