



BARRIO DOGS' UPDATES

WINTER/SPRING 2022



Barrio Dogs has worked in Houston's East End since 2010 to raise awareness of this community's persistent animal welfare concerns including overpopulation, neglect and abuse.

We tackle these concerns by investing in our youth at schools, speaking with families at our free spay neuter events and creating leaders through our neighborhood advocacy.

We hope to publish this newsletter with updates about our activities and accomplishments twice a year. If you have questions or comments, please contact us at info@barriodogs.org.

PROGRAM UPDATES

YOUTH AND PAWS (YAP)

Education is key to a better future for our community and its animals. That's why we visit schools to talk to students about the proper care and treatment of pets. So far in 2022, we have received warm welcomes from students at the following schools:

1. Felix Morales Elementary,
2. Lantrip Elementary,
3. Davila Elementary,
4. J R Harris Elementary
5. Southmayd Elementary
6. Garden Oaks Montessori.



NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES



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MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2022
6:30 to 7:30 PM
Virtually via MS Meetings

GUEST SPEAKER

Stacy Sutton Kerby, Director of Government Relations
Texas Humane Legislation Network

Stacy will provide an update about the new Texas law requiring adequate shelter and proper restraint for dogs. Come learn about new protections provided by law for long-suffering animals.



Neighborhood Advocates is a project to help residents become leaders for the animals and the community by working with neighbors to raise awareness of animal welfare issues around them. Neighborhood Advocates webinars have covered topics like:

- Changes to laws protecting animals in Texas, including the 2021 Adequate Shelter Act,
- What to do if you find a dog.
- Trap, neuter and release of community cats.
- Speaking before the city council.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This spring, community events resumed after a long break during the COVID pandemic. We've tried to participate in as many as possible, usually with a partner like the Houston Humane Society, Houston PetSet, Emancipet or Unity for a Solution. At the events, we give away literature, pet food, leashes, collars, and sign up pets for free spay neuter. The biggest one by far was in June with PetSet at the Family Community Center, where we estimate we reached at least 175 people.

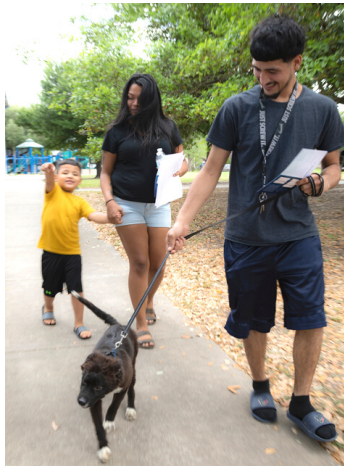


FIXIT SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM



We believe that access to free or low cost spay neuter services is the best way to combat animal overpopulation. To that end, we have fixed, vaccinated and microchipped over 5,000 East End pets free of charge since 2013.

This spring, we resumed our outdoor FixIt events with assistance from Emancipet and the Houston Humane Society, who gave away pet food. We held sign-ups at Settegast Park in the 2nd Ward and Hartman Park in Manchester and ended up serving 240 pets. We plan to be back out in the community this fall.



12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION + 2ND ANNUAL PEDAL FOR PAWS



After cancelling our anniversary celebrations for the past two years because of COVID, we were happy to host our 12th anniversary celebration at bohemeo's in March in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Pedal for Paws. Needless to say, we had a great time and were able to raise some much-needed funds.

TNR PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST END KITTIES

Trap-neuter-return (TNR) is way of controlling cat overpopulation where homeless cats are trapped, fixed, ear-tipped and returned to their original habitat. The East End has a big problem with homeless cats so we've been helping board member Darla Berry with East End Kitties by recruiting volunteers to help with the TNR. We are encouraged by the community's support for our efforts and hope to do a lot more TNR.



BARRIO DOGS SUCCESS STORIES

NOTE: When financially able, we help pets who need vet care for owners that cannot afford it. We want to highlight this work, which has the added benefit of keeping pets out of shelters and with their families. Here is one story:

Mr. Vincent found Barry when he was a young homeless pup. At that time he did not have the resources to get Barry the necessary vet care that he needed. Barrio Dogs helped with all of his vet care and we are happy to hear that Barry is healthy and continues to go in for his annual check ups. We are always happy to be able to keep pets and familias together.



Please consider donating to support our work. Barrio Dogs is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donations are tax-deductible. To give, go to our website. Thank you.

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