

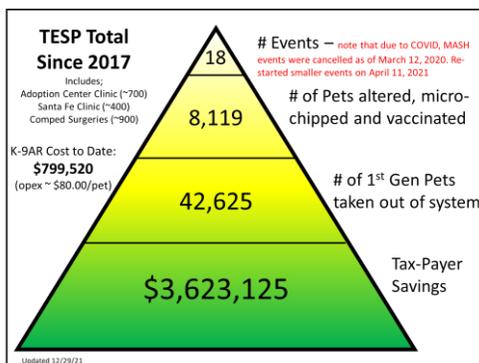
K-9 ANGELS RESCUE

HOUSTON, TX

End of Year Message from RD Kissling, K-9AR Board President December 31, 2021

Happy Holidays 2021! COVID continued to impact our lives in 2021 and it seemed that as each wave ended there was a renewed sense of optimism only to be confronted by another wave a couple of months later. I hope all of our K-9AR Volunteers, Fosters, Donors, Adopters, Followers and families have stayed healthy through the pandemic. **Despite the challenges, K-9AR continued to have a significant impact on animal welfare in Houston, Harris County and surrounding areas in 2021.**

Rescue Operations: As many of you know, K-9AR made the decision to transition out of traditional rescue operations in the spring of 2021. This was driven in part by our Founders, Mary Tipton and Christine Morgan wanting to retire from their roles as Intake Coordinator and Adoption Coordinator. Both have worked tirelessly at these jobs, spending nearly every weekend and putting in 50-60-hour weeks since the inception of K-9AR in 2012. Another factor in this decision was that we wanted to focus on our Spay Neuter efforts. K-9AR has always realized we would never adopt our way out of Houston's unwanted pet overpopulation problem. The good news is that we have a group of volunteers who have picked up the Adoption Program and are keeping it going at a scaled-back level. **In 2021 we rescued 641 dogs and 57 cats. This results in a total of nearly 8900 dogs and 500 cats that K-9AR has rescued since 2012.**



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. After shutting down these events for most of 2020 we were happy to run 4 successful events in 2021. We started out with a small event (150 animals) in Anahuac in order to establish safe protocols during Covid. We then started ramping up our numbers. Marilyn Kinney with Baytown Humane Society paid for our Spay Neuter event at Mt. Belvieu where we handled 250 animals. In October we S/N 309

animals at Alief at their brand-new Center for Advanced Careers (a technical/vocational middle school and high school) where we set up the surgery suite in their welding center and did pack washing and preparation in their vet-tech wing with the help of many of the vet tech students. **Overall, we accomplished 1,680 FREE spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping for owned pets during 2021 resulting in 8,119 total animals we have treated through the TESP program. This has conservatively removed ~43,000 first generation offspring from the areas pet overpopulation problem.** In 2022 we plan to complete 5 MASH-style events (COVID permitting). We have a venue lined up for our first event in February 2022 and are in communication with several entities regarding locations for following events. We have just successfully completed negotiations with the City of Houston to be reimbursed our expenses for up to 1,000 animals owned by COH residents. Houston PetSet has graciously agreed to provide funding for some events in outlying areas around Houston and we are in discussions with other entities who would re-imburse our costs to bring TESP to their communities.

K-9AR Transit Van: We purchased this van in late 2020 and have already put nearly 25,000 miles on it. In addition to out of state transport we have used the van extensively for transporting TESP equipment, transporting animals from outlying shelters and moving capture cages, and supplies to rescue sites. As we focus more on Spay/Neuter it gives us an option to transport animals from surrounding communities to our clinics.



Fundraising: Our Fundraising Committee and Grant Writing Team once again did a fantastic job, despite all the hurdles that COVID has created. We pulled off a very successful and fun Spring Fling at Karbachs Brewery. **Our K-9 Angels Guardian program delivered just under \$33,000 through recurring donations.** This is just a few hundred dollars shy of our record 2020 amount. While we have lost quite a few regular donors due to the pandemic and our transition away from Traditional Rescue, this gives me hope that there is a core of dedicated donors who think we are still on the right track. K-9AR spent \$460,000 in 2021 on veterinary expenses, TESP, Transport expenses and facility rent. We had a revenue of \$440,000 sourced mainly from donations and adoption fees. **We move into 2022 with solid balance sheets to support our programs.**

A Cool Story: K-9AR probably had it's best ever remote rescue this year. Some dedicated fosters who relocated down into a new and growing subdivision in Ft. Bend County came across two Great Pyrenees females and one of their offspring who were living among the construction sites as the development grew. They started feeding them in hopes of gaining their trust so they could bring them out of the wild.



Finally, after more than a year we were able to put a leash around one of the GP females (Risa) and caught the young female (Noodles) in a capture cage. The other GP female (Maggie) remained very elusive and continued to resist all attempts to catch her. She had another litter of seven puppies which was down to five when we mounted our last concerted effort to capture her in November. Ultimately, we were able to capture her and take her and puppies into our care after 18 months of living on her own. Risa, was adopted locally, Noodles, (who looked like a tall skinny yellow lab) went on Transport to Colorado and Maggie and her puppies were delivered to Great Pyrenees Rescue in Austin where reports are she was becoming more comfortable around people daily. **With all of the day-to-day grind of running an Animal Welfare operation – this made all of us involved realize it is all worth it!**



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 2022.**

RD Kissling

Board President



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