



# BARC 2020 Operational Review and Covid-19 Update

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# BARC Shelter Statistics

January 2020 - YTD

- BARC's Live Release Rate : 95.5%
- Animal Intake: 18,830
- Dogs: 11,566 / 7,264 Cats
- Adoptions: 4,587
- Rescue/ Transports: 12,289
- Animals Returned To Owner: 869
- Pet Wellness Visits: 5,981
  - 503 cats/ kittens
  - 5,478 dogs/ puppies

# It Takes a Village

- A handful of organizations can't beat the homeless pet population in Houston alone.
- Based on our human population, experts believe animal welfare organizations in Houston would need to perform a combined 68,000 no-cost and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries each year to even begin to impact the stray population in Houston.
- BARC's goal is to perform 20,000 low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter procedures each year. We need community partners to help reach the 68,000!

# BARC Spay/Neuter Services

- Since being brought into ARA in 2009, BARC has completed **110,763** spay/neuter surgeries.
- In FY20 alone, BARC completed over 10,300 spay/neuter surgeries.
  - In- House
    - **9,925** surgeries completed in FY20
  - Fixin' Houston low-cost spay/neuter clinic
    - **268** surgeries completed in FY20
    - Over **11,000** surgeries completed since the clinic began in 2014
  - Healthy Pets Healthy Streets free spay/neuter program
    - Over **130** surgeries completed at BARC in FY20
    - Over **4,800** surgeries completed at BARC since the program began in 2013

# BARC Spay/Neuter Partnerships

- **Healthy Pets Healthy Streets**
  - Together, BARC, Emancipet, SNAP and Houston Humane Society have completed over 20,000 no-cost spay/neuter surgeries since HPHS began in July 2013.
  - The program continues to provide the animals with a spay/neuter surgery, a rabies vaccine, a microchip and a one-year city license at no cost.
- **Zoonosis State Grant Awarded**
  - BARC was awarded a state grant for August 2019 – August 2021 for a total of \$12,951 to provide 205 no-cost surgeries for target areas.
  - BARC has received this grant since August 2017 for a total of \$33,721 resulting in 535 completed surgeries.

# Covid-19 Shelter Operations

Throughout the pandemic, BARC prioritized the health and safety of the public, volunteers, and staff and took necessary steps to maximize social distancing while providing the most humane care for the animals in the facility. In order to maintain a safe environment for employees and customers, BARC made the following operational changes:

1. Split shifts for shelter staff: Two teams, each working 3.5 days and 40 hours/week
  - If a one team became compromised, BARC would still have the second team to clean, water, and feed the animals in BARC's care.
  - This also meant that with half the staff in the shelter at any time, we could only properly care for half of the animals.
  - BARC held 175-300 animals in shelter daily during the months of April - September.
2. Online appointment-based operations and curbside services:
  - Animal Intake
  - Pet Wellness and Prevention
  - Animal Adoptions
  - Foster and Rescue Pickups
  - Healthy Pets Healthy Streets Program

# Covid-19 Shelter Operations Update

To expand customer service offerings, BARC began implementing the following operational changes on November 4<sup>th</sup>:

1. Moved shelter staff to 10-hour, 4 days/week shifts:
  - With more staff on property, more animals can be held and cared for in the shelter.
2. Expanded appointment-based operations and curbside services:
  - Animal Intake - Increased the number of animal intake appointments available online.
  - Pet Wellness and Prevention - Increased the number of appointments and operational hours.
  - Animal Adoptions - Additional adoption specials added in coming months.
  - Foster and Rescue Pickups - Will remain a curbside service.
  - Volunteer Services - Volunteers can signup for 4-hour job assignments.