



BARRIO DOGS' UPDATES

SUMMER/FALL 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.

YOUTH AND PAWS (YAP)

In 2022, we were able to step up our school visits to pre-pandemic numbers. We were happy to be back in the schools since animal welfare education is crucial to the future of our community and its animals. We visited a total of eight schools in 2022 and estimate we reached over 2,000 students.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Outreach events are a great way for us to connect with our community. We are often invited by local groups to attend an event and set up a table where we give away literature, picture books and other goodies. Often, pet owners will ask for help with spay neuter surgeries or pet food, and we do our best to accommodate everyone. In 2022, we took part in 21 outreach events and estimate we reached over 1,800 residents.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our 13th Anniversary Celebration + Pedal for Paws is set for **March 26, 2023** at **Bohemeos**. We are again celebrating in conjunction with our popular East End bicycle tour, Pedal for Paws. We hope to see you there; check out our Facebook events page for the latest information.



NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES

Neighborhood Advocates' focus in 2022 was on changes to animal welfare laws on both a state and local level. We encouraged NA members to become informed on these issues and to share their thoughts and ideas with their elected officials. We also focused on TNR efforts in the East End, where an ongoing cat overpopulation problem has increased interest in TNR. In 2023, we plan to expand our TNR work and continue improving our advocacy skills.

Neighborhood Advocates

Do you want to help your community and be an advocate for the animals around you?

BECOME A BARRIO DOGS COMMUNITY ADVOCATE!

Raise awareness of animal welfare issues in your neighborhood. We can help. Sign up for more info.

<https://barriodogs.org/contact/>



FIXIT SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM

One of the most important services we offer our community is free spay neuter surgeries, vaccinations and microchips for pets. In 2022, we served 430 animals, adding to our total of 5,575 animals since 2013.



We ended the year at DeZavala Park, one of our regular FixIt sites. It was a cold, rainy November day but residents still came out to sign up their pets. Each time we go into the community, we are reminded of the need for our services and are grateful we have the resources to do our work.

TAILS & TRAILS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EMANCIPET



On October 1st, we held the first annual Tails & Trails, a fundraiser and walk in Mason Park along the Braes Bayou trail. The weather was perfect, the trail was beautiful and we had a great turnout. Sadly, we found two dogs in bad shape who we ended up rescuing. A huge thank you to our partner Emancipet as well as to everyone who participated including our sponsors, friends and supporters.

SAYING GOODBYE

In our early days, we rescued many East End dogs from bad situations and found them forever homes. We have since stopped doing rescue to focus on our other work but remain in touch with some of our early adopters. With time, these rescues have aged and started to pass away. In 2022, we lost several including Red, Copper and Rusty. Red's profile is featured in our logo, Copper's photo was used for posters and even a billboard while Rusty is the subject of a coloring book about his pre-rescue adventures. We were sad to say goodbye to the dogs we lost but happy we were part of their journey to a better life.



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:

Ms. Lopez cares deeply for her dog Lowrider but when he was experiencing serious allergy issues, she struggled with the vet bills. We sponsored his vet visits and medications and now he is doing well. Her cat Lilly has been a recipient of much-needed services from us as well. Keeping pets and families together is a win-win for all!



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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