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## **\*\*UPDATE\*\***

### **Dozens of Injured, Orphaned Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets Returned to the Wild This Week**

*The Protected Species Were Released After Breeding Ground Was Destroyed in May*

#### **B-roll and Hi-res images of birds released back into wild**

(HOUSTON) July 15, 2022 – The Houston SPCA’s Wildlife Center of Texas team released 28 juvenile great egrets and blue herons back into the wild earlier this month after they were found with broken wings, mangled legs and internal injuries when their nesting area in Cypress had been destroyed on May 13.



Migratory birds like egrets and herons are protected by state law and are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). More than 1,000 species are protected under the MBTA and it is unlawful to kill, injure or capture them.

Each year, the Houston SPCA’s Wildlife Center of Texas cares for more than 12,000 native wild animals, comprising more than 360 species at their Campus for All Animals at 7007 Old Katy Road in Houston.

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