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The Story of Texas Litter Control

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We are so happy to be serving this great community. Your support has helped us grow and flourish as an organization. TLC started in 2013 in an 800 square foot FEMA trailer funded by private donors. Our beloved Dr. Rundell was our veterinarian. Doc was a major kitty lover and whenever we couldn't find him, he was always in playing with the cats. We lost Doc to cancer not long after we moved out of our FEMA trailer. We are all sure he is taking care of all of the kitties who have crossed the rainbow bridge.

TLC began working closely with Montgomery County in 2015. We all agreed the animal control ordinances needed updating. The County

Help Me Keep My Pet: Supporting Families in Need



In neighborhoods across the Houston Metro area, many pet owners are facing financial hardships, but thanks to **Texas Litter Control's Help Me Keep My Pet (HMKMP)** program, some are finding the critical resources they need to provide for their pets and prevent unnecessary surrender.

Take the story of one local resident, whom we will call Leo. After losing steady employment over a year ago, Leo found

Commissioners are very forward thinking and they passed the ordinance to protect community cats in Montgomery County. To this day, we still use data from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter to design our programs. We created our shelter intervention program (HelpMeKeepMyPet.com) to give the animal control officers a place to refer families in need. MCAS even put the website on the back of all of their animal control trucks.

In 2017 there was so much infighting within the animal welfare community, we started the United Pet Rescuers Conference. It really helped getting the rescues in the same room for networking. The fighting slowed down and the community is a little tighter for it.

We opened our second location in 2018 and our third in 2019. Between the 3 clinics, we have spayed/neutered over 190,000 cats and dogs since we opened. Over 42,000 were community cats!

Many demonize the shelters and shelter employees. Can you imagine? You go to work for a shelter just wanting to help animals. You work tirelessly to get them out of the shelter. Sometimes the task is overwhelming and animals get euthanized. These animals are no longer suffering. Instead, there is a poor shelter employee, an animal lover, who is suffering with all of the loss. This is why TLC works so hard to help the shelters. We want to get pets back to their people. This was why we began automatically including a microchip with all owned pet spay/neuter surgeries. Did you know that TLC received literally 100s of calls about lost pets during Hurricane Harvey? Did you know that we get so many calls from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter concerning found pets with microchips that we had to give them a login into our system so they could reunite the pets with their owners?

Over the past several years, TLC partnered with several other rescue groups to write grants. These grants allowed the rescues to vet more animals which allowed them to pull more from the municipal shelters. We also let them train with our vet techs to learn to give vaccines and perform other things that do not require a veterinarian. This increased adoptions and saved thousands of animals.

TLC helped mentor SPCA of Polk County

himself struggling to make ends meet. With unemployment assistance exhausted, he was forced to rely on contract work and gigs to stay afloat. Despite his best efforts, Leo faced a tough decision when it came time for his dog, whom we will refer to as Luna, to receive her annual wellness exam, vaccinations, and preventative care. With the cost of basic veterinary care out of reach, Leo feared he wouldn't be able to get Luna the vetting she needed to stay healthy.

Rather than give up on Luna's well-being, he reached out to TLC's **Help Me Keep My Pet** program. This initiative is designed to help pet owners facing financial and personal difficulties by offering reduced-cost wellness services, pet pantry assistance, guidance, referrals, and more. Through the program, Leo applied online for a discounted wellness voucher which he was awarded to use at one of TLC's three low-cost spay/neuter and wellness clinics north of Houston.

With the voucher in hand, Leo was able to provide Luna with a wellness exam, vaccinations, heartworm test, deworming, and prevention for heartworms, fleas, and ticks—services that are all essential to keep Luna safe. The HMKMP voucher made it possible for Leo to get the care Luna needed while avoiding further stress and financial strain in an already overwhelming situation.

The **Help Me Keep My Pet** program is just one of the ways **Texas Litter Control** helps keep pets in their homes, out of shelters, and off the streets. Supporting pet parents with affordable care is a key goal of the HMKMP program, ensuring that families in the community can continue to provide for their pets during difficult times. By offering discounted services and more, TLC helps struggling families like Luna's access the care they need without adding to an already heavy burden. However, none of this would be possible without the support of the local community. Programs like **Help Me Keep My Pet** rely on donations and the generosity of individuals who understand the importance of keeping pets and families together. Every contribution helps ensure that more pets get the care they need to stay healthy and safe in their homes.

in opening a spay/neuter and wellness clinic. The clinic is not only helping them battle the pet overpopulation problem, but it is providing a much needed revenue stream for the shelter.

Our latest and greatest project is we are now battling the national veterinary shortage. All the low cost vet clinics and shelters in Harris, Montgomery and surrounding counties are seriously struggling to just get animals ready for adoption and to service the community. We have sponsored 4 veterinarians from Mexico. They are working tirelessly to be able to pass their NAVLE so they can practice medicine here in Texas. The process is long and expensive, but it will benefit all of the low cost and municipal clinics eventually.

We do not think we do a good enough job of letting the community know of all of our great accomplishments. We are always so busy just doing the work. We hope you have enjoyed this little summary of some of accomplishments we are most proud of.

YOU MAKE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!
TLC would not be able to do everything we do without your support. Donate now and double your donation. We have a donor who is matching all donations throughout the month of December. This includes revenue we generate from vehicle (running or now) donations. Vehicles include RVs, boats, and pretty much any other motorized vehicle.

Even if you can't donate, using our clinics for your pets' annual healthcare needs provides revenue for our programs.

We cannot thank you enough for your support!!!!

Donate-Double Your Donation!

If you'd like to support families and pets in need, consider donating or volunteering with **Texas Litter Control**. Your support directly impacts our ability to provide crucial services like wellness care and pet food to those who need it most.

Together, we can make a difference! To learn more about how you can get involved, visit our website or get in touch with us today.

Visit TexasLitterControl.org or HelpMeKeepMyPet.com to learn more or complete an application for assistance.



Cold Weather Reminder... Watch for kitties!

Cold weather is afoot! Don't forget kitties love climbing into the undercarriages of cars. Take a minute and bang on your hood. Honk your horn. Let's scare any unwanted riders so they don't end up in a parking lot or even worse... on the freeway.

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