



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.

THE SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT

- Requires adequate shelter to protect dogs from extreme temperatures, inclement weather, and standing water. For info, on what is adequate shelter, go to www.sheriffs.org/sites/default/files/LegalDogShelter.pdf.
- Requires access to drinkable water.
- Requires safe restraints and prohibits the use of chains. Other means of restraint, such as cable tie-outs, may be used so long as they are correctly attached to a collar or harness designed to restrain a dog.
- Removes a 24-hour waiting period previously required that prevented animal control or law enforcement officers from taking immediate action.

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 relatively low price:

- Emancipet Houston, 910 S. Wayside Dr #100, Houston, TX 77023 (713)321-2713
- Emancipet Houston, 8533 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77017 (713)321-2713
- Emancipet Houston Tidwell, 13830 NW Fwy Houston, TX 77040 (713)321-2713
- Houston Spay Neuter, 1220 W 23rd St, Houston, TX 77008 (888)410-7729
- Texas Litter Control, 586 Sawdust Rd, Spring, TX 77380 (832)510-7622
- Petcare Express, 2501 W Holcombe Blvd D, Houston, TX 77030 (713) 592-9977
- Petcare Express, 6220 W 43rd St, Houston, TX 77092 (832)649-3179
- Veterinary Urgent Care, 1711 Telephone Rd, Houston, TX 77023 (713)913-7144

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!

REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE AND CRUELTY

- If an animal is in danger of imminent or immediate harm or death, call 911.
- HOUSTON SPCA: File an Online Animal Cruelty Report at houstonspca.i-sight.com/external-capture or call (713) 869-7722.
- The Houston SPCA Call Center is open every day from 8 am to 5:30 pm. To report an injured stray, call (713) 880-HELP (4357).
- Call Houston Police Animal Control 713.884.3131 to report animal abuse, fighting or other mistreatment and/or animals in distress.



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.



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