“Brownie rescued me and my husband on August 30, 2019, when at the Houston SPCA playground, she decided to lay next to me and take a nap! She is the most smart, loving and energetic puppy ever! We go on daily walks/hikes, and I am currently training her to become a service dog. She learns very fast. She brings so much joy and love into my life!”

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For nearly 100 years, the Houston SPCA has been Houston’s first and largest animal protection agency in the Gulf Coast region, providing more than a dozen vital services and programs for our community. Our mission is to promote commitment to and respect for all animals and free them from suffering, abuse and exploitation.

How Far Your Support Goes:

The Houston SPCA is the only animal protection and rescue organization in the country that cares for such a vast array of animals—companion, small pets, horses and farm animals, native wildlife and exotics—all on one campus. In 2019, your support meant:

- 42,000 animals helped.
- 11,000 native wildlife animals impacted.
- 7,288 animals adopted into new homes.
- 6,600 reports of animal cruelty investigated.

IN ADDITION, YOU HELPED:

- Reach more than 200,000 through Humane Education programs.
- Provide a safe haven for pets involved in domestic violence through PetSafe.
- Host 150 Texas A&M veterinary students for a required, graded two-week rotation.

Our Programs and Services

Through the Houston SPCA, you support far more than animal adoption. We’re the Gulf Coast region’s go-to resource for animal rescue, relief, educational programs and so much more.

Adoptions
Sheltering and Rehoming Center
24-hour Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance
Animal cruelty investigations
Found animals
Volunteering

Programs for kids
Humane education
Community outreach
Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine partnership
The Wildlife Center of Texas
Disaster/emergency relief

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2019 Impact Report

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A LEGACY OF CARING FOR HORSES

from The President’s Desk

The protection of horses was one of the catalysts for the Houston SPCA’s founding in 1924, and it remains an integral part of our work today. In addition to all the companion and farm animals we serve, we are one of the only organizations in the greater Gulf Coast region that can provide large-scale rescue, shelter and high-quality rehabilitative care to horses and other equines. Nearly every horse who comes into our care is malnourished, sometimes several hundred pounds underweight, and in need of extensive rehabilitation before he or she can find a new home. Others are dehydrated and need critical care, IV fluids and even support in an Anderson Sling. Many have never been groomed or received hoof or dental care. We also see unattended injuries, open wounds and abscesses. Saddest of all, many have never known a kind, gentle touch.

Your support helps provide superior veterinary care, socialization and rehabilitation to each horse on the Campus for All Animals. That includes vaccinations, testing, dental treatment, medicines, deworming, gelding, grooming and quality nutrition. As soon as the horses’ veterinary needs have been met and they are strong enough, our dedicated and highly skilled barn team begins teaching them to trust through holistic training so they can transition to their new homes. Due to the range of complex care and lengthy rehabilitation our horses receive (often six months to two years), the equine care component of our animal welfare program can be costly. We consider the health of the horses—and the joy they bring to their new families’ lives—worth every expense.

In 2019, we helped over 2,500 horses through our cruelty investigations program. Thanks to an incredibly generous gift from The Stanford and Joan Alexander Foundation, the Dr. Amy Alexander Equine Care Center on our new campus provides a safe and healthy environment where rescued horses and farm animals can recover from cruelty, abuse and neglect and get a second chance at the life they so richly deserve. Thank you for all you do to support Houston SPCA programs, including those that enable us to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome horses in need. We are very grateful.

MEET SOME OF THE LIVES YOU’VE SAVED

Dozens of Dogs

Picture 48 dogs living in a home less than 1,900 square feet. They were infested with fleas, matted and not socialized. Some had health issues as a result of inbreeding. Many suffered severe eye issues, and a few were even completely blind.

Fortunately their owner, realizing at last that the situation was out of control, signed all 48 over to us. At the Houston SPCA, your support allowed these dogs—ranging from 4 weeks to 4 years old—to be groomed, fed, socialized and treated for fleas and other issues. Then they were ready to find new homes with proper care and room to stretch their legs. The Houston SPCA is the only local rescue organization able to take in such a large number of animals at once, and you make it possible.

Soaked but Safe

Rescue Technician Yeni raced to the scene. As Tropical Storm Imelda deluged the city with rain, a Good Samaritan heard the cries of a tiny kitten from a storm drain. Every second counted. By the time this little one was out of the drain, both she and Yeni were soaked to the skin. But there was a warm welcome waiting on the Campus for All Animals, and soon her fur was fluffy again (we let Yeni dry off, too, before sending her out to rescue more animals). With some good food inside her, a little foster care and a clean bill of health, the kitten was ready to find a loving family. Our brave rescue teams are able to do this every day thanks to you!

A Mother’s Love

It was one of the most tragic scenes you can imagine. Sometimes we get the call just a little too late. Even as our investigators prepared to rescue her, the mother horse died. Her month-old foal stood by her, trying to nurse and nudging her to stand up again. She had sacrificed her own life to feed him.

Noodle was rushed back to the Campus for All Animals with all his tiny ribs showing. While providing urgently needed care, we also fought for custody and won. He’d lost his mother so young that our staff and the other horses had to teach him how to be a horse. But after six months in our care, this sweet and sassy boy was adopted into a loving new home. Thank you for making sure his mother’s sacrifice wasn’t in vain.