District Attorney Devon Anderson credits a multi-agency effort and community support for a significant reduction in the number of dumped animals in the Crosby-area. The D.A.s office, working with Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman, former Senator Tommy Williams, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Houston Human Society and area law enforcement, launched an aggressive effort to stop the dumping of animals, both dead and alive. In 2012, nearly 100 animals were rescued in what was called "the Crosby Puppy Massacre". The targeted area along highway 90 about 20 miles outside of Houston is now monitored and concrete barriers, fences and warning signs are up.

DA Announces Success

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Animal Cruelty

Crosby-area initiative cuts animal abandonment by 80%

"We've seen an 80-percent reduction in abandoned animals in this area, but we are not stopping there," says District Attorney Anderson. "Our office, along with other law enforcement agencies in the county, is launching this type of initiative in several other areas as we continue to work to reduce animal cruelty and illegal dumping even further. We have high hopes of further success."

The Harris County D.A.s Office currently has two prosecutors who serve as animal cruelty specialists, Jessica Milligan and Melissa Dickson, who work with several experienced misdemeanor prosecutors on animal cruelty cases. The office works closely with area law enforcement and animal advocacy groups to investigate and prosecute animal abuse.

Illegal dumping or abandonment of animals can be reported anonymously to Crimes Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477). All identifying information of the suspect and vehicle should be included in the report.