

UNITY FOR A SOLUTION & BIG FIX HOUSTON: Working to improve the lives of Houston's animals



Unity for a Solution is a collaboration of animal welfare groups, civic associations and businesses with over 50 partners. Since 2013, we've been working to address Houston's animal welfare crisis by raising community awareness and increasing access to free and low cost spay neuter options.



Unity is led by a steering committee composed of representatives from the member organizations.



E M A N C I P E T

Spay | Neuter | Vaccinate





Our outreach focuses on areas with the fewest spay neuter resources and most animal-related complaints. At outreach events, we register pets for free surgeries and vaccinations. To date, we've fixed and vetted over 1,500 pets.

Unity's awareness efforts include informing our elected officials and the general public about Houston's animal overpopulation crisis. Many residents are still unaware of the problem.

Houston has up to 1.2 million
homeless animals.

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Unity's biggest project to date is Big Fix Houston. In fall 2016, CM Karla Cisneros brought many animal welfare organizations together to work on a large scale spay, neuter and education campaign. Participants included Unity, BARC, Emancipet, Harris County, the Houston Humane Society and others.





In addition to support from CM Cisneros, Big Fix Houston also received support from other elected officials including Mayor Sylvester Turner, County Judge Emmett and Council Member Robert Gallegos. Both CM Cisneros and CM Gallegos funded efforts in their districts.



In 2017, Big Fix targeted the Third Ward, Fifth Ward, Near Northside, North Hobby, Sunnyside, South Park, East End, Denver Harbor, Acres Homes and Independence Heights. Our goal was to provide free spay, neuter, vaccinations and microchips. The services were to be performed at BARC, Emancipet and private vet clinics.



On February 11, 2017, dozens of BFH volunteers set up at 12 location.

The response from pet owners was overwhelming. This was the scene in Denver Harbor.





The Fifth Ward also had a large turnout



This was in the Third Ward. In two hours, we registered a total of 1,157 pets.

These are the registrations by city council district. Ultimately, we had an overall 59% completion rate. Some of the reasons for this were owners who changed their minds after registering their pet or contact information that was incorrect. Transportation to the vet was also an issue for some owners.

District	Council Member	Signed Up
A	Stardig	22
B	Davis	130
C	Cohen	16
D	Boykins	231
E	Martin	9
F	Le	1
H	Cisneros	305
I	Gallegos	209
J	Laster	9
K	Green	31
N/A	Outside City	65
N/A	Unidentified	129
	TOTAL	1157

The project's cost in 2017 was \$84,000, which included contributions from CM Cisneros and CM Gallegos. The rest of the funds were raised through private donations and fundraising events.





We are repeating Big Fix Houston in 2018 although because of Harvey, we changed the date to April 28th. We were not able to raise as much money this year so we will have fewer sign up locations. We plan to be in Second Ward, Fifth Ward, East End, North Hobby, Near Northside, Denver Harbor and Acres Homes.



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