

# HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



SPRING  
2022

## Ciel's Second Chance

On a daily basis, numerous unwanted animals — many suffering from injury and illness — pass through our doors. Ciel was one of those discarded in a most heinous way.

On a rainy morning in our parking lot, a faint, weak meowing was heard coming from a tightly sealed box. After cutting through the binds, a sweet baby kitten was found with head trauma so severe his eye protruded from its socket.

Our medical team immediately went into action and saved this tiny infant from a terrible infection that was quickly spreading. Ciel proved to be highly resilient and pulled through all her health issues.

**Your donations help keep our veterinary clinic open to aid abused animals like Ciel in receiving medical care to survive. Ceil's second chance finds him lounging on the sofa with his new forever family who adore him.**



Before



## 16 Dogs Rescued from Starvation and Neglect

16 innocent pups were found in a despicable situation where the only thing filling their bellies were rocks. All of the pups were severely malnourished, dehydrated, and teeming with intestinal parasites. Skin and bones is the only way to describe their physical appearance.

Two of the youngest were so weak they could not stand on their own. HHS veterinarians diagnosed all as underweight, dehydrated, and malnourished, among other maladies. All immediately received IV fluids and others needed medications. After a long road of recovery, we are happy that all the pups survived. Some were in forever homes, just in time for the holidays. Some are waiting for you.

**We are grateful to our partner, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, for helping give these dogs a second chance. And thank you to our donors who enable us to make these transformations possible.**

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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 brought to us for care.



## From the Desk of the Executive Director



Gary Poon,  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I hope the holiday season was a time of joy for each and every one of you. After a year of hard work and challenges, it was nice to end it with festivities and grateful hearts. We had so much fun with the Young Adult Professionals sharing PetsGiving with the shelter animals, running for homeless and abused animals at the K-9 Fun Run, partying with HHS staff, and ringing in the New Year with family and friends.

There were many occasions to salute our hard-working staff during Employee Appreciation Week, Vet Tech Appreciation Week, and National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. **If I could add another it would be a week to appreciate you, our donors, for your support throughout the year.**

**Your generosity: helped us save 96 dogs from the flooding and ruin of Hurricane Ida; cared for hundreds of animals rescued from hoarding, neglect, and abuse; sponsored heartworm treatment for 73 dogs; served 2.9 million meals to pets through our Pet Food Pantry Program; helped almost 4,000 animals find new homes. Your continued support touches the lives of hundreds of animals every day, giving us hope for a better future.**

As we transition into 2022, I am filled with hope and anticipation. We are planning fun events all year long from wine tastings to the golf tournament. Check back on our website to keep updated on what, when, and where, and we hope to see all of you in the coming year.

**On behalf of the entire HHS team of staff, volunteers, board members, Lizzy and Roo, myself, and all the animals — THANK YOU for your past support and continued generosity.** We hope you will make the worthwhile and easy New Year's Resolution to continue helping homeless animals by volunteering, donating, or advocating for the animals.

*"The best part about working at an animal shelter is knowing that the animals are cared for. Some of the animals that come to HHS have never had medical care or even a home. Giving them a temporary home with food, warmth, a comfortable bed, time to heal, and a chance at a better life is what makes this the best and most rewarding job I can imagine."*



# Hurricane Ida Relief Efforts

On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana as an extremely dangerous category four hurricane with sustained winds measuring 150 mph. Lafourche, Jefferson, and Terrebonne Parishes suffered the most severe damage: houses flattened, power lines and towers smashed, and electric grids destroyed. Louisiana would have to rebuild yet again.

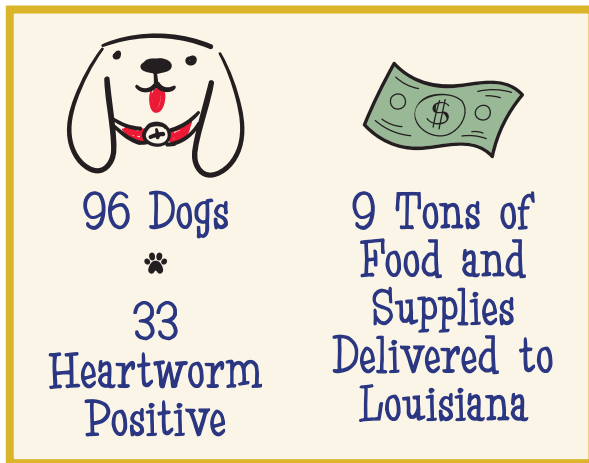
The Houston Humane Society could not stand idly by while our neighbors dealt with the devastation. Within days, the roads were clear and the HHS convoy was headed east with three trailers full of pet food, crates, cleaning supplies, bottled water, and human food for the shelter staff who stayed overnight to care for the animals. Upon arrival it was evident there was a critical shortage of necessities being delivered, so we packed our trucks and made several more trips to bring our friends much needed provisions. On one of our return trips, we brought back 96 dogs from the Jefferson

Parish shelter that was severely water damaged, without power, and in dire need of assistance and brought them to our shelter where they received medical care, food, and other essentials.

**You were there for the animals through it all.**

The staggering response of donated pet food, monetary donations, and volunteers helped our neighboring Louisiana shelters through extremely difficult times and aided HHS in caring for the dogs from Jefferson Parish, many of which were heartworm positive and needed spay/neuter surgeries.

**Today we are happy to announce that most of the animals have found homes. Special thanks to our tireless medical team, animal care staff, volunteers, and your funding for making this possible.**



Precious

Nyah

Phillips

River



# Safe Outdoor Dogs Act Passes

After adding clarifying language to Senate Bill 5, known as the “Safe Outdoor Dogs Act,” the bill was signed into law with wide bipartisan support. Some key points of the bill are a ban on chain tethers and weights, access to adequate shelter that provides protection during extreme weather events, access to clean drinkable water, dog collars that must be properly fitted, and restrained dogs must be able to sit, stand, and move around comfortably.

In addition, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act eliminates the 24-hour waiting period for law enforcement intervention in cases of inhumane treatment. Violations of the law are a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense and Class B misdemeanor for repeated offenses. The law, which took effect January 18, 2022, provides the clarification necessary for enforcement as well as removing time constraints from situations where dogs’ lives are threatened.

**Every step is a victory for the animals, no matter how big or small. We will continue to support legislation that improves the lives of all animals.**



## Heartbroken Hound

After a year full of hardships, we have experienced a surge of pets being abandoned. However, the result is the same — a heartbroken animal in need of a loving home.

Meet Jack, a 4-year-old Basset Hound mix who was left tied to the front door of our adoptions building without food or water. Our surveillance footage showed Jack howling all night, frightened and confused that his owner left him behind.

It took weeks of work with staff and volunteers to bring Jack out of his shell. Nevertheless, when he did, Jack was such an amazing boy. Very vocal, letting you know he was grateful for the attention. We weren’t surprised Jack quickly found his home after such a breakthrough.

**Animals like Jack who experience abandonment often become the most faithful companions, and Jack was no exception. Finally, Jack was given a place to heal and receive comfort. He now loves and is LOVED unconditionally by his new family.**







## 28 Dogs Rescued From a Life of Neglect

It is heartbreaking to see animals sick, traumatized, living a life of pain and neglect. This suffering ended for 28 helpless dogs thanks to a good Samaritan who called the **Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce Hotline, (832) 927-PAWS**. Thanks to **Taskforce partner BARC** who removed the dogs from unhealthy conditions, existing in their own feces and urine with no clean water or food, and rushed them to the **Houston Humane Society Wellness Clinic**. The neglected pups were immediately evaluated by our medical staff and received urgent, lifesaving care. Those in the most critical condition suffered from matting so severe, large amounts of dirt and feces in their fur was embedded into their skin with maggots and multiple acute infections. The trauma experienced by all 28 dogs made them extremely nervous when approached.

We are so happy these dogs are out of their former nightmare. Thankfully, after a few weeks of extensive care at HHS, several of the dogs are now living the new life they deserve, some needing additional assistance are in our foster program, some are still under care at HHS and others are up for adoption.










# Pet Pantry

The **Pet Food Pantry** is a big part of the Houston Humane Society **Pet Resources Program** and we continue to provide assistance to pet owners in need all around the Southeast Texas Region. We served families in Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Waller Counties, and as far as Calcasieu Parish in Louisiana to assist families during COVID, hurricanes, and Winter Storm Uri crises. This program is designed to lend a hand to animals whose owners have fallen on hard times and/or can't afford to feed them, but love and want to keep them. We all want to aid these people and keep their pets from going hungry, being surrendered to shelters, or even being dumped on the streets. We need your help to continue providing this valuable service.

We ask you to consider supporting this worthwhile program and alert us to anyone you may know in need of assistance thru this program.

## Ways to Donate

Check our:

-  Amazon wishlist
-  Walmart wishlist
-  Target wishlist
-  Sign up as a Kroger Charity donor
-  Amazon Smile

Donations can be dropped off at, or mailed to, our shelter at  
**14700 Almeda Road  
Houston, TX 77053**

## Host a Pet Food Drive

Are you part of a school club, company, community, church group, scout troop, or other charitable organization? Start a pet supply and kibble collection! The animals depend on you to keep our pantry shelves stocked, so we're there when they need us.

**Learn more about the  
Pet Pantry on our website  
[houstonhumane.org/petpantry](http://houstonhumane.org/petpantry).**



**If you have already donated to this invaluable program, you have our utmost gratitude. If not, please consider contributing to this worthwhile endeavor and alert us to anyone you may know who is interested in getting involved in the Pet Pantry.**

In 2021, the  
**Pet Pantry Served:**



**24,368**  
Households



**99,332**  
Pets



**154**

Off-site Distribution  
Events in Harris, Fort  
Bend, Brazoria, and  
Waller Counties



**2,937,082**  
Meals



**587,952**

Pounds of Food to the  
General Public



**91,760**  
Pounds of Food  
to Agencies

# Education & Community Outreach



## Camp Pawsome Thanksgiving Camp

We hosted our first ever **Thanksgiving Camp Pawsome** this year based on the demand of many past campers. Thanksgiving camp was an educational, fun-filled week where kids experienced hands-on playtime with the adoptable animals, played humane education games, and made crafts for the homeless animals. It was a great experience for those looking for something to do over the Thanksgiving break and learn a great deal about animal welfare.

## Teen Leadership Program

Houston Humane Society has a unique program for animal-loving teens to get more involved in animal welfare.

The goal of the TLP is for teens to gain experience working with animals and explore careers related to animal welfare and animal science by giving teens an opportunity to:

- Volunteer with animals
- Develop leadership skills
- Learn about careers in animal science and animal welfare
- Gain expert knowledge from leading professionals in the field

We congratulate the “**Teen Leadership Class of 2021**” who are now examples for their peers and others!



## School Outreach Rescue Dog Days

The dog days are not just for summer anymore. We love to host “**Rescue Dog Days**” during the school year, where we take adoptable pets to visit with the students, staff, and faculty at different schools. Children enjoy learning about being responsible pet owners and, of course, cuddling with the animals. This season we focused on the spirit of giving and the importance of volunteering. Teachers encouraged their classes to host food and supply drives to provide for animals in need. Thank you to all the students and teachers that participated this year. HHS pets like Cookie, Abby and Sirius enjoyed the special love and attention they received at these Rescue Dog Days!

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these fantastic opportunities, contact our Education & Community Outreach Coordinator at [education@houstonhumane.org](mailto:education@houstonhumane.org).



# Upcoming Events

Feb 22

Spay Day at  
HHS Wellness  
Clinic

Mar 27

Hermann Park  
Conservancy  
Kite Festival

Apr 2

City Centre  
Adoption  
Event

Apr 6

Fix Felix at  
HHS Wellness  
Clinic

Apr 30

Puppies for  
Breakfast Annual  
Dog Festival at  
East River

Check [www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar](http://www.houstonhumane.org/events/calendar) for more information.

## More Fun in '21

### 40th Annual K9 Fun Run

After being unable to have an in-person K9 Fun Run in 2020 we are thankful for your backing of the **2021 40th Annual K9 Fun Run**. It was awesome to finally see familiar faces and new ones!

Hundreds of pets and their owners showed up at MacGregor Park on December 4 and enjoyed a fun-filled day — including photos with Santa, the popular Alumni Parade, visiting booths and vendors for gifts and samples, and eating the great food provided. This year some of our new partners included “**Kendra Scott**,” **Tito’s Vodka**, **Lisa’s Rolling Video Game Truck**, and the **Houston Dynamo’s mascot DIESEL**, all of which made our event memorable. Special thanks to **Harris County Constable Precinct 6** for their assistance at the event.



### Comicpalooza

Comicpalooza was a blast this year! Our adorable adoptables met so many new friends like Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Danny Trejo, Ming-Na Wen, and so many more! Such a fun and exciting event for our animals, staff, and volunteers.



Thank you for making their lives different.