

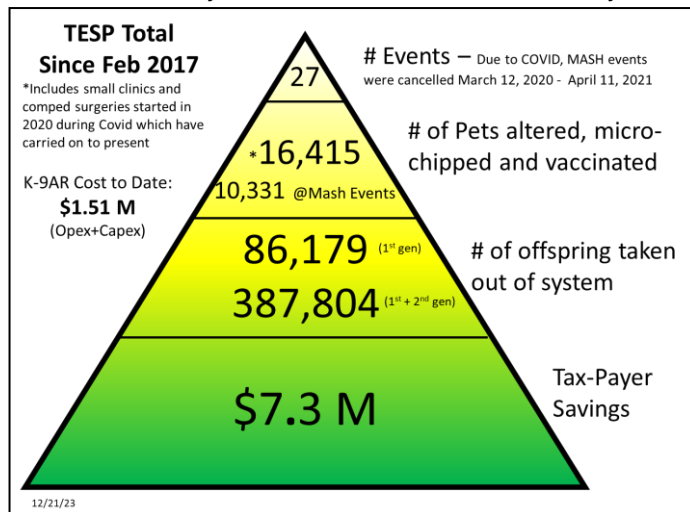


## End of Year Message from RD Kissling, K-9AR Board President December 31, 2023

**Happy Holidays!** 2023 was another busy, exhausting and very productive year for K-9AR. We took a step-change up in productivity in The Empty Shelter Project, continued our Rescue activities at a moderate pace, strategically ramped down Transport and continued to build good working relationships with key City and County officials and staff as well as other Animal Welfare groups. K-9AR consolidated our entire operation into our Facility at 1220 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. We also strengthened our Board by adding two new members.

**The Empty Shelter Project:** TESP puts on large MASH-style spay/neuter, vaccination and microchip events that are free to the public in at-need areas of Houston, Harris County and surrounding communities. In 2023 we conducted 5 large MASH Events and 33 TESP Clinic days at our surgery suites at our old facility on 19<sup>th</sup> St. and our new facility on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. We continued comping surgeries at Houston

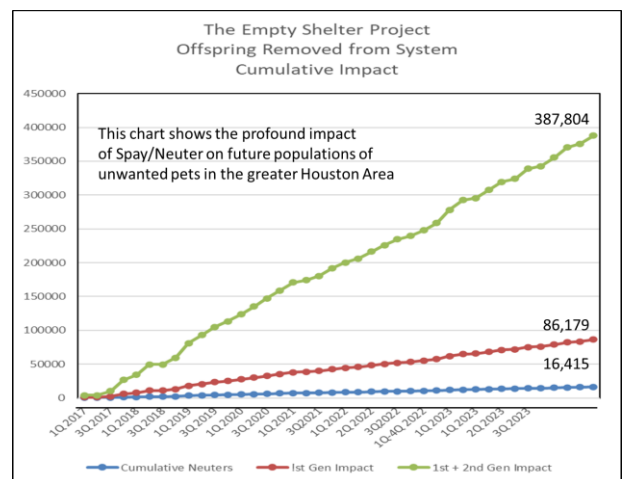
Spay Neuter as well. **Overall, we accomplished 5,470 FREE spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping for owned pets during 2023.** This includes 2,391 at 5 MASH events, 2,372 animals at 33 TESP Clinics and 707 comped at HSN. **This nearly doubled our record high for Spay/Neuter achieved last year!** Mary Tipton (K-9AR Founder) deserves a lot of credit for getting the TESP Clinics up and running. Beginning in late 2022 she has built a strong team of volunteers who can manage all aspects of running these clinics. She has also gathered a very capable group of vets and vet techs who enjoy working at the clinics.



These charts shows why TESP is so important for our community. **We have altered 16,415 dogs and cats. That has prevented over 86,000 first generation and nearly 390,000 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation offspring from entering our neighborhoods and shelters.** By preventing just the 1<sup>st</sup> generation litters we conservatively have saved tax-payers over \$7M in Public Shelter costs.

A side-benefit of our TESP Events is that we have established relations with several Technical High Schools that offer Vet Tech Programs. These include the Alief Center for Advanced Careers, Crosby High School and Carl Wunche High School in Spring.

Participation in these events gives students the opportunity to get hands-on experience in high-volume spay neuter and gives TESP a large group of excited volunteers who help with set-up and breakdown in addition to assisting at the event itself.



**Rescue Operations:** In 2023 we rescued 319 dogs. This results in a total of 9,556 dogs K-9AR has rescued since 2012. We have established collaborative efforts with other rescues and with local shelters so we can find safe havens for all animals that come into our care. In 2023 we continued working with **Houston DOG Rescue** which is a Street Rescue and Outreach group. They brought in 102 dogs, many of which were living in poor situations and suffering from a variety of physical injuries and/or illness.



**K-9AR needs Foster Families to help us take care of dogs in our care!** See our website for details on how to sign-up.

We continue to host **Wolly Kitten Club** in our facility. They rescue mommas and kittens from local shelters and other sources, provide them needed medicines and treatment at our facility then put them on transport to rescues and shelters up North. **In 2023 they rescued 715 cats and kittens!**

**Finances:** K-9 Angels Rescue spent nearly **\$900,000 in 2023!** This includes TESP, major veterinary medical (orthopedic surgeries and severe illness), Rescue and Facility/Operations expenses. **We had a revenue of ~\$1,000,000** sourced largely from donations, grants and adoption income. **Our K-9 Angels Guardian program delivered \$22,500.00 through recurring donations by 64 donors.**

**Feeling Good About Healing:** In 2023 K-9AR spent over **\$60,000** in major medical expenses, largely on orthopedic surgeries to repair a variety of torn and broken dog parts. Deuce, Duke, Winter, Nova, Patty, Parsley and Chug were a few of the lucky dogs we were able to help.

**Chug** came to us from Houston DOG Rescue. He had been run over by a car, crushing his pelvis and breaking a femur. After orthopedic surgery he received 4 months of physical therapy at a treatment center along with daily exercises at his foster's house. **We are happy to report that Chug got adopted at our last Adoption day of 2023!**

As always, our accomplishments this year 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 Happy and Healthy 2024.



RD Kissling

Board President



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