

Citizens for Animal Protection

Executive Summary

In 1972, a small group of concerned Houstonians founded CAP, a non-profit 501 © (3) organization, in response to the pervasive problem of thousands of stray animals in Harris County. These selfless citizens had a vision of a community that cared for and protected homeless, helpless animals. Their first victory was improving the inhumane conditions at Houston's original city pound. With a well-organized army of dedicated volunteers, they rescued animals in their own cars, cared for them in their homes and set up mobile adoption sites. In 1981, when success had proven the need for a shelter, the Board of Directors decided to rent a small space on the Katy Freeway.

Years later, when the demand for our services grew exponentially, CAP purchased land and built a permanent home which opened in January 2011. Since then, CAP has undertaken additional challenges to improve the quality of life for pets and their guardians, including helping the community combat an increasing feral cat population and opening a low-cost wellness clinic to make preventative care, vaccinations and spay/neuter services accessible and affordable to the general public.

Services Provided

- *Shelter/Care* - Our shelter is a unique example of humane housing for homeless, neglected, and abused animals. Our commitment to protecting our sheltered animals enables us to operate 365 days a year.
- *Low Cost Wellness Clinic* - Through our Cornelius Clinic, we provide affordable vaccinations, microchips, prevention medications and treatments, and other basic pet wellness services that protect pets against common health threats.
- *Adoptions* - Pet Adoptions are the highest priority at CAP. Thousands of abandoned, surrendered and neglected animals find permanent, caring homes each year within our community.
- *Foster Homes* - Dedicated and trained foster parents provide temporary care in their homes for medically needy animals until they are ready to be adopted.
- *Lost/Found* - CAP maintains records of animals, both lost and found, and compares them with incoming stray animals and internet lost and found sites. This time-intensive service reunites many cherished pets with their families.
- *Feral Cat Program (FCAP)* - Feral cats are caught in humane traps and are given spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, ear tip, and flea preventative. They recover for 24-48 hours after surgery, and are returned to their trapper to be released back into the colonies. CAP was the first organization in Houston to provide this service, and continues to offer it free to the public.

- *Volunteer Programs* - Each year, hundreds of dedicated volunteers donate their time, talents and efforts to help CAP shelter animals.
- *Education and Outreach Programs* - CAP takes every opportunity to educate the public about the humane treatment of animals. Programs are offered in schools, through shelter tours, summer camp programs, Kids Club, printed Pet Care Guides, trade shows, fairs, nursing homes, community centers, government agencies, and other locations as requested.

Funding and Support

CAP receives no government funding and relies solely on private donations, fundraising efforts, program fees and special events. Individual donors provide most of CAP's nearly \$4 million annual budget with additional support from foundations and businesses.

Executive Management

Sandi Mercado

Executive Director

Jessica Ellis

Shelter Director

Erica Pothier

Director of Finance & HR

Cristalle Boyle, DVM

Director of Veterinary Services

CITIZENS FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CAP4PETS.ORG
EIN: 23-7296260
281-497-0591

ANIMAL OUTCOMES

4,877 Animal Intake

3,691 Adopted

114 Reunited

92 Transferred Out

321 Transported

LIVE RELEASE RATE 93% FOR 2021



WELLNESS CLINIC

4,140 Animals Served

3,567 Shelter Surgeries



Citizens for Animal Protection, founded in 1972, is committed to caring for pets in need through sheltering, adoption, education, spay/neuter, low-cost wellness and community outreach.

FERAL CATS

1,385

Trapped
Neutered
Released



FOSTER CARE

Animals Fostered **723**

Foster Volunteers **137**

Hours Fostered **40,181**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Children Reading to Animals **587**

Children Participated in Humane Ed **8,929**

Outreach Programs Participation **12,416**

FINANCIAL DATA

25%
Admin &
Fundraising

CAP has no government contracts, and is supported 100% by the generosity of donors in our community.

75%
Animal Care
Programs
Services

CHARITY NAVIGATOR
Four Star Charity

Platinum
Transparency
2022
Candid.



VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

427

12,416

