



## Numbers of People and Animals Served by Our Programs 2015

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**Sheltering:** The Houston SPCA provides the most comprehensive array of animal adoption, shelter, rescue, rehabilitation, and other programs and services in the region. We are committed to all animals and intervene on behalf of more than 50,000 animals each year, including cats and dogs, equine and other farm animals, small mammals, native wildlife, and exotic species.

**Spay/Neuter & Life-Saving Medical Services:** All animals are spayed or neutered prior to placement. Our highly-skilled Veterinary Services Team is often called to provide emergency, urgent or critical care medical service to our animals, especially those who come to us through Cruelty Investigations or Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance. Last year, our talented team performed over 7,000 spay/neuter surgeries and life-saving medical procedures.

**Adoptions:** The Houston SPCA proudly places 100% of our healthy animals into loving new homes. Last year, we celebrated over 9,200 placements!

**Cruelty Investigations:** Last year, the highly-trained men and women of our Cruelty Investigations Department received more than 7,100 reports of animal abuse, neglect and cruelty. The work of the Cruelty Investigations Team is featured on Animal Planet's *Animal Cops: Houston* TV show.

**24-Hour Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance:** The Houston SPCA is the only agency that provides an injured animal ambulance and rescue service 24 hours a day, every day of the year, for stray animals that are injured, in danger or in distress. Last year, more than 3,400 injured animals were rescued by our team.

**Foster Care:** Thousands of orphaned, sick or injured animals receive temporary shelter, love and care in volunteer foster homes before placement. The Houston SPCA also fosters healthy animals, instead of euthanizing them, when space is needed for incoming dogs, cats and small mammals. Last year, hundreds of foster families gave more than 2,300 animals a second chance at life.

**Disaster Response Services:** The Houston SPCA is the lead nonprofit agency responsible for providing rescue, recovery and relief efforts to animals during disasters such as oil spills, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes.

**Humane Education and Community Outreach:** Last year, the Houston SPCA reached tens of thousands of adults and children through our humane education and community outreach programs, which teach about compassion and respect for all living creatures. More than 700 children participate annually in our Critter Camp.

**PetSafe:** This unique program provides free temporary boarding, minor medical care, vaccinations and spaying or neutering to pets of families fleeing domestic violence and seeking a safe haven in area shelters. The Houston SPCA believes that wherever people are at risk, animals are also at risk.

**The Wildlife Center of Texas:** An affiliate of the Houston SPCA, The Wildlife Center of Texas, is Houston's only trauma and wildlife rehabilitation center that treats all injured, sick or orphaned native Texas wildlife. Last year, more than 10,000 native wild animals representing 350 different species arrived at The Wildlife Center of Texas in need of treatment and care.

**Shelter Medicine and Animal Welfare Partnership:** Approximately 150 fourth-year veterinary students from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences participate in a required, graded two-week Shelter Medicine and Animal Welfare rotation on our campus annually. As a result of the partnership, future veterinarians will be more knowledgeable about the full spectrum of animal treatment and welfare, including rescue and forensics investigations – and will be better equipped to respond to community needs.

**Volunteers:** More than 1,400 dedicated volunteers donated more than 83,000 hours of time last year to help us give orphaned, abused, and neglected animals a second chance at life!