

K-9 ANGELS RESCUE

HOUSTON, TX

End of Year Message from RD Kissling, K-9AR Board President
December 23, 2020



Happy Holidays and Good Riddance To 2020!

This has been an extremely challenging year. I hope all of our K-9AR Volunteers, Fosters, Donors, Adopters and Followers have stayed healthy through the pandemic. **COVID has had a major impact on K-9AR causing us to significantly alter the way we approached Rescue and Spay Neuter operations. Through hard work, innovation, dedication, collaboration and support I am proud to say that in 2020, K-9AR continued to have a significant impact on animal**

welfare in Houston, Harris County and surrounding areas.



Our Rescue Operations

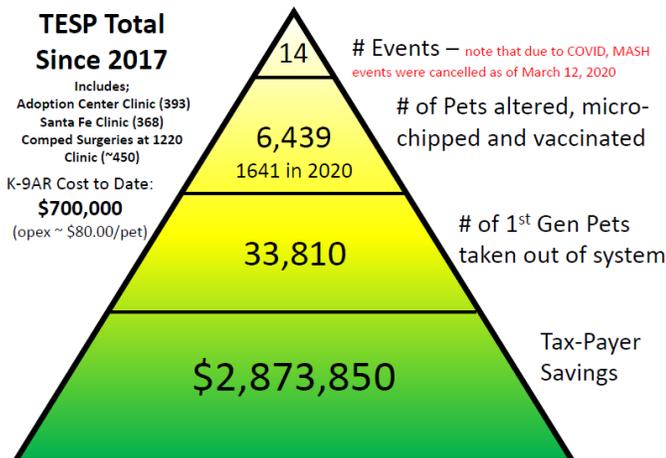
changed to online-only applications with scheduled appointments to finalize the adoptions. We continued our transport efforts this year, moving 311 dogs out of Texas. **In 2020 we have rescued 1,180 dogs and 60 cats. By year end we will surpass 8,250 total dogs rescued!** K-9AR will once again spend over \$300,000 for veterinary care for the animals in our program. This includes basic spay/neuter, microchipping, and vaccinations as well as advanced care for the sick and injured dogs that we take into our program.



The Empty Shelter Project was also highly impacted by COVID restrictions. TESP puts on large MASH-style spay/neuter, vaccination and microchip events in at-need areas of Houston, Harris County and surrounding communities. After our successful January event, we decided the prudent course of action would be to post-pone our March 14 event and subsequently all future 2020 events. We responded by providing comped services at our 1220 clinic and by opening two remote SN clinics using our TESP MASH surgical equipment and supplies. The first clinic was set up in Santa Fe, Texas by our original partner in TESP, **S.A.V.E. Rescue. That clinic has served 368 pets.** The second clinic was set

up at our Adoption Center which was being under-utilized due to Covid restrictions. **We have served 393 pets there.**

Overall, we accomplished 1,641 FREE spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping for local pets during 2020. While this is lower than our pre-pandemic goal, we are proud that we were able to adapt to the circumstances and continue to provide this much needed service. The pyramid chart shows the impact TESP is having on Houston's pet overpopulation problem. K-9AR has incurred over \$700,000 in



expenses for this program since it's inception in 2017.

In 2021 we plan to add one more remote clinic to the mix. We will continue to monitor the pandemic situation through the year and determine when and if we can go back to running large MASH-Style events.

The 1220 Clinic continued operations through the year by putting procedures in place to safely manage interactions with the clients. The 1220 clinic is a for-profit, high volume spay/neuter and wellness clinic established by K-9AR in 2018 and operated under a contract agreement with two excellent shelter medicine vets. This clinic provides much needed additional spay/neuter resource for Houston and Harris County focusing largely on serving non-profit rescue groups in the area. **The 1220 clinic has S/N 3400 dogs and cats in 2020, including ~450 spay/neuters that K-9AR comped for the public.**

K-9AR purchased our very own Transport Van! This Van will give K-9AR much needed flexibility. We plan to use it for out-of-state transport, moving TESP surgical supplies and local transport of animals to our clinics.



Running a vibrant non-profit requires constant fundraising efforts to balance our revenue with our expenses. Our Fundraising Committee and Grant Writing Team once again did a fantastic job, despite all the hurdles that COVID created. Our Spring and Fall fundraising events were cancelled. **K-9AR participated in our 6th Best Friends Strut Your Mutt event and raised \$60,000.** Our **K-9 Angels Guardian program delivered \$33,000 through recurring donations (a 10% increase from 2019).** We also secured one large and several smaller grants. K-9AR spent \$570,000 on our programs which is down about 23% from 2019 largely due to lower TESP costs. Our revenue was down a similar amount due to lower overall donations. **So even though it was a very challenging year, our Balance Sheets look good and we are well positioned moving into 2021.**

I end this letter, pleased with what we have accomplished but saddened by what we have lost during this very challenging year. I feel we have lost ties with a large number of very dedicated volunteers who always looked forward to their shifts on weekends and during the week at our Adoption Center. Let me assure you we are still active and have many needs for your participation. **Please stay in touch with our social media as we move into 2021 and continue to optimize our operations.**

As always, our accomplishments this year, even with all the turmoil, **are enabled solely because of our dedicated and passionate K-9AR Volunteers, Fosters, Donors, Adopters and Followers!** On behalf of the Board of K-9 Angels Rescue, I want to thank you all and wish you a **SAFE and HEALTHY Holidays.**

RD Kissling
Board President



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