

# HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY



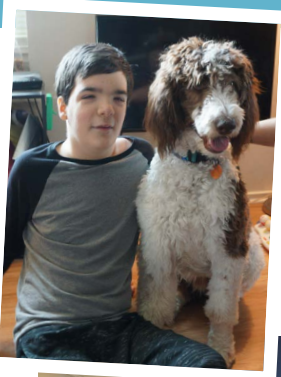
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## Garrett & Archie

Sometimes the human-animal bond goes deeper than can be described with words- that's the case for Garrett and Archie. Even though Garrett is non-verbal, there was no mistaking how his face lit up when he first spotted Archie. Seeing his expression, Garrett's mom knew instantly that her son had found his new best friend.

Archie and Garrett have been inseparable since that first day. Archie is fiercely loyal to Garrett and remains by his side throughout the day to keep him company. During their daily walks, Archie stays close to Garrett's wheelchair and even tries to steer him clear of dangers like the pool in their backyard.

From the first day Archie went home with Garrett, he dutifully took on the job of protecting his new human best friend. When Garrett chokes on his food, Archie knows just what to do, he will notify his mom that help is needed. All of these behaviors come naturally to Archie without any prompting or training. The love and trust between Garrett and Archie lend new meaning to the phrase "man's best friend".



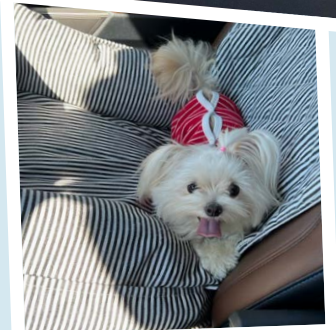
## Happy Tails: Rosey

Our family adopted Rosey (aka Betty White) on January 12, 2022. After seeing her picture on social media, we immediately knew she was the missing puzzle piece our family needed to be complete again.

Rosey was a tad shy for the first week but it didn't take her long to get acclimated and let her true personality shine. She is a spunky little diva who loves to play and chase her human siblings around the house and yard (or taunting her buddies at the fence next door). She is so affectionate that she will drown you with her sweet kisses for as long as you let her.

Rosey loves to wear her shirts/sweaters, loves car rides and road trips, and loves to chew on shoe strings. At first, Rosey wasn't a fan of cuddles, but now she is the ultimate cuddle bug. Her bark is double her size and anyone who comes to the door gets an ear full, but she has since protected us from Amazon, FedEx, UPS, DoorDash, and all of the neighbors.

**We are so grateful and truly blessed to be her forever family. Thank you, Houston Humane Society, for the work you do!**



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## Mission Statement

The Houston Humane Society is dedicated to, and working towards, ending cruelty, abuse, and the overpopulation of animals while providing the highest quality of life to those brought to us for care.

# From the Desk of the President & CEO

This year is a challenging year for shelters both at home and around the country. Houston Humane Society (HHS) is certainly feeling the repercussions of this difficult economic time. As adoption numbers remain low across the region, the number of homeless animals and people who are struggling to take care of their pets is higher than ever before. Your generosity has enabled our staff, volunteers, and fosters to continue providing lifesaving care to animals in need.



Gary & Poppy Poon

Thanks to you, HHS exceeded our lifesaving goals in 2022 and implemented new programs to keep pets in homes and increase adoption rates. We have launched a Doggy Day Out program that gives dogs a much-needed break from the shelter. We have also begun a partnership with DoorDash to deliver pet food and supplies to those in need that are without transportation and are homebound.

Also new, Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition (TWRC) has joined HHS. With this addition, we are able to provide lifesaving care to every animal in the community. I hope you will join me in welcoming the Houston Humane Society Wildlife Center, and all of the animals under their care, into the HHS family!

The need for our services is greater than ever and we hope you will continue to help HHS save the lives of the tens of thousands of animals that seek our help each year. I am so grateful for the dedication and compassion of each and every one of you who share my dream of a world where animals are free from suffering and neglect. Together, we can make the impossible possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gary Poon'.

Gary Poon  
President & CEO



## Houston Humane Society Recognized for Excellence



Sheriff Eric Fagan,  
Gary Poon, Dave Moss

In 2022, HHS was awarded the following honors:

- Fort Bend Community Champion Award — HHS President & CEO Gary Poon
- Better Business Bureau Award for Excellence Winner of Distinction
- Houston Chronicle's Best of the Best Nonprofit in Houston
- GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Award



# Education



## Humane Education

In 2022, HHS provided over 10,000 individuals with humane education. That is more than three times the number served in 2021! Through Camp PAWSOME, Teen Leadership, the Young Adults Professionals Club, and other educational opportunities, HHS provides humane education to a growing audience each year. These experiences teach children to respect and care for animals and also provide hands-on opportunities for them to explore what it would be like to pursue a career in animal welfare. HHS is always excited for opportunities to share our knowledge and passion for animals with kids of all ages. Visit our website for more information on humane education and details on how to sign up.

## HHS Wildlife Center

The HHS TWRC Wildlife Center team works every day to care for orphaned, injured, and ill wildlife. During the December 2022 freeze in southeast Texas, we rehabilitated and released 1,717 Mexican free-tailed bats who had become too cold and fallen from their roost under Houston and Pearland city bridges. HHS Wildlife Director, Mary Warwick, warmed and cared for the bats in her own home, administering fluids and using incubators alongside volunteers to save their lives. The following week, during a release event at Houston's well-known Waugh "Bat" Bridge, the public was invited to learn about the Mexican free-tailed bats and witness their return to their roost.

The wildlife center team works year-round to save animal lives and educate the public on the benefits of coexistence, the roles of wildlife in the urban ecosystem, and how to help wildlife in need. During 2022, our team provided more than 80 education experiences for local schools, scout groups, colleges,

retirement facilities, community events, and fellow nonprofit organizations. Through these outreach events, our staff and animal ambassadors met over 8,000 community members.



Blossom the Opossum and Woody the Wood Duck are the stars of the wildlife education program. These two have risen to stardom with their features in Houston Life and Pet Talk Magazine, and regular appearances at community events all around town. Also housed at the HHS TWRC Wildlife Center are some of our other animal ambassadors including Iris the Easter Screech Owl, JJ Watt the Bull Snake, Jaba the Cane Toad, and other extraordinary animals that call our wildlife center home.

We can't wait to continue sharing our love and passion for wildlife and environmental education with all of you.

## 2022 Lifesaving Numbers

952,054 Meals Given to Pets of Families in Need

67,324 Pets Served by HHS

42,692 Pets Received Lifesaving Vaccines

9,588 Surgeries Performed by HHS Clinic

Volunteers Contributed 16,786 Hours

2,858 Animals Found Fur-ever Homes

8,000+ People received Wildlife Education

10,000+ People received Humane Education



## HHS Rescues Abandoned and Neglected Horses

Frail, hungry, and terrified, 10 spirited horses were saved from a life of suffering and brought to HHS for a new start. The oldest horse in the group was 19 years old and had lived her entire life without proper care or nutrition. One of the younger horses experienced such severe and prolonged malnourishment that its growth was permanently stunted.

Before their rescue, these beautiful creatures had never known gentle human touch. It will take patience and many hours of work for them to get comfortable in a harness and feel safe around humans- who, until now, have only ever left them to fend for themselves. As part of their rehabilitation, they will also need daily treatments, supplements, and medical supervision to overcome the effects of severe malnourishment caused by neglect. These life-saving measures are estimated to cost tens of thousands of dollars in care, rehabilitation, and behavior work. We look forward to providing a better future for these deserving animals.

**Thank you to Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this life-saving mission.**

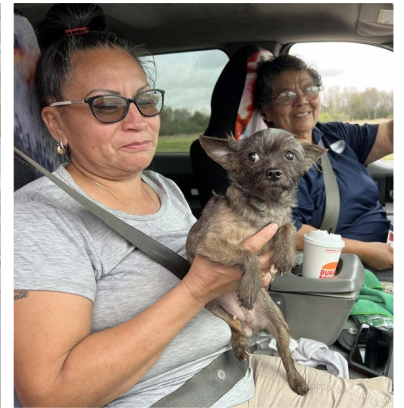
## HHS Keeps Families Together

At HHS, we believe the best place for your pet is with YOU! That's why we work every day to provide services that help families in need keep and care for their beloved pets. Through HHS's signature assistance program, Pet Resources, HHS provides animal care supplies, veterinary services, and pet food to families in need.

Pet Resources was first launched during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to help households who were financially impacted. With the ongoing economic challenges, we saw the need for these services continue to rise, so we made Pet Resources a permanent HHS program — and also expanded it! In 2022, Pet Resources operated pet pantry events that provided 952,054 meals to feed hungry cats and dogs in the Greater Houston community. And this program is continuing to grow!

Thanks to generous sponsorship from DoorDash, pet food delivery is now available in the Greater Houston area. This new partnership provides pet food to owners who are elderly, homebound, or without access to transportation. Beginning in August 2022, the partnership has helped us to keep pets off the streets, out of shelters, and with the families who love them.

**Donations can be dropped off at, or mailed to, our shelter at 14700 Almeda Road Houston, TX 77053**



## Upcoming Events

Mar 11

Baby Kitten Shower

Mar 25

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Fun Run at MacGregor Park

Mar 26

Hermann Park Conservancy Kite Festival

Apr 1

HHS Enrichment Field Day

Your support gave them a second chance.