



# BARRIO DOGS' UPDATES

WINTER 2022/SPRING 2023



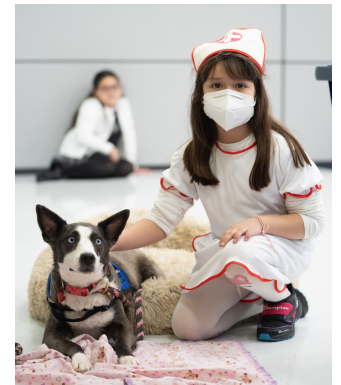
Greetings! It has been a busy spring for us and now that summer is almost here, we hope to slow down and catch our breath. Things have mostly gotten back to normal for us after the pandemic, and there are more opportunities than ever for us to get out and interact with our community. We want to highlight some of our activities and accomplishments during the first half of 2023.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at [info@barriodogs.org](mailto:info@barriodogs.org).



## YOUTH AND PAWS

We have seen positive results from our increased outreach to schools this year. So far, we have visited eight area schools and been rewarded with warm welcomes and enthusiastic participation by the students. When possible, we bring along a rescue dog who is always a big hit. Many thanks to area schools for allowing us to visit and to our hard-working volunteers who make it all possible.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This spring, we participated in fifteen outreach events, ranging from the Cesar Chavez parade to the East End Women In Business Luncheon to the East End Street Fest. These events are a great way to connect with the community and talk to residents and pet owners about what we do and ways we can help.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ANIMAL ABUSE**



A conversation with **SONIA CORRALES**  
DEPUTY CEO  
HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

**WEBINAR**  
APRIL 19, 2023  
6:30-7:30 PM  
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

## NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES

Our most recent NA webinars covered the legislative session, Trap-Neuter-Return, and explored the connection between domestic violence and animal abuse. Also, Barrio Dogs' founder Gloria Zenteno spoke before the city council about Houston's puppy mill ordinance, which has faced opposition from pet stores and breeders. We continue to encourage NA members to become informed on animal welfare issues and to share their thoughts with elected officials and others.





## FIXIT SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM

Through our FixIt program, we provide free spay neuter surgeries, vaccinations and microchips to East End pets. This spring, we had two FixIt outreach events: one at Hartman Park in Manchester and one at Brookline Park, where we targeted a nearby trailer park. In total, we signed up 364 dogs and cats, most of them for surgeries to be performed at Emancipet. We also accepted numerous requests online and by telephone.



Free FixIt services will always be a priority for us. Also a priority is fundraising for this program as we look for ways to keep up with the continuous demand for our assistance.

## PEDAL FOR PAWS + 13TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Our 4th annual Pedal for Paws got off to a rainy start last March but cyclists appeared to have a good time during the annual East End bicycle tour. The weather improved as the day progressed and the celebration was kicked off by the Segundo Barrio Children's Chorus, who were new to the event but performed beautifully to an enthusiastic crowd. The rest of the day went off as planned and at the end, we were happy to have completed another successful celebration.



## EAST END KITTIES

Kitten season was intense this spring as the East End's feral cat population thrived. We are working to slow down the overpopulation by supporting East End Kitties, a TNR (trap-neuter-return) program started by board member Darla Berry. So far in 2023, EEK has spayed or neutered 136 cats. Barrio Dogs helps by providing traps, food and paying for surgeries; however, more residents are needed to do the actual TNR. We held a recent webinar to recruit volunteers who will be trained by Darla and then go to work in their neighborhoods.

## BARRIO DOGS SUCCESS STORIES

**NOTE: When financially able, we help pets who need vet care but whose owners cannot afford the care they need. 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:**



Meet Mittens, who as you can see is relaxed and happy. But in his former life, Mittens was not relaxed or happy. He was a stray living on the street when he was found shot and injured. A caring resident took him in and Barrio Dogs agreed to help with his medical care. He was treated for his injuries and was eventually neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. While his medical care was not cheap, it was worth it as we see him now living a safe and comfortable life in his new home.

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.

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