

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



SPRING 2014

SAVING JUST ONE ANIMAL WON'T CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT SURELY IT WILL CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THAT ONE ANIMAL.

HECKLE & JECKLE

On September 10, two small dogs were turned in to the Houston Humane Society by a good Samaritan. The man found the two dogs in a dumpster by his job, and they had obviously been on their own for quite some time. The brothers, which we named Heckle & Jeckle, were severely malnourished, matted and dirty, and in pretty rough shape physically. Heckle also suffered from an ulcer in his eye which our medical staff was able to treat. It took a few months, but with great veterinary care and help with socialization by our HHS trainers, Heckle & Jeckle found a wonderful new home together.



BEFORE



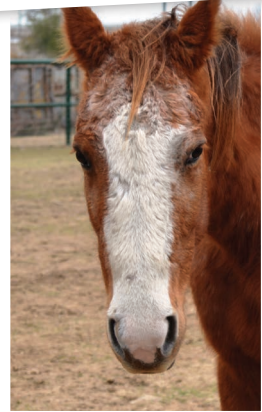
AFTER

BEFORE



SAM

Houston Humane Society Animal Cruelty Officer's saved a badly malnourished and neglected horse from property located off the Sam Houston Tollway in South Houston. The poor girl was severely underweight and emaciated with protruding hip bones and ribs. Her hooves showed signs of long term neglect with numerous chips and cracks.



AFTER

Despite everything she's been through, the horse we call Sam is extremely friendly. She loves to nudge you with her head to let you know she wants to be petted, and doesn't mind leaning into you to say hi. After several months, Sam is starting to gain back the weight she lost due to starvation. With horses it is important to not over feed them to limit the risk of colic. The veterinary staff at HHS has her on a diet of hay and feed, and she's spending her days resting and recuperating. Sam, and many other horses just like her, are looking for a pasture to call their very own. Please consider opening up your heart to one of the many horses that need a forever home.

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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 in our care.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Springtime is upon us! As days get longer and the weather heats up, Houston Humane Society is preparing for puppy and kitten season. This is the time of year we see an influx of young animals seeking aid at our shelter. This year is sure to be no different, and our amazing staff and volunteers are ready for the challenge. Through our low cost spay and neuter efforts, affordable animal care services, pet adoption program, open-door admission policy and RAIDER Animal Cruelty Investigations, we stand ready to help even more animals in 2014.



Wilma

We will face many challenges this year like the increasing costs of medical supplies, vaccinations, pet food, insurance and much more. The daily cost to care for the animals that pass through our doors is high, but with the support of our community and donors to assist us we will continue to care for nearly 50,000 pets each year.

As an open-admission shelter, we turn no animal away regardless of age, breed, temperament or physical condition. These animals will continue to come to us and we will continue to be there for them – just like we have been since 1956.

2014 will be an exciting year at Houston Humane Society. I'm so thankful I have the opportunity to work with such dedicated people. Our staff works tirelessly to provide services and manage programs to assist two- and four-legged members of our community. Our volunteers, the very best volunteers this city has to offer, support our life-saving mission. And people like you who choose to support our efforts.

Last year posed many challenges and this year will as well. My wish is that each of us will be up to the challenge and more. I look forward to saving more lives alongside all of you this year. Thank you for your continued confidence in our important work.

For the animals,

Sherry Ferguson
Executive Director



Wilma
Executive, Executive Director



COMPANION CAMP FOR KIDS

Companion Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children ages 7-13 (or ages 12 - 15 during teen week) to work hands-on with Houston Humane Society animals. 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 one on one time with animals. This camp is a must for all kids!

Cost is \$275 per session and includes daily snacks and drinks, camp t-shirt, crafts, and all activities. Register before June 1st for just \$250 per session. Lunch will not be provided; attendees need to bring a sack lunch. Camp hours are from 9:30-3:00, and an optional, extended morning hour has been added from 8:30 – 9:30 for just \$50 more per session. Visit HoustonHumane.org for a full list of available camp weeks and to sign up.

Available weeks include:

June 16-20

June 23-27

June 30-July 3* shortened week

July 7-11

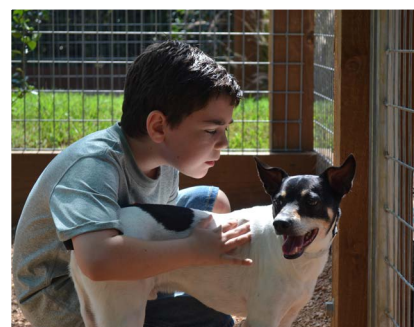
July 14-18* teen week

July 21-25

July 28-Aug. 1

Aug. 4-8

Aug. 11-15



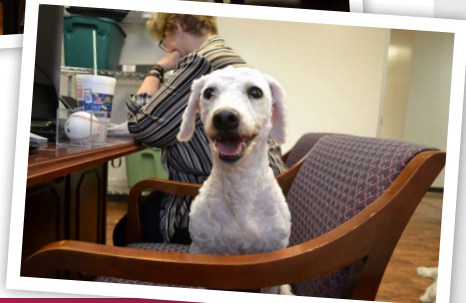
LIZZIE'S JOURNEY

Lizzie was found wandering around our parking lot alone with a pronounced limp and in need of help. We found out her "owner" left her in the back of a pick-up while she went inside. This woman told our staff she wouldn't pick up the dog because it was too nasty and she didn't think the dog was worth spending her money on to try to save.

We knew this pup wouldn't survive much longer without our help. The veterinary team at HHS quickly went to work. She was extremely dirty and matted and could be smelled from several feet away. The injury to her back leg was so severe it made seasoned staff cry to see what she had been forced to endure. A swollen, bloody, infected paw with an open wound exposing her leg bones was the source of the putrid smell. Gangrene and infection had set in to an injury inflicted weeks ago. Her initial exam showed clear heart and lungs, her heartworm test was negative and she was immediately started on a heavy dose of antibiotics. Because the bones were exposed for so long, her leg had to be amputated. It was a long, gruesome surgery, but Dr. Harkness, Dr. Padidem and Dr. Kim were able to amputate before the infection spread further. Lizzie's matted, filthy hair was shaved and the staff gave her a quick mani/pedi. Afterwards, a quick bath helped wash away any lingering dirt and grime to reveal clean, pink skin.

In the weeks following her life changing surgery, Lizzie was put on cage rest, and progressively worked her way up to short walks. It wasn't long before the pup was running, jumping and playing. It took time for her back leg muscles to adjust, but she was up to the challenge. You can't wipe the smile off her face these days. She's grown into a confident dog that enjoys lounging on plush beds, making new friends and playing with squeaky toys. She's also a complete treat hound. She didn't know what toys and treats were when she first arrived, but she learned pretty quickly.

Our Animal Cruelty Investigators worked with the District Attorney's office to press charges based on the owner's failure to provide medical care. If Lizzie's previous owner had sought immediate medical care at HHS, our Chief Veterinarian would have been able to save her leg. Houston Humane Society takes animal cruelty very seriously. It is our goal that no animal suffer needlessly like Lizzie. With your help, we can continue to fight animal cruelty and neglect in our community. You can report animal cruelty online at www.HoustonHumane.org and donate to our animal cruelty program by visiting online at www.HoustonHumane.org/donate, then choose the RAIDER option under the donate to tab.



RAIDER ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION STATS:

 1,640 Reports Received

 2,341 Animals Investigated

THUMPER'S TALE

At just 8 weeks old, little Thumper was brought to Houston Humane Society after being hit by a car. Upon examination, our veterinarians found she had multiple fractures in the left rear leg (a fractured left femoral head and left radius/ulna) and a fractured right leg. In an effort to save her rear leg, our top notch veterinary staff removed the femoral head and attached a pin and wire to the ulna/radius. In addition, the fractured right leg was set so it would heal properly.

Thumper was on mandatory cage rest for 4 months after surgery to give her bones time to mend. The friendly kitten looked forward to frequent visits from vet techs and veterinarians, and always had something to say to her visitors. Thanks to the awesome care she received at Houston Humane Society, Thumper was able to go up for adoption after months of recovery and rehabilitation. Her injuries healed over time, and a slight crook in her back leg is the only sign of the trauma this young kitten endured. She now spends her days with her forever family getting all of the love and attention she deserves.

Thousands of animals come through our doors each year; many of them just like Thumper need a little extra TLC. With your help we can continue to offer medical care to those in need. You can donate specifically towards our clinic fund by visiting online at www.HoustonHumane.org/donate, then choose the clinic option under the donate to tab.



CLINIC STATS:

 9,831 Spay/Neuter Surgeries

 16,436 Rabies Vaccines Administered

 35,166 Patients Served

HHS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013:

ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,897,665
Investments	\$1,771,822
Endowment	\$838,163
Inventory	\$35,764
Property and equipment	\$8,247,352
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,790,766

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$99,760
Accrued expenses	\$78,708

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$11,740,284
Restricted	\$872,014
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$12,790,766

REVENUE:

Contributions	\$2,583,196
Special Events	\$163,378
Merchandise sales	\$26,809
Service fees	\$3,137,056
Other	\$348,447
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,258,886

EXPENSES:

Program services	\$3,947,566
Fundraising costs	\$437,061
General and administrative	\$122,413
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,507,040

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$1,751,846
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$10,860,452
Net Assets, End of Year	\$12,612,298



We strive to make the most of every dollar that is entrusted to us. Since 2004, the Houston Humane Society has earned eight 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. In addition, the Houston Humane Society was ranked #10 in the top 25 Houston's healthiest large charities in the Houston Business Journal 2012 Giving Guide & Philanthropy Report.



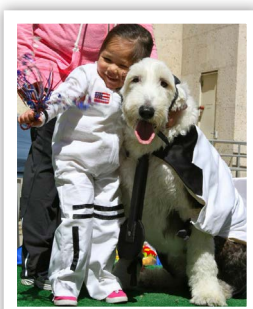
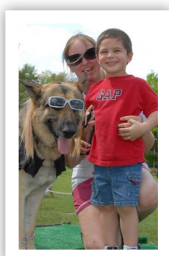
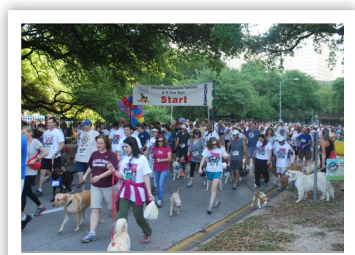
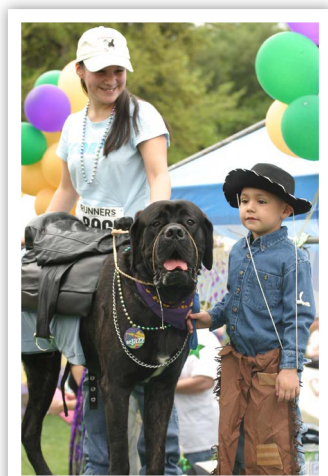
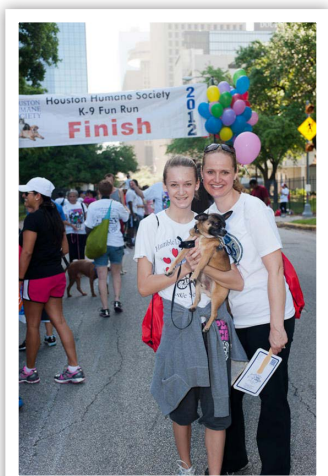
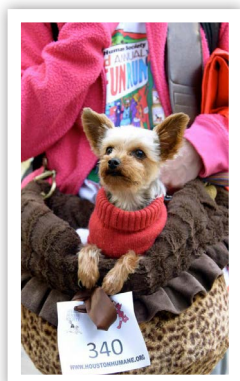
HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY'S 33RD ANNUAL K-9 FUN RUN & WALK

It's time for the 33rd Annual Houston Humane Society's K-9 Fun Run & Walk, Houston's oldest dog walk. Participants can join in the 1 mile competitive run or the relaxed 1 mile non-competitive jog & walk. **The event will be at Sam Houston Park in Downtown Houston, 1100 Bagby St., Sunday, March 23, 2014.** Race day registration begins at 8 a.m., and the race begins at 10 a.m. Post-race party in the park begins immediately following the run/walk. To save time, register online at www.HoustonHumane.org.

At the fun filled post-race party, dress to impress and compete in our doggie costume contest, join the Alumni Parade if your dog was adopted from HHS, or simply enjoy refreshments, a multitude of pet friendly vendors and activities for the whole family. Be sure to stop by the Houston Humane Society's mobile adoption to meet adorable, adoptable dogs looking for a new home. Your support and participation in the 33rd Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk raises money and awareness for the many animals saved and cared for daily at the HHS shelter.

Dog participation is encouraged, but not required. People participate for various reasons. Some walk in memory of a pet they lost, some run for abused animals, and some jog just to support HHS. It is special to see the community band together for a common cause and raise awareness for the animals. Race entry fee includes a limited edition April Murphy designed race shirt, bandanna for your dog, and race goodie bag. Participants and supporters can also create a pledge page to help raise much needed funds for Houston Humane Society and earn great prizes. **For more info or to sign up, go to www.HoustonHumane.org**

Your participation in this event helps the nearly 50,000 animals cared for by Houston Humane Society each year. Houston Humane Society offers a low cost Animal Wellness Clinic, open to the public 7 days a week, as well as Houston's only \$30 spay/neuter clinic, a state of the art adoption facility, an animal cruelty investigation department, and extensive volunteer program.



The 33rd Annual K-9 Fun Run and Walk:

☐ 1-Mile Competitive Run (must run with dog)

☐ 1-Mile NON-Competitive Jog (may enter without dog)

☐ 1-Mile Walk (may enter without dog)

Person's name: _____
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 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 33rd Annual K-9 Fun Run and Walk
 Dog Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
 Breed: _____ Dogdanna size: ☐ Small ☐ Large
 Current rabies tag #: _____ (required)
 Veterinarian's name: _____ Vet's phone #: _____
 The Houston Humane Society would like to know if your dog has been spayed or neutered? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Registration includes limited edition shirt and dogdanna, race bib for you and 1 dog, & goody bag

Early registration by Fri., Feb. 28th (1 person/1 dog) \$25.00 \$ _____

Registration March 1st - prior to race day (1 person/1 dog) \$30.00 \$ _____

Race Day registration March 23, 2014 (1 person/1 dog) \$40.00 \$ _____

Additional Dog \$5.00; includes extra dogdanna \$ _____

Extra Dogdanna: ☐ Small ☐ Large

Extra T-shirt: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL \$20.00 \$ _____

Additional Donation to HHS is appreciated and needed \$ _____

NEW! Mail my packet to me! (must register by March 10th) \$10.00 \$ _____

*1 fee per address if registered at the same time

Total: \$ _____

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

Payment Info: Check # _____ *All mailed entries must be received by March 21, 2014
 Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Card Type: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover Security Code: _____
 Please mail checks and completed entry forms to: HHS Fun Run, P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245-0528
 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 2014 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

ON YOUR BARK, GET SET...

33rd Annual K-9 Fun Run & Walk



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1 mile competitive run ~ 1 mile non-competitive jog/walk

Sam Houston Park, 1100 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002

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