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24-Hour Animal Ambulance Answers the Call for Community's Most Vulnerable Animals

Trapped Kittens Rescued from Car's Hot Engine Compartment, Treated for Heat Distress

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HOUSTON (August 2, 2023) – The Houston SPCA's 24-hour animal ambulance responded to a report of three kittens trapped inside a car's hot engine compartment in northeast Houston late Monday evening. An Emergency Medical Veterinary Technician (EMVTs are trained veterinary technicians) safely removed the kittens through the car's undercarriage followed quickly by treatment for heat distress using cloths soaked in room-temperature water and a portable fan to lower body temperatures. Veterinary staff reported that it is a miracle the kittens did not sustain burns.



All three little felines, now named Haley, Alexandra and Luke were transported to the Houston SPCA Medical Center where veterinarians say they are doing very well despite the dangerous situation. The kittens are currently in the Houston SPCA kitten nursery where they can safely grow until they are old enough for adoption.



[Hi-res images & b-roll here](#)

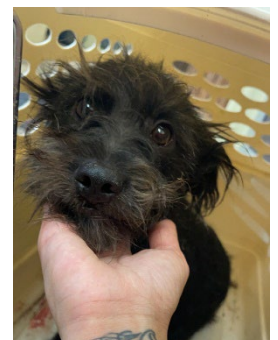
The ambulance responds to more than 6,000 calls for help each year and serves a vast array of the community's *unowned and injured or distressed animals* of Harris County including puppies, kittens, dogs, cats as well as wild animals, small pets and small farm animals. They are rescued from inside walls, sewers and drains, busy freeways as well as deep ravines and ditches.

The Houston SPCA's 24-hour rescue animal ambulance is the only one of its kind in the region and serves all of Harris County, 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week with a rotating team that includes five EVMTs. Under the direction of Dr. Roberta Westbrook, this unit of experienced veterinary technicians can quickly access injured animals' needs at a scene, helping to save more lives.



See an unowned and injured or distressed animal? Call 713.880.4357 (HELP)

The Houston SPCA is located near Memorial Park at 7007 Old Katy Road, Houston, Texas 77024 and is open Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Available pets can be viewed online at www.houstonspca.org.



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