

UNITY FOR A SOLUTION

WORKING TO IMPROVE THE
HEALTH, SAFETY & QUALITY
OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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WHO WE ARE

- A collaboration of animal welfare groups, civic associations and businesses with over 40 partners.
- Established in 2013 to:
 - Raise awareness of animal overpopulation in Houston and,
 - Advocate for more free and low cost spay neuter opportunities for pets in underserved communities.





An unspayed female dog, her mate and all of their offspring, plus the offspring's puppies, if none are neutered or spayed add up to:

1 year - 16
2 years - 128
3 years - 512
4 years - 2,048
5 years - 12,288
6 years - 67,000

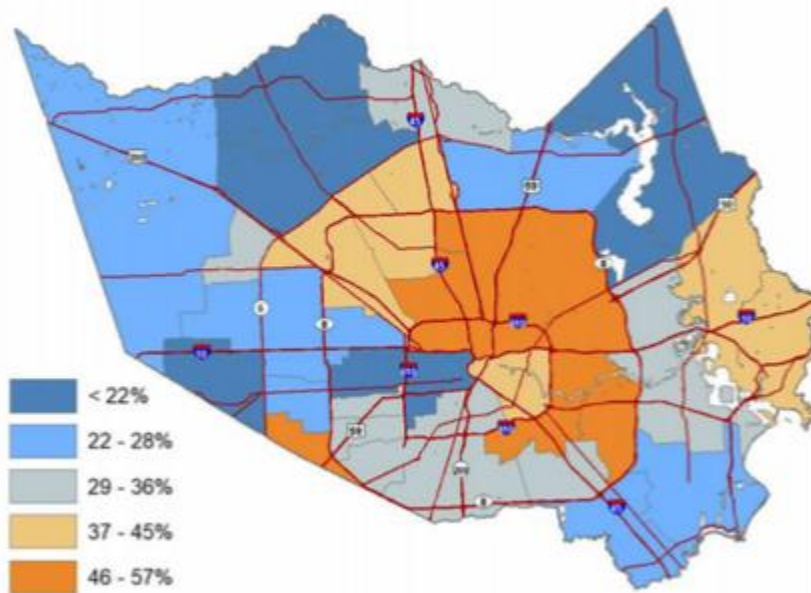
THE PROBLEM

Unaltered pets roaming the streets, producing unwanted litters and contributing to overpopulation.

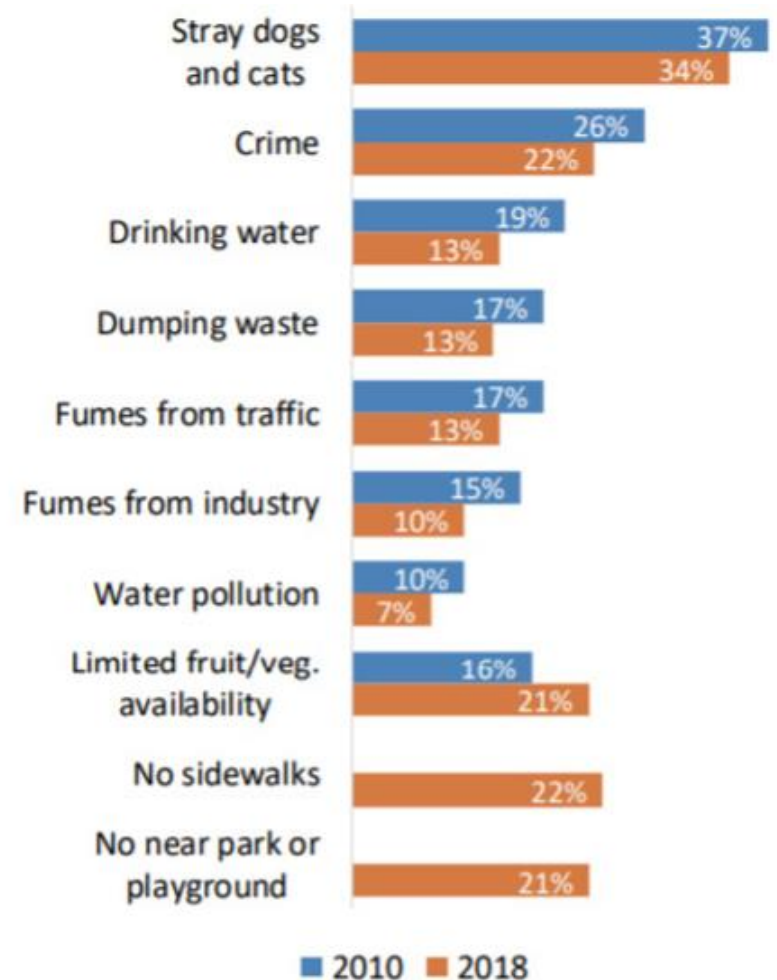
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The UT School of Public Health "Health of Houston Survey" has consistently found that stray dogs and cats are the biggest concern in many Houston neighborhoods.

PERCENT ADULTS REPORTING STRAY ANIMALS AS A PROBLEM IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD



PERCENT ADULTS REPORTING CONCERNS OVER NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS





OUR SOLUTION

- To provide free spay neuter, vaccinations, and microchips for pets in underserved areas. To date, we've helped over 2,500 pets.
- To educate owners about the importance of fixing their pets and proper pet care in general.



OUR SOLUTION

- To raise public awareness of the problem.
- To work with elected officials:
 - On public education campaigns.
 - To create more free and low cost spay neuter options.

BIG FIX HOUSTON

- Unity's biggest effort to date is Big Fix Houston, an annual, citywide event to register pets for free spay neuter, vaccinations and microchips at sites around the city.
- The surgeries are performed later at a vet clinic. Since 2017, we've targeted:

Sunnyside
South Park
Acres Homes
Fifth Ward

Third Ward
Northside
North Hobby
East End

Independence Heights
Manchester
Denver Harbor
West Houston



RESULTS (2019)

Total: 659 pets

Sign up locations:

Eastex-Jensen

Magnolia Park

Manchester

Acres Homes

Independence Heights

Fifth Ward

North Hobby

CAP

South Park



Average cost per pet: \$150. Surgeries are paid for with private funds raised by Big Fix Houston. In 2019, CM Karla Cisneros, CM Robert Gallegos and CM Jerry Davis donated funds for surgeries in their districts

RESULTS (2017-2019)

2017-2019 TOTAL FOR BIG FIX HOUSTON: 1,634 PETS

PARTICIPATION BY DISTRICT (2017-2019):

District A	33
District B	243
District C	10
District D	189
District E	25
District F	7
District G	0
District H	376
District I	325
District J	12
District K	29
Other	375

PARTNERS

- Big Fix Houston is a collaborative effort. Participants in 2019 included:

BARC

Emancipet Houston

Citizens for Animal Protection

Houston Humane Society

ADORE Houston

Animal Justice League

Barrio Dogs, Inc.

Houston PetSet

Community Animal Support Team

Progressive 5th Ward Community Assn

North Hobby Civic Association

Texas Humane Legislation Network

- Our goal is to have more partners participating in the future. We especially need more veterinarians for surgeries; lack of vetting resources in underserved areas is a challenge we face every year.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Big Fix Houston citywide sign up, February 22, 2020.
- Working with our partners to do more educational outreach in schools and community centers.
- Work with elected officials on finding better ways to enforce existing animal welfare ordinances and pass new ones to better protect animals.
- Continue our efforts to help Houston's animals because in spite of all our efforts, the problems of overpopulation, neglect and cruelty still exist in many neighborhoods.

