

Before

you allow your animal to have "just 1 litter" because "we'll find homes for them all"...

Before

you decide that spaying or neutering your pet "really isn't that important"...

Before

you buy an animal from a backyard breeder or a pet store, just like merchandise, commit this number to memory:

54,293



Keep in mind that there are many other area shelters who didn't participate in the poll, so the numbers are actually far greater. The countless animals who roam the streets, who die after being fought for entertainment and money, who starve to death, or are hit by cars, go unaccounted for. Each and every one of these animals matter. We, as a society, like to think that the only animals who are destroyed in shelters are vicious or sickly and dying anyway, but those descriptions account for only a small percentage of the animals whose lives are cut tragically short.

We polled city animal shelters in the DFW area, to get an idea of the volume of animals that came through their doors during the first half of 2007. More importantly, we wanted to know how many of those animals never made it out. The numbers were heart-breaking. Of the 23 DFW area shelters who responded to our poll, at least 83,406 animals were taken in between 1/1/07 and 6/30/07. **The sad fact is that 54,293 of those animals had to be DESTROYED, because there was no place for them to go. Their second chance simply never came.**



The majority of animals who wind up in city shelters used to be someone's pet: dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, rabbits...purebreeds and lovable mutts. Many are abandoned or are relinquished to shelters for reasons that would shock most people with a conscience. Most of the animals who die a lonely, frightening death do so because of the irresponsibility of their previous owners. This should not be acceptable in civilized society. We can take steps to change it. We **MUST** take steps to change it.

Nothing communicates the animal overpopulation crisis better than to take a walk through any city shelter on any given day. Walk past cage after cage. Look into the eyes of each and every cast-off of human society and you'll see fear and sadness, coupled with hope, and an utter desperation to survive. You will see in their innocent eyes the betrayal they have suffered, yet a willingness to love and trust again.

There Aren't Enough Homes For Them All.

Be a part of the solution, rather than adding to the problem of animal overpopulation in DFW. **The #1 most important step is to spay (female) or neuter (male) pets.** If your pet is over 6 months of age, he/she is old enough to reproduce. Stop the risk of an unwanted litter before the problem starts.

When you are ready to add a pet to your family, adopting an animal from a shelter or private rescue organization is the wise and compassionate choice. By doing this, you help give a deserving animal a 2nd chance at a happy life. Help us help the animals of DFW. Each and every life is precious.



The rescue organizations listed below are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of DFW-area homeless animals. Contact any of these groups for more information on how you can support their vital, life-saving work.

AlmostHome Dogz Rescue
almosthome@gmail.com; 214.926.1521

American Boston Terrier Rescue
972.407.4440; www.bostonterrierrescue.net

Animal Rescue Klub (ARK)
www.animalrescueklub.org; 972.562.HELP

Animal Rescue of Texas
www.animalrescueoftexas.org; 214.276.7802

Camp Wolfgang (German Shepherd Dog Rescue)
214.520.7000; www.campwolfgang.petfinder.com

Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, Inc.
www.chihuahua-rescue.org

City Pet Rescue (CPR)
www.citypetrescue.com

Coppell Humane Society
www.coppellhumanesociety.com; 972.462.1121

Dachshund Lovers of Texas
www.dachshundloversoftexas.org; 214.577.7536

DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue
www.dfwcockerrescue.8m.com; 972.994.1133

East Lake Pet Orphanage
214.349.ELPO (3576); www.elpo.org

Frisco Humane Society
www.friscohumanesociety.com; 972.498.8980

Great Dane Angel Network Rescue
817.361.9855; www.daneangelnetwork.org

Homewalk Animal Rescue
srich@flash.net; 817.792.5122

Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
www.hartoftexas.org; 214.332.9535

Humane Society of Flower Mound
www.fmhs.org; 972.691.7387

Legacy Boxer Rescue, Inc.
www.savetheboxers.com; 1.877.5BOXERS

North Texas Basset Hound Rescue, Inc.
www.bassetrescuedfw.org; 817.366.5649

North Texas Rabbit Sanctuary
www.ntrs.org; ntrs_tx@yahoo.com

Saving Pyrs In Need (SPIN)
www.SPINrescue.org; 972.681.8585

Save The Animals Rescue Society (STARS)
www.starspets.com; 972.459.9181

Scottie Kingdom Rescue, Inc.
www.scottiekingdom.com

Straydog, Inc.
www.straydog.org; 903.479.3497

Tassie's Hope Animal Rescue
www.tassieshope.org; 214.550.2648

Texas Animal Shelter Coalition
817.392.3737; www.sheltercoalition.com

Texas Friends of Shelter Animals
TxFosa@verizon.net; www.friendsofshelteranimals.org

Texas Tailwaggers Village Rescue
txtailwaggers@aol.com; www.txtailwaggers.petfinder.org

Westie's Rescue and North Texas
214.432.7541; www.wrnt.org