



HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE ANIMALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

LEASH YOUR DOGS.

Houston has a leash law and dogs cannot “run at large”. All dogs must be properly restrained, meaning they must be leashed or enclosed behind a gate or fence at all times. Don’t let your pet run in the street! It might bite someone, get hit by a car or get picked up by BARC. If that happens, you only have a short time to pick it up and you’ll have to pay a fine; if you’re too late, your pet could be put to sleep.

NO MORE CHAINS!

In Texas, it’s illegal to chain your dog on a short chain, chain it overnight and chain it during extreme hot or cold weather. Chaining dogs is not only inhumane; it may make them more aggressive and likely to bite. If you see a chained dog in violation of state law (or to report animal cruelty or neglect), file a complaint online at 927paws.org or call 832-927-PAWS (7297).

DON'T DUMP YOUR DOG.

Animal abandonment is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$4,000 (Texas Penal Code, §42.09, Animal Cruelty). If you can’t keep your dog, try other options. If it isn’t fixed and has behavior problems, get it fixed! Reach out to friends, coworkers and family members to find it another home but please don’t dump it. Dumping a pet is cruel, inhumane and illegal!

SPAY & NEUTER YOUR PETS.

Don’t add to Houston’s animal overpopulation by letting your pets have unwanted litters; get them fixed! Here are some places that can fix them at a low price:

- Emancipet Houston, 910 S. Wayside Dr. #100 (713)321-2713
- Emancipet Houston, 8533 Gulf Freeway (713)321-2713
- Gulfgate Animal Hospital, 216 Winkler Drive (713)643-5723
- Long Drive Dog & Cat Hospital, 7327 Long Dr. (713)643-0633
- Pet Clinic On Bellfort, 7151 Bellfort (713)842-7050
- Texas Litter Control, 586 Sawdust Rd (832)510-7622
- Houston Humane Society, 14700 Almeda Rd (713)433-6421
- Mercy Pet Clinic, 2525 Sunset Blvd (346)231-7400
- Eado Veterinary Clinic, 2704 Polk St, Suite C (713) 297-8200
- Citizens for Animal Protection, 7555 Katy Fwy (281)497-0591
- Petcare Express, 2501 W Holcombe Blvd D (713) 592-9977
- Petcare Express, 6220 W 43rd St (832) 649-3179

REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE AND CRUELTY.

- If an animal is in danger of imminent or immediate harm or death, call 911.
- If an animal is being abused, mistreated or neglected, contact 927 PAWS, the Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force. You can file a complaint online at 927paws.org or call 832-927-PAWS (7297).
- HOUSTON SPCA: Call 713-869-SPCA (7722) if an animal is injured. You can also file an online cruelty reporting form at houstonspca.org.

ANIMAL ABUSE CAN BE AN INDICATOR OF EXISTING OR FUTURE VIOLENCE TOWARDS HUMANS.

Encouraging local law enforcement and prosecutors to take crimes against animals seriously is one way to create safer communities since statistics show that reporting animal abuse helps authorities stop other types of violence. Animal cruelty by children should not be taken lightly; children who abuse animals need psychological intervention for both their own welfare and that of their families and of the community.



Barrio Dogs has worked in Houston's East End since 2010 with the mission of raising awareness about proper animal care and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. For more information, contact us at info@barriodogs.org.

