



**FRIENDS
FOR
LIFE**

**Helping our
neighbors
during the
COVID-19
crisis**



Who needs help?

Carmelita woke up before it was light. The chemo made her feel exhausted and nauseous. She wanted to stay in bed.

She looked at the little dog sleeping next to her who had been with her through so much. He needed vet care and food. But the cancer had drained all her resources. She felt hopeless.

She heard on the news that Friends For Life was holding a free vet clinic and pet food bank. "It starts at 10AM," the newscaster said. She was in her car lined up before 8AM, the chemo port covered by a large bandage on her arm and her small dog in the passenger seat beside her. In a city that is so huge, there was literally one option for her to get free help for her beloved companion. When the Friends For Life staff came by her car to fill out the form, she wept with gratitude.

How do we help?

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Houston's only Free Drive-Thru Pet Clinic + Food Bank

Non-income restricted, non-area restricted



Pet Food Bank

For many who suddenly lost their source of income, buying pet food for their animals became cost-prohibitive.



Vaccinations + Preventatives

Vaccinations are vital to the health of the entire community, not just pet owners and their pets.



Wellness Checks

Our volunteer vet provided a wellness exam for each animal that came in. For some, it was their very first vet visit.



Why is this critical?

Rumbling beneath the surface of the COVID-19 crisis is the wave of animals coming into shelters because their family cannot afford their care. Bubbling up amidst vet clinic closures is a puppy/kitten season filled with unvaccinated animals that are fodder for a distemper and parvo outbreak. That impacts all of us; not just pet owners.

We have another curve to flatten



The impact so far

- ✗ Sun, March 22
- ✗ Fri, March 27
- ✗ Sun, April 5
- ✗ Sat, April 11
- ✗ Sun, April 19
- ✗ Sat, April 25
- ✗ Sun, May 3
- ✗ Wed, May 13
- ✗ Sat, May 17
- ✗ Sat, May 23

16.6k
lbs.

of free pet food was distributed to those in need.

2,765
doses

of heartworm + flea preventative. were handed out.

3,201
doses

of vaccines were administered, raising the level of veterinary care for animals in the midst of a crisis.

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Friends For Life is the only shelter providing these free services in our region.



To see the work in action, [watch our video](#)
 To support a clinic day, contact Lena Lieb at 713-392-4354 or lena@friends4life.org
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