

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



Spring
2016

Monty's Task Force

On January 6, 2015, the Houston Humane Society assisted HPD North Division's DRT Unit in the seizure of an emaciated horse we named Monty. The owner was riding him down a busy street in rush hour traffic when he collapsed. Having been neglected for years, his body finally gave out. HHS seized the horse and rushed him to the shelter for immediate veterinary care. Our staff worked around the clock for nine days, but the abuse Monty suffered proved too much. We lost him January 15, 2015.

On the one-year anniversary of Monty's passing, HHS hosted a press conference at HPD North to announce Monty's Task Force.

HHS is proud to partner with HPD North Division's DRT Unit, Crime Stoppers of Houston, Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 5, The Harris County District Attorney's Office, and Houston PetSet for Monty's Task Force.

Monty's Task Force is a cooperative effort of agencies dedicated to ending the abuse, neglect, and cruel treatment of horses, specifically in the Acres Homes and surrounding areas, through education, increased access to low-cost medical and other services, and enforcement of local and state laws. We held our first horse clinic in the Acres Homes area on January 30 and plan to host another event this fall.



Did you know? You can give directly to our Animal Cruelty Program or Monty's Task Force. Visit HoustonHumane.org and choose the Designate Your Gift tab under Giving.

Houston Humane Society Teams Up with Harris County Pct. 5



TX Pub Crawls presents HHS' Cruelty program a check. Left to right: Sgt. Jantzen, Dep. Womack holding Lizzie, Alison and Nick Petersen, Sherry Ferguson, Lt. Joachim, Joe Guerra.

HHS has partnered with local law enforcement since 2002, to fight animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect. In October 2015, we expanded the program by contracting with Harris County Constables Office Precinct 5 to improve and grow our animal cruelty program. Today, the Animal Cruelty Investigations Program is comprised of two officers from Precinct 5, along with dedicated, trained support staff from HHS. Animals often need specialized medical care and must be housed at our facility for months until they are able to be released to new homes. Often cases are so egregious we don't share. But rest assured, everyone involved in this program will see the animals are taken care of and will work closely with the DA's office to prosecute abusers under the laws in the State of Texas.

To report animal cruelty, call 713-341-3396 or visit HoustonHumane.org.

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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



WILMA

Dear friends,

Hard to accept, but another year has come and gone. It has been an amazing year on many levels as you will see throughout this newsletter.

Staff and volunteers cared for many wonderful animals, and we all shed happy tears as they moved to loving forever homes. Volunteer fosters and in-house

training have been instrumental giving pets the individualized care needed. Our Chow Hound Program has catered (literally) to those requiring special diets and treatments. Wonderful volunteer groomers keep the animals clean and presentable. HHS has the best animals in the world. We truly have a pet that could be matched perfectly to most any family.

Thanks to your support, heartworm treatments were given to more than 100 dogs who would otherwise not survive. Numerous broken bones and severe wounds have had successful surgeries. We altered thousands of animals thereby stopping unwanted puppies and kittens from being born. Truly the BIGGEST impact to the greatest number of animals is spaying and neutering.

Our Animal Cruelty Investigations Program has had many successes. It is a hard, but very real, fact that animals all over Houston are brutally treated. With a genuine commitment to ending abuse, our team seized many animals and filed numerous criminal charges. You will read about the expansion of the program and creation of Monty's Task Force on the front cover. Partnering with so many dynamic organizations has greatly impacted what we are able to do.

So to each and every one of you: **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT, AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE ANIMALS.** 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.

For the animals, staff and volunteers – **THANKS AGAIN FOR SAVING LIVES AND KEEPING OUR PROGRAMS OPERABLE.** We hope you will all take time to come by,

For the animals,

Sherry

Sherry Ferguson
Executive Director



Wilma
Executive, Executive Director

P.S. As we go to print, the Pavilion (Phase 1a of our Beltway 8 expansion) is almost complete!! As you know, we plan an expansion of our facilities onto property just north of our current campus. The Beltway frontage will be incredible exposure for HHS programs and animals.



New Flu

There's a new canine flu strain threatening pets, and the HHS Animal Wellness Clinic is now offering the vaccine to help protect your dog. While the symptoms of the new flu are very similar to the old strain of canine influenza, this new virus can be shed from a host animal for up to 24 days, which means the dog is contagious and spreading the disease during that time period. As a result, the infection can spread quickly among social dogs in inner cities, doggie daycares, boarding facilities, and dog parks.



The best way to protect your dog from canine influenza is through vaccination. Fortunately, there are vaccines now available for each flu strain, H3N8 and H3N2. The initial vaccination requires two doses of each vaccine, given 2 to 4 weeks apart. Thereafter, an annual booster for each influenza strain is recommended for continued protection.

Both vaccines are available at HHS. Find out more about H3N8, and the new flu, H3N2, at HoustonHumane.org.

5 Year Clinic Impact Report

51,711

spay/neuter
surgeries

83,987

rabies vaccines
administered

178,229

patients
served

The Houston Humane Society is a non-profit, privately funded organization that does not receive any local, state, or federal tax dollars.

We provide free and low-cost veterinary services to pet owners in Harris, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, and Galveston counties thanks to supporters like YOU!

Honor & Memorial

Honor and Memorial donations are a special way to remember and honor loved ones and pets. A card will be sent to whomever you ask us to notify. You can make a gift online on our website at www.HoustonHumane.org. For more information, call (713) 433-6421 ext. 321 or email mail@houstonhumane.org.

In Memoriam



It is with heavy hearts that the Houston Humane Society said goodbye to our dear friend, Carl W. Wilson, Jr. Carl passed away on January 5, 2016, at 82 years of age.

For the past 10+ years, Carl has been a trusted friend, advisor, and board member. As the picture shows, Carl loved to party. He was always a part of our celebrations at HHS. On top of that, he was one of the most caring and giving human beings on the planet. Carl was always there with kindness, support, knowledge, wisdom, and guidance for every new challenge we encountered. He was always ready and excited to plan for HHS' future and growth. His legacy will continue to live on through the shelter. He provided invaluable direction and leadership throughout the years and was instrumental helping bring our vision for a state of the art adoption facility to fruition. Thousands of animals' lives have been forever changed for the better thanks to Carl's hard work and dedication.

He will truly be missed by everyone within our organization. We will continue to strive to make him proud of the organization he helped so much.

Keeping Up with Wilma and Lizzie

Wilma, long time Head Mascot and Executive, Executive Director at the Houston Humane Society, will celebrate the 6th anniversary of being saved from a horrible puppy mill this year. Wilma is still doing great after cataract surgery last year at **Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists**. She counts **Dr. Julie Hempstead** as one of her very best friends! This year, Wilma had a mammary tumor removed and had to spend a few days in the dreaded cone of shame. She's recuperated nicely and was a great patient. She's letting Lizzie handle some of her speaking engagements these days as she concentrates more on things here at the office, like finding out who replaced her bacon flavored treats with healthy quinoa doggy biscuits!



This year Lizzie, HHS Mascot in Training and socializer extraordinaire, will celebrate her 3rd anniversary of being saved from a cruel situation. Lizzie excels at fostering puppies and small dogs and specializes in socialization. She hasn't met a pup, yet she can't make her new BFF! In 2015, Lizzie welcomed a new mascot into the fold, P-Dog, a prairie dog saved from a hoarding/eviction case. In true Lizzie fashion, it didn't take long for the unlikely duo to be fast friends.

Pupcakes for Christmas

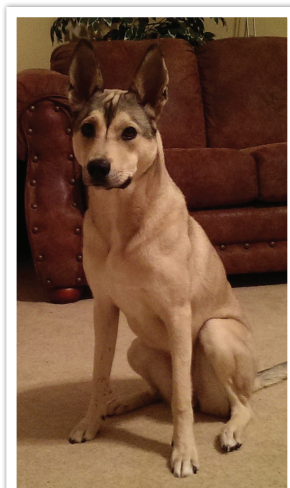
This Christmas was extra sweet for the dogs at Houston Humane Society! A wonderful volunteer named Sharon and her granddaughter purchased pupcakes from **No One Bakes Alone**. No One Bakes Alone is a home-based cupcake shop created by twelve-year-old Grace after she was diagnosed with Leukemia and underwent a Bone Marrow Transplant in April 2015. Grace and Sharon's granddaughter cheer together, and this was the perfect way for our volunteers to do something extra special for our dogs and support their friend at the same time. The peanut butter pupcakes were a HUGE hit with the dogs! See more about Grace and No One Bakes Alone online at [Facebook.com/doitforgrace/](https://www.facebook.com/doitforgrace/)



Happy Tails

Shiloh

I had recently lost my best friend Toby (corgi) after 15 years and wasn't sure I wanted to bring a new family member into the fold anytime soon. But then I saw a picture of Shiloh on your site. I knew I had to check her out.








Let's just say it was love at first site!

Shiloh (I kept the name you gave her...it fit), was too young and too small to adopt that day, AND many others had applied to give her a home. I am grateful that I was the one chosen to give her her "Forever Home."

She is now one-year-old, very active, happy, loves to play with her cousin Duncan (cairn terrier) as well as ALL her friends at the dog park. She has become an amazing friend and family member and is welcome everywhere we go.

Every day I ask myself ~ "Who rescued Who!"

Top Volunteer Needs

-  Dog Walker/Cat Socializer
-  Mobile Adoption Team
-  Foster Parent
-  Dog Bather/Groomer
-  See more volunteer needs and sign up to volunteer online at [HoustonHumane.org/Volunteer](https://www.houstonhumane.org/Volunteer)

Statement of Audited Financial Position as of December 31, 2014

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,296,019
Investments	\$2,176,604
Endowment	\$838,163
Other Current Assets	\$20,997
Inventory	\$22,857
Property and equipment	\$8,020,205
Total Assets	\$14,374,845

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$55,783
accrued expenses	\$15,599

Net assets:

Unrestricted	\$13,459,064
Restricted	\$844,399

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$14,374,845
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Revenue:

Contributions	\$2,041,005
Special Events	\$179,339
Merchandise sales	\$30,384
Service fees	\$3,286,506
Other	\$169,201
Total Revenues	\$5,706,435

EXPENSES:

Program services	\$4,072,766
Fundraising costs	\$633,316
General and administrative	\$133,619

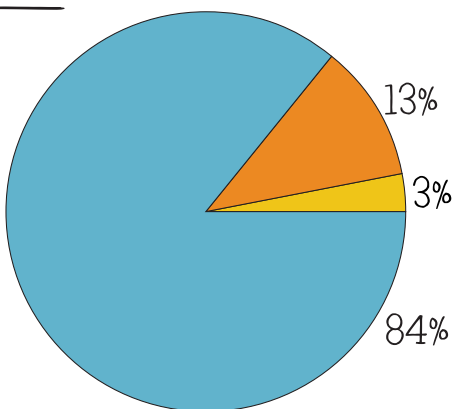
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,839,701
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$866,734
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Net Assets, beginning of year	\$13,436,729
Net Assets, End of Year	\$14,303,463

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.



Sally

We adopted Sally and are happy to report she is a wonderful addition to our family! She has come so far in just a short period of time, and we are truly able to see her adorable/friendly/super loving personality! I've never seen a dog wag its tail as much as Sally! She also loves hanging out with her brother, Harry during the day. We love her! Thanks again, HHS!



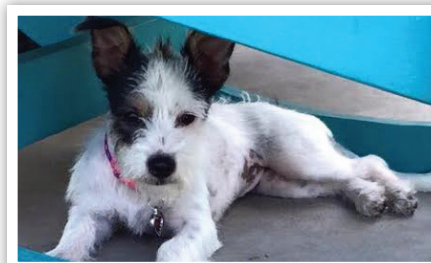
Dakota

Dakota is my best friend! We do everything together. She loves hiking, swimming, going to the dog park and playing with her three best friends a German Shepherd, a Great Pyrenees, and a kitten. She's very smart and has learned a lot of tricks including roll over, spin around, and high five. I just want to say thank y'all so much for giving me my best friend!

Happy Tails

Athena & Bambo

We wanted to say thank you for both Athena and Bambo! I adopted Athena, a Corgi/Chihuahua mix, from HHS in 2007 – I was a first-time “dog-momma”, but it was an instant click! She loves road trips, sun bathing, and squeaker toys! Since then, the HHS has had a special place in my heart, and when my fiancé and I discussed rescuing another pup, I knew just where to go. Bambo, a beagle/basset mix, came home with us in June 2015. He loves people watching, playing tug-a-war, and de-stuffing Athena's squeaker toys! He is so full of energy and loves wearing his bow tie – which was captured by Nature Dog Photography during a recent photo shoot! We are so blessed and thankful for our amazing dogs. The care, hospitality, and most importantly the opportunity at life you provide for all types of animals is truly amazing and shouldn't go unnoticed. With this, we thank you for Athena and Bambo.

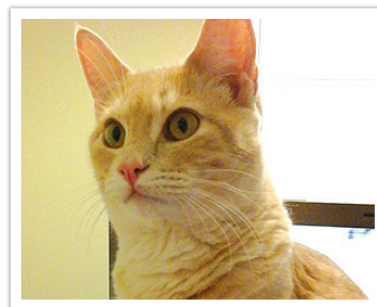


Zella

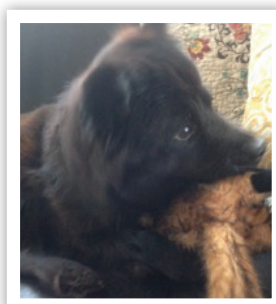
This past August I adopted Zella. She has changed my life for the better. She is the happiest dog I have ever had and loves going to the dog park. I just wanted to say thank you for helping me find my sweet girl she is so precious and perfect. I could not have asked for a better pup!

Jax

I wanted to update you on our cat we adopted from HHS two years ago. We kept the name Jax because it suited his spunky personality. Since then, he has brought so much fun and life to our home. During his first year, Jax did a fantastic job “helping” with the chores and making sure that mom and dad didn't work *too* hard. Thank you to your organization for bringing such an amazing cat into our lives!



Lily



I just wanted to thank you again for helping me to adopt Lily, the little black chow mix. She is simply the best dog ever. Here's a picture of Lily with her favorite fox toy. She chose it herself and carries it everywhere. To Randy (the volunteer who helped me find her) and the wonderful women at the front desk who called me to let me know that she was available --I am so grateful for your help with this adoption. She is a wonderful dog.



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 the Houston Humane Society animals. Campers learn valuable life lessons concerning the welfare of all animals, the importance of being compassionate to animals and the great responsibility that comes from having a pet.

During a typical day, campers receive humane education, workshops from animal experts, games, crafts, the opportunity to visit our veterinary clinic to watch a spay/neuter surgery, and lots of one on one time with pets. This camp is a must for all kids!

Cost is \$295 per session and includes daily snacks and drinks, camp t-shirt, crafts, and all activities. Register before June 1st for just \$270 per session. Due to dietary restrictions, lunch is not provided; attendees need to bring a sack lunch. Camp hours are from 9:30-3:00. 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.



Wish List

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 Tap; Scissors

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

Critter Needs:

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

Antony was one of many dogs helped by our Heartworm Donation Campaign in October! He is living heartworm free and happy in his new forever home!



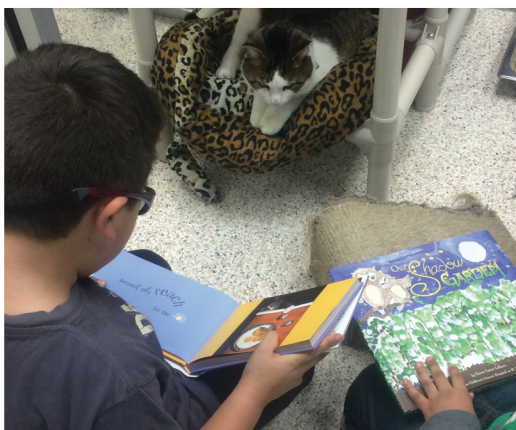
HHS volunteers did an amazing job decorating our float in the annual Pride Parade



Longtime volunteer, Kyoko Flasiak, with a happy feline patient at our annual Fix Felix for Free event in 2015, where we neutered 610 cats!



Tae Kwon Do - Young Dragons after school program stops by to read to our cats



HHS Presented KPRC with the first ever Brad Woodard Voiceless Award at the 2015 Par FORE Pets Golf Tournament



HHS was honored to host a THLN event to present Representative Sarah Davis with a much deserved award



Wilma spent some one-on-one time with Santa, and asked him to help find homes for all her furry friends.



TX Pub Crawls first Barks, Buds & Suds, event in October was a huge success! Join us at the next one on April 9.