

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



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2020

Mobi Adoption Trailer

Thanks to the generous donations of our supporters, Mobi got a whole new look!

Mobi became HHS' Mobile Adoption and Rescue Trailer last fall and can hold up to 24 animals at a time for events and up to 100 animals during emergencies, rescues, and transports. Last fall, HHS put out a plea for donations to get Mobi wrapped in order to showcase everything the Houston Humane Society has to offer including adoptions, rescues, and our full-service spay/neuter and wellness clinic, and our supporters delivered! Mobi is now ready to hit the streets to bring adoptable animals out into the community for more exposure, and has already been used on animal cruelty seizures to transport abused and neglected animals out of unhealthy environments into the care of HHS.



Follow Mobi's adventures on Houston Humane Society's Instagram @houstonhumane!



Ali Before

Ali After



Ali Seizure

Ali is a three-year-old Doberman mix that was dealt a very unfair hand. A victim of animal cruelty, Ali was saved in October by the **Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce** after his owner failed to seek vet care for a severe facial injury. After being attacked by another dog, Ali's face wound was left untreated and eventually became dangerously infected. He was brought to Houston Humane Society for medical treatment where he received extensive surgery and 40 stitches to repair the wound. After a month of recovery at HHS, Ali's sweet personality and well-behaved nature won the hearts of our staff and volunteers. Now, Ali has found his forever home and started his new life with a wonderful family.



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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

Dear Friends,

Can you believe it? Another year has come and gone, and here we are standing in a brand new decade! You will read in this newsletter that 2019 was a truly amazing year and it was made possible thanks to ALL of YOU.

Houston threw a lot at us over the past year, everything from tropical storms to tornados. Undaunted, we worked hard to save animals and get them to safety. We continued to improve the lives of the animals in our care, finding them their forever homes, and working towards ending cruelty, abuse and overpopulation. We demonstrated this through our many life-saving seizures with the Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force, as well as events such as our Annual Fix Felix when we neuter over 600 cats for free in one day!

We are looking forward to many other exciting events this year including our Spring Break and Summer Companion Camps for kids, events with our NEW Young Adult Professional group YAP@HHS, our fabulous annual Par Fore Pets golf tournament, and many other family friendly events. For more details on all of our upcoming fun affairs, visit www.HoustonHumane.org or our Facebook page @HoustonHumaneSociety. However, one event is right around the corner and not to be missed, our 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run and Walk will be Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the beautiful MacGregor Park. This fantastic day of food, fun and friends is themed "Super Paws", where we will honor all of the 4-legged Super Heroes that fill our lives and our hearts! As Houston's oldest dog walk, the K-9 Fun Run and Walk raises much needed funds to support our homeless animals and numerous community programs. Be sure to register, join the fun, and receive an amazing limited edition race t-shirt with art designed by Mrs. Y's Designs.

So to each and every one of you ... **thank you for your past support and we all hope you will continue your generosity towards all animals, your kindness allows us to save lives and keep our programs operable.** 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.

Saying Goodbye



It is with broken hearts we announce the loss of our Wilma. She crossed to the Rainbow Bridge late morning Jan. 31st, 2020. She was loved by the HHS staff, volunteers, and visitors. Almost 10 years to the day we seized her from a hellish life in a puppy mill. Her accurate age was undeterminable as she had been bred continuously and received no vet care. Her body bore the damage and all her teeth removed. We believed her to be 6-8 years old. She immediately won all our hearts and became the Executive, Executive Director, running the shelter the decade she was with us. She attended every Companion Camp, greeted and gave tours to visitors, went to schools and events on behalf of stopping puppy mills, and tended to many other duties. One of her favorites was to sit in her personal chair in her office and at board meetings. So at 16-18 human years old, we must say good-bye to our shining star who now joins Annie, Nosey, Burnie, and all the other amazing animals that have gone before. Sweet, sweet Wilma we loved you for years, we love you still, we always have, we always will.

We started a **fund for Senior Animals of Senior Citizens** in Wilma's name. I ask that each of you PLEASE donate a little extra to this fund so we can help unfortunate needy older animals whose owners cannot afford to get them the food and medical care they need.

You may make a donation to Wilma's Memorial Fund at www.houstonhumane.org or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 450528, Houston, Texas 77245 Attn: Wilma's Memorial Fund.

Companion Camp for Kids



Companion Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children ages 7-13 (or ages 12-15 during teen weeks) to work hands-on with animal residents of the Houston Humane Society. Campers learn valuable life lessons concerning the welfare of all animals. During a typical day, campers receive humane education, workshops from animal experts, games, crafts, and hands on animal activities.

Registration for camp has begun! Check out our camp dates below with their corresponding early bird dates, we are offering camp during Spring Break as well as throughout the Summer. Early bird rates are \$275 per session or \$55 per day, and regular rates are \$300 per session or \$60 per day. Fees include daily snacks and drinks, t-shirt, crafts, and all activities. Lunch is not provided; campers need to bring a sack lunch. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and an optional extended morning hour is available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for just \$50.00 more per session. Camp sessions are limited to the first 30 kids for each session.

Spring Break Dates:

**early bird rates:
\$275 per session or \$55 per day
before Mar 1
\$300 per session or \$60 per day
after Mar 1*

March 9-13
March 16-20



Summer Dates:

**early bird rates:
\$275 per session or \$55 per day
before June 1
\$300 per session or \$60 per day
after June 1*

June 1-5
June 8-12
June 15-19
June 22-26 (teen week, ages 12-15)
June 29-July 3
July 6-10
July 13-17
July 20-24 (teen week, ages 12-15)
July 27-31
August 3-7
August 10-14



Education Program

Houston Humane Society is working diligently to expand our Education and Community Outreach Program. Our annual summer Companion Camp, has been expanded to also include Spring Break and Winter sessions! This is a week-long camp for kids ages 7-15 to learn all about what goes on behind the scenes at HHS Animal Shelter and Wellness Clinic. Campers get time to play with animals daily, observe a surgery in our Wellness Clinic and more. This past summer, **East Texas Herpetological Society, TWRC, Harris County D.A. Office, and Houston Mini-Pig Rescue Network** made presentations. Our Junior Camp Counselor Program is designed for high school students to volunteer as counselors during camp. It has been very popular involving participants from the surrounding community.

We have also created programs that extend to our neighboring schools and community groups including career days, presentations designed to educate students Pre-K through 12th grade about homeless animals in Houston, and educational materials about how we can all work to save lives and prevent animal cruelty and suffering. Some schools have even partnered with us to raise funds and awareness for HHS. Additionally, HHS is now educating parents about our services and what we can offer them as pet owners and community members. We are excited to continue expanding our education programs into schools all over the city with a focus on under served communities.



Your Support Gave Second Chances to Animals in Need!

Spring Branch Seizure

On Sept. 11, the Houston Humane Society took custody of 38 dogs and 10 cats from a home in Spring Branch that was an extreme animal hoarding case. The animals were found when the **Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce (HCACT)** was tipped off by neighbors. HCACT immediately obtained a warrant to seize all animals and contacted HHS for assistance. When HHS Rescue Team, animal control officers, and police arrived the conditions were unfathomable. They found feces and urine stains on the floors, walls, and counter tops. Cages were stacked in every room of the house, full of dogs and cats that were sitting in their own excrement and hadn't been bathed in months, if even. Outside, dozens of dogs were found in cages of similar horrific conditions. Many of these animals were clearly suffering from infection, illness, injury, and extreme malnourishment.

Upon arrival to the Houston Humane Society, these animals were evaluated by the HHS veterinary medical team with heart wrenching findings. Many were anemic, heartworm positive, malnourished, had serious eye and skin infections, covered in

Spirit Before



Spirit After



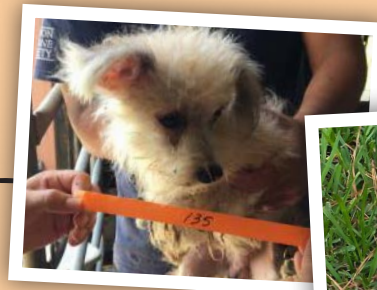
mange, open sores, scabies and infested with fleas. Treatment was immediately provided for all animals. After weeks of intensive care, these animals were placed for adoption.

The more extreme cases, like Spirit (pictured), were sent to rescue for additional rehabilitation and care. Spirit has been adopted by a loving family and is living a wonderful life."

Happy Tails Keenum & Bluebell



Last September we adopted 2 of the Grimes County hoarding puppies. My husband and I are in our late 60's. Someone said you saved their lives, but really they saved ours. We were one of those affected by Harvey and lost 75% of our belongings. We lost one of our cats (21 years old) after he suffered a stroke 2 months later and then the following July our beautiful dog, Gracie (13 years old). When we got them, they were Bluebell (Pepper) and Keenum (Archie). Pepper was 14 weeks old and 4 pounds, now 16 months and 9 pounds. Archie was 10 months old and 10 pounds and is now almost 2 and 18 pounds. Thank you for giving them the chance to choose us.



Keenum Before



Keenum After



Bluebell Before



Bluebell After

Matagorda Seizure

In August, Houston Humane Society was called to assist an emergency animal cruelty seizure in Matagorda County that was first reported to the **Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce (HCACT)** by a concerned citizen who purchased a sick puppy. After discovering the conditions, the HCACT called on HHS to assist with the confiscation, housing, and medical treatment of these animals. While the initial seizure included 45 dogs, the final count came to 60 after many of the dogs gave birth while in HHS' care.

The conditions these dogs were living in was nothing short of horrifying. Exhausted females were used over and over for breeding, dogs were living and sleeping in feces-filled kennels while others were living in cupboards and holes in the walls. One mother was even found giving birth under the kitchen sink. Outside, puppies were being kept in the intense heat with limited food and water full of bugs, dirt, and bacteria. Every animal was severely matted, full of fleas and skin infections, and with eye infections so advanced they lost their sight and eyes.

Thanks to the dedication of our medical team, staff, and volunteers, we were able to get all 60 animals cared for and adopted into wonderful homes.

Before



After



2019 HHS Statistics

Total Animals Seen in Clinic: 40,795

Spay/Neuter Procedures: 12,000

Dog Exams/Vaccinations: 1,746

Rabies Vaccinations: 17,900

Cat Exams/Vaccinations: 14,581

Heartworm Treatments: 170 dogs

Cats seen on Fix Felix for Free Day: 615

Microchips: 2,157

Thank you for helping us make these happen!

The Young Adult Professionals - YAP@HHS

The Young Adult Professionals at Houston Humane Society — YAP@HHS — launched in June 2019 as a group for young professionals, ages 21-39 who share a common passion for the Houston Humane Society and the work we do for animals. YAP@HHS aims to engage and inspire Houston areas' 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.

In 2019, YAP held over a dozen events, reached over 500 animal lovers all around Houston, and raised thousands of dollars that went back to the animals and programs of the Houston Humane Society. From Happy Hours to Festival Booths to Volunteer Days, YAP@HHS was hard at work. YAP@HHS' goal is to triple their membership in 2020, so if you are interested in a fantastic group of animal advocates this is the group to join.

YAP@HHS has some amazing events planned for 2020 that you don't want to miss out on including a Wine & Paint Party, Volunteer Days, Beer & Wine Tastings, Educational Forums, Behind-the-Scenes Tours of the Shelter, presence at Community Animal Welfare events and festivals, participation in the Houston Humane Society 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk and Par Fore Pets Charity Golf Tournament, and much more!



Follow YAP@HHS on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with events and happenings!



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For more information on membership costs, perks, and to sign up as a member, visit houstonhumane.org/events-pointer/young-professionals-group.



It's that time of year again for the Houston Humane Society's 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk — "Super Paws", Houston's oldest dog walk.

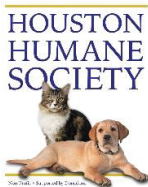
There are many ways to participate, including joining the 1k competitive run, 1k non-competitive jog/walk, and virtual run. Also this year we are excited to announce that we are adding a 5k competitive run! If you can't join us on our race day, we'll mail you your packet so you can join us in spirit at anytime from anywhere by racing virtually from your neighborhood park, your favorite trail, or even your home treadmill!

The event will be at **MacGregor Park, 5225 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77021, April 18, 2020**. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m., and the race begins at 9 a.m. The post-race party in the park begins immediately following the run/walk. The fun-filled post-race party includes a **doggie costume contest, HHS Alumni Parade, refreshments, kid's activities, a multitude of pet-friendly vendors, a mobile adoption booth, and activities for the whole family**. Your support and participation in the 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk raises money and awareness for the many animals saved and cared for daily at the HHS shelter.

Race entry fee includes a **limited edition Mrs. Y's Designs race shirt**, race bib for you and your dog, bandanna for your dog, and a race goodie bag. Participants and supporters can also create a pledge page to help raise much-needed funds for the Houston Humane Society and earn amazing prizes by being a top fundraiser.

Register online at HoustonHumane.org

The 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run and Walk



- ☐ 1K Competitive Run (must enter with dog)
☐ 1K Non-Competitive Jog/Walk (may enter with or without dog)
☐ **NEW!** 5K Competitive Run (human only)
☐ 1K Virtual Run/Walk (anytime, anywhere)

Person's name: _____
 Address: _____ Apt.#: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
 Age: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F T-Shirt size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

☐ I will not be accompanied by a dog at the 39th Annual K-9 Fun Run and Walk
 Dog Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
 Breed: _____ Dogdanna size: ☐ Small ☐ Large
 Current rabies tag #: _____ (required) Is your dog spayed/neutered? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Veterinarian's name: _____ Vet's phone #: _____
Registration includes limited edition shirt, dogdanna, race bib for you and 1 dog, & goody bag

Pricing:	1K	5K	
Early registration by Tue., March 31st (1 person/1 dog).....	\$25	\$35	\$ _____
Registration April 1st to April 15th (1 person/1 dog).....	\$30	\$40	\$ _____
Race Day registration April 18th (1 person/1 dog).....	\$40	\$50	\$ _____
Virtual Run/Walk registration by April 16th.....	\$40	\$40	\$ _____
Mail my packet to me (much register by Mar 31st).....	additional \$10		\$ _____
<i>*one fee per address if registered at the same time</i>			
Additional Dog with dogdanna <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> L	\$additional \$5		\$ _____
Extra T-shirt: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	\$additional \$20		\$ _____
Additional donation to HHS is appreciated and needed			Total: \$ _____

**Please note: registration is by person. Each person attending the run/walk & post race party must register*

Payment Info: Check # _____ *mail to HHS, P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245
 Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Card Type: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover Security Code: _____
 Please mail checks and completed entry forms to:
Or visit www.HoustonHumane.org to register online

Waiver Statement: Entry form not valid unless signed

I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs and successors against the Houston Humane Society, employees or agents of the 2020 Houston Humane Society K-9 Fun Run for any claim arising from my participation in the Fun Run. Running a road race with my dog among others is a potentially hazardous activity. I give permission to the Houston Humane Society to use all records of my participation in this event for any publicity and/or promotional purpose. I understand that high heat and humidity can be extremely dangerous and that I will not overexert myself or my dog(s). I further state that my dog and I are in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I also understand this is a rain or shine event, and if I cannot attend or choose not to do so, my fees will be considered a donation. I UNDERSTAND DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A STANDARD NON-RETRACTABLE LEASH AT ALL TIMES. NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES PERMITTED.

Signature of Owner: _____ Date: _____



Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age: _____

For additional entries please photocopy this page



Separate form required for each person

39TH Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk Benefiting the Houston Humane Society

Individuals who raise
\$100 or more receive:

-  An official Houston Humane Society water bottle
-  Limited edition Houston Humane Society tee

Individuals who raise
\$250 or more receive:

-  \$100 pledge level benefits, PLUS
-  Houston Humane Society insulated travel cooler

Individuals who raise
\$500 or more receive:

-  \$250 pledge levels benefits, PLUS
-  Houston Humane Society duffel bag

Want to pledge more? Check
out our higher pledge levels on
our website!
For additional information, email
funrun@houstonhumane.org or
visit www.houstonhumane.org.

Fun Run Highlights



Send entry form to Houston Humane Society at P.O. Box 450528
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