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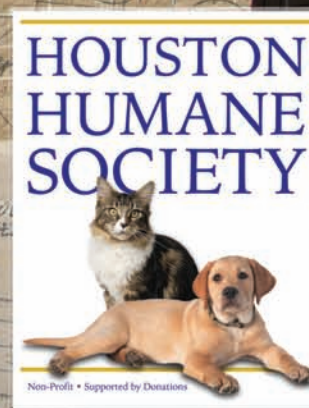
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Kim Gordon

**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,

2007 was certainly one of the most exciting years yet at the Houston Humane Society. Because of all of our unique programs at the HHS, we were able to serve more animals than ever! We are often mistaken for other animal welfare organizations, and in case you didn't know, here are just a couple of innovative programs we have in place that set us apart:

- The Houston Humane Society does not have a time limit on healthy adoptables. There is never a ticking clock threatening to run out. In fact, we have wonderful programs like "Diamonds in the Ruff" where an adoptable that has been with us for a while can live in a board-and-train facility and learn how to be the best behaved companion ever, which helps speed along his or her adoption process.*
- The Houston Humane Society is the only animal welfare organization in the southern United States with a program like R.A.I.D.E.R. (Rescuing Animals in Danger & Education Resources). We pay the contract of two law enforcement officers to investigate animal cruelty. This allows us to act with immediacy and urgency the minute we learn of a crime against an animal. Because our R.A.I.D.E.R. program is comprised of law enforcement officers, suspects of animal cruelty can be arrested on the spot and animals can be seized and taken to the HHS Wellness Clinic for treatment and care immediately.*
- The HHS has a full-service wellness clinic on site to serve the animals housed at the shelter and all of Houston's animals. Our clinic offers low-cost vaccinations, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries, microchipping and so much more. Our veterinarians are seasoned experts in life-saving and specialty services. HHS Chief Veterinarian Timothy Harkness has pioneered several ground-breaking treatments for canine and feline cancer. Dr. Harkness also couples Eastern and Western medicine to offer every animal he cares for the best treatment possible.*
- The Audrey Jones Beck Adoption Center, scheduled to open in the first half of 2008, will be able to house and care for hundreds of dogs, cats, birds, and small mammals at a time. The new adoption center will offer adoptables (and their adopters) the highest level of comfort and care.*

We depend on and greatly appreciate all of your support for all of these programs as well as day to day operations. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

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ON THE COVER
 Construction is nearly completed on our grand new facility!

CLINIC CORNER

by Dr. Timothy Harkness

Mushrooms

Wu Gu Fang (Five Mushroom Formula)

Mushrooms are a valuable natural health food -- high in protein, essential amino acids and especially selenium. Here at the HHS, I have found mushrooms to also be quite effective in cancer therapy. To effectively fight cancer, you have to increase an animal's immune system. Because of their probiotic qualities, mushrooms are perfect for strengthening the immune system, restoring the body and increasing the natural resistance to disease.

- *Reishi mushrooms have been called the "immune potentiator". It has been reported that reishi mushroom extract "exerted an inhibition effect on tumor growth".*
- *Maitake mushrooms are best known for their cancer fighting properties. Traditionally, intake of this mushroom extract was thought to prevent hypertension and cancer. Maitake mushrooms have also been shown to inhibit the growth of tumors and stimulate the immune system in conjunction with maintaining good health.*
- *Shiitake mushrooms are rich in antioxidants, and stimulate the production of Interferon - which has anti-viral effects - and has proven effective in the treatment of cancer.*

There are an estimated 38,000 species of mushrooms. Finding the right combination for therapeutic treatment of cancer is only a matter of time. I have had good results using a formulated combination of mushrooms in treating cancer in animals at the HHS. In this breakthrough field, progress is being made on a daily basis.



Dr. Timothy Harkness
and Ruthless Toothless



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 will care for more than 45,000 animals in 2008.

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 Lt. Mark Timmers

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

DOG FIGHTING: The Harsh Truth

The Houston Humane Society entered into a contractual agreement to investigate animal cruelty in Harris County and throughout the state of Texas with Harris County Constable, Precinct 6 Victor Trevino's department in November of 2003. Lieutenant Mark Timmers and Deputy Patrick Leone are the first full time law enforcement officers to investigate animal cruelty in Harris County and throughout the state of Texas. The Houston Humane Society implemented the R.A.I.D.E.R. (Rescuing Animals In Danger & Education Resources) program. On a daily basis, these deputies investigate animal cruelty cases involving domestic/companion animals, horses/livestock, wildlife, reptiles, and exotic animals. Of the animal cruelty cases investigated, the charges have been neglect, abandonment, torture, abuse of animals in domestic violence cases, cock and dog fighting. Narcotics, weapons, stolen property and wanted individuals have all been related factors in the investigation of animal cruelty cases.



Pit Bull rescued from very poor conditions

Stories related to dog fighting have recently been all over the media, from neighborhood kids, to organized gangs, and even professional athletes. Why is this phenomenon coming to light now and what can be done to help end this senseless use of animals?

In 1976 dog fighting was outlawed in the United States. In Texas, a law has recently passed that now makes engaging in a dog fight a felony offense. Additionally, it is now a class A misdemeanor to even watch a dog fight.

Law enforcement is keeping a close eye on dog fighting because it is a part of the cycle of violence. Usually, where there is dog fighting there also is some sort of domestic abuse of family members or other individuals, theft and burglaries to support the game or to use as bets for fights, use of and possession of drugs, and also weapons to use as protection from rival gangs or individuals.

There are three criminal levels of dog fighting established by law enforcement. The street level, which includes gangs fighting for bragging rights; mid-level, which are organized fights in neighborhoods and in the state; and the organized level, which includes high-profile persons who have the monetary support to hold such events with other high money persons.

Local law enforcement focuses on the street level of dog fighting because the quality of life in these neighborhoods is in jeopardy. When neighbors see or hear of dog fighting in their community, they are afraid of reporting it because of fear of retaliation from the dog fighters and the associated gang. Family dogs are stolen to be used as bait, training the pit bulls to fight. Also, when street fighters don't have the available money for fights, they steal property in order to fund their fights. Lastly, when pit bulls are no longer able to continue fighting and are one of the lucky ones not killed during a fight or by their trainers, they are let loose in neighborhoods, causing a dangerous nuisance for all citizens - especially young children. These dogs are aggressive, prepared to fight and attack, and are dangerous when left unattended.



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.



Rottweiler rescued by HHS RAIDER team.

The R.A.I.D.E.R. team is at the forefront of investigating, prosecuting and educating law enforcement about dog fighting. The Houston Humane Society's involvement in these cases has been costly, with one case estimated at \$130,000 for seizure of 300 pit bulls in Liberty County from a known dog fighter and breeder who was killed during a home invasion. Another recent case involved the theft of property which was intended as gambling items for a neighborhood dog fight, but Precinct 6 deputies arrested the thieves before they could get to the dog fight, and the fight location was identified. The investigation of this case continued and, in another incident, Precinct 6 deputies arrested several individuals for narcotics in which a home video was seized graphically depicting pit bulls fighting, and the neighborhood fighting location was once again identified. This confiscated video was used to identify five adults and a juvenile for whom arrest warrants were issued based on dog fighting charges.

We know that dog fighting has been around for years, but because of the high profile cases seen recently, more is being done about it locally and throughout the United States. As citizens we should report any type of dog fighting to our local authorities, because there are tools available now to help put these criminals behind bars and curb this type of crime in our neighborhoods, making our communities much safer for all.

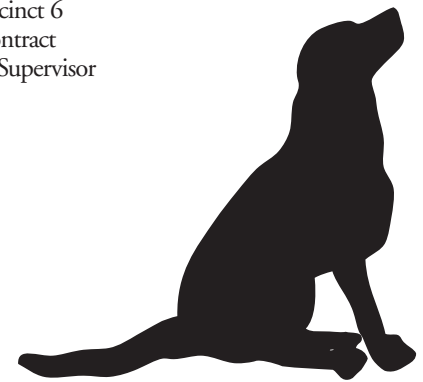


German Shepherd Offered a second chance after being mistreated.

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Lieutenant Mark Timmers
Harris County Constable, Precinct 6
Houston Humane Society Contract
Animal Cruelty Investigation Supervisor



Animal Cruelty Statistical Data: 2007 - R.A.I.D.E.R. Program (Rescuing Animals In Danger Education Resources)

Animal cruelty or welfare calls responded to by deputies:
2,144 calls

Animals seized by, or released to, deputies during investigations:
1,100 animals

Civil seizure warrants obtained through JP Court 6-2:
45 civil seizure warrants

Criminal charges of animal cruelty or related criminal charges filed through the Harris County District Attorney's office:
40 misdemeanor/felony criminal charges

Total number of animals investigated during animal cruelty investigations:
4,931 animals

Total number of animal welfare and cruelty training hours conducted by deputies with citizen groups, law enforcement departments, and animal control agencies:
480 hours

Total number of individuals trained by deputies:
3,100 individuals

Companion Camp



Campers prepare to bathe adoptables!

Nearly 100 campers came to the HHS this year for Companion Camp! Campers learned so many wonderful things about all animals. Campers learned a helpful and interesting companion animal lesson and a lesson pertaining to a non domesticated animal every day along with getting hands-on animal time!

Companion Camp will be held June 16th-20th, July 14th-18th, and August 4th-8th in 2008. Keep an eye out for at least 2 more sessions throughout the year.

For more information, email volunteers@houstonhumane.org or call 713.341.3309.



Playtime!

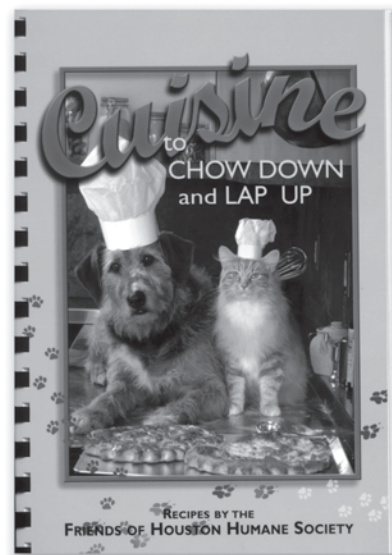


Spending time in the kitty condos!

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 \$
Postage & handling @ \$ 4.99 each \$
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Coffee CRAZE

by Melanie Rushé

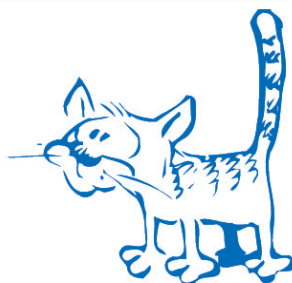
It seems like everywhere you turn someone is holding some kind of a coffee drink! Well, we got to thinking that it would be pretty spectacular if all of those coffee drinkers were not just holding a coffee drink but were also holding an HHS adoptable. So, we have partnered with several coffee shops around Houston. Places such as Starbucks on Montrose and Hawthorne have had HHS info up since December. We are scheduled to be in as many as 20 prime locations by the end of 2008.

Sinatra, a beautiful blue-eyed Catahoula mix that Lieutenant Timmers and Sergeant Leone of the HHS R.A.I.D.E.R. team rescued from really rough conditions in Austin County was featured in our "Coffee Craze" program, and there were adopters lining up to take her home. Sinatra needed a little extra TLC, and she found the most amazing home because of our R.A.I.D.E.R. team's bravery and because she was featured in a premier location.

"Coffee Craze" is a wonderful opportunity for the Houston Humane Society to encourage pet adoption and educate Houston's citizens. Please feel free to ask your favorite coffee spot if they have a little space to share with HHS adoptables. You just never know who you might be helping!



Coffee bar



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Lieutenant Timmers "Helping Hopeful Survivors" Rescue Animal of the Month— February



Lt. Timmers and the Houston Humane Society R.A.I.D.E.R. team rescued Sabrina, a three-year old German Shepherd in January from rough conditions just outside of a Houston business property. Sabrina had a severe leg injury, heart worms, and really needed a hearty meal or two. The HHS Wellness Clinic is working to rehabilitate Sabrina's leg, treating her heartworms, and getting her to a healthy weight. Sabrina is positively the sweetest girl ever. She loves everyone she meets, and now all she needs is her forever loving home. Sabrina will need lots of TLC because she truly deserves all the love in the world.



For information on adopting Sabrina or any animal at the Houston Humane Society, email adoptions@houstonhumane.org or call 713-341-3314.

The Houston Humane Society is the first and only animal shelter in Texas to hire law enforcement officers as full-time cruelty investigators. By contracting with Constable Victor Trevino, Precinct 6, the R.A.I.D.E.R. officers spend 100% of their time investigating animal abuse and neglect.

For more information on the R.A.I.D.E.R. program or any program at the Houston Humane Society, visit www.houstonhumane.org.



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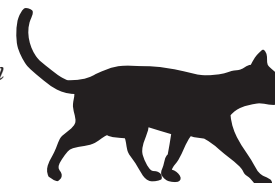
Coffee Craze Flyer



Diamonds in the Ruff

Our "Diamonds in the Ruff" program was created to help adoptables that had been with us for months and months find their forever home. **Lone Star Pet Lodges** of Missouri City and **Rover Oaks** have joined with the Houston Humane Society to board and train at least two adoptables at a time. The adoptable looking for his or her forever home "moves in" to the board-and-train facility and learns everything from how to sit and stay to how to "politely" use the restroom outdoors. The generosity of Rover Oaks and Lone Star Pet Lodges has already helped nearly 30 dogs find their forever homes!

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



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HHS Events Update



And they're off!

Fun Run

The Houston Humane Society scored a winning hand at the “Viva PAWS Vegas” 2007 K-9 Fun Run & Walk. Furry runners and their owners hit the pavement downtown on Sunday, March 18th, 2007 in an effort to raise money for housing more of Houston’s homeless pets. Nearly one thousand runners and their families enjoyed one of the largest pet runs in the country, capped off by a Frisbee dog demonstration, free food and drinks, and music provided by Houston’s award winning band, Million Year Dance.

Race day sponsors included **Coca-Cola, Kolache Factory, Scoop le Poop, HEB, Petco and Petco Foundation, Pet Vet Animal Hospitals, The Canyon Café, Minute Maid, Hollywood Frame Gallery, the Houston Chronicle, and Starbucks Coffee.** Costume contest judges Andrea Bishop of KPRC Local 2, Brad Woodard from Channel 11, and Lisa Foronda, animal activist and blogger had their work cut out for

them picking the most creative entrants. This year marked the first ever parade of Houston Humane alumnus, so be sure to sign up to march in 2008 if you’ve adopted your beloved pet from the HHS.

The 2008 Fun Run is scheduled for Sunday, March 16th at Sam Houston Park on the edge of downtown. For more information, visit the HHS website at www.houstonhumane.org.



Preparations for Doggy Costume Contest

2008 Gala

The Houston Humane Society’s 2008 Gala, “Top Cats and High Tails” chaired by Connie and Clayton Cooke, Virginia and Neil Reisman, and Jan Carson and Tim Connolly will be on October 3rd, 2008 at the River Oaks Country Club. Mark your calendars now for an evening that promises to be amazing! For more information on this or any upcoming events at the HHS, please email pr@houstonhumane.org.



Events Around Town



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

This year's Par "FORE" Pets Golf Tournament enjoyed beautiful skies and record turnout. Nearly a full field of golfers competed to win hole-in-one prizes of a Lotus Elise or a cash prize, plus bragging rights until next year. FOX 26 morning anchor Jose Grinan joined the animal loving group on Friday, October 26th at Sienna Plantation to host the event. By the 18th hole golfers were more than ready for a steak dinner, silent auction, raffle drawing, and event prizes. Silent auction items included a signed Roger

Clemens jersey, a luxury suite at a Houston Texans game, and a full day of pampering at the Woodhouse Spa.



Kelley Brown, Melanie Rushé, Miss Texas Crystle Stewart, and Whitney Fite at the 2007 Par Fore Pets.

Wine Tasting

Pet lovers raised their glasses to toast the animals multiple times throughout 2007. The HHS hosted wine tastings at various locations throughout the year and brought in thousands of dollars to help rescue, feed and house our amazing adoptables. More wine tasting events are being planned for 2008, so check your Companion e-mail newsletter and our website www.houstonhumane.org for more details.



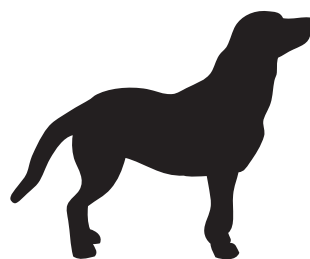
Cody Frederick and Aimee Verrette toasting HHS animals



HHS Staff celebrates the animals.

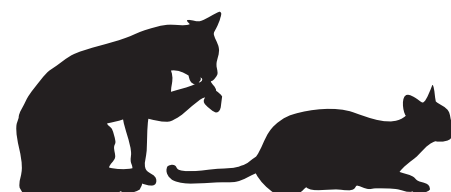
Did you know?

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.



What a great year it was to volunteer at the Houston Humane Society! An incredibly special thanks goes to **Kate Brusegaard** and **Nancy Kroning** for keeping the HHS Volunteer program thriving until my arrival in March. I was able to come into a very smoothly run program with an almost seamless transition.

Volunteer Voices



The Par Fore Pets Golf Tournament was a great success this year thanks largely in part to our **Tournament Chairperson, Whitney Fite**. Whitney worked unbelievably hard to recruit golfers, sponsors and donations. In addition to Whitney, **Michelle Hobbs, Kate Brusegaard, Elizabeth Dozier, Kelley and Steve Brown** and **Steve Hartwig** really kept things "in full swing" the day of the event.

Speaking of keeping things running smoothly, a big round of a-paws goes to **Susan James, Stacey Payne, Steve Lowenkron, Kate Brusegaard**, and **Nancy Kroning** for all of their hard work with administrative volunteer work. They really help to keep us in order around here!

We have to shine a very special spotlight on **Jennifer Engle** and **Suzanne Ortiz** for all of their hard work finding homes for cats and dogs at least twice a month at mobile adoptions held at PetSmart in Missouri City. Jennifer and Suzanne worked tirelessly to find homes for countless animals.

In addition to Jennifer and Suzanne, **Elizabeth and Alan Dozier, Whitney Fite, Brandon Smith, Kelley and Steve Brown, Elana Spector, Sam O'Neal, Kyoko and Maryanne Flasik, Sandra Patton, Allison Dunn, Debbie Kutty** and **Paula Akins** volunteered at several mobile adoptions around town which resulted in finding so many animals their forever homes.

The HHS Adoptions Department worked extra hard this year getting animals that were too sick or too young to go up for adoption into foster homes. So many animals were nursed to wellness thanks to **Maryanne Flasik, Rosemary Moll, Daphne Lemelle, Lexi Lubel, Donna Kroning**, the **Mollhagen Family**. These volunteers spent morning, noon, and night caring for their foster animals, and that can be very hard work. Countless litters of kitties and puppies were happy and healthy as a direct result of our Foster Team.

While our Foster Team works hard to keep animals healthy at home, our clinic volunteers work hard to keep the animals in the HHS Wellness Center healthy. **Amanda Wysinger** and **Jessica Szeto** have put in countless hours at the clinic, and their work has been incredibly helpful to the animals and the clinic staff.

The HHS Big Dog Photo Team was launched in 2007 and has been an overwhelming success. Special thanks to these shutterbugs who helped to find forever homes for nearly ten dogs that had long been searching: **Diana Ruffin, Michelle Hobbs, Kim Frawner, Whitney Fite, Brandon Smith** and **Carly Malcolm**. Special thanks must also go to the **Bristol girls, Marcie, Isabelle**, and **Louisa**, for photographing over 60 cats in the Shelter! This photo crew came in nearly every other weekend in 2007 to snap adorable photos of adoptable kitties!

The Fun Run was tons of fun thanks in larger part to these very special volunteers: **Elizabeth and Alan Dozier, Sandra Patton, M'liss Evans, Kate Brusegaard, Ona Fuller, Kyoko and Maryanne Flasik, Allison Dunn, Stephanie Martinez, Martha Pena, Debbie Kutty, Erica Urbano DeHoyos, James Leasure, Kelsey Jung, Carolyn McPeak, Ann Cochran, Nancy Kroning, Kathy Bosworth, Michelle Daniel, Joe and Alexa Sassin** and **Paula Akins**.

In general, 2007 was spectacular thanks to people like **Carl Wilson**, who help to keep all of the HHS team on track and smiling.

The HHS is very lucky to have partnered with these wonderful service groups in 2007: **Houston Young Lawyers Association Animal Welfare Committee (HYLA)**, the **Houston Zoo**, **Post Oak School 6th Graders**, **YES College Preparatory School**, **Starbucks volunteers**, **Cimarron Elementary**, **Lamar High School's Animal Welfare Society**, and **GE volunteers**.

And last but not least, we wish to thank **Carol J. Rhodes**, the Companion's editor, who ensures that our grammar, punctuation, and wording are always correct before we go to print.



Future volunteer, Madison Chen plays with an adoptable.

Did you know?

It is believed that all pet hamsters are descended from a single female wild golden hamster found with a litter of 12 young in Syria in 1930.

Houston Humane Society Humane Teen of the Year!



Maryanne Flasiak has been involved with the Houston Humane Society since she was just old enough to know the difference between a dog and a cat! Since then, Maryanne has spent countless days in our shelter caring for and loving on adoptable animals all while helping them to find their forever home. Additionally, Maryanne, along with her parents, Jeff and Kyoko, have fostered too many litters of puppies and kittens to count. Maryanne is a true example of compassion for animals, and her commitment to the animals has prompted us to honor her with our first annual "Houston Humane Society Humane Teen of the Year" Award!



Did you know?

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

Organizational Efficiency

Program Expenses 88.9%

Administrative Expenses 2.0%

Fundraising Expenses 8.9%

Fundraising Efficiency \$0.14

Primary Revenue Growth 3.8%

Program Expenses Growth 20.9%

Working Capital Ration (years) 1.38

Burnie's Bone-a-Fide Bow Wows

A round-of-a-paws to our friends at FOX 26 for supporting the Houston Humane Society's adoptable pets. Thursday's Pet of the Week segment finds a home for every single animal who ever appears on the program. We are so grateful to **Mike Iscovitz, John Dawson, Bernadette Brown** and **Valerie Butler** for all their work on that tremendous segment. Special thanks to our friend and animal-loving anchor **Jose Grinan** for hosting our Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament in October. His passion and dedication to animals and the entire Houston community is commendable. Thank you to **Kathy, Christy, Jan, Matt, Pattie, Tom, Erin, Lanny, Susie, Ruben** and the entire team at FOX who believes in our mission (and adopts our animals, too!). 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.

Bear hugs go to all of our supporters over at **KPRC Local 2**. Thank you to **Anthony Yanez, Jason Brewer, Amber Willis** and the entire **KPRC team** for allowing the HHS to appear on the Local 2 Sunday Pet Project. 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.

The HHS wishes happy and furry 2008 to our friends who have helped bring humane animal treatment to the forefront of Houston's minds. **Channel 11 reporter Brad Woodard** won the HSUS Genesis award again in 2007 for his work on behalf of animal welfare. **Deborah Wrigley of ABC13** has continued to support our mission with in-depth stories on dog fighting, cruelty, and even happy endings. Belly rubs also go out to **Michelle Mantor** at **Pet Talk** for her supportive articles on the Houston Humane Society, our events, and our mission.

Envy Magazine and the **Houston Press** have been valuable in their support of the HHS adoption program by featuring photos and bios of our cats and dogs whenever they can.

A very loud woof-out 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**. Our adoptables are finding



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more homes than ever, thanks to mobile adoptions at **Rover Oaks Pet Lodges, Lone Star Pet Lodges of Missouri City, PetSmart** locations, and nearby communities like **Shadow Creek Ranch and Oyster Creek**. Thanks to all of these groups for bringing our homeless animals out into the community to find new families!

Supporters of our annual Fun Run made this year's event a huge success. We are grateful to **Coca-Cola, Kolache Factory, Scoop le Poop, HEB, Petco and Petco Foundation, Pet Vet Animal Hospitals, The Canyon Café, Minute Maid, Hollywood Frame Gallery, the Houston Chronicle, Starbucks Coffee, Rover Oaks Pet Resort, Gulf Coast Veterinary Hospital, Houston Dog Park**

Association, Texas Humane Legislative Network, Green Mountain Energy, Midtown Doggy Daycare, Hug-a-Pet, Lone Star Pet Lodges, Scoop le Poop, Montrose Veterinary Clinic, Best Friends Pet Care, the Mutt Hut, AT&T, Fondren 5 Star Kennels, My Dog and Me, Bungee Pup-ee, Pup-Peroni Snacks, Urban Tails, PetCo, and Happy Tails Obedience Training for all of their help. Special thanks to Houston "top dogs" **Million Year Dance**, who performed live for Fun Run attendees.

The weather was perfect for this year's golf tournament, and so were our sponsors and supporters! Thanks to **Sienna Plantation** for one again playing host to the day's events. We appreciate the help of **Bayer, Ft. Dodge Veterinary Health, Little Friends Pet Memorial, Chase Bank, Morgan Stanley, Incredible Stain Remover, Lone Star Pet Lodges of Missouri City, Amegy Bank, Chemstations, Inc., Republic Waste Services, Mayfield Trucking, Alpha Dog Marketing, Webster Veterinary, John R. Ray and Sons, Lotus Club of South Texas, Landtech Consultants, Inc., Schering-Plough, The Rand Group, Briggs and Beth Brinkerhoff, Welcome Wagon, Phillips Family, City, Norman Perez, All Benefit a n d** **Veselka, Invisible Fence, Beverly Brannan, Lester and Lucille Chase Bank of Missouri, Wilson Realty, Hayle Marie Cats Veterinary Clinic, Concepts, Inc., Griffing Company, Lee Printing,**



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21 bark salute to **Steve Smith** and the team at **Rover Oaks** for all of their help this year. Our ongoing program, **Diamonds in the Ruff**, helps train and adopt out long-time HHS residents who need special obedience training to find their forever home. **Walter and Lara Darr** of **Lone Star Pet Lodges of Missouri City** have taken dozens of dogs into their doors through the **Diamonds in the Ruff** program, too, showing them manners to make them irresistible to new families. Lone Star has also played host to our wine tasting event and helped sponsor our golf tournament.

Thank you to **Bark Busters in-home Dog Training**, who provided trainers for free obedience classes at the HHS this year. Helping new owners transition the pet into their home is an important part of keeping animals placed with their new adopters, and people and dogs who are trained together are less likely to be a failed match.

Thank you to the **Houston Rockets, Houston Aeros, Houston Roller Derby, Rover Oaks, Canyon Café, IW Marks, Lone Star Pet Lodges of Missouri City, Charmin' Charlie, 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!

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And finally, thank you to all of you who support the Houston Humane Society in any way you can. Whether you donated time or resources, came out to events or walked dogs, you are an incredibly valuable resource to the HHS, and we're grateful to have your support. For every person you tell about the Houston Humane Society, another pet has the chance to find a Forever Home. With your help, we can continue to save thousands of animals in 2008 and beyond.

Happy Tail



Truman, a young long-haired Chihuahua, was brought to the HHS as Jupiter. He was pretty sickly, and anyone could see that he wasn't getting any of the love he most certainly deserved. We were committed to finding him a home where he would receive all of the

love and attention any dog can handle! It was about that time that Lindsey Hurst stepped into the picture. Lindsey had been thinking about adopting a little dog that she could take with her to the Houston Ballet, where she works in the Education Department. When she and Truman met, it was love at first sight! Truman has been glued to Lindsey's side ever since. Truman loves to play with his doggy friends Grace, Lina, and Audrey. He has more clothes than most humans, and his favorite spot is a little antique couch in Lindsey's apartment that has been renamed "Truman's Couch". Truman has a dream-come-true guardian, all of the attention one little guy can handle, and his own couch. Now that's a happy tail!

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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 / Responsible Pet Owner's Month

- 13th- HHS Tomcat 500
- 20th- Love Your Pet Day
- 22nd- Walking the Dog Day
- 23rd- International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- 26th- Spay Day USA
- 27th- International Polar Bear Day



March

- 1st- National Pig Day
- 1st-4th-10th- National Pet Sitters Week
- 3rd- What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day
- 16th- 27th Annual HHS K-9 Fun Run and Walk "Spring Fling"

April

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

- 13th – 19th - National Animal Control Appreciation Week
- 18th- Pet Owner's Independence Day
- 18th-24th- National Pet ID Week



May

Be Kind to Animals Month

- 1st- Save the Rhino Day
- 4th-10th- Be Kind to Animals Week / National Pet Week
- 18th-24th- National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- 19th- Frog Jumping Jubilee Day



June

Adopt a Shelter Cat Month / Adopt a Cat Month

- 4th-Hug Your Cat Day
- 16th-20th- HHS Companion Camp
- 20th -Take Your Dog to Work Day



July

Dog House Repairs Month

- 14th-18th – HHS Companion Camp
- 14th – Cow Appreciation Day
- 31st – Mutts Day



August

- 4th-8th- HHS Companion Camp
- 14th- Chain Off Day (to help chained and penned dogs)
- 16th- National Animals' Day

September

National Save-the Tiger Month

- 9th-Pet Memorial Day
- 21st- National Dog Week
- 25th-International Rabbit Day



October

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month / Adopt a Dog Month / National Animal Safety and Protection Month

- 4th- Saint Francis Assisi's Feast Day / World Pets' Day / World Animal Welfare Day
- 16th National Feral Cat Day
- 24th- HHS Par Fore Pets Golf Tournament



November

Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

- 2nd-8th- National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

December

Happy Holidays to you and your pets!

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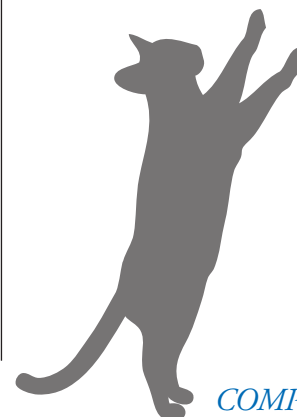
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Visit Houston Humane Society and Rover Oaks locations to pick up your PET RESCUE STICKER. This removable decal alerts emergency personnel to the presence of animals in your house. Stickers will be available beginning this spring.

***All Fun Run runners will receive one FREE Pet Rescue sticker in their runner's**



Happy Tail



David Fradkin and his animal-loving daughter Hanna came to a Mobile Adoption at Rover Oaks in early December of 2007. They had their heart set on a lab that had just been adopted minutes before they arrived. David and Hanna were noticeably discouraged. The Fradkins had waited a while to welcome a new canine member into the family after the loss of their previous pup. After a little bit of brainstorming, the HHS Adoption Counselor remembered that a beautiful chocolate lab (then named Chelle) had been waiting to find her forever home for a while, and she mentioned to the Fradkins that the whole family might want to go to the shelter to meet her. So David, his wife Jodi, Hanna, and Sarah headed over to the shelter. They met Chelle, and there was an instant connection. The Fradkins decided to adopt Chelle, now Roxy. At first, Roxy seemed to be afraid of everything, but after a lot of hugs, kisses, and TLC, Roxy is loving life! She loves playing fetch with her tennis ball in the backyard, getting brushed, and curling up next to her forever family members.

Help Wanted!



Needed: A Few Good Animal Friendly Folks!

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Working together we can make a difference

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Did you know?

All polar bears are left-handed.



HORSE SENSE

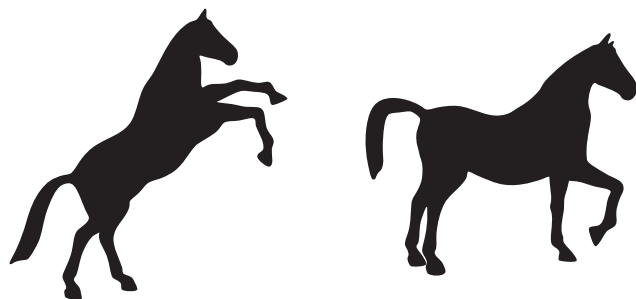


Greetings, fellow animal lovers. From my vantage point out here in the pasture of the HHS, I see some things that I can plainly say are neeeeeeeigh-gative. Lots of animals who get brought in from RAIDER animal cruelty cases pass in front of my door, and I've seen things you wouldn't believe.

This year, the animal welfare industry has dealt with the blessing AND the curse of increased scrutiny for the dog fighting industry. It's a terrible thing for a popular sports hero to be involved in such a cruel crime, but the flipside is that people in Houston, and the world over, are getting outraged about what happens to these doomed dogs.

Well, folks, I can tell you firsthand what the life of a fighting dog looks like, because I've seen them up close. These dogs are starved, beaten, branded, tortured, and forgotten. The HHS and RAIDER animal cruelty teams worked hard this year on a case of dog fighting captured on video, identifying Houston-area street level dog fighters. Dogs were shown on tape refusing to fight but being forced into the ring by their owners, only to be mauled to death seconds later.

These violent crimes are not sport, my friends, nor are they the actions of people who "love their dogs," as many fighters claim. The brutality and ignorance of dog fighting will continue as long as we turn a blind eye. I hope that, after the events of 2007, I see fewer tortured dogs pass my way in 2008 and the years to come. With your help, we can make it happen.



Did you know?

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, but on average dogs have only 10.

GABBY'S GOSSIP GALLERY



The new year is a time for new beginnings. We all kick off the new year with resolutions to start afresh, but some things last forever. The most important thing to last a lifetime? Your commitment to your pets.

All too often we see pets dropped off at the Houston Humane Society whose owners neglected to make a lifetime commitment. In some cases, the animal was "too much to handle," or perhaps a new baby in the house meant not enough time for the family pet. In one case, a pet owner relinquished her dog because her new house had white carpeting!

Treating pets like disposable commodities is a huge reason why Houston has a homeless animal problem. All pets deserve a cherished place in their families. When you commit to your pet no matter what, you are playing a vital role in the animal welfare community.

Here are some things you can keep doing to make sure your pets, and those of your friends and family, stay in their homes for their entire lives:

Obedience training: *When an animal knows his or her place in the pack, they're much less likely to feel stress and misbehave. Obedience training helps both dog and owner communicate and lessens many of the behavioral problems that lead dogs to be turned in.*

Exercise: *A tired pet is a happy pet. Dogs who get exercise are less likely to exhibit destructive behavior, alpha tendencies, or separation anxiety. Cats whose owners play games with them are less likely to go tearing through the house all night long.*

Crate training: *Dogs with bathroom problems especially benefit from crate training. A crate becomes a dog's beloved "safe place" to go, and also keeps him or her from soiling the house, which is a frustration we often hear at the HHS.*

If someone in your life is considering giving up a pet that has become "too much to handle," please encourage them to put 100% effort into the steps above, and speak to a professional. Here at the HHS, we've seen even the toughest cases turn around and become loving members of a family. When you adopt a pet, you owe it to them to stick it out, just like you would any other family member.

Did you know?

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.



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 (for Guinea Pigs)
- Sturdy, Washable Cat & Dog Toys
- Bath Towels
- PetCo and PetSmart gift cards

Administrative List

- Batteries (all sizes)
- Calculators
- 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)
- 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
- 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!

Items in **Red** are desperately needed.

- Bath Mats & small washable rugs
- Cat Litter
- Leashes/Collars
- Newspaper
- Paper Towels
- Bath Towels
- Copy Paper (letter)
- Pens (black)

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