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Case Study 9

ABC Home & Commercial Services at Memorial-Hermann Medical Center in Houston, TX

Site Description

Memorial-Hermann in Northwest Houston is a 1,200 bed medical center. First constructed in the 1970's, it has been upgraded extensively and now includes a mix of more than a dozen structures, both old and new.

The Problem

The hospital campus encompasses more than four city blocks with structures ranging from one to five stories. As in many parts of Houston, there was a high concentration of pigeons with an estimated population approaching 2,000 birds. Loafing and nesting areas were extensive and pigeon debris represented an infectious risk.

The Solution

Due to the vast numbers, live trapping was not effective since the remaining birds quickly backfilled the population. Instead ABC Commercial Services (www.abchomeandcommercial.com) deployed a contraceptive program supplemented by a repelling strategy in critical areas (Eagle-Eye® by Bird Barrier, Inc.)

The Results

In the first nine months bird pressure was reduced by approximately 75%, part due to OvoControl and part due to the repelling effect of Eagle-Eye. In the most recent census, an estimated 500 birds remain attached to the property. The OvoControl program will continue to reduce the number of pigeons in the resident flocks at the rate of 50%, annually.



◀ Expansive Houston Medical Center campus offers a myriad of different nesting, perching and loafing locations for pigeons.

▶ Pigeons represent a very serious infectious risk and parasite vector for patients and employees.



◀ ABC Commercial Services installed three baiting units at strategic locations on hospital rooftops.

▶ The medical center was able to gradually reduce their burden of birds.



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