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2022 IMPACT REPORT

Augustin needed more care than his first family could provide. But it was love at first sight for one of our Texas A&M veterinary students, and those sad eyes were happy again!



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Celebrating New Beginnings

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Reflecting on how your support and the support of many others like you helped so many animals last year, I am pleased to share our *2022 Impact Report*.

Our teams have never worked harder as we faced record-breaking summer temperatures and increased expenses for services, including our Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance and Cruelty Investigations. Their steadfast commitment to our mission continues to inspire me. After nearly one year of veterinary care and rehabilitation, we recently released two young bald eagles back into the wild, reunited a Boxer named Cash with his family after he was lost for nearly two years, and have officially named our campus the William and Evelyn Griffin Campus for All Animals.

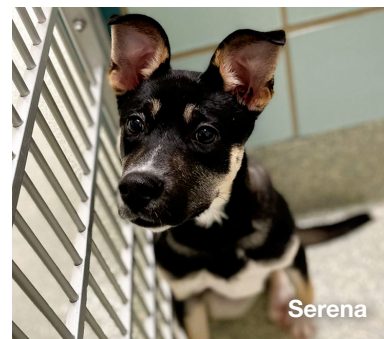
Looking forward, the Houston SPCA is not only poised to continue to make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals, but also plans to expand many of our essential programs that will help animals in need just as the Houston SPCA begins its 100th year in 2024.

We know the life-saving work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming thousands of animals can only happen with a supportive community of animal lovers like yourself. For that, we are so grateful.

As you read this impact report featuring animals whose lives have changed forever, I hope you remember that they are among the countless new beginnings at Houston SPCA all because of you.



Patricia E. Mercer
President & CEO



Meet Some of the Lives You've Saved

PAYING IT FORWARD

Misty was in terrible shape when our cruelty investigators brought her in. Malnourished and missing much of her hair, she was suffering from demodectic mange, flea allergy dermatitis, and a secondary skin infection. Imagine how miserable her skin must have felt — and how wonderful it was to get the help your support provided! After four months in foster care, Misty's foster mom couldn't part with her and adopted her. Now Misty helps her mom nurture other foster pups for the Houston SPCA.



A LIGHT IN THE DARK

When our Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance team arrived at the apartment complex in search of an injured cat, a witness said they'd seen a man punching the cat earlier in the day. As soon as they rescued Angelito, it was clear something was wrong with his eyes. Our veterinary team discovered untreated ulcers and a birth defect called eyelid agenesis, which caused constant pain. To relieve Angelito's discomfort and give him the best life, the team made the difficult decision to remove both of his eyes. After time in foster care, Angelito charmed a new family during our Clear the Shelters event.



READY TO RUN FREE

Ritzzy's ideal weight is nearly 1,000 pounds. She weighed just 640 pounds when she was rescued with 14 other horses, fowl, and even a rabbit. Her hooves had also not received the care they needed and were very overgrown. For four months, this beautiful girl rested and got stronger under the experienced hands of our Equine & Farm Animal Team. At last she was ready to gallop across our pastures and into a new life.



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 animals, small pets, horses and farm animals, native wildlife, and exotics — all on one campus. In 2022, your support meant:

55,506

total animals helped

11,723

native wild animals brought in for care

8,982

animals adopted into new homes

7,466

reports of animal cruelty investigated

IN ADDITION, YOU HELPED:

- Deliver more than 109,632 pet meals to pet parents in need
- Provide a safe haven for 26 pets involved in domestic violence through PetSafe

OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Our activities go far beyond 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
- Injured Animal Rescue Ambulance
- Animal Cruelty Investigations
- Foster Care
- PetSafe
- Volunteering
- Programs for kids
- Community outreach and education
- Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine partnership
- The Wildlife Center of Texas
- Disaster rescue, relief, and recovery
- Providing pet meals to those in need through mission-based partners

Fulfilling a Dream

**Alex Cardet, Animal Care Specialist,
10+ years of service**

Every day, staff at the Houston SPCA use your generous gifts to help animals. Alex found the Houston SPCA through a TV show that featured our work and knew we'd be a good place to fulfill his dream of working in animal welfare. Here's a quick Q&A!



Q: What's your favorite part of the job?

A: A lot of animals come in really shy. They might not have been around people. Seeing them come out of their shell and a few weeks later, they're a totally different animal, that's the most rewarding thing.

Q: What memory has really stuck with you?

A: A few years ago, we got a cruelty case with a whole bunch of Shih Tzus. One of them, Stacy, was in the Adoption Center but was really shy and kind of hiding from everyone. I took her home to foster. She pretty much slept for two or three days. The third day I woke up in the morning and all I heard was this "thump, thump, thump" of her tail hitting the kennel. That day she finally came out of her shell and showed who she really was. I brought her back and not even two days later, she was adopted.

Q: Why is your work at the Houston SPCA so important to the mission?

A: Animal Care is the heart of it all because we're face-to-face with the animals. We see them come in injured, in pain, and we make them feel comfortable for the time they're going to be here.

Q: What would you like to say to people who donate to the Houston SPCA?

A: If it wasn't for all the donations coming in, this place wouldn't be able to keep going. Thank you for that.

**The Houston SPCA
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