

***HHS gives a big “HOWL” out  
to our partners in serving the community during 2020....***

**Community Organizations:**

Avenue CDC, Fort Bend Seniors, Northwest Assistance Ministries, Attack Poverty, Interfaith Ministries, Second Mile, West Houston Assistance Ministries, Tejano Center for Community Concerns, SEARCH Homeless Services, the Montrose Center, Commissioner Adrian Garcia’s home-bound seniors program, Montgomery County Humane Society, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto, Interfaith of the Woodlands, BARC, United Way of Southwest Louisiana, Animal ER of Northwest Houston, ActionS, Inc. of Brazoria County, Fort Bend Juvenile Probation, Fort Bend Animal Services, Alvin Animal Control, Travis Intermediate School, Montgomery County Animal Services, Fort Bend Care Center, Houston Community Center



**Public Officials as of December 2020:**

**Harris County:** Sheriff Ed Gonzalez , **District Attorney:** Kim Ogg,

**Commissioners:** Pct.1 Rodney Ellis, Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia

**Constables:** Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia, Pct. 5 Ted Heap, Pct. 6 Silvia Trevino

**Houston City Council Members:** District B: Jerry Davis, District C: Abbie Kamin, District F: Tiffany D. Thomas, District G: Greg Travis, District H: Karla Cisneros, District I: Robert Gallegos, District J: Edward Pollard, District K: Martha Castex-Tatum, At Large 4: Letitia Plummer, At Large 5: Sallie Acorn

**Fort Bend County:** **County Judge** KP George, **Sheriff** Eric Fagan, **County District Attorney** Brian Middleton, **County Attorney** Bridgette Smith-Lawson, **Constables:** Pct. 1 Mike Beard, Pct. 2 Daryl Smith, Pct. 3 Wayne Thompson, Pct. 4 Nabil Shike

**Brazoria County:** **County Judge** Matt Sebesta, **Constables:** Pct. 2 Buck Stevens, Pct. 4 James Brawner

**Galveston County:** **County Judge** Mark Henry

**Waller County:** **City of Hempstead Mayor** Michael Wolfe, Sr.

**Texas:** **State Senator, Dist. 6,** Carol Alvarado, **State Representative, Dist. 145** Christina Morales

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Dear Friends,

This past year, I have given much thought to the lives we share with our pets. Many of us have had the good fortune to grow up with a trusted four-legged friend. For others, it came later. *But, no matter when an animal steals your heart, the bond is unbreakable.*

They see us at our best and our worst. They share our joy and sorrows. In a continual state of anticipation, they patiently wait for us to walk through the door. Never give up is their motto.

*Their determination to make us happy helped us persevere through some of the darkest days of 2020.* It inspired us to find new ways to help families. By the first of March, the financial impact was front page. Families soon found themselves faced with decisions such as buying food for the table or the pet bowl, postponing needed vaccinations, forgetting about preventative treatments and ultimately whether they could keep their pets or had to surrender them to shelters like ours.



We heard their despair and acted quickly. By mid- March, we held our first mobile **Pet Pantry**. By December 31, volunteers and staff had put **291,700 pounds of free pet food** in the trunks of **11,953 household cars** to feed **35,186 animals**. Tears of gratitude, smiling children and wagging tales inspired us to think bigger. We would need more partners to increase outreach to more households throughout Southeast Texas.



We called on old friends and made new ones: elected officials from precinct commissioners to city council members; schools, churches, scouting troops and other nonprofit organizations. Working together, we successfully staged **88 food and preventative care distribution events** at parks, schools, shopping malls and stadiums resulting in a decrease in surrenders and abandonments.

Our board members understood the important role we had to play and accepted the costs of keeping the **Shelter and Wellness Clinic open and fully staffed**. Maintaining pandemic protocols, we were able to keep the Clinic opened 7- days a week to care for four-legged family members of more than **28,000 households**. Veterinarians performed **10,427 spay/neuter surgeries**:

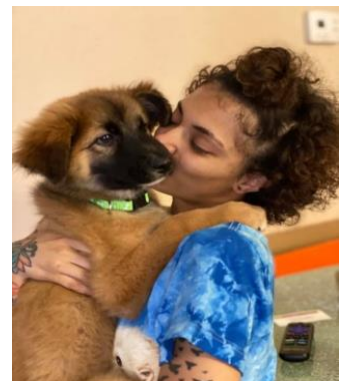


**5,130 were free** and **5,297 were discounted**. When families arrive at the clinic with their beloved pets, they are never turned away because they cannot afford the standard fees. Our goal is to conduct annual exams, administer vaccines and perform all necessary surgeries to make sure their pets are with them for years to come.

**HHS Animal Cruelty Task Force** partners had a tough year. Incidents of animal **cruelty increased 25%** from 2019. Some people left pets tied to trees and moved on. Others brought them to the shelter. Good news is that we found **new homes for 4,000 plus** animals with the help of foster volunteers who provided the care and love they needed to prepare them for their new lives.



From our experiences with natural disasters, we know the emotional support pets provide in times of crisis. With schools closed, our **Humane Education** staff created a **Virtual Companion Camp** to entertain and to teach young people how to care for their pets. Once pandemic safety protocols allowed, we offered limited attendance Companion Camps at the shelter.



**We could not have done so much for so many without your trust and support.** You gave us the confidence and determination to do whatever necessary to keep pets and families together, happy and hopeful for better days.

*Forever grateful,*

A handwritten signature.

**Gary Poon**  
**Executive Director**