A Note from the Houston SPCA President

Founded in 1924, the Houston SPCA is the largest animal welfare organization in the region and one of the largest in the US, providing a comprehensive array of adoption, shelter, rescue, rehabilitation, and other programs and services. We rescue and care for more than 45,000 animals each year — including dogs, cats, horses, farm animals, exotic species, and native wildlife.

The demand for our services has increased, stretching our facilities to the limit. To address these challenges, we developed a new campus master plan to meet the needs of all the animals we care for, both now and well into the future. The first phase of our master plan opened to the public in August of last year and includes:

- **The Ann Slemons Young Adoption Center**, designed to increase adoptions by better showcasing adoptable dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, and other companion animals in bright, engaging ways to prospective adopters.

- **The Carruth Education Center**, a large multipurpose building to host humane education workshops, volunteer trainings, camps, and other gatherings.

- **The Annie White Graham Wildlife Center** with more than double the space for rehabilitating native wildlife.

- **The Dr. Amy Alexander Equine Care Center** that enables the Houston SPCA to properly house and care for more horses and farm animals on our campus. The new on-campus barn also makes it much easier for prospective adopters to meet and interact with these animals.

- **The Fast Fred Cemo and Ranger Peabody Dog Parks**

- **An outdoor rescue arena**, which will serve as a staging area for large-scale rescues and disaster response, as well as provide space to exercise and train horses and other animals.

- **The Outdoor Wildlife Care Complex**, which includes flight cages that provide optimal space for rehabilitating large native birds like owls, hawks, and bald eagles, and customized spaces for smaller songbirds.

- **The David Smyth Administrative Center**, which increases operational efficiency and performance.

Thanks to your support, we are now able to care for all species of animals on one central campus. However, we are not done yet! Construction has begun on our new Animal Medical Center, which will allow us to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome more animals than ever before. I hope you'll visit and experience firsthand our lifesaving efforts.

**On behalf of the animals we protect and save, I say THANK YOU!**

![Signature]

Patricia E. Mercer  
President & CEO

Please donate today and help us rescue even more amazing animals.
Amazing Tales of Houston SPCA Rescues

Knox

Most car engine rescue stories we hear about at the Houston SPCA involve cats and the occasional small mammal. It's not often our 24-hour rescue ambulance is called for a puppy stuck in an engine, but that's exactly what happened. The tiny pup had been trapped for nearly two days while the car's owner desperately tried to find anyone who would help her. The Houston SPCA rescue and vet technicians worked carefully with a local mechanic to extract the trapped pup.

Amazingly, Knox, as he's now known, was just a bit dehydrated and hungry but nothing more. After a few days of rest and recovery, the nine-week-old puppy was neutered and prepared for adoption. With his sweet personality, he is sure to make his new family very happy.

Gamora and Nebula

One hallmark of a successful animal welfare organization is when the community knows that they can turn to them for help, no matter the crisis. When a construction worker discovered two tiny kittens in a box, he knew that the Houston SPCA was the perfect place for them to go. The kittens, Gamora and Nebula, had somehow survived being shipped along with machinery from a manufacturer in Pennsylvania to a job site in Houston.

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We Are a Campus for All Animals

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

45,000 animals helped annually.
10,000 native wildlife animals impacted.
6,500 animals adopted into new homes.
6,000 reports of animal cruelty investigated.

IN ADDITION, WE:

- Reach over 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 annually
Amazing Tales continued

At only five weeks old, Gamora and Nebula arrived tired and hungry but otherwise unscathed. They were given a head-to-tail medical evaluation and sent into a loving foster home where they grew big and strong. They learned to be handled, cuddled, and dressed in adorable costumes! Despite their harrowing start to life, thanks to a quick thinking Houstonian and his trust in the Houston SPCA, Gamora and Nebula will get to live the rest of their days as beloved and pampered Texas pets.

Riva

When you’ve been saving the lives of animals for a long time, the individual stories can tend to blend together. But for Houston SPCA rescue technician Yeni, Riva’s story left a big impression.

The ambulance report was fairly typical — someone saw Riva get hit by a car, and she was yelping with pain and bleeding on the side of the road. Yeni rushed her back to the Houston SPCA to get the little terrier immediate veterinary care.

X-rays revealed more than just a broken leg from the car impact — Riva had been shot and had a bullet lodged in her side. The trauma from the collision left her leg broken beyond repair, so the veterinary team performed an emergency amputation right away. Despite the horror she endured, somehow this little dog has been nothing but loving to everyone, and she’s earned a special place in Yeni’s heart forever.

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.

Houston SPCA Adoption Center
7007 Old Katy Road
Houston, Texas 77024.

The Houston SPCA Rehoming Center
900 Portway Drive
Houston, Texas 77024.

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday
Adoptions: 11am-7pm
Rehoming Center: 10am-5pm
Saturday-Sunday
Adoptions: 10am-4pm
Rehoming Center: 10am-5pm

Phone: (713) 869-SPCA (7722)
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24-Hour Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance

Call 713-869-SPCA (7722) seven days a week between 9 am and 5 pm.

After hours and holidays, please call 713-880-HELP (4357).