

# HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



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2019

## Moving Pets Across Borders

### Saving Two Lives at a Time

Beginning in 2017, the Houston Humane Society began a partnership with Toronto Humane Society to transfer dogs to the Toronto shelter where there is less availability for dogs. **This partnership enables large dogs and long term residents here at HHS to go to an environment with a far higher likelihood of adoption.**

While transfer partnerships like this help us free up space in the adoption center and therefore open our doors to more homeless pets in Houston needing our help, the preparation work is extensive. In addition to in-house socialization and behavioral testing to adhere to strict candidacy requirements, HHS must provide all medical care leading up to the transfer including full vaccinations, ongoing heartworm, flea, and tick prevention, and spay/neuter. HHS Transport and Rescue Coordinators take care of all airline logistics to ensure that all animals catch their flights and are met by Toronto Humane Society volunteers upon landing. **We are only able to make this all happen with the help of donations.** HHS has transferred 91 dogs to Toronto, and we look forward to continuing with your help!

For every animal we transfer out, we are saving two lives — the life of the transferred animal and the animal that replaces them here at HHS. Support Houston Humane Society transfer missions by donating or sponsoring a transfer pet at [HoustonHumane.org](http://HoustonHumane.org).



## Call for Volunteers

**Houston Humane Society needs volunteers to keep our shelter running!** There are a variety of tasks that volunteers can take part in including walking dogs, cuddling dogs and cats, bathing animals, and assisting with setup and animal care at mobile adoptions and fundraising events.

**To become a volunteer or learn more, please contact Sue Curtis at [scurtis@houstonhumane.org](mailto:scurtis@houstonhumane.org) or (713)-341-3313.**





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### MISSION STATEMENT

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



## From the Desk of the Executive Director



GARY

I am excited to share with you all what has happened in my first 8 months as Executive Director at the Houston Humane Society.

HHS has worked diligently in 2019 to rally legislators and supporters behind many animal welfare bills. Our legislative priorities were to get enforceable laws against inhumane tethering and predatory pet leasing practices. Without laws to protect our pets, Law Enforcement and Court Officials cannot take action to seize animals or prosecute abusers. We

will continue our efforts to fight for local animal welfare ordinances as well as to prepare for state-wide success in the next legislative session.

HHS has also spent the first half of 2019 working hard to develop partnerships throughout Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria Counties to reach underserved populations. We want to maximize our ability to be a resource for our community.

Additionally, in my personal time, I am attending the Rice University Leadership Institute for Nonprofit Executives (LINE) Program. This program will arm me with the tools I need to become an effective and successful leader that takes HHS to the next level. As part of my studies, I will be doing a full assessment of our Volunteer Program. With the findings and strategies developed, we can strengthen the Volunteer Program and enhance customer and client feelings.

Thank you for your past and continued support. We invite you to **come see all of the important work we are doing first hand by visiting our shelter!**

### Benji & Ladybug

Benji and Ladybug are 2-year-old siblings – Basset Hounds mixed with a whole lot of love. Ever since birth, the furry duo cannot get enough of each other making them the perfect adoptable pair. After all, life is better together than apart! The twosome is patiently waiting to be welcomed into a loving home, unfortunately, this has been delayed because Benji has heartworms.



Heartworm disease is a serious, potentially deadly disease affecting roughly 25% of the dogs entering our shelter each day. The Houston Humane Society started Project Have a Heart which enables us to offer highly discounted rates for adoption and heartworm treatment. Heartworm cases spike in the summer months when mosquitos are at their worst, which has unfortunately left this Heartworm Fund depleted. This program gives heartworm positive dogs like Benji a chance of finding a home, but we can't continue providing affordable treatment without our donors help to keep the program funded. **Please consider donating to help heartworm positive dogs live a healthy fulfilling life! To donate, visit [HoustonHumane.org](https://HoustonHumane.org) and click under the "Giving" tab to designate your gift to the Heartworm Fund.**



## Save the Date

As a Not for Profit animal shelter that receives no federal, state, or local government funding, the Houston Humane Society is heavily dependent on fundraising from special events. **Our Fall events help to keep shelter operations strong and we work hard to make these events as fun and engaging as possible with the help of our supporters, vendors, and volunteers.** For more information on any of our upcoming events, visit [HoustonHumane.org](https://HoustonHumane.org).



### October 12 – Fall Festival

Join the Houston Humane Society for our Fall Festival on October 12, 2019, from 11am-2pm. Complete with adoption specials, the blessing of the animals, photo sessions for kids and pets, trick or treat stations, pumpkin painting, bake sale, snacks, balloon animals and face painting, you don't want to miss this event! Admission is free!



### October 19 – Jeepers for the Paws Event at Houston Humane Society - 10am-12pm



### October 29 – Annual Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament at Wildcat Golf Club

The Houston Humane Society will be hosting their 30th Annual Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament this year at Wildcat Golf Course and we're excited to announce team and sponsor sign-ups are now open! Wildcat Golf Club combines links-style layouts with Texas Hill Country topography, Houston hospitality, and the fun, competitive spirit of Houston's sports teams. Designed by renowned golf architect Roy Case, Wildcat Golf Club is like no other golf experience in the Southeast Texas area. This charity golf tournament will include 18 holes of play, hole-in-one competition, lunch on the course, dinner following play, and a silent auction.

**Support of and participation in the 30th Annual Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament benefits the numerous life-saving programs provided by HHS for nearly 50,000 animals each year. Contact [golf@houstonhumane.org](mailto:golf@houstonhumane.org) for more information about sponsorship and sign-up.**



### December 7 – Pawliday Market and Santa Photos

Santa Paws is coming to HHS! Visit [HoustonHumane.org](https://HoustonHumane.org) for event dates, times, as well as information about our pawliday shopping market.



Find out more info on upcoming events at [HoustonHumane.org](https://HoustonHumane.org)



# Tanglewood Middle School Humane Society



**THANK YOU** Tanglewood Middle School Humane Society for dedicating your service project this year to raising money for the Houston Humane Society. The Tanglewood Humane Society Enrichment program's goal is to learn, advocate, and help animals in any way possible. This year, the students sold Tanglewood Humane Society t-shirts to students, teachers, parents, and friends as a fundraiser, and raised \$520 for the Houston Humane Society. Thanks again Tanglewood, we're proud to be part of such an important program that is raising children to be future animal welfare advocates of Texas!

There are a variety of fun ways to support HHS. Email us with your next fundraiser idea at [asaucedo@houstonhumane.org](mailto:asaucedo@houstonhumane.org).



K9 Photo Winner


## Mobi – Providing More to Our Community

Meet Mobi, HHS's new Mobile Adoption and Rescue Trailer. Mobi was custom built thanks to donations from loyal supporters and has increased adoption opportunities for our dogs and cats now that we can bring more and do more out in the community without worrying about weather or venue restrictions!

She comes complete with built-in kennels and air conditioning so that dogs and cats can be comfortable at adoption events or on transport road trips! With one side that opens for the public to view animals inside, Mobi can hold up to 24 animals at a time for mobile events and impressively, 100 animals during emergencies, rescues, and transports.

We would like to get Mobi her own customized trailer wrap to showcase everything that the Houston Humane Society has to offer including adoptions, rescue, and our Spay/Neuter and Wellness clinic. We need your help to get that done! Please donate at [HoustonHumane.org](http://HoustonHumane.org).



 Follow Mobi's adventures on Houston Humane Society's Instagram [@houstonhumane!](https://www.instagram.com/houstonhumane)

## Another successful K-9 Fun Run!

Thank you to all our donors, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make our 38th Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk a success! A special thanks to **Westwood Wealth Advisors, Elanco, PBK, Edward Jones, ADP, Higginbotham Insurance, Merck IDEXX, Lone Star Pet Lodges, VERGI, Three Dogs Bakery, VANA, Scoop Le Poop, Shake Shack, Nature Dog Photography, Financial Engines, Pet Talk Magazine, Compassionate Companions Pet Care, The Bead Baby, AT&T Fiber, Tikiz Shaved Ice, Rover Oaks Pet Resort, and Sprout's Farmers Market** for your generous contributions toward the 2019 Fun Run!

Hundreds of pets and their owners showed up to TC Jester Park and enjoyed a fun-filled day. Whether they participated in the competitive one-mile race or the non-competitive one-mile walk or strutted their stuff in the costume contest or alumni parade, everyone really showed up! We truly loved new attendees, seasoned participants, and former HHS residents unite in their shared love for pets. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the Fun Run next year.



HHS was proud to participate in the 2019 Pride Festival & Parade



193 kids attended HHS Companion Camp this summer

## More Special Events



HHS Microchipped 251 pets during our July low-cost Microchipping Event in our Animal Wellness Clinic



### DID YOU KNOW?

HHS has a foster program. In the first 6 months of 2019, we had 226 animals in HHS foster homes providing love, care, and shelter until these sweet cats and dogs are adoptable.





# Dr. Malone's Corner

Meet our Medical Director — Dr. Tony Malone!

“When I became Medical Director of the Houston Humane Society’s Animal Wellness Clinic in August of 2017, my goal was to transform the clinic into an unrivaled resource for Houston area pet owners and shelter pets by increasing capacity, efficiency, and positive outcomes for every animal that came through our doors.

Thanks to our donors’ belief in what this clinic could become, we have implemented programs and protocols to achieve and exceed our goals. Our clinic is now open 7 days a week, and new anesthesia protocols have significantly reduced anesthetic deaths in our care. By reforming spay/neuter processes, we’ve implemented 24-hour turnaround times increasing the number of same-day adoptions through our shelter. We are happy to report that intake and call center improvements have resulted in decreased disease rates, customer satisfaction at an all-time high of 98%, and more lives saved.

The HHS Animal Wellness Clinic now has a Veterinary Student Externship Program which is only one of the steps toward the HHS Animal Wellness Clinic becoming a state-of-the-art teaching hospital. We have established partnerships resulting in our spaying/neutering of an additional 4,000 animals a year from surrounding animal control agencies and city/county shelters to reduce animal overpopulation. Finally, over 1,000 animals received free vaccines and microchips through our revamped Hurricane Preparedness events.”



Visit the Houston Humane Society’s full service, low-cost Animal Wellness Clinic 7 days a week.



## X-Ray & Ultrasound Upgrade

Thanks to our generous donors just like you, the Houston Humane Society was able to purchase a new x-ray AND ultrasound machine for our Animal Wellness Clinic. HHS’ primary mission is to prevent pain and suffering, a task our clinic takes very seriously. As a full-service veterinary facility open to an ever growing public, we see cases of all severities. One of our clinics most important low-cost services is radiology and x-rays. Our clinic sees thousands of broken bones and internal injuries/illness requiring use of our radiology equipment — our previous machine was used over 7,000 times by public pets and shelter animals alike. We take animals in from all walks of life including injured and sick animals surrendered by their owners, found on the street, and seized in cruelty cases. These pets deserve the most effective and efficient method of treatment. The new radiology and ultrasound machines will enable us to quickly accept, assess, and treat animals but it doesn’t stop there.

These machines are only one part of treatment for these emergency cases; the wrap around services for the shelter animals and animal cruelty cases continue to rely on our donors and supporters to endure. Thanks again for your continued support of our medical team ensuring proper care for all animals that come through our doors.



DID YOU KNOW? The HHS Animal Wellness Clinic has an app called HoustonHumane where you can learn more about the clinic, check hours, and make appointments! Check it out!

# The Young Adult Professionals at Houston Humane Society

The Young Adult Professionals at Houston Humane Society – YAP@HHS – is Houston Humane Society’s newest program! This group is for young professionals ages 21-39 who share a common passion for Houston Humane Society. YAP@HHS aims to engage and inspire Houston area’s young professionals to support the Houston Humane Society through philanthropy, volunteering, and educating the public, all while building a network based on a shared love of animals.

After months of planning, YAP@HHS officially launched on June 1, 2019 at their launch event at Nettbar Houston. It was a huge success, complete with a photo booth, prize wheel, and raffle prizes! We thank everyone who came out to support us and look forward to meeting new members through future quarterly events!

### YAP Membership Levels:

- Individual (\$60/year)
- Dual (\$90/year)
- Student (\$50/year)

### Memberships Perks:

- Access to exclusive, member-only YAP networking, volunteer, and social events
- Discounted YAP and HHS event admissions
- HHS Wellness Clinic, adoptions, and store discounts



YAP membership discounts are also offered for on-site sign up at every event YAP attends or hosts. In the coming months, YAP@HHS will be hosting multiple YAPpy Happy Hours, a Doggie Day at the HHS Pavilion, a Behind-the-Scenes tour of the shelter, and a presence at HHS’ 30th Annual Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament @ Wildcat Golf Club on October 29. Visit HoustonHumane.org/events-pointer/young-professionals-group to learn more about YAP@HHS and to become a member!

Recognizing YAP Board Members — Scott Friedman, Erica Garcia, Charlotte Cheng, Tyler-Kate Starzyk, and Pat London.







## Rotties Rescue

On March 28th, 2019, in partnership with the Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce, HHS assisted Harris County Animal Services when they seized 33 adult Rottweilers and 7 nursing puppies from a hoarding situation.

Within days of arriving at the shelter and finally feeling comfortable enough to give birth, 3 pregnant mommas gave birth to healthy puppies, transforming the seizure into a total of 63 dogs! HHS provided housing, medical care, and socialization to all 63 pups. Most of these dogs had never received routine medical care and had never been socialized or even walked on leashes, but HHS made sure they got the time and care they needed. The Animal Wellness Clinic medical team got right to work assessing every dog and providing medical services and treatment including grooming, spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm testing and treatment, and eventually clean bills of health! The shelter staff worked patiently to provide the love and attention needed to get these dogs socialized enough for placement. All of these dogs have been placed in loving forever homes, on transport, or into rescue foster homes. **As you know, HHS can only take in large scale cruelty cases like this with the financial support of our advocates like you. We thank you for making a second chance possible for these animals.**

# Happy Tails

## Robin

"I came to the HHS and met you in early October and submitted paperwork to potentially foster a CC from the Grimes County seizure. Instead I walked around and couldn't forget Francine's little tongue hanging out of that adorable face. So I came back the next week and adopted her. We renamed her Robin. She was skittish initially. She slowly made progress and is completely different now. She rolls on the floor and plays with my other fur babies. She loves her doggy bed. She runs so fast that I can't catch her. She has been my shadow and looks at me with grateful eyes. She is happy to see me when I get home from work and greets me with her growl like barks. She loves the soft treats I found. She loves being held and is happy to sit in my lap all day if I let her. She lets me groom her including cleaning her ears, using a dog dremmel tool on her nails. She has been a delightful addition to our family. **Thank you to you and the others at HHS who can make this happen.**"



## Sven

"I adopted my black kitty Sven in January at 5 months. I later found out from Janet, who used to work at the Humane Society, that she had rescued Sven, his momma Elsa, and siblings and took care of them. Sven was the last to be adopted and I'm so lucky I got to adopt him! Sven loves all animals and people he meets. He has become best friends with his sister Izzy and a great host to all the foster siblings that I bring home. At the moment he loves his foster kitten siblings. He loves to go on walks outside and speak to the birds. And he's always talking to me about his day!"

