



HOUSTON
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FOR THE ANIMALS

ANNUAL REPORT

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A NOTE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS



Houston PetSet Friends,

On behalf of the entire Houston PetSet team, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your invaluable support. Your contributions, whether through donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or advocacy, are the driving force behind our mission.

In 2024, your support allowed us to make great strides in our mission by supporting homeless animals, pets with medical emergencies, and our partner animal welfare rescue organizations.

Highlights include:

- Hosted State of the Animal Welfare with local officials. Houston Mayor John Whitmire introduced his Animal Welfare Initiative to combine resources and overall serve more animals in the community.
- Transported more than 1,500 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens to Minnesota for better chance at adoption, which opened up space at local shelters to serve more animals.
- Performed over 4,100 low cost/free spay & neuters.
- Sponsored more than 3,200 spay & neuter surgeries through clinics.
- Provided vaccine & microchips to more than 6,800 pets.
- Helped pet owners with emergency care by granting over \$325,000 in medical services.
- Jumped into action when Hurricane Beryl impacted Houston, by providing 12,000 pounds of much needed food and supplies to pet owners and shelters in need.
- Raised more than \$1 million #ForTheAnimals at The Fierce & Fabulous Soirée.
- Awarded more than \$400,000 to 92 deserving animal rescues.
- Provided over 300 dog houses, crates, and straw for outside pets during our extreme cold weather.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, we remain focused on our six areas of impact including Rescue, Adopt & Transport, Spay & Neuter, Community Service & Education, Cruelty Prevention, Research, and Advocacy. We look forward to all the lives we will change in 2025, and we are honored to do so with your continued support. **#ForTheAnimals** in 2025.

With Immense Gratitude,

Tena Lundquist Faust
Co-President

Tama Lundquist
Co-President





OUR MISSION

Mission: To end the homelessness and suffering of companion animals and elevate their status in society.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To provide resources to build the capacity of other animal welfare organizations, and to improve the public perception and treatment of companion animals.

We achieve our objectives through a strategic plan that focuses on the following six impact areas:

- **Spay & Neuter**
 - Provide free and/or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries to communities that need it most
- **Community Service & Education**
 - Implement and support programs to help the public provide proper care to their pets, and support pet owners with emergency funds
- **Advocacy**
 - Increase engagement to influence public policy and affect legislation at local and state levels
- **Rescue, Adopt & Transport**
 - Increase capacity amongst rescue, foster, adoption organizations through funding and transport opportunities
- **Cruelty Prevention**
 - Decrease animal cruelty, and fund and train the agencies that protect animals from abuse
- **Research**
 - Build and leverage our collection of qualitative and quantitative data to inform lasting solutions

GRANTS

Houston PetSet's Annual Grant program continued to see incredible growth in 2024. Records were broken yet again, with more than \$400,000 being distributed amongst 92 deserving animal welfare nonprofits.

Grant Recipients

#TeamFeral Cat Rescue & Adoption | 16 Hands of Love | A Doberman Adoption Placement Team (ADAPT) | A New Dawn Pet Adoption | Active Paws Rescue Inc | Alaska's Hope Animal Rescue | Angel of Hope Animal Rescue | Apollo's Pals Sanctuary, Rehabilitation & Adoption, Inc. | Bailey Animal Rescue Trust | Barrio Dogs | Bay Area Pet Adoptions | Beaumont Pets Alive | Berg Foster Life | Boston Terrier Rescue of Greater Houston, Inc | Cape Kitty Rescue | Chances Dog Rescue and Relocation | Citizens for Animal Protection | Citizens for Animals of Midland Odessa (CAMO) | Copper's Cat Commune | Corridor Rescue | Crime Stoppers of Houston | D&A Animal Rescue | Devoted to Pets Rescue | Dizzy Dog Animal Rescue | Emancipet | Farm Gals Animal Ministry | Flying Pigs Animal Sanctuary | Forgotten Coast Animal Rescue | Forgotten Pet and Wildlife Rescue | Freedom Street Rescue | Friends of Missouri City Animal Shelter | Friends of Rosenberg's Homeless Pets | Fur a Pawsitive Future, Inc. | Fuzzy Texan Animal Rescue | Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue | Good Lif3 Bully Rescue | Great Pyrenees Rescue Society | Greater Houston German Shepherd Dog Rescue | Heart of the Underdog | Helping Paws in Chambers County | Homeless & Orphaned Pets Endeavor (HOPE) | Homeless Pet Placement League | Honoring Hope & Faith Rescue | Houston Boxer Rescue | Houston Cares Animal Rescue | Houston Pets Alive! | Houston Rabbit Resource | HTX Dog Rescue | Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston | Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue Volunteers | Jake's House of Animal Rescue | Jenni's Rescue Ranch | Jen's Neonatal Nursery | Lifeline of Galveston County | LMN Feline Rescue | Lola's Lucky Day | Lucky Penny Rox Rescue | Lumpy Lizard Reptile, Poultry, and Exotics Rescue | Magnolia Exotic Bird Sanctuary | Mission for Paws | Montgomery County Texas Animal Society | Mutt Motel | Operation Pets Alive | Our Pet Project | Paw Patrol | Pippy's Pals Rescue | PugHearts Houston Pug Rescue | Pup Squad Animal Rescue | Rescued Pets Movement, Inc. | Samantha's Purrfect Cat Rescue | Sauver Des Chiens, Inc. | Saving Our Companion Animals - Fort Bend County | Scout's Honor Rescue | Second Chance Pets | SNIP Spay and Neuter Initiative Program | Sonoma's Haven | Space City Cats | Special Pals Rescue and Shelter | Stretch for Strays | Texas Great Pyrenees Rescue | Texas Litter Control | Texas Old English Sheepdog Rescue | Texas Wolfdog Project Rescue & Shelter | The Forgotten Pet Advocates | The Rescue for PTSD | The Rueben and Abbi Project | The Sunshine Cat Fund Cat Rescue | The Woodlands Dog Park Club (Lone Star Animal Welfare League) | Three Little Pitties Rescue | Toni TNR Tails, Inc. | Westie & Scottie Rescue Houston | Wolly Kitten Club

SPAY & NEUTER

Provide free or low-cost spay/neuter options to communities that need it most.



The Houston PetSet Mobile Spay/Neuter Unit team sterilized, vaccinated, and microchipped more than **4,100 owned pets** in 2024.

In addition to these surgeries subsidized by the City of Houston, we were able to sponsor more than **3,200 cats and dogs** at our partner clinics and through mass-spay/neuter events. These additional numbers would not be possible without the support of individual donors and foundations.

RESCUE, ADOPT & TRANSPORT

Increase capacity amongst rescue, foster, adoption organizations through funding, adoption, and transport opportunities.



In 2024, Houston PetSet was able to transport more than **1,500 puppies, kittens, cats, and dogs** to adoption centers in Minnesota. Thanks to the Wolly Kitten Club, Angel of Hope, The Babinski Foundation, and the Animal Humane Society for your partnership in animal welfare. These homeless animals were given a better chance at adoption while at the same time alleviating the pressure of overcrowding in the Houston shelters and rescues.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & EDUCATION

Implement and support programs to help the public provide proper care to their pets.



In 2024, Houston PetSet broke records by providing **free microchips and vaccines to more than 6,800 pets**. These events were also an opportunity to offer free or low-cost spay/neuter services and free food to participating families.

We also provided more than **\$325,000 in emergency funds** to pet owners in need of assistance with medical bills and supplies so they could keep their beloved pets.

In July, Hurricane Beryl impacted the Houston and surrounding areas, which left animal shelters, rescues, and pet owners in desperate need of food and essential supplies. Houston PetSet and The Babinski Foundation jumped into action by providing **12,000 pounds of food and supplies**, plus transporting more than **50 dogs** and puppies. In December, Houston experienced several winter storms that brought frigid cold temperatures to our area. We provided more than **300 dog houses**, crates, and straw to protect animals during these extreme conditions.

CRUELTY PREVENTION

Decrease animal cruelty, and fund and train the agencies that protect animals from abuse.



The connection between domestic violence and animal cruelty is often overlooked, highlighting a new initiative aimed at helping both human and animal survivors. **Houston PetSet, Crime Stoppers of Houston, and the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) worked together to raise awareness about animal cruelty and its link to domestic violence.** The goal is to address the needs of both human and animal victims of domestic violence.

RESEARCH

Build and leverage our collection of qualitative and quantitative data to inform lasting solutions.



As part of our yearly granting cycle, Houston PetSet collects information on the number of people and animals helped annually by our grant applicants. These hard-working groups together **served nearly 602,500 people and assisted more than 157,500 animals.**

ADVOCACY

Increase engagement to influence public policy and affect legislation at local and state levels.



Houston Mayor John Whitmire, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg, Harris County Sheriff Deputy E. Gonzalez, Houston City Council Members Sallie Alcorn and Mario Castillo, and THLN all stand in unison working together for the animals.

Mayor Whitmire spoke about how his new administration plans to make Houston a leader in the animal welfare community by dedicating resources and implementing consistent standards for all Houston-area animal shelters. This includes doing away with duplication of services between Houston and Harris County and finding a way to combine resources to serve animals and the community better.

HOUSTON PETSET IN THE NEWS

Once again, Houston PetSet served as the gold standard for animal welfare expertise for the media, in times of both crisis and celebration.



LOCAL NEWS

Correlation between domestic violence and animal cruelty

Published: October 8, 2024 at 11:21 AM
Updated: October 8, 2024 at 11:26 AM
Tags: Domestic Violence, Breaking Free, Pets, Houston PetSet
Lisa Tynan, with Houston PetSet, talks about the connection between domestic violence and animal cruelty and how to keep your pets safe.



GREAT DAY HOUSTON

How "Houston PetSet" Helps Put A Stop To Pet Homelessness

We chat with the founders of Houston PetSet about the importance of ending homelessness and suffering of companion animals.



SOCIETY / FEATURED PARTIES

Music Star, Houston's Glamour Twins and a Shimmering Crowd Celebrate 20 Years In Style — Inside PetSet's \$1 Million Night

Pat Green at the Mic and Homeless Animals On the Mind

BY SHELBY HODGE // 09.12.24

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SAVE ARTICLE



LOCAL # HOUSTON

Houston Area Women's Center plans program to let pets stay with abuse survivors

By Caroline Williams, Staff writer
Nov 1, 2024



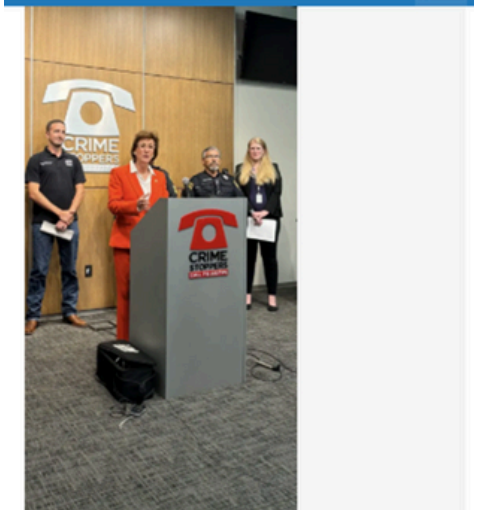
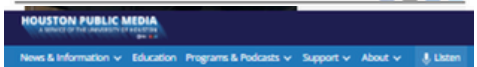
Wynka Davis, 8, of Midland, Texas, participates in a Texas Council of Family Violence and Texas Association Against Sexual Assault rally at the State Capitol in 2023.
Texas Council of Family Violence/Associated Press

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Houston area's 15 most wanted animal cruelty fugitives announced in Anti-Animal Cruelty Initiative

Crime Stoppers of Houston, Harris County District Attorney's Office, and local law enforcement partner on Anti-Animal Cruelty Initiative.

Spencer Platt | July 31, 2024, 11:28 AM



Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced 15 most wanted fugitives for animal cruelty cases.

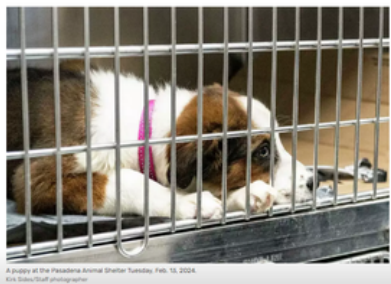
A partnership between Crime Stoppers of Houston, Harris County District Attorney's Office, and local law enforcement is asking for the public's help to find the 15 most wanted animal abuser fugitives in Houston. Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg says animal abuse is a big problem in Houston and can lead to more aggressive behavior.

"Imagine being caged or chained or tied somewhere that you can't get out of the heat, you can't get water, you can't get food, or worse yet, somebody is intentionally harming you. That's the life of an abused animal in Harris County," said Ogg.

1 Tama Lundquist, Pat Green and Tena Lundquist Faust sparkle at Houston PetSet's 20th anniversary gala. (Photo by Priscilla Dickson)

Houston PetSet awards \$400K in grants to end pet homelessness

By Shakari Briggs, Staff writer
Nov 22, 2024



A puppy at the Pasadena Animal Shelter Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2024.
Kim Innes/Staff photographer

Domestic violence and pet abuse: A dangerous link

By Randy Wallace | Published: October 14, 2024 9:46pm CDT | Pets and Animals | FOX 26 Houston |



Connection between domestic violence, animal abuse

FOX 26 Reporter Randy Wallace has more on the connection.

THE FIERCE & FABULOUS SOIRÉE AND THE THANKS+GIFTING EVENT

On September 6, 2024, Houston PetSet hosted the Fierce & Fabulous Soirée at the Post Oak Hotel to **raise more than \$1 million #ForTheAnimals**. This year we celebrated two decades of Houston PetSet and our work in combatting the city's homeless animal crisis. Highlights included Texas country superstar, Pat Green entertaining guests with a private concert and our captivating emcee, Deborah Duncan. In honor of our 20th birthday celebration, 20 Houstonians were honored who have left an indelible mark on the lives of animals and their people in this great city.

Following the success of the Soirée, Houston PetSet hosted our animal rescue partners at the Thanks+Gifting Event on November 18th at Warehouse Live Midtown. 2024 was a record-breaking year with more than **\$400,000 being awarded to 92 deserving animal rescues**.



Tama Lundquist, Deborah Duncan, and Tena Lundquist Faust



Co-Chairs Tama Lundquist & Tena Lundquist Faust



Mike and Christine Wicks with Texas singing superstar Pat Green



Houston PetSet Team Members



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Hundreds of Rescue Partners!

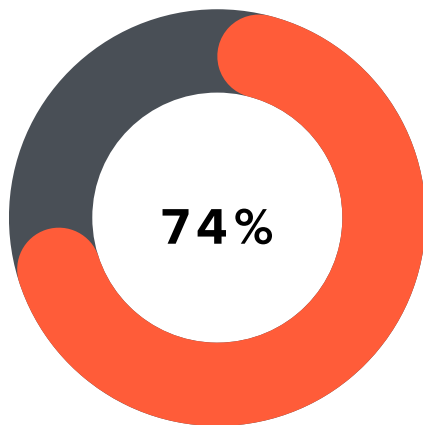
FINANCE

In 2024, 74 cents of every dollar donated to Houston PetSet was spent on critical programming for the animals, including spay and neuter, transport, and emergency grants.

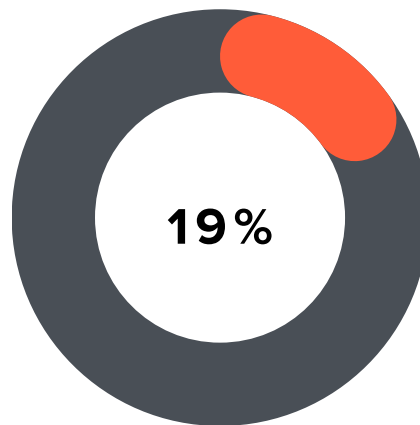
Houston PetSet remained true to our mission in 2024 by targeting **direct-service programs** and funding animal welfare organizations in the Greater Houston area. Contributions supported established programs including spay/neuter, transport, emergency cases, and free vaccine and microchip clinics. We also granted more than \$400,000 to our rescue and service partners at the end of the year.

We raised money for critical programs and **spent it wisely**. We will continue to utilize our resources strategically and carefully to ensure donations are used for the most significant impact.

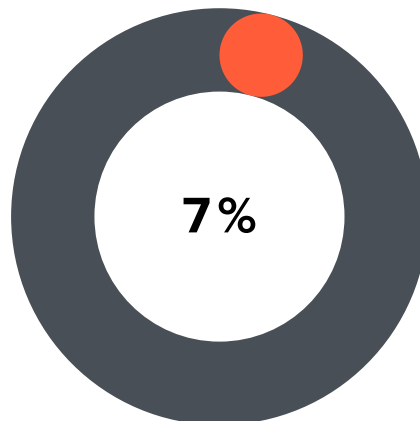
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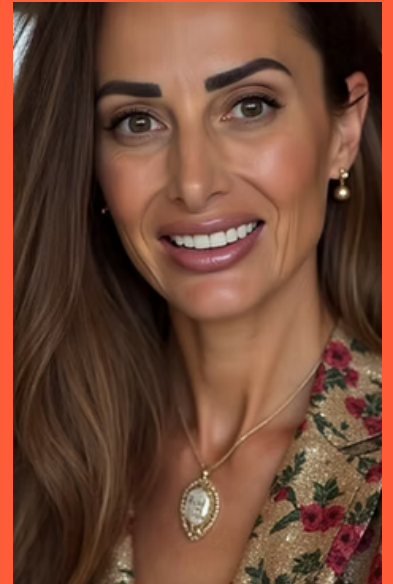


Houston PetSet fills a unique role in animal welfare in Houston. I value the organization's commitment to filling the gaps, creating coalitions, and advocating for the necessary change we need for the animals. I have enjoyed working with Houston PetSet over the years. It will take partnerships, collaboration, and dedication to continue to make a significant difference.

MAYOR JOHN WHITMIRE

Houston PetSet is an integral part of Houston's animal welfare community by uniting resources, rescues, and educating the public. In advocating for the welfare of animals in congress in Austin; HPS pulls together the work of all reputable rescues in Houston who work hard daily to make a positive impact and to reduce the number of unwanted animals. I cannot say enough praise for what HPS means to Lola's Lucky Day, the city of Houston, and the state of Texas. They are so appreciated!

**LARISSA GAVIN
COMMUNITY PARTNER**



Thank you so much, Matty and I thank you and I am grateful to GOD for this organization Houston PetSet and all the members that make it up. I extend my gratitude to all the people that support your assistance so that this is made possible thank you."

**RAQUEL, MATTY'S OWNER
EMERGENCY GRANT RECIPIENT FOR VETTING**

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