

MASSIVE RESCUE EFFORT:

How You Helped More Than 900 Animals

Recently, the Houston SPCA partnered with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office to conduct a rescue that would save hundreds of lives. A local pet store had become a nightmare for more than 900 animals.

Upon arriving, our cruelty investigators discovered that the property had been hastily cleaned in an attempt to hide the unhealthy conditions these animals were living in. Lifeless bodies of mice and a bird told a heartbreaking story of neglect. Our ambulance, veterinarian, and investigator team jumped into action, saving every life they could.

They worked tirelessly, saving kittens, puppies, rabbits, hedgehogs, ducks, chickens, birds, exotic peacocks, and massive tortoises. They removed hundreds of fish and an assortment of reptiles and arachnids, all to be taken to our campus for assessment.

Our veterinary team worked through the night to provide individual care to each animal. In total, your donations made the rescue possible for 928 animals in need. **These animals all received proper medical care from our veterinary staff while awaiting a court date to determine custody of the animals.** 🐾



Thanks to your support, our dedicated staff could provide immediate comfort to each rescued animal.

Nearly 50 Animals Rescued From Neglect



Our Animal Cruelty Investigators discovered animals in urgent need, including this dog with a tumor. Thank you for coming to the rescue!

You came to the rescue again when our Animal Cruelty Investigators partnered with Harris County Precinct 1 to rescue nearly 50 animals from neglect.

Our cruelty investigators found a horrific scene: garbage piled throughout a filthy home, covered in urine and feces. The odor was overwhelming, making it nearly impossible to breathe.

Animals were confined in cramped cages, some buried under piles of junk or stacked on top of each other. In the backyard, larger dogs were kept in wire kennels. Cats suffered in cages matted with fur, cobwebs, and filth. Trash and stacked boxes blocked our paths, making the rescue effort even more challenging.

Finally, every animal was safe. In total, your donations fueled the rescue of 13 dogs, ten cats, one rabbit, along with 25 chickens and roosters. One dog had a large tumor on his side and needed immediate care.

"It's critical that we work closely with law enforcement in nine surrounding counties to monitor properties that hoard animals. The horrific living conditions do nothing but create a world of neglect and suffering for the animals," said Josh Sailor, our Chief of Animal Cruelty.

Thanks to you, all the animals from the scene received individualized treatment from our veterinary team. They are now safe and cared for! 🐾

We rely on our community to report abuse and neglect and keep communities and businesses responsible and safe. The Houston SPCA receives more than 8,000 reports of animal cruelty every year. Report animal cruelty at **713.869.7722** or online at **HoustonSPCA.org**.



Hope Takes Flight For Hundreds of Egrets and More

When Hurricane Beryl struck Houston, your support was there for wild animals in peril, providing medical supplies, specialized equipment, and dedicated staff to save vulnerable lives. Thanks to you, the Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center got to work, rescuing and taking in more than 1,800 native wildlife!


Many animals were left orphaned and injured. Birds are particularly vulnerable during hurricane season, as they can be knocked out of their nests by the high winds and driving rain, and many drown due to flooding. Our staff prepared for an influx of birds including herons, egrets, Mississippi kites, blue jays, Mourning doves, and White-winged doves — as well as opossums.

The timing of our rescue was especially urgent as summertime is baby season for egrets. You helped our Wildlife Center respond to a rescue involving egrets nesting in trees in a northeast Houston neighborhood off Kiowa River Lane. Hundreds of juvenile and baby egrets were blown out of their nests and drowned, and approximately 300 more were found waterlogged and shivering in the grass below their destroyed homes.

All rescued egrets and received wildlife were triaged at the Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center, receiving individualized treatment from staff veterinarians. Most of these egrets arrived at our campus cold and weak, and our staff immediately assessed their general condition, prioritizing warmth and security.

Thanks to you, they were safe.

So many animals survived because of your commitment. Thank you!

 If you have found injured wildlife, please bring them to the **Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center of Texas**, open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call us at 713-861-WILD (9453) for assistance, and visit our website to learn how you can help protect and support wildlife in need.

