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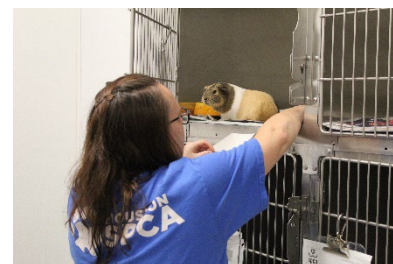
UPDATE

Hurricane Impacted Pets Now in Houston

Houston SPCA Emergency Response Team Returns Late Thursday Night From SPCA Tampa Bay with 68 Animals

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(HOUSTON) October 18, 2024 – The Houston SPCA Emergency Response Team arrived late Thursday night with nearly 70 animals from SPCA Tampa Bay. Dozens of volunteers, along with staff were there to assist with unloading, feeding and helping **68 animals including four dogs, 32 cats, 25 rabbits and eight guinea pigs** settle in for the night. The animals will all receive veterinary exams and care before they are prepared for the adoption program.



At the request of SPCA Tampa Bay earlier this week, the Houston SPCA responded to their call for assistance regarding the excessive number of animals currently in their care after Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Many of their staff and volunteers who care for those animals were severely impacted by the hurricanes.

While the Houston SPCA was in Largo, Florida, they joined the animal welfare organization in the community to help distribute pet food before loading the animals into vans about 5 a.m. Thursday morning and making the 15-hour journey back to the Houston SPCA campus.

Houston SPCA widened its geographical focus on disaster response in the early 1980s, responding to communities and animal welfare organizations outside the greater Houston area that were in need following a natural disaster. After the record-breaking number of hurricanes in 2020 along the Texas Gulf Coast, the Houston SPCA assisted Louisiana SPCA and local rescues with 430 impacted animals.

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