

# HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



Fall  
2016

## Santa Fe Feed Store Seizure:

On March 31, 2016, the Houston Humane Society assisted Bayou Animal Services, City of Webster, and Galveston Police Department in the seizure of animals from the Santa Fe Feed Store in Galveston County. Original estimates put the count of animals needing rescue at about 60. Unfortunately, as the day progressed, the number of animals found on scene continued to climb and ultimately reached 214!

The animals rescued included dogs, cats, chickens, roosters, giant runt pigeons, peacocks, bunnies, quail, African greys, love birds, assorted small birds, snakes, guinea pigs, pot-belly pigs, a donkey, a sheep, goats, rats, mice, a turtle, and a couple of small reptiles.

The animals were immediately transported back to HHS for complete medical evaluations, proper care and nutrition, plenty of fresh water and food, and necessary medical treatment. We were fortunate to have a great team of exotic specialists from Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists help our HHS veterinary team. Together, we were able to develop a treatment plan for each animal.

In the end, the Galveston County District Attorney's Office settled with the owner of the feed store, and most species of animals were awarded custody to the Houston Humane Society. Many of which have already found their forever home.



## Meet the Hairy Pawter litter



Did you know you can give directly to our Animal Cruelty Program? Just visit [www.HoustonHumane.org/giving/designate-your-gift](http://www.HoustonHumane.org/giving/designate-your-gift) and choose the RAIDER Animal Cruelty Investigations Fund.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PRESIDENT

Connie Cooke

### VICE PRESIDENT

Beverly Brannan

### TREASURER

Jim Griffing

### SECRETARY

Cynthia A.K. Rigoni, D.V.M.

Pat London

Tony Roubik

Belinda Smith

Keith Thayer

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sherry Ferguson

### FINANCE DIRECTOR AND ANIMALS' KINGDOM DIRECTOR

Gary Poon

### SHELTER DIRECTOR

Edward Perez

## SHELTER LOCATION

14700 Almeda Rd.

Houston, TX 77053

Phone: (713) 433-6421

Fax: (713) 433-4325

HoustonHumane.org

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Houston Humane Society is dedicated to, and working towards, ending cruelty, abuse and the overpopulation of animals while providing the highest quality of life to those in our care.



## From the Desk of the Executive Director



WILMA

Dear friends,

**It's fall already! 2016 is flying by fast!** My heart is cheered as I think back to all the wonderful families that came into the shelter looking for the perfect pet, and the many others that brought in donations for the animals. We love getting updates from adopters after their HHS Alumni and new best friend has settled in. And those 'Happy Tail' stories keep us moving ahead, even when the shelter gets inundated with new animals. Please check them out on our website...they'll make you happy too.

The HHS Animal Cruelty Investigation Team, comprised of officers from Harris County Constables Office Precinct

5 and Houston Humane Society employees, increased the number of animal crimes investigated, and worked closely with the Harris County District Attorney's Office to assist in a record number of animal cruelty charges being accepted. **For the innovative program to prevent animal cruelty, the Houston Bar Association, Animal Law Section will be honoring the members of Monty's Task Force next month.**

For commitment to animal welfare and the dedication to end abuse, Monica Schmidt and I were incredibly pleased to be chosen, and accepted "**Houston Police Department's Humanitarian Service Award**". This honor will be shared with all the committed HHS employees.

Our efforts to provide medical care has come a long way over the years. From being the first to offer spaying and neutering to the public for \$10 back in the late 1980's, our **Animal Wellness Center now provides, not only spaying and neutering, but low cost, high quality care of all kinds to tens of thousands of animals each year.** The HHS staff works diligently 7 days a week caring for not only shelter residents, but also animals owned by the general public. Unlike many low cost options, HHS does not require any proof of residency or income qualifications to utilize our services. We have, and always will be, a constant resource for anyone with a pet needing our help.

We pushed through obstacles and met many challenges resulting in increased adoptions and even better healthcare for the shelter's animals, and pets in the community. We were able to hold multiple free or reduced cost special events to assist increased numbers in our community. Events like our annual **Fix Felix for Free** where we neutered 650 male cats for free, our **Horse Clinic in Acres Homes** that provided 33 horses with free microchips and low cost vaccinations and deworming, and our annual **Hurricane Preparedness Event** in July where over 400 pets were microchipped and vaccinated at a greatly reduced price.

**I sincerely want you to know - None of our accomplishments would have been possible without support from our donors and friends like you.** We cannot know each of you personally, but do consider you friends.

People come and go in our lives, so we are especially grateful to each and every one of you that continue to stick with us and support our animals and for the animals, staff, board and volunteers... **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT AND HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE ANIMALS.** Your gifts can be designated for any program or purpose you'd like, and can be dedicated to, or in memory of a loved one, just by noting with a mail in donation, or going online to <http://www.houstonhumane.org/giving/designate-your-gift>. Please come visit and see our wonderful animals, our outdoor park and walking trails, and let me share with you our plans for the future. In addition, we plan to have a big portion of our **Fall Festival at our new Pavilion located on our Beltway property.**

For the animals, staff, and volunteers – **THANKS AGAIN FOR SAVING LIVES AND KEEPING OUR PROGRAMS OPERABLE.** We hope you will all make time to come by for some fur love, purrs and wiggles and meet the incredible HHS staff.

*Sherry*

Sherry Ferguson  
Executive Director



Wilma  
Executive, Executive Director



# Archer

This year we've seen some of the worst flooding in Houston and surrounding areas. On May 31, 2016, our neighbors in Fort Bend County were dealing with disaster as flood waters continued to rise. Out on patrol with the Fort Bend County Sheriff and volunteers,

our good friend Phil Archer with KPRC Channel 2 came across a dog chained to a front porch and up to its neck in rising water. With little time to spare, the men jumped in the water and rescued the dog.

Phil knew just who to call... and that afternoon our staff picked up the dog from Foster High School in Richmond where deputies had a temporary command center set up. Rushed back to the Houston Humane Society, our team went to work getting her cleaned up, checked out for medical issues, and settled in for the night.

It took several baths to get the greasy, filthy residue from her coat of fur. In addition, she was covered in flea debris. We also found out she was heartworm positive due to her previous owner not keeping her on heartworm prevention. Our staff estimated she was about 2 years old and a collie/retriever mix. We named her Archer in honor of Phil who helped facilitate her rescue.

Days later, when the Sheriff and his family couldn't get Archer off their minds, the whole family came to the Houston Humane Society to see about making Archer a permanent part of their family! The perfect 'Happy Tail' to such a horrible start for this sweet, amazing girl!



“ I am happy to say the only water this girl will be in now is the swimming pool in my backyard! We picked her up today from the Houston Humane Society. Welcome to the family!  
– Sheriff Troy Nehls ”










# HHS Animal Wellness Clinic

The Houston Humane Society's Animal Wellness Clinic is open to the general public 7 days a week and performs all types of procedures. In addition to helping roughly 35,000 patients a year, they also provide care for the animals in our adoption program. Often, care entails more than just spay/neuter and vaccinations. Like Pirate, a tiny 6 week-old kitten that arrived at HHS with severe eye trauma requiring immediate surgery or Lola, a 12 week-old puppy rescued by our Animal Cruelty Investigation Team with almost 100% of her body covered in mange. It's through donations from supporters like YOU that we are able to care for so many that need our help! You can give directly to our 'Special Needs Fund'. Just visit [www.HoustonHumane.org](http://www.HoustonHumane.org) and choose the Designate Your Gift tab under Giving.

650 Free male cat neuters performed at our 2016 Fix Felix for Free Day!

## Did You Know

The Houston Humane Society's Animal Wellness Clinic does much more than just vaccines!

-  Wellness Exams
-  Heartworm testing, treatment and prevention
-  Flea and tick medication
-  \$25 microchipping
-  Special services: dental cleanings, bone repair, growth removals, and more



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## as of December 31, 2015

### Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,472,097
Investments	\$2,179,366
Endowment	\$838,163
Inventory	\$20,821
Property and equipment	\$8,580,006
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$15,090,453</b>

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$200,459
Accrued Expenses	\$22,145

#### Net assets:

Unrestricted	\$14,014,569
Restricted	\$853,280

<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$15,090,453</b>
-------------------------------------	---------------------

### Revenue:

Contributions	\$1,798,707
Special Events	\$164,915
Merchandise sales	\$20,588
Service fees	\$3,309,823
Other	\$(14,550)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,279,483</b>

### EXPENSES:

Program services	\$4,007,452
Fundraising costs	\$563,741
General and administrative	\$143,904

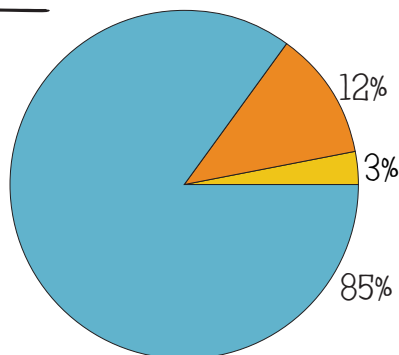
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,715,097</b>
-----------------------	--------------------

<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$564,386</b>
------------------------------	------------------

Net Assets, beginning of year	\$14,303,463
Net Assets, End of Year	\$14,867,849

### Expenses by Category

Program Services
Fundraising Costs
General and Administrative



Since 2004, Houston Humane Society has earned nine Charity Navigator 4-star ratings for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances, indicating HHS outperforms many charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This highest designation from Charity Navigator differentiates HHS from many peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.



## Monthly Giving

Become a monthly donor through our Constant Companion program, and your annual gift will be divided into manageable monthly contributions that are processed automatically. It's a convenient way for you to give, and will provide a steady stream of lifesaving funds to help pets all year long. Constant Companion donors provide a dependable source of income to meet the Houston Humane Society's monthly budget, allowing us to spend less on overhead and more on lifesaving services for the nearly 50,000 pets who desperately need our assistance. For more information or to donate, call (713) 433-6421 or visit [HoustonHumane.org](http://HoustonHumane.org).

# Disaster Preparation Checklist for Your Pet

## NEVER EVER LEAVE YOUR PET BEHIND



- ☐ **Do your Homework!** If you plan to evacuate with your pet, research early to locate pet-friendly places. Local and state health and safety regulations do not permit the Red Cross to allow pets in disaster shelters. Contact hotels and motels outside your local area to check their policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if “no pet” policies can be waived in an emergency. Keep a list of “pet friendly” places, including phone numbers, with your disaster supplies.  
  
If you are not evacuating with your pet, make sure you find a boarding facility that is Hurricane Rated. Make a list of emergency veterinary clinics and include 24-hour phone numbers.
- ☐ **Microchip!** The simple procedure ensures you will be re-united with your pet if he/she becomes lost and is turned in to a shelter or vet clinic! Tags & collars can fall off, but micro-chipping is permanent! Stop by the Houston Humane Society’s low cost, full-service clinic to get your pet microchipped.
- ☐ **Take a current photograph of your pet!** In the event your pet becomes lost, this will help the shelters identify your pet. Most people don’t have a current photo of their pet(s)!
- ☐ **Waterproof your pet’s records!** Be sure to store a copy of your pet’s medical information in a waterproof Ziploc bag!
- ☐ **Get a Carrier!** Make sure you have a sturdy, size appropriate carrier for each of your animals. Carriers should be large enough for your pet to stand and turn around comfortably.
- ☐ **STOCK UP!** Make sure you have enough pet food and ample supply of any medication your pet may be taking for up to 2 months! The disaster may not last that long, but there may be backorders from vendors due to other area needs.
- ☐ **Make a Pet Emergency Preparedness Kit!** Keep your pet’s essential supplies in sturdy containers that can be easily accessed and carried (a duffle bag or covered trash containers, for example). Your kit should include: • Medications and medical records (stored in a water-proof container) and a First Aid kit. • Sturdy leashes, harness, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure your animals can’t escape. • Food, drinkable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and manual can opener. • Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets. • Pet bed or toys if easily transportable.

## SAVE THIS HANDY CHECK LIST TO HELP YOU AND YOUR PET BE PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY

14700 Alameda Road, Houston, TX 77053 713-433-6421  
[www.HoustonHumane.org](http://www.HoustonHumane.org)

# Upcoming Events

## Fall into fun with Houston Humane Society AT THE 5TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars for the Houston Humane Society's 5th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd. Dog owners are encouraged to bring their furry friends out to participate in a day of fun for the whole family at a price you can love: FREE!

## Santa Paws is Coming to the Houston Humane Society

The Houston Humane Society is at the top of Santa's nice list! The jolly big guy is stopping by on December 3rd and 17th, for free photos with pets and kids. Visitors are encouraged to bring a Kong toy or a dry pet food donation to the event.



## PETS FOR VETS

To honor the men and women who serve our country, the Houston Humane Society commemorates Veterans Day by offering free pet adoptions for all active and retired military personnel. This year's event, held Monday, November 7 – Sunday, November 13, is extended to veterans of all branches of the military. It is well known that companion animals reduce stress, relieve anxiety and alleviate depression, and this is a wonderful opportunity for our organization to match up deserving pets with military veterans.

VISIT [WWW.HOUSTONHUMANE.ORG](http://WWW.HOUSTONHUMANE.ORG) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ON UPCOMING HHS EVENTS.





The Houston Humane Society was honored to have John Isner (top U.S. ranked men's tennis player) tour the shelter and visit with some lucky pets on Sunday, April 3, 2016. Thanks to a partnership with Nulo Pet Food, a 10 lb. donation of dog food was made to HHS for each ace John served in Houston's Men's Clay Court Championship at River Oaks Country Club. John lost in the semi-finals, but racked up 52 aces along the way. Thanks to John and Nulo for donating 520 pounds of pet food to the Houston Humane Society!

Visit <http://www.houstonhumane.org/about-us/tour-our-facility> to see John's visit at HHS!

## Wish List

### Critter Needs:

**Dog Food; Cat Food; Kitty Litter;** Kuranda Dog Beds; Kuranda Cat Towers; Bath Mats and Small Rugs; Dog & Cat Shampoo; Dog Brushes; Leashes & Collars; Newspaper; Small Animal Feed & Bedding (guinea pigs); Sturdy, Washable Toys (Cat & Dog); Bath Towels; PetCo and PetSmart Gift Cards

### 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

### Livestock/Rescue Needs:

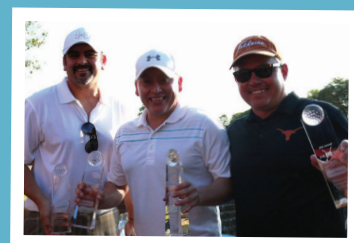
Dust Pans; Feed (horse, pig, poultry, goat); Hay; Horse Sling; Lawn Equipment

### Administrative:

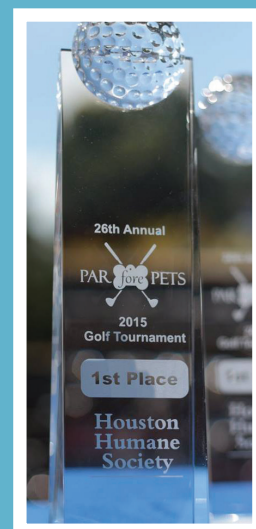
Batteries (AA, AAA); Colored Copy Paper; Copy Paper (letter); Double-sided Tape; Jump/Flash Drives (2GB+); Laminating Pouches; Markers (dry erase, permanent); Paper Towels; Pens (black); Plastic Storage Bins (18 gallon); Printing Labels; Scotch Tape; Scissors

## 27th Annual HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY PAR FORE PETS GOLF TOURNAMENT October 18th, 2016

Wildcat Golf Club  
12000 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77045



Sponsorships available  
Silent and live auctions  
PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR  
A DAY OF FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS



More info online:  
[www.HoustonHumane.org](http://www.HoustonHumane.org)