


HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY COMPANION

Helping Homeless Animals



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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,

This year, the Houston Humane Society will mark 50 years of service to the Houston community. We have accomplished much during these years and are especially proud to have been an innovator in animal welfare in these areas:

- First to establish a low-cost charity spay/neuter clinic,
- First to alter every animal before it is adopted,
- First to employ law enforcement officers to investigate cruelty to animals,
- First to use tattooing to signify completed spay/neuter surgery,
- First and only to cremate euthanized animals in lieu of sending carcasses to landfills, and
- First and only to offer on-site private burials to the general public.

Though we have been operating for half a century, the modern era of the Houston Humane Society began in the mid-1980's with the establishment of standard adoption policies, animal health procedures, and the construction of a new facility. In 1989, our first Wellness Clinic was built to provide low-cost pet care to the public. Next, we added a new building which houses 32 kennel runs. In 2002, the original Wellness Clinic was replaced by a much larger one and in 2005, a barn was constructed to accommodate our growing livestock population.

What's next? We are proud to announce the upcoming opening of the new **Audrey Jones Beck Adoption Center** in spring of 2007. This new shelter building will double the cat and dog care capacity, provide added office space for shelter staff, and feature an educational auditorium to support a variety of humane outreach projects. It will also afford extra space to house animals obtained through cruelty seizures and those needing emergency care after disasters. As well, there are plans for a mini-mammal habitat and a bird adoption arena.

From the beginning, it has been our policy to provide shelter to all needy animals. Last year alone, we cared for more than 47,000 dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, and livestock. With the much-needed expansion in place, it will allow us to care for even more.

We depend on and greatly appreciate your support for our growth as well as day to day operations.

Sincerely,

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Sherry Ferguson
 Executive Director



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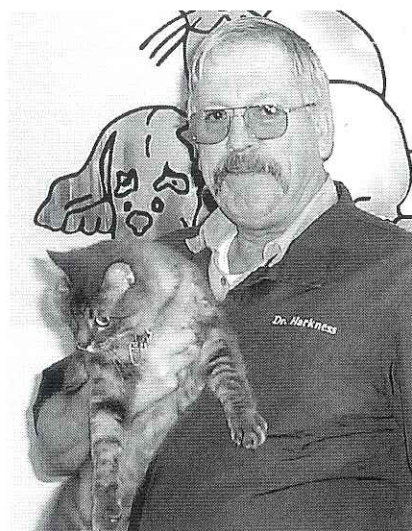
ON THE COVER
 Thank you to Three Brothers' Bakery for Providing our
 50th Birthday Cake on the cover.

Integrative Medicine

Integrative Medicine combines ancient wisdom from the Far East with modern medicine and technology of the West. There are a vast number of medical problems which may be dealt with using the combined knowledge of old and new healing agents. I have found this to be fundamentally superior to a single-model approach to health and wellness.

During the past year, I have incorporated integrative medicine into my surgical and medical treatment programs, with particular success using the plant substance termed Neoplasene for treatment of various forms of cancer in animals. I believe healing methods, such as Reiki, Shiatsu, Biofeedback, Homeopathy, Cranial-Sacral Therapy, the Arts Therapies, Western Medicine, Herbal Medicine, Acupuncture and many others are able to work in conjunction with each other as part of a unified team, rather than in competition.

This integrated approach will lead to safer, faster and more effective veterinary medical and surgical care. I am involved with the American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, and will be utilizing new therapies at the Houston Humane Society beginning in January 2007.



Dr. Timothy Harkness and 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.

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 are doing so because they helped the homeless animals at the Houston Humane Society and 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 and Houston's only \$30 Spay/Neuter Clinic which is open to the general public. With your help, the Houston Humane Society cares for more than 47,000 animals in 2006.

The Houston Humane Society relies solely on: donations from friends and supporters; monies earned from special events and projects; and donor mail outs. 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 operational funding from any national animal welfare organization.



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

by Sgt. Mark Timmers

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

Two Harris County Constable Precinct 6 deputies are funded 100% by the Houston Humane Society (HHS) on a full time basis to conduct animal cruelty investigations. These investigations come at the request of law enforcement and citizens throughout Houston/Harris County and surrounding counties.

The R.A.I.D.E.R. program (Rescuing Animals In Danger and Education Resources) was developed in conjunction with **Constable Victor Trevino's** office. It is the only law enforcement agency in Houston/Harris County which has personnel dedicated solely to the investigation of animal cruelty.

Each new year brings fresh goals and demands on the R.A.I.D.E.R. program. This is due to the program's tremendous success in the continuing development of partnerships with law enforcement, animal control agencies, governmental regulatory agencies, and citizen organizations. The Houston Humane Society and Harris County Constable Precinct 6 believe the only way to combat animal cruelty and its related crimes is by educating other law enforcement departments and animal control agencies. This education centers on how to investigate animal cruelty in the civil seizure of animals and criminal case preparation. I developed a two-day animal cruelty investigation program which addresses these issues in a course I teach at **Sam Houston State University Law Enforcement Management Institute**.

I continue to see a direct correlation between individuals who abuse animals and crimes of domestic violence, narcotics, weapons, theft, and elderly and children social issues. Ninety percent of animal cruelty cases which result in civil seizures involve one or more of the aforementioned criminal elements or social issues, and only through the use of law enforcement personnel can these crimes and social issues be resolved.

The success of the R.A.I.D.E.R. program has motivated many law enforcement agencies and animal cruelty agencies in Houston/Harris County and around the state have approached HHS and HCCO Pct. 6 wanting to know how to develop an animal cruelty investigation division in their area. The reality is that only through a strong partnership with a humane organization like HHS can this be achieved. Law enforcement needs an organization which is willing to provide the necessary blood work, pathology, necropsy, housing, and care for the seized and rescued animals, as well as provide expert witness testimony when required in court for certain cases. All of this comes at a big price.



Students get a lesson in humane treatment from Sgt. Timmers and Burnie

**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.



Liberty County Pit Bull fighting ring



Houston Humane Society rescues neglected horse.

During 2007, the R.A.I.D.E.R. program will continue to meet the demands from law enforcement agencies, government agencies, humane organizations, and the public to address animal welfare issues which may have previously been ignored. HHS will continue to cover the costs associated with care of these seized animals during animal cruelty cases, both in civil hearings and criminal prosecution. Where warranted, HHS will provide its veterinarian as the expert witness to obtain convictions in criminal cases.



Roosters rescued from cock fighting ring

As the R.A.I.D.E.R. program supervisor, I am grateful for the continued support and commitment of **HHS's dedicated staff and board of directors**, and **Constable Trevino and the HCCO Pct. 6 command staff**. I am also indebted to **Charley Walker** and **Helene Stearns** in the Harris County Attorney's office and **Belinda Smith** in the Harris County District Attorney's office. Their knowledge and dedication to saving the lives of abused animals and prosecution of individuals who violate these laws is paramount.

All animal cruelty civil seizure hearing cases are heard in the Justice of the Peace Court 6-2, by the **Honorable Judge Armando Rodriguez**. Judge Rodriguez is an elected official and rules over all animal cruelty cases. He is the senior JP in Harris County and his experience, compassion, and fairness are irreplaceable in the handling of these cases which can be very emotional in nature.

Animal Cruelty Statistical Data:

2006 - R.A.I.D.E.R. Program

(Rescuing Animals In Danger Education Resources)

- Animal cruelty or welfare calls responded to by deputies:
1,000+ calls
- Animals seized by, or released to, deputies during investigations:
950+ animals
- Civil seizure warrants obtained through JP Court 6-2:
40 civil seizure warrants
- Criminal charges of animal cruelty or related criminal charges filed through the Harris County District Attorney's office:
35 misdemeanor/felony criminal charges
- Class C misdemeanor animal welfare citations issued by deputies during animal cruelty investigations:
500 citations
- Total number of criminal warrants on individuals cleared up by deputies during animal cruelty investigations:
250 misdemeanor or felony warrants
- Total number of animals investigated during animal cruelty investigations:
3,500+ animals
- Total number of animal welfare and cruelty training hours conducted by deputies with citizen groups, law enforcement departments, and animal control agencies:
230 hours
- Total number of individuals trained by deputies:
2,000+ individuals

Companion Camp



Campers enjoy time cuddling with the adoptables

Seven-to-thirteen-year-olds who attend **Companion Camp** at the Houston Humane Society are given an unusual opportunity to learn about companion animals and various careers available to animal lovers. Each day a pet care topic is covered, such as dog training, pet grooming, and animal health. Speakers are also invited to meet with the class where they discuss veterinary medicine, zoo keeping, wildlife conservation and more.

In addition, campers get hands-on experience working with orphaned animals, a process which helps reinforce compassion and respect for animals in their homes, neighborhoods, and the world.

Companion Camp is held two weeks every summer. In 2007, Companion Camp will be held June 11 – 15 and August 6 – 10.

Please contact volunteers@houstonhumane.org or phone 713-341-3309 if you would like more information about the 2007 Companion Camp.



Learning about the livestock at the Houston Humane Society

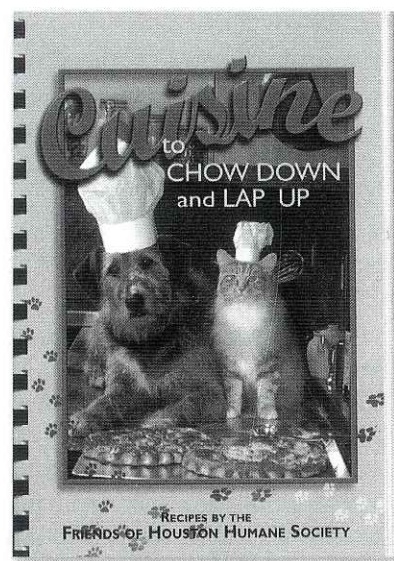


Adoptable dogs learn valuable lessons from Companion Campers

Cuisine to Chow Down and Lap Up

Friends of the Houston Humane Society are proud to announce the publication of their new 460-page cookbook which features fabulous recipes for both humans and animals. There is also a section of recipes from famous chefs such as **Tony Vallone - Tony's**, **John Sheely - Mockingbird Bistro**, **Frank Crapitto - Crapitto's**, and **Paula Deen of Food Network fame**.

Do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to own *Cuisine to Chow Down and Lap Up* for the special price of \$24.95, all of which goes to provide HHS with funds to provide quality medical care, food, and shelter for stray and abandoned animals.



Order by mail:

Please send _____ copies of the cookbook @ \$24.95 each \$ _____
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Diamonds in the RUFF

by Courtney Clark

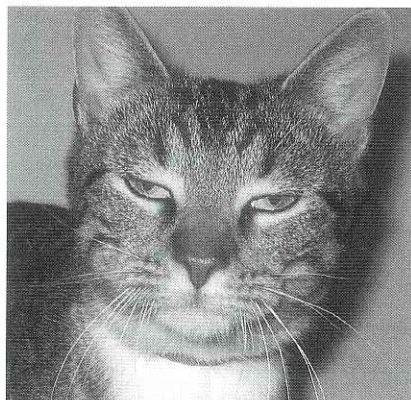
Because the Houston Humane Society has no time limit on how long an adoptable stays with us, we have many wonderful pets in our shelter who are still looking for their Forever Families after months and months. Take a look at these adorable photos of some of our "long timers" and see if you know anyone who can lend a paw by making a home for these incredible animals.

Onyz has been at the HHS shelter for 11 months. He's a three year old black lab whose family moved and wouldn't take him along. He's great with kids and other dogs, but because he was kept outside he'll need some



work on housetraining. Onyz has a very loyal and friendly personality, and he's just dying to go home with someone who will give him all the love and affection he deserves. Is there anyone out there who wants a fetch partner to play with on weekends?

Katch is an 18 month old female cat who is living life with only three legs. She doesn't let that problem slow her down, though! She has been at the Houston Humane Society for over a year, and she needs a loving family who will be patient with her as she tries to conquer the world despite her circumstances. She'll be happy playing with a kitty fishing pole or just curling up and watching American Idol. In fact, if you take her home, this affectionate little kitty will be happy to do anything you want to do!



Mia is a beautiful tri-colored basset hound mix who has been at the HHS for nine months.

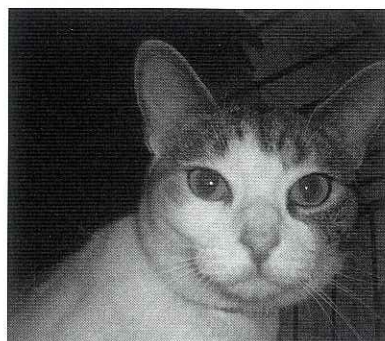
Though she's heartworm positive, with just a little bit of time and attention this sweet girl will be a great companion



for any family. She is three years old, and just loves having her tummy rubbed. She'll walk to the ends of the earth for an owner who would pay her the attention she deserves. So if you love kisses, cuddles and a warm, furry friend who thinks you are better looking than anyone in Hollywood, Mia is your girl.

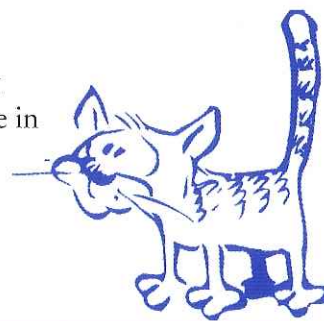
Sheila is a beautiful 1 year old female cat who has been at the HHS for six months.

Her previous owners didn't want to keep her in an apartment, so she's been here cuddling up to the HHS staff for far too long. She



has beautiful orange, white and tabby markings and an amazing personality to match. Sheila is a brave little girl who likes to spend equal time exploring and cuddling up in her bed. She loves to be scratched on her ears, and she enjoys a good turn on the scratching post every day to work her energy.

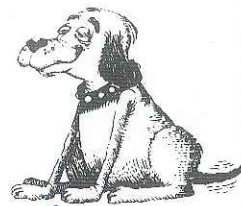
If you are a training/boarder facility and wish to participate in our program please contact: pr@houstonhumane.org.



Don't forget to check out FOX 26 morning news on Thursdays and KPRC Local 2 on Sundays to see our featured Pets of the Week!



HHS Events Update



And they're off!

The Houston Humane Society's 2006 K-9 Fun Run & Walk was filled with Mardi-Gras madness, as our four-legged and two-legged runners hit the concrete. The event, the "*Mardi Paw-ty*", was sponsored by **Hibernia Bank** and held on Sunday, March 19th, 2006. Nearly one thousand pets and their owners came out to run, and many others joined in the family festivities. The canine Fun Run/Walk is one of the largest in the country.



Doggone good time at the costume contest



Frisbee dog in action

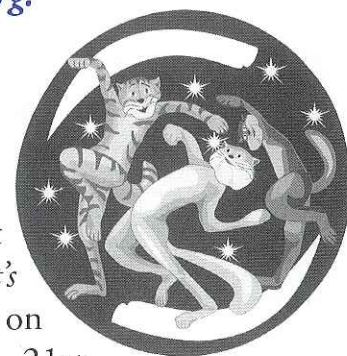
Race day featured a Frisbee dog demonstration, music, free food and drinks from **Kolache Factory, Canyon Cafe, ColdStone Creamery, Whole Foods, Starbucks**, and appearances by **Radar the Weather Dog** and **Byron Miranda** from **KPRC Local 2**, as well as **FOX 26** evening anchor **Melissa Wilson**. Byron and Melissa judged the annual costume contest, which brought lots of laughs for everyone.

The 2007 Fun Run is scheduled for Sunday, March 18th at Sam Houston Park on the edge of downtown. This year's celebration will be "*Viva PAWS Vegas*," and the fun-filled day is a great way to help Houston's homeless animals. Change it to: For information on this or any other event, visit the HHS website at www.houstonhumane.org.

PJ Party

The Houston Humane Society invited animal lovers to dance the night away at the "*Cat's Pajamas*" Pajama Party on Thursday, September 21st.

The PJ Party, held at the **Crome Nightclub**, included two pajama fashion shows, a signature "*kitty cat cocktail*" created especially for the event, and a silent auction with items such as a day with a race car driving instructor, a yearly membership to FIT gym, and a consultation with a nutritionist and chiropractor.



Events Around Town



Charity Golf Tournament is the PURRfect excuse NOT to work on a Friday.

Despite torrential rains the day before, the weather was beautiful for the 17th annual Par "FORE" Pets Golf Tournament. The HHS tournament on Friday, October 27th at Sienna Plantation Golf Club, was hosted by **Jan Jeffcoat** of the **FOX 26** morning show. The tournament kicked off with a putting contest and box lunches at the start of the course. By the 18th hole golfers were more than ready for the steak dinner, silent auction, raffle drawing, and door prizes. Silent auction items included lunch with Jan and her co-anchor **Jose Grinan**, a diamond necklace from **IW Marks Jewelers**, autographed sports memorabilia, and a wine tour and tasting for twenty guests at **Messina Hof Winery**.

Did you know?

Cats spend 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves

www.houstonhumane.org



Toast of The Town

Pet lovers got the chance in 2006 to raise their glasses in a toast to the wonderful animals at the Houston Humane Society. Two wine tasting events, held in July and November at **Tasting Room** locations, brought in thousands of dollars to help feed and support our precious pets while they wait for their forever families. On July 28th in Uptown Park, and November 10th in Midtown, HHS supporters participated in raffle drawings, a "Stellar Cellar" auction, and traded stories of their precious pets while learning from a sommelier about different wines. More wine tasting events are being planned for 2007, so check your Companion e-mail newsletter and our website www.houstonhumane.org for more details.



Robb Ohnesorge, and Darin and Lisa Mitchell enjoy a glass of vino at the "A Toast to the Animals" wine tasting in Uptown Park.

Volunteer Voices

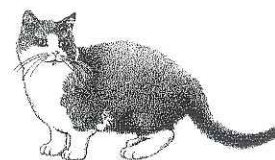
A big round of ap-paws goes out to our 2006 Fun Run crew: Elizabeth and Alan Dozier, Margie Coble, Sharon Drenchko, Shirley Lindsey, Taryn Taylor, Kelly Marcus, Yue Guan, Julia Goldstein, Paula Akins, Dianna Nickel, Nancy Kroning, Allison Dunn, Natalia and David Sumner, Billy Dodd, Claire Williams, Stacey Kendra, Kendra Payne,

Robert and Judeth Corry, Evette and Erick Hernandez, Kenny D'Arigo, Mindy Tribolet, Julia Goldstien, Alexandra Morrell, Debra Hodapp, Linda Varnardo, April Schmidt, Jeff, Kyoko and Maryanne Flasiik, Jackie Joy, M'liss Evans, Kelly Marcus, Steve Hartwig, Brooke Behrens, Beverly Brannan, Cary Gordon, Frank Roe Jr., Abby Watkins, Alice Whitten, Sally, Emily and Brian Cohen, Linda, Sam and Cam Maher, students from Bellaire High School, Episcopal High School, Elsie High School, and Starbucks employees. Your help with packet preparations, passing out flyers and use of your muscles the day of the Fun Run ensured success of the event.

Our volunteers proved themselves to be real winners at the 2006 Pride Parade. Jenny Joseph, Sandy Session, and Nancy Kroning built a float which won a Judges Choice award. Kelly Marcus and Kenny D'Arigo manned the information booth at Pride Fest. Their enthusiasm for animal welfare was recognized by the Pride Committee and took the prize for best non-profit booth.

Thank you's go to Kate Brusgaard, M'liss Evans, Steve Lownkron, Mary Pritchard, Allison Dunn, Amy Brewer, Dianna Nickel, Carol Shepko, Steve Hartwig Daniel Marks, Natalya and David Sumner, Steve Hartwig, Linda Varnado, April Schmidt, Allison Falconer, and Beverly Brannan for lending a hand at Par Fore Pets Golf Tournament. Special thanks also go to Shell Oil volunteers who helped at Sienna Plantation for the second year in a row.

On Saturdays, barking dogs and meowing cats take center stage in the shopping hustle and bustle of Baybrook and First Colony Malls, assorted festivals, cat and dog shows, and other tail-waggin' events. Our wonderful Mobile Adoptions volunteers who help place adoptable animals in good homes are Lisa and Mark Crawford, Jessica Guthier, Suzanne Ortiz, Susan Lewis, Kimberley O'Neill Pirog, Jennifer Engle, Shirley Lindsey, Linda Chestnut, April Schmidt, Linda Varnado, Kathy Holly, Rachael Adler, Elana and Samantha Spector, Gabrielle, Griffin and Lindsey Davis, Terese Zoller, Jennifer Logsdon, Dianna Nickel, Kathy Coe, Jennifer Longsdon, Courtney Cooper, Teresa Preza, Marilynn Simmons, Paula Akins, Sandra



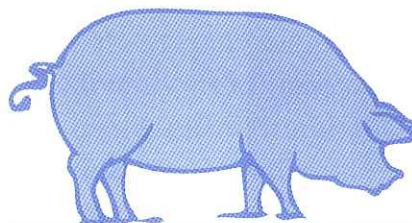
Patton, Jennifer Engle, Elizabeth and Alan Dozier, Allison Dunn, Hope Nora, Billie and Sidney Sexton, George and Anne Flournoy, Debra Hodapp, Kyoko and Maryanne Flasiik, Kelly Powers, Amy Brewer, and Lynn Gallimore.

We give special thanks to Laney Vazquez, Sarah Frazier, and the rest of the Houston Young Lawyer Association's Animal Welfare Committee for helping dozens of adoptables find their forever

homes at adoption events near our Animals' Kingdom store in The Shops at Houston Center.

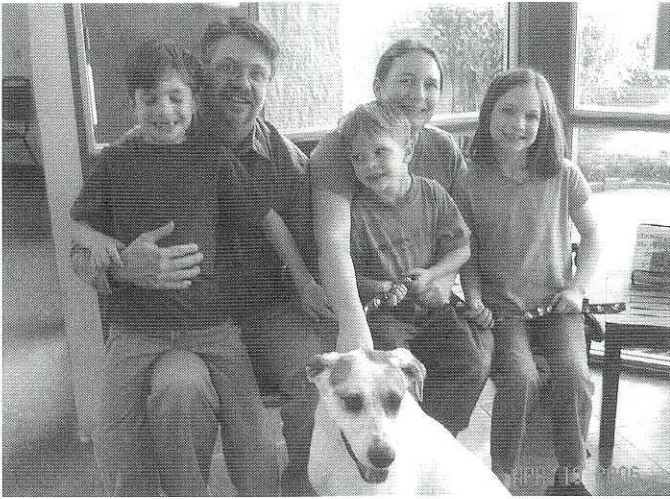


Susan helps Shep work on his sitting.

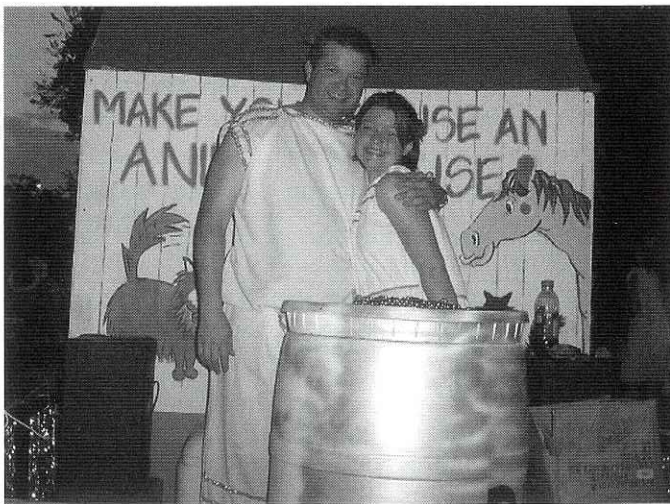


Did you know?

Pigs have a well developed sense of smell. They can find things underground and have been used to find truffles, a French delicacy, or to sniff out drugs in service to policemen.



Radar's Recruit Kelsey and her New Family



Adam and Kate on the HHS float at the Pride Parade

We would like to recognize our administration volunteers: **Stacey Payne, Steve Lowenkron, Kate Brusgaard, and Nancy Kroning.**

Volunteer Groups of Note: **The Houston Zoo Crew, Lamar High School's Animal Welfare Society, Post Oak School 6th graders, the Antares club from Bellaire High School, YES College Preparatory School, Starbucks volunteers, Houston Young Lawyers Association Animal Welfare Committee, and Boy Scout Troop 611.**

Did you know?

According to a survey by the American Animal Hospital Association, 53 percent of pet owners vacation or travel with their pets



HHS Volunteer of the Year Jennifer Engle with Shorty

Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year: **Jennifer Engle** has devoted almost 250 hours this year to the Houston Humane Society. A volunteer since 2004, Jennifer dedicates every Saturday to helping cats and dogs find forever homes. Thank you Jennifer!

Organizational Efficiency

Program Expenses 89.6%

Administrative Expenses 2.1%

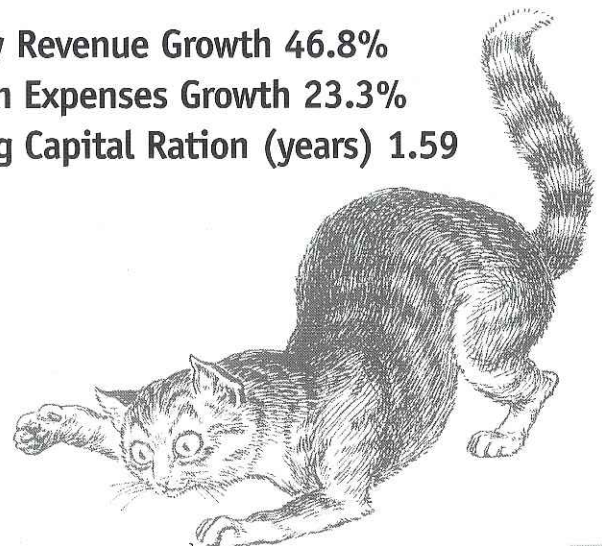
Fundraising Expenses 8.3%

Fundraising Efficiency \$0.09

Primary Revenue Growth 46.8%

Program Expenses Growth 23.3%

Working Capital Ration (years) 1.59



Burnie's Bone-a-Fide Bow Wows

A very loud woof-out goes to our friends at **FOX 26** for all of their help and support this year. Every Thursday our phone lines are flooded with viewers calling in to adopt the cat or dog they saw on TV that morning. We are so grateful to **Matt Lavine, Mike Iscovitz** and **Christy Moreno** for all their work on that tremendous segment. The energetic and lovely morning show anchor **Jan Jeffcoat** became a new mom this year to Pomeranian "**Scrappy**," adopted from the HHS after meeting at the studio during one of the Thursday segments. Thanks to Scrappy's love and affection, Jan became the host of our Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament in November, where she lent a "helping paw" at earning supporters for the HHS message. Thank you to **Kathy, Christy, Jan, Jose, Matt, Mike, Pattie, Tom, Erin, Lanny, Sally, Ruben** and everyone at **FOX** who has supported our work all year long. Without your help both in front of the camera and behind it, we wouldn't get to show Houston the plight of these terrific animals.

A huge round-of-a-paws to all of our supporters over at **KPRC Local 2**. Special thanks indeed to **Dominique Sachse**, long-time supporter of the Houston Humane Society, who is constantly thinking of new ways to help find homes for our sweet pets. Thank you to **Sarah Greer, Anthony Yanez, Jason Brewer, Amber Willis** and the entire **KPRC team** for allowing the HHS to appear on the *Local 2 Sunday Pet Project*. Thanks also to **Melanie Rushe, Claire Weber, Evette Hernandez** and **Ashley Batelle** for their terrific appearances on Sunday mornings with Jason.

The HHS wishes a fond farewell to animal activists **Lisa Foronda**, whose posts to the Animal Attraction Pet Blog and informative pet segments on **KHOU Channel 11** will be sorely missed in 2007. We are so grateful for her dedication to the animals of Houston, and we hope she stays in touch! Lisa's colleague **Brad Woodard** has stepped up to fill her shoes as their resident animal-lover, and we're so pleased with his in-depth reporting on behalf of the animals. Thanks also to **Michelle Mantor** at **Pet Talk** for her supportive articles on the Houston Humane Society and our mission.



Burnie

Thank you to **Envy Magazine** and the **Houston Press** for helping the Houston Humane Society get more animals adopted by featuring photos and bios of our cats and dogs whenever they can.

Our adoptables are finding more homes than ever, thanks to mobile adoptions at **Baybrook** and **First Colony Malls, PetSmart** locations, and nearby communities like **Shadow Creek Ranch**. Bear hugs to the **Shops at Houston Center**, who donate the space for our Animals' Kingdom store, and also host quarterly mobile adoptions staffed by **Houston's Young Lawyers Association**. This year the **Houston Downtown**

Alliance hosted a mobile adoption at the Shops, as well. Thanks to all of these groups for bringing our homeless animals out into the community to find new families! **I.W. Marks Jewelers** provided their priceless support this year as well, hosting trunk shows benefiting our homeless animals, and allowing us to come out with adoptables to meet the community.

Supporters of our annual Fun Run made this year's event a huge success. We are grateful to **Hibernia Bank, KPRC Local 2 News, AT&T, Equity One, Happy Tails Dog Spa, The Canyon Café, The Kolache Factory, Hollywood Frame Gallery, ActiveUSA.com, Scoop Le Poop, Coca Cola, Coldstone Creamery, the Houston Chronicle, ExecuTeam Staffing, Petco and the Petco Foundation, PetSmart, PetVet Animal Hospitals, Minute Maid, The Houston Center, Whole Foods of Bellaire, Starbucks Coffee, AT&T, Bungee Pupee, Chiropractic Zone, Equity One, Inc., ExecuTeam Staffing, Fondren Five Star Kennels, Green Mountain Energy, Gulf Coast Veterinary Internists, Happy Tails Dog Spa, Hibernia Bank, Hollywood Frame Gallery, Lone Star Pet Lodges of Missouri City, Mans Best Friend Dog Training, Montrose Veterinary Clinic, Natural Balance, PETCO Foundation, PetSmart, Rover Oaks, Shure Pets, The Mutt Hutt, The Tanning Spot, Inc. "Bark, Bathe and Beyond", and Urban Tails, LLC** for all of their help.



The weather was perfect for this year's golf tournament, and so were our sponsors and supporters! Thanks to **Sienna Plantation** for once again playing host to the day's events. We appreciate the help of **Fort Dodge Animal Health, Coca Cola, Bud Light/ Silver Eagle Distributors, Murphy's Deli, Sledge Home & Business Remodel & Construction, John R. Ray and Sons, Lone Star Pet Lodges, Griffing Network, Chase Bank, 3D/I, IDEXX, Morgan Stanley, Pet Vet Animal Hospitals, PC Pandora Child Safety Software, Benefit Concepts, I.W. Marks Jewelers, Amegy Bank, Post Oak Trophies and Little Friends Pet Memorial.** We can't wait to tee off with all of you next year!

A 21 bark salute to **Jim Burwell, Steve Smith** and the team at **Rover Oaks** for all of their help this year. Jim worked hard with four of our long-time residents who were having trouble finding homes, teaching them advanced obedience skills to make them irresistible to potential adopters. All four are in great homes, and we're so proud! Rover Oaks also held a mobile adoption with the HHS at the opening of their new facility in Katy this fall.

Thank you to the **Houston Rockets, Houston Aeros, Canyon Café, Tasting Room, Crome Nightclub, the Intown Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Southwest Houston Chamber of Commerce** for hosting the HHS at events throughout the year. We're so grateful for your support!

The Houston Humane Society is grateful to the **Shriner's Hospital for Children** for their annual food drive held in our honor. Despite the long hours they spend healing children, they constantly amaze us with their dedication to the Houston Humane Society. We are proud to have their friendship and generosity.

And finally, words can't express our feelings for everyone who donated their time, resources, and attention to the Houston Humane Society this year. Whether you donated to our newly-created **Animal Relief Fund** to aid in disaster relief efforts, befriended a lonely puppy at our shelter, purchased a gift at our Animals' Kingdom store, or helped further our profile in the community by telling your friends about the Houston Humane Society, we need and appreciate your support. We would not be able to save the lives of our wonderful animals without you.

Did you know?

Guinea pigs have difficulty in judging heights, so you should never leave a pet guinea pig alone in a high place such as on a table, etc.

Happy Tail



"Snow" at naptime

Houston Police officer **Charles Barner** came to HHS looking for a special friend for his eleven-year-old daughter, **Janelle**. Snow, an adorable white shepherd collie mix had been on site only a couple days. He was exactly what Mr. Barner was looking for, and the connection was instant. We know Snow will be a wonderful addition to the Barner family.

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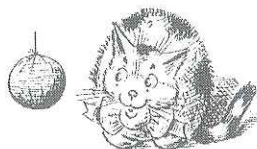
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This calendar is updated throughout the year. Call our Special Events line or log on to www.houstonhumane.org for more information about upcoming events.

January

- 2nd-Happy Mew Year Day for Cats
- 5th-National Bird Day
- 14th-Dress Up Your Pet Day
- 22nd-National Answer-Your-Cat's-Questions Day



February

Prevent-a-litter Month/Pet Dental Month

- 14th-FIX FELIX FOR FREE
- 15th-HHS Night at the Houston Rockets
- 20th-Love Your Pet Day
- 22nd-Walking the Dog Day
- 23rd-International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- 27th-Spay Day USA



March

- 1st-4th-10th-National Pet Sitters Week
- 3rd-What-If-Cats-and-Dogs-Had-Opposable-Thumbs Day
- 18th-Annual Houston Humane Society K-9 Fun and Walk "Viva Paws Vegas"

April

Prevention-of-Animal-Cruelty Month World Habitat Awareness Month/
National Pet First Aid Awareness Month

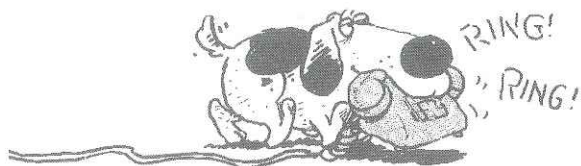
- 13th-HHS Night at the Houston Aeros
- 18th-Pet Owner's Independence Day
- 23rd-27th-National Pet ID Week



May

Be-Kind-to-Animals Month

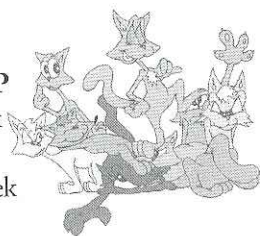
- 6th-Humane Sunday
- 6th-12th-Be Kind to Animals Week
- 20th-26th-National Dog Bite Prevention Week



June

Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month/Adopt-a-Cat Month

- 4th-Hug Your Cat Day
- 11th-15th-HHS COMPANION CAMP
- 18th-22nd-Take-Your-Pet-to-Work Week
- 22nd-Take-Your-Dog-to-Work Day
- 25th-29th-Animal Rights Awareness Week



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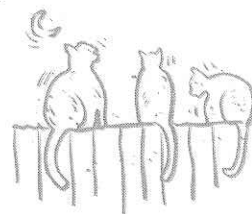
Dog House Repairs Month

- 14th-Cow Appreciation Day
- 31st-Mutts Day



August

- 6th-10th-HHS COMPANION CAMP
- 14th-Chain-Off Day (to help chained & penned dogs)
- 18th-National Homeless Animals Day
- 26th-National Dog Day



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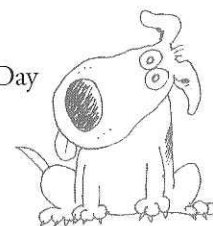
National Save-the Tiger Month

- 9th-National Pet Memorial Day
- 25th-International Rabbit Day

October

Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month/ Adopt-a-Dog Month/ National Animal Safety and Protection Month/HHS Par Fore Pets Golf Tournament

- 4th-St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day/
World Pets' Day/World Animal Welfare Day
- 16th-National Feral Cat Day
- 26th-Par FORE Pets



November

Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

- 5th-11th-National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

December

Happy Holidays!

Join us for the above humane happenings.
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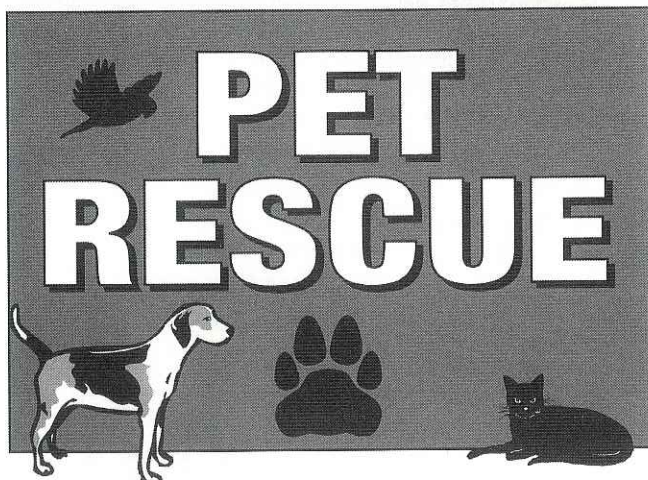
Considering the Houston Humane Society in your estate planning can save lives, end suffering, and further the programs at the HHS dedicated to the animals' welfare. Please consult your attorney, account or financial planner for details pertinent to your situation.

There are several ways to help the animals after you are gone:

- 1) Include the HHS in your Last Will and Testament.
Your donation may be left for general use by the shelter to help the animals, or you can designate a specific program.
- 2) Designate HHS as a residual beneficiary. You can designate Houston Humane Society in your will as the beneficiary of any remaining property after all your other bequests have been distributed.
- 3) Make the Houston Humane Society a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or your IRA account.
- 4) Set up a trust to provide income for you and your family with the principal going to the animals at the Houston Humane Society when the need for income no longer exists. There are several types of trusts available, some of which may include tax deductions.
- 5) In lieu of flowers of gifts you can request that memorial donations be made to the Houston Humane Society. The HHS sends thank you cards to the donors and acknowledgements to your family.

Visit Houston Humane Society and Rover Oaks locations to pick up your PET RESCUE STICKER. This removable decal alerts emergency personnel to the presence of animals in your house. Stickers will be available beginning this spring.

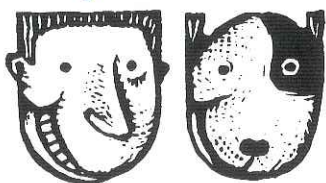
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Happy Tail



With all we deal with here at Houston Humane Society, from cruelty to abandonment and overpopulation, it is encouraging to know that for every painful story, there are some with happy ending. Here is one such Happy Tail.

Sue Kemp had been devastated by the death of her two beloved companions, a twelve-year-old Pomeranian that died of an aneurism and a fifteen-year-old Lhasa Apso that had to be put to sleep. After losing her companions of over ten years, it took awhile for her to grieve and prepare for taking in another pet.

Four months ago Sue adopted **Dolly**, a Lhasa Apso which had been neglected and ultimately abandoned. Dolly had heartworms and she became yet another unwanted dog in the subdivision. Sue rescued Dolly and took her home. Before long Sue decided to begin looking for a friend for her. This wasn't her main intention, however, when she came to HHS last week.

Dolly had been showing some tenderness in her leg and, being the good mother she is, Sue brought her to the HHS Wellness Clinic. While she was there, she stopped by the adoption center and met **Clyde**, our pet of the week. It was love at first sight! Clyde, a black and white poodle mix, was the ideal companion for Dolly and Sue. Sue wasted no time getting her application in and Clyde went home with his new family that very day. The holidays for Sue and her two new additions were very bright, indeed.



Did you know?

**Horses belong to the equus family.
Equus comes from the ancient Greek word
meaning "quickness".**

HORSE SENSE



Cochise

Each passing day brings an increased public awareness of something animal shelters and humane societies have known for years—there is an enormous, relentlessly growing overpopulation of cats and dogs in America.

Warm spring weather always leads to an increase in the number of female dogs in heat which makes this time of year the worst for animal animal overpopulation and dumping.

The crime of animal abandonment occurs when a person leaves a domestic animal at a location without providing for the animal's continued care.

This includes leaving a pet behind when moving away, letting a pet free into a park, wooded area, along the side of a road, or abandoning a pet in a cardboard box outside of a veterinarian's office.

If you are having a problem with your pet, ask yourself whether you can find a way to keep it. The HHS can provide a wealth of advice and support on everything from housing to behavior issues.

If you cannot keep your pet, do everything you can to find it a new home.

Ask everyone if they know of a good pet owner who might adopt your pet. Make flyers and post them in veterinarian offices, your own place of employment, and pet supply stores. Screen thoroughly and never adopt out an un-neutered pet.

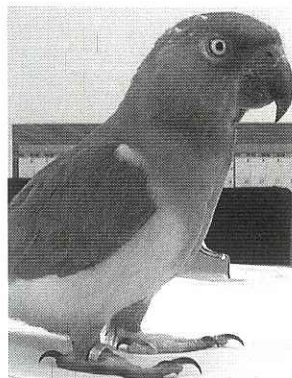
As a last resort, it is far more humane to surrender your pet to an animal shelter than it is to release it into the wild or place in a questionable home.

Despite the heroic frontline efforts of shelters and humane societies in caring for many unwanted animals, countless millions of unwanted cats and dogs scratch out a feral existence while awaiting premature deaths, or, far too often, fates worse than death.

When animals are dumped instead of being taken to a shelter or humane society, they compound the problem of pet overpopulation: if they live long enough to reproduce, their offsprings will grow into incalculable numbers.

Dumping an animal is against the law. If you witness an animal being dumped, get involved! Record the license plate and try to get a description of the car and the driver. Do it in honor of the animals who weren't so lucky... and remember: "The world is a dangerous place, not only because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

GABBY'S GOSSIP GALLERY



Gabby

As the resident gossip columnist here at HHS, I consider it my business to keep up with the gossip going on in the outside world. For that reason only, and not for any personal pleasure I get from it, I force myself to read the Hollywood gossip rags and see what they're squawking about.

I must admit to some concern about this new trend of the Hollywood bump watch that all of these magazines seem to be promoting.

Here at the Houston Humane Society, we do not go in for that sort of nonsense. In fact, we don't want any of our animals to be sporting a baby bump, no matter how trendy it is! We promote the practice of spay and neuter to ensure the reduction of unwanted and homeless animals here in the Houston area. And I think that's something to crow about!

So if you want some real gossip, here are a few juicy tidbits:

- Each day, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the US,
- An unsprayed female dog, her mate, and all of their puppies, if none of the generations are spayed or neutered, could produce over TWELVE THOUSAND puppies in just five years!

Obviously this is a huge problem, so we're doing all we can to put a stop to it. Unaltered animals mean unchecked breeding, which leads to more animals than Houston can care for. Spay and neuter surgeries cost only \$30 at the HHS Wellness Center, so call 713-433-6453 to make an appointment for your unaltered pet.

Beyond that, you can make a donation to our Wellness Center, which helps us keeps our costs low so everyone can afford to keep their animals from getting a bump.

Finally, Dear Readers, here's a little trivia question for you to peck at:

Which forward-thinking Houston-area shelter was the first in our city to perform spay and neuter surgeries on all adopted animals before sending them home? Clue: it is also the home of yours truly.

That's all for now! I'll be perched here at the HHS, singing our praises, until next time.



CRITTER'S WISH LIST

Critter Needs

- Bath Mats and small Rugs
- Dog & Cat Shampoo
- Dog Brushes
- Cat Food
- Kitten Food
- Kitty Litter
- Leashes & Collars
- Newspaper
- Small Animal Feed and Bedding (Guinea Pigs)
- Sturdy, Washable Cat & Dog Toys
- Bath Towels
- PetCo and PetsMart gift cards

Administrative List

- Batteries (all sizes)
- Calculators
- Card Stock
- Colored Paper
- Copy Paper
- Digital Cameras (4.0M) for high resolution
- Double-sided Tape
- Jump/Flash Drives 128MB +
- Laminating Pouches
- Markers (dry erase, permanent)
- Paper Towels
- Pens (black)
- Photo Paper
- Plastic Storage Bins (18 gallon)
- Printer Cartridges (HP 27, 28, 56, 57)
- Printing Labels
- Printing Services (Kinko's etc.)
- Scotch Tape

Clinic Needs:

- Sam's Gift Cards
- Bleach
- Odo Ban (at Sam's Club)
- Cotton Swabs
- Disposable Latex Gloves
- First Aid Kits
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Scrubs (Sizes S, M, L & XL)

Livestock Needs:

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

RED ALERT!

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