

A GUIDE TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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FOR STUDENTS



Humane Society of Broward County



Our Address:

**Humane Society of Broward County
2070 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
(1/4-mile west of I-95
on the south side of Griffin Rd.)**

**Main Phone Number: 954-989-3977
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humanebroward.com**



Our Hours:

Adoption Hours:

**Monday - Saturday 10:30am - 6:30pm
(adoption desk closes at 6:00pm)
Sunday 10:30am - 6pm
(adoption desk closes at 5:30pm)**

Receiving Hours:

**Monday - Saturday 8am - 7pm
Sunday 8am - 6pm**



About the Humane Society of Broward County

Our Mission:

The Humane Society of Broward County's mission to advocate for and improve the lives of animals by providing adoptions, community services, and education.

The Humane Society of Broward County (HSBC) is an animal shelter that cares for homeless dogs, cats, rabbits and sometimes guinea pigs, ferrets and other small domesticated animals. We are a charity, which means that all of the money we have to care for the animals comes from animal lovers in our community who donate their money. We also have a variety of special events and fundraisers through the year to help us raise money. We do not receive funding from the government, United Way or from any national animal welfare groups.

Most animal shelters in the United States operate separately from one another, even though some have similar names. For example, the Humane Society of Broward County is not related to the Humane Society of Greater Miami, the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. HSBC has served the pets and people of Broward County since 1944.

Our shelter is a 33,000 square-foot, completely air-conditioned building that has the ability to house about 400 dogs, cats and other small animals.



HSBC provides lots of valuable services to our community!

Pet-friendly rental housing listing and free behavior information on our website

Animal Assisted Therapy program

Low-cost vaccinations & spay/neuter surgery

Free pet behavior helpline

Free pet owner workshops for rabbit owners



Affordable positive training classes for puppies and dogs

Quality Pet adoptions

Numerous opportunities for teens to earn required community service hours

Free pet loss and grieving support group

An extensive education program that reaches approximately 150,000 people each year

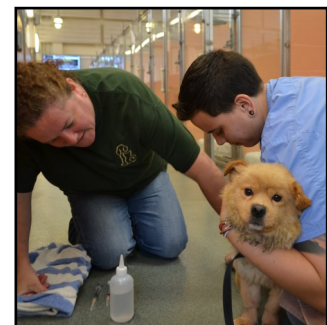
Surrender Prevention Program to help keep pets in homes

Did you know that...

- ♥ We are an animal shelter that we will accept any “owned” animal that is brought to us.
- ♥ There is no time limit for the animals in our care.
- ♥ Each week, about 100-150 dogs and cats are brought to HSBC. Imagine that! And, we are just one of the animal shelters in Broward County. The other large shelter, (which is not related to HSBC) called Broward County Animal Care and Adoption receives more than that!
- ♥ HSBC has a wonderful Surrender Prevention Program. This program received over 5,000 calls a year from people about surrendering their pets. When possible we provides the owners and pets with food, medical services, surgeries, etc. in order to keep the pets in their homes. Only a small percentage of those animals were actually surrendered.
- ♥ The HSBC finds homes for an average of 6,000 pets a year.
- ♥ We are often able to help other shelters by bringing their dogs to HSBC for adoption.
- ♥ We are often called on by national animal welfare groups to help with caring for animals in disaster relief, puppy mill raids, etc.
- ♥ We have a network of about 133 foster homes to help care for orphaned puppies and kittens.
- ♥ HSBC has partnerships with many other important community organizations such as the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Florida, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Broward
- ♥ We periodically offer special promotions, like free spay/neuter for pit bulls and \$15 kitten spays/neuters.
- ♥ Discounted pet adoptions are available for senior citizens in partnership with Purina.
- ♥ HSBC has fun ways for people of ALL ages to get involved: Kids Club, Teen Club, Volunteer Services, PAWS and Seniors for Animals Club.



Shelter after 2012-2014 renovations



Receiving dogs from South Korean Dog Meat Farm

Why do animal shelters exist?

Three main reasons:

Pet Overpopulation: Lack of Spay/Neuter and Community Cats



No Lifetime Commitment: People that can no longer take care of their pets



Shopping INSTEAD OF Adopting: Keeping Puppy Mills in business



Information provided can be found through;

- The Humane Society of the United States
- ASPCA
- PETA



Animal Overload!

Broward County, like most places in the United States, has a heartbreaking pet overpopulation problem. This means that so many people give up their pets each day that shelters are overloaded with animals and they struggle to find homes for them all. The ASPCA estimates that 6.5 million dogs and cats entered animal shelters in 2015,-2016. However, on-

ly about 3.2 million were adopted. This is a problem that humans have created, it is a problem that humans can solve!

Nearly 70,000 cats and dogs are born every day in the U.S. In six years, one unsprayed female dog and her offspring can produce approximately 67,000 puppies. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce an approximately 370,000 kittens! Too many animals are being born and there are not enough homes.

Here are some things that we all can do to help reduce the number of homeless pets:

🐾 Before you get a pet, talk it over with your family to make sure that you are all willing and able to care for the animal for her entire life. Pets need lots of things (food, water, shelter, exercise, veterinary care, grooming, training, supplies and time, to name a few) so they need committed caregivers.



🐾 Don't let your pet have babies! It might sound like fun to let your pet have babies, but it is not a good thing. You may not think it is a big deal to let your pet have one litter, but the problem is that your neighbor thought the same thing. So did your other neighbor. And their neighbors. We went from having a few pets to having dozens of pets that now need homes! Spaying or neutering your pet will ensure your pet does not have unwanted babies (we'll talk more about that later).



🐾 Adopt a pet from a shelter! When your family is ready to make a lifetime commitment to a pet, please visit your local animal shelter and adopt a pet! There is no need to spend hundreds of dollars at a pet store or with a breeder when you can get a great pet at a very low cost at a shelter.

COMMUNITY CATS

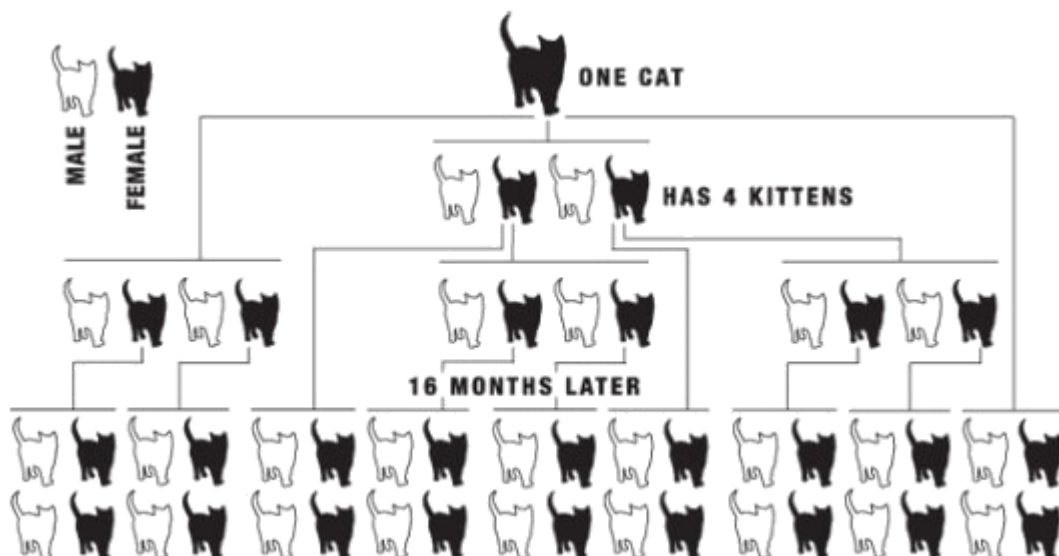
Another huge issue is community cats. Community cats are unowned cats (stray and feral) that live in our neighborhoods and may or may not receive food/water from local humans. There are an estimated 30 to 40 million community cats in the U.S. and only 2% of that population are spayed or neutered.



One way to help stop the overpopulation of community cats is through the spaying and neutering of the outdoor cat population. The mission is called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Community cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, then returned to the area they were caught to live out the rest of their lives without the risk of creating a larger community cat population. In order to show which cats have been spayed or neutered the veterinarians will cut a small piece at the tip of the ear (also called notching). A painless procedure that helps cats from being caught more than once.



If the cat is stray, and most likely a former pet, rescues can place the animals for adoption. However, much of the community cat population is made up of feral (unfriendly, not socialized, never owned) cat. These are the cats that will be returned to the area in which they were caught because they would not make good pets due to their fear and distrust of humans. The returning of the community cats to their area also frees up space in shelters for pet cats to be placed up for adoption.



WHAT IS A PUPPY MILL?

Dog breeding facility, often large-scale. Often called dog breeding factories.

Humane Society of the United States estimates there are 10,000 puppy mills in the U.S.



Often in the rural Mid-Western U.S., Pennsylvania., Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, etc.



Usually specialize in small / popular breeds

They are agribusinesses, the puppies are crops. Owners maximize profits by spending little on the care of the dogs. Goal: MAKE \$\$\$\$\$

Because little care is given to parent dogs and their puppies, many of the puppies that come from puppy mills are sick, have genetic defects, or behavior issues.

Parents dogs or breeding stock usually never leave their wire cage for their entire lives. They eat, sleep, and go to the bathroom in their cage. They never play, walk on grass, rarely get medical care, and never get attention from humans.



99% of the puppies sold in pet stores are supplied by puppy mills. Also sell directly to public online, through classifieds, at flea markets.

Estimated number of puppies sold annually in the U.S. who originated from puppy mills – 1,800,000!



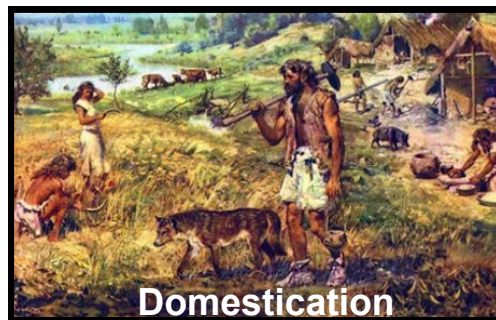
What you see at the pet store



Where that puppy came from

Why Do Dogs and Cats Need People?

Tens of thousands of years ago, dogs and cats were wild animals. They had the instincts to hunt, find shelter and to fend for themselves against the dangers that they faced in the wild. Once humans began to settle, wolves began to scavenge garbage they left. This made wolves more used to people and slowly they became more friendly towards people. Then humans realized how wonderful these creatures were and decided that they wanted to keep them around and take care of them. They gave the dogs and cats food, water, shelter and protected them from harm. After thousands of years of being cared for by humans, dogs and cats forgot how to do these things for themselves! They are no longer wild animals. They are now what we call domesticated animals. Dogs and cats depend on us in order to survive. That means that they depend on us to provide them with food, water, shelter, medical care and grooming, and they need us to protect them from harm.



Dogs and cats that are forced to live on the streets live very short, sad lives. Since they have no one to feed them, they have no choice but to eat rotten food from garbage cans, which can make them very sick. Since they have no one to give them clean water, they are forced to drink dirty water from puddles on the street. Many of these animals die from starvation. While on the streets without humans to care for them, many dogs and cats get hit by cars or are attacked by other animals. Many of them will suffer from injuries and disease. Sometimes, cruel people will intentionally hurt animals they see roaming the streets. For this reason, it is very important that people do not abandon their pets on the street or anywhere else.

Abandoning a dog or cat is such a bad idea that it is, in fact, against the law. Instead, people should call HSBC to assist them with finding their pet a new home.



How Dogs and Cats Help People?

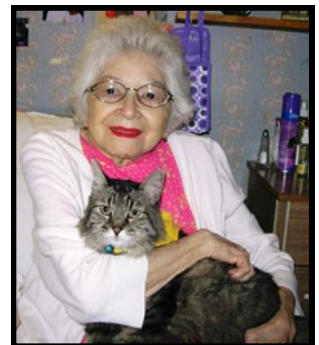
Dogs and cats enrich our lives in so many ways. Dogs especially have been eagerly protecting and saving the lives of humans throughout history. They have dutifully served along side soldiers in all major wars. They serve as officers in police forces where they help apprehend criminals. Dogs use their gift of sniff to help find explosives, narcotics and other illegal items. Dogs have helped rescue countless people from danger – people lost in the woods, kidnapped children, people lost in an avalanche and people buried under rubble after an earthquake.



Some dogs are trained to assist people who have medical conditions to help them lead more typical lives. Dogs help people who are visually or hearing impaired or physically disabled. There are even dogs that are able to alert people that have epilepsy to when they are about to have a seizure so they can take precautions.



Dogs, cats and rabbits all have the amazing ability to lower our blood pressure simply by us petting them. Our mood can be brightened and depression lifted. Just spending time with animals has a remarkable effect on the residents of nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities. It has been reported that patients who have been unresponsive for years have remarkably begun to smile, talk and move in the presence of a pet. The positive effect helps people feel better and heal quicker. The companionship of a pet can mean the world to a person who lives alone, especially a senior citizen.



Pets add so much to our lives and they ask for little in return.
The least we can do is make sure that each one has a safe, loving home!

What Does 'Spay' and 'Neuter' Mean?

Spaying and neutering are the names of two different operations that a veterinarian can do so that a pet cannot have babies. The operation for females is called spaying, for males, neutering. Every animal adopted from HSBC will be spayed or neutered before they go home.

Not only will spaying or neutering prevent your pet from adding to the serious pet overpopulation problem, but it could also help your pet live a longer, happier life. It has been shown that spayed or neutered pets...

- Make better pets – they are more interested in being a member of your human family rather than wanting to go start a family of their own. Plus, they will get along better with the other pets in your household.
- Easier to train – they are calmer, better listeners, less likely to be aggressive, and less likely to have house training/litterbox issues.
- Less likely to run away from home – therefore they are less likely to get hit by a car, get in a fight with another animal, get stolen, etc.
- Live longer, healthier lives as they are less likely to develop common kinds of cancer and serious infections.



The Humane Society of Broward County offers spay/neuter at a VERY low cost!

Please call 954-266-6826.
spayneuter@hsbroward.com

There is no good reason to not have your pet spayed or neutered!

WAYS KIDS AND TEENS CAN HELP HOMELESS ANIMALS

- Form an animal club at your school!
- Make an 'Adopt Me' bandana for a dog. See our website for details.
- Learn all you can about animals by reading books about them.
- Help a homeless pet find a home! Go to our website and choose a pet that is up for adoption. Design a colorful, eye-catching flyer "advertising" the pet for adoption.
- Make toys for homeless cats! See our website for directions.



- Raise money for the animals at the Humane Society! Hold a car wash, lemonade stand, bake sale, etc. Use your imagination!
- Have a toy drive for the animals at the Humane Society! Toys help to keep the animals happy while they wait for a new home.
- Spread the word about Puppy Mills. Do not buy a puppy from a pet store.
- Spay or neuter your pets!

- Set a good example by taking good care of YOUR pets!
- Be a voice for the animals! If you see someone being mean to an animal, tell a grown-up. If you don't speak up for that animal, who will?
- Get your friends together and come to our Walk for the Animals which is in the Spring. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it is SO fun!



Fun Kids Programs at HSBC

Check our website for more information.

Ralphie's Kids Club – Meets once each month during the school year. Members do a variety of fun animal-themed activities, games and crafts while learning about animals and getting lots of hands-on time with them! Kids meet depending on age group; Little Pups group (ages 6-8) or Big Dogs group (ages 10-13).

Camp – HSBC offers fun and educational camps in the spring, summer, and winter. Kids and teens, 6-17 will love spending time with the animals, learning about pet care and responsibility, playing games, doing crafts, and more! Please call 954-266-6822 for more information.

Birthday Parties – Children and parents both agree that having a birthday party at HSBC is a tail-waggin' good time. HSBC offers three party packages and a va-

riety of animal-themed activities, including games, crafts, and pet playtime, to create a one-of-a-kind party. Children love spending time with and learning about pets and parents love that all they have to do is show up because HSBC takes care of everything!



Reading Programs

Wags & Tales – Kids 5-12 are encouraged to visit their local participating library to practice their reading skills by reading to an Animal Assisted Therapy dog! Visit our

website for more information and to view participating libraries:

Ralphie's Reading Buddies—Kids ages 6-16 can sign up to come read to the shelter animals on designated dates and times. Visit our website to register for a reading time.

And many more programs!



Teens Can Help Homeless Animals Too!

Teen Volunteer Program

HSBC offers a structured volunteer program for teens 14 and older. Teen volunteers help us care for the animals for a period of three months with weekly, three-hour shifts. Teens have the opportunity to earn up to 36 Service Learning Hours. At the end of the three months, teen volunteers exit the program to allow for another group to have the same experience. There is a waiting list to get into this program. For more information, please contact volunteer@hsbroward.com.

The Teen Club

The Teen Club meets once each month at HSBC to take part in special projects and events that help homeless pets, as well as getting the chance to socialize with other teens who love animals and want to do some good for their community. They have a great time while earning Service Learning Hours! Teen Club members may also have an opportunity to earn additional volunteer hours by helping with our camps, birthday parties, and other activities. Teens 14 and older are invited to join at any time. For more information, please contact Darlene at 954-266-6848 or dfeldman@hsbroward.com.



"Mitzvah Mutts" Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project Program

The "Mitzvah Mutts" Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project Program is an opportunity for a student to fulfill their project requirements by volunteering their time, energy and creativity to the Humane Society of Broward County and the homeless animals. After completion of the activity booklet, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah student will be permitted to volunteer one hour per week for a minimum of three months before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. Activities include but are not limited to: Pet toy drives, attending animal behavior seminars, educational activities, PAL Program (Petting, Attention and Love) and dog bathing. This program is perfect for any child with a passion for animals! Contact Darlene at 954-266-6848 or dfeldman@hsbroward.com.

Humane Society of Broward County's

Wish List

We rely on donations to care for the thousands of animals we receive each year.

These are some items we are always in need of:

♥ **Monetary Donations**

♥ **Bath Towels, Comforters & Wash Cloths**

♥ **Dog & Cat Treats, Dog Chew Bones**

♥ **Toys** - Big rubber dog chew toys, ping pong balls, hard plastic cat toys, ferret tunnels, toys for bunnies and ferrets, cardboard scratchers for cats

♥ **Guinea Pig Food, Rabbit Food & Ferret Food**

♥ **Timothy Hay**

♥ **Small Ceramic Food Bowls**

♥ **Office Supplies** - scissors, copy paper, craft supplies

♥ **Publix Gift Cards** - to buy fresh veggies for the bunnies and guinea pigs!

♥ **Misc. Supplies** - paper towels, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, powdered bleach, disinfecting wipes, rubbing alcohol, KMR (kitten milk replacer), Esbilac (puppy milk replacer), canned puppy & kitten food, hand sanitizer

*Nestle Purina generously donates food for the dogs and cats in our care, therefore, **we do not need dry dog and cat food.***

Donations can be dropped off at our shelter Monday through Saturday from 10am-7pm or Sunday from 10am-6pm. Be sure to write down your name, phone number, address and age, along with a description of the collection you did so we can properly thank you and possibly include it in our newsletter!

Please check out our wish list on Amazon as well! It can be found on our website.

Thank you for your support!

