

# WANTING TO ADOPT A PET? HERE'S WHAT TO DO!

## Pets in RPM's Program

Are you interested in adopting a pet from RPM's (Rescued Pets Movement) program? Here's what you need to know:

### 1. RPM's Adoption Policy

- RPM typically does not adopt pets locally. When RPM rescues an animal, there is usually a plan for their transport to rescue partners up north, where they often even have a forever home waiting. Breaking this arrangement would disrupt these established plans and damage the relationship we have with our partner groups that allow us to continue saving lives.

### 2. Houston's Overpopulation Crisis

- Houston faces severe pet overpopulation. To address this, RPM focuses on transporting pets to regions with lower animal populations and more families looking to adopt, therefore helping to alleviate the crisis locally.

### 3. Alternatives for Adopting Pets

- Most animals in RPM's program come from local shelters, like BARC (Houston's city shelter). If you fall in love with an RPM pet already slated for transport, consider visiting local shelters to find a similar pet needing a home.

## Adopting from Public, Taxpayer Funded Shelters

Local shelters in Houston are overwhelmed and urgently need adopters. Here's why adopting from them is beneficial:

- Comprehensive Vetting: Pets come fully vetted, including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips. However, heartworm treatment, if needed, is generally not included.
- Affordable Fees: Adoption fees at city and county shelters, such as BARC and Harris County Pets, are very affordable ranging from \$20 to \$80.
- Please see page 4 for a list of public shelters across Houston

## Adopting from Rescue Groups

If public shelters aren't your preference, consider the numerous local rescue groups and private shelters:

- Detailed Pet Profiles: Rescue groups can provide more detailed information about a pet's behavior and temperament, often through foster homes.
- Specific Needs: If you have specific requirements (e.g., a dog that doesn't bark or is good with kids), rescue groups can better match you with a suitable pet.
- Fully Vetted: While adoption fees may be higher when adopting from a private rescue instead of a shelter, these animals receive extensive vetting beyond just the basics that shelters provide.

Treatment for heartworms and many other common illnesses have been treated by the rescues, and pets have generally had all of their rounds of vaccines. That being said, many pets in rescues are completely healthy! Do not assume you need to avoid adopting in order to get a healthy pet; that is far from the case!

- Foster to Adopt: Adopting a pet is a significant commitment and responsibility. If you're uncertain about making a long-term commitment, many rescue groups offer a "foster-to-adopt" option, allowing you to care for a pet before deciding to adopt permanently. This process involves taking the pet home and caring for them on a temporary basis, giving you a chance to see if they fit well into your lifestyle. If they aren't a good fit, just foster until they find another family who is the perfect match! Foster homes often have the first option to adopt the pet if they decide they want to keep them. Each rescue group has its own policies, so it's important to check with them about how their foster-to-adopt program works. Fostering provides a "test run" to ensure the pet is a good match for your home and family. Additionally, rescue groups typically offer support and resources to foster homes, including supplies and veterinary care, allowing you to help a pet in need without the immediate pressure of a lifelong commitment. To get started, contact local rescue groups and inquire about their foster-to-adopt options. Make sure to understand the process and prepare your home to welcome a pet, even temporarily. Fostering is a great way to see if you're ready for the responsibilities of pet ownership while providing a temporary home for a pet in need. It's a win-win situation for both you and the animal!
- See page 3 for a list of rescues.

## Breed-Specific Adoptions

Interested in a specific breed? Shelters and rescue groups have purebred pets too. Here's how to find them:

- Breed-Specific Rescues: Houston has many breed-specific rescue groups. Search on Facebook and Google "Houston rescue groups for \_\_\_\_\_ breed" for a comprehensive list!
- Search Websites: Use websites to search for specific breeds available for adoption in local shelters and rescue groups such as Petfinder.com and 24PetConnect.com
- Set Alerts: petplace.com/pet-adoption/ allows you to set up email alerts for when a specific breed becomes available! Simply run a search for what you are looking for, then click "Create Search Alert"

## Adopting Directly from Individuals

There are many websites where current pet owners needing to rehome their pets can post. You may find this to be a viable option for bringing home your new pet! A few websites to check out are:

- Rehome: by Adopt a Pet: rehome.adoptapet.com
- Home To Home: home-home.org
- Rehome Your Pets: rehomeyourpets.com

# HOUSTON-AREA ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS

Please note, this list is in no way comprehensive. There are truly hundreds of rescue groups and private shelters across Houston with pets looking for forever homes! Be sure to search social media and Google for more options.

Search available pets at all local shelters and rescues by visiting [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) and [24PetConnect.com](https://www.24petconnect.com)

[1. Special Pals](https://specialpals.org)  
[specialpals.org](https://specialpals.org)

[2. Catie's Foster Fam - Rescue](https://caitiesfosterfam.org)  
Specializes in: medical cases, purebred dogs  
[caitiesfosterfam.org](https://caitiesfosterfam.org)

[3. CAMO Rescue](https://camorescue.com)  
Specializes in: small breed dogs and small breed medical cases  
[camorescue.com](https://camorescue.com)

[4. Animal Justice League](https://animaljusticeleague.org)  
[animaljusticeleague.org](https://animaljusticeleague.org)

[5. Berg Foster Life - Animal Rescue](https://bergfosterlife.org)  
[bergfosterlife.org](https://bergfosterlife.org)

[6. K-9 Angels Rescue](https://k-9angelsrescue.org)  
[k-9angelsrescue.org](https://k-9angelsrescue.org)

[7. Adopt A Rescued Friend \(AARF\)](https://aarfhouston.org)  
[aarfhouston.org](https://aarfhouston.org)

[8. Houston Boxer Rescue](https://houstonboxerrescue.org)  
Specializes in: Boxer breed only  
[houstonboxerrescue.org](https://houstonboxerrescue.org)

[9. Golden Beginnings Golden Retriever Rescue](https://gbgrr.org)  
Specializes in: Golden Retriever breed only  
[gbgrr.org](https://gbgrr.org)

[10. Basset Buddies Rescue of Texas](https://bassetbuddiesrescue.org)  
Specializes in: Basset Hound breed only  
[bassetbuddiesrescue.org](https://bassetbuddiesrescue.org)

[11. Citizens for Animal Protection \(CAP\)](https://cap4pets.org)  
[cap4pets.org](https://cap4pets.org)

[12. Scout's Honor Rescue](https://scoutshonor.org)  
[scoutshonor.org](https://scoutshonor.org)

[13. Houston SPCA](https://houstonspca.org)  
[houstonspca.org](https://houstonspca.org)

[14. Houston Humane Society](https://houstonhumane.org)  
[houstonhumane.org](https://houstonhumane.org)

[14. Mutts & Meows Rescue](https://muttsandmeows.org)  
[muttsandmeows.org](https://muttsandmeows.org)

[15. All Texas Dachshund Rescue](https://atdr.org)  
Specializes in: Dachshund breed  
[atdr.org](https://atdr.org)

[16. Homeless Pet Placement League](https://hppl.org)  
Specializes in: Foster care and adoption  
[hppl.org](https://hppl.org)

[17. Honoring Hope & Faith Rescue](https://hhfrescue.org)  
[hhfrescue.org](https://hhfrescue.org)

[18. Three Little Pitties All Breed Rescue](https://threelittlepittiesrescue.org)  
[threelittlepittiesrescue.org](https://threelittlepittiesrescue.org)

[19. Houston Pets Alive](https://houstonpetsalive.org)  
[houstonpetsalive.org](https://houstonpetsalive.org)

[20. Friends For Life Animal Shelter](https://friends4life.org)  
[friends4life.org](https://friends4life.org)

[21. Blue River Animal Rescue](https://blueriveranimalrescue.org)  
[blueriveranimalrescue.org](https://blueriveranimalrescue.org)

[22. A Smart Rescue](https://smartpetz.com)  
Specializes in: cats of all ages and health statuses!  
[smartpetz.com](https://smartpetz.com)

[23. Cypress Lucky Mutt](https://cypressluckymuttrescue.org)  
[cypressluckymuttrescue.org](https://cypressluckymuttrescue.org)

[24. Gulf Coast & Southern Texas Animal Rescue- STARS](https://gulfcoaststars.org)  
[gulfcoaststars.org](https://gulfcoaststars.org)

[25. Pup Squad Animal Rescue](https://pupsquad.org)  
Specializes in: Rescuing orphaned puppies, kittens, and nursing litters  
[pupsquad.org](https://pupsquad.org)

# HOUSTON-AREA PUBLIC SHELTERS

Below is a list of all public, taxpayer-funded municipal animal shelters. Please note, there are several private groups with a shelter facility listed on the "Houston-Area Animal Organizations" sheet as well.

Search available pets at all local shelters and rescues by visiting [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) and [24PetConnect.com](https://www.24petconnect.com)

## [BARC Animal Shelter and Adoptions \(City of Houston\)](#)

2700 Evella St. Houston, TX 77026  
713-837-0311  
[houstontx.gov/barc/](https://houstontx.gov/barc/)

## [Baytown Animal Control](#)

705 N Robert C Lanier Dr. Baytown, TX 77520  
281-422-7600  
[baytown.org/1160/Animal-Services](https://baytown.org/1160/Animal-Services)  
[animalcontrol@baytown.org](mailto:animalcontrol@baytown.org)

## [Bellaire Animal Shelter](#)

5110 Jessamine St. Bellaire, TX 77401  
713-668-0487  
[bellairetx.gov/1039/In-Our-Pound](https://bellairetx.gov/1039/In-Our-Pound)

## [Bunker Hill](#)

713-464-9762  
[bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/animal-services](https://bunkerhilltx.gov/citizens/animal-services)

## [Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center](#)

4213 Luell Avenue Deer Park, TX 77536  
281-478-7274  
[deerparktx.gov/490/Animal-Control](https://deerparktx.gov/490/Animal-Control)  
[animalshelter@deerparktx.org](mailto:animalshelter@deerparktx.org)

## [Fort Bend County Animal Control](#)

1210 Blume Rd. Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-1512  
[fortbendcountytexas.gov > "Animal Services"](https://fortbendcountytexas.gov/Animal-Services)

## [Harris County Pets](#)

612 Canino Rd. Houston, TX 77076  
281-999-3191  
[countypets.com](https://countypets.com)

## [Humble Animal Control](#)

240 Dennis St. Humble, TX 77338  
281-446-2327  
[cityofhumbletx.gov/animal-services/](https://cityofhumbletx.gov/animal-services/)

## [Jacinto City Animal Control](#)

713-453-7411  
[jacintocity-tx.gov/animal-control/publicworks@jacintocity-tx.gov](https://jacintocity-tx.gov/animal-control/publicworks@jacintocity-tx.gov)

## [LaPorte City Animal Control](#)

10901 Spencer Highway La Porte, TX 77571  
281-471-3811  
[laportetx.gov > "Animal Shelter & Animal Control"](https://laportetx.gov/Animal-Shelter-&-Animal-Control)

## [League City Animal Care](#)

821 North Kansas Av. League City, TX 77573  
281-554-1377  
[leaguacitytx.gov > "Departments" > "Animal Care"](https://leaguacitytx.gov/Departments/Animal-Care)

## [Missouri City Animal Control](#)

1919 Scanlin Rd. Missouri City, TX 77489  
281-403-8707  
[missouricitytx.gov/92/Animal-Services](https://missouricitytx.gov/92/Animal-Services)  
[animalservices@missouricitytx.gov](mailto:animalservices@missouricitytx.gov)

## [Montgomery County Animal Shelter](#)

8535 State Hwy 242 Conroe, TX 77385  
936-442-7738  
[mcaspets.org](https://mcaspets.org)

## [Pearland Animal Control](#)

2002 Old Alvin Rd. Pearland, TX 77581  
281-652-1970  
[pearlandtx.gov > "Departments" > "Animal Services"](https://pearlandtx.gov/Departments/Animal-Services)

## [Rosenberg Animal Control](#)

1207 Blume Rd. Rosenberg, TX 77471  
832-595-3490  
[rosenbergtx.gov > "Community" > "Animal Control"](https://rosenbergtx.gov/Community/Animal-Control)

## [Seabrook Animal Shelter](#)

2101 Humble Dr. Seabrook, TX 77586  
281-474-2590  
[seabrooktx.gov > "Department" > "Police Department" > "Animal Control"](https://seabrooktx.gov/Department/Police-Department/Animal-Control)

## [Sugarland Animal Control](#)

101 Gillingham Ln. Sugarland, TX 77498  
281-275-2364  
[sugarlandtx.gov/220/Animal-Services](https://sugarlandtx.gov/220/Animal-Services)