# BARC HAPPENINGS!

February 2025 Newsletter













### **Houston Pets Alive Team & Volunteers!**

This month, we're shining the spotlight on the incredible team at Houston Pets Alive! Their dedication to animal welfare goes far beyond their own shelter by being an invaluable partner to BARC. HPA! is helping us strengthen and train our volunteers, provide specialized training to staff, and have their own team and volunteers at BARC on weekends to assist with adoptions. Since partnering with BARC, they have helped 530 pets and adopters connect, with 83 pets this past January alone. We're so grateful for their commitment to making a difference!

## **WEATHERING THE STORM TOGETHER: A WINTER RECAP**

When Winter Storm Enzo blew into Houston, BARC was ready to weather the storm—and we couldn't have done it without the help of our amazing community. In preparation for the cold, we teamed up with Best Friends Animal Society and Houston PetSet to provide free dog houses to outdoor pets, ensuring they had shelter from the snow and ice.

When the storm blew into Houston and turned BARC into a winter wonderland, forcing us to close for two days, our shelter team was still hard at work behind the scenes, taking care of our pets and making sure everyone was safe and warm. Our Animal Enforcement officers also stayed busy, responding to emergency calls to keep our city's animals safe.

Now that the storm has passed and things are returning to normal, we find ourselves at high capacity with an influx of new pets looking for homes. If you've been thinking about adopting or fostering, now is the perfect time to help out! Together, we can continue to provide a safe place for every furry friend that comes our way. Thank you for being part of our team and for supporting BARC through the storm!







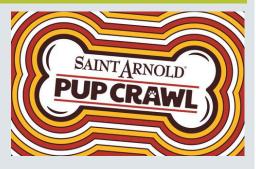








# **SAVE THE DATE:** 2025 PUP CRAWL



Join us for an afternoon of fun at the Saint Arnold's Pup Crawl on Saturday, March 2nd, from 3-6 PM! In partnership with Saint Arnold Brewing Company, this event benefits both BARC and the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, supporting homeless pets and local conservation efforts. Bring your pup and enjoy delicious food, local vendors, and a raffle with exciting prizes—all while sipping on refreshing Saint Arnold brews. Plus, you'll have the chance to meet and adopt BARC dogs looking for their forever homes! Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore the beautiful Arboretum trails while supporting a great cause.

Scan the QR code to learn more and purchase your ticket!



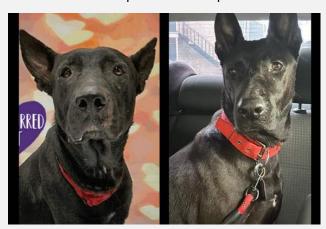
#### BARC BUDDY ADOPTION UPDATE

#### From Rescue to Rest: Ranger's Journey Home

When our Animal Enforcement team responded to a call from the Houston Police Department, they found Ranger in an unimaginable situation—trapped in a barricaded area beneath the HOV lane in the middle of I-45. Lying in a drain under the hot sun, weak and dehydrated, he still found the strength to respond to our team's calls. With careful effort, he was safely rescued and brought to BARC, where he received much-needed care.

After some time in a loving foster home, Ranger finally found his forever family—and he's thriving! His adopter shared: "He has been the BEST dog I have ever had and has become a certified ESA for my son."

From a dangerous highway to a home filled with love, Ranger's story is a testament to the power of adoption and second chances.











### **BARC STATS - DEC 2024**

#### **ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT:**



In December 2024, BARC's Animal Enforcement Team received a total of 4,707 calls for service. A total of 2,563 service calls were completed.

# OUTCOMES & IMPACT:



450



PETS

PETS TRANSFERRED TO RESCUE



50 PETS



977

HOURS VOLUNTEERED

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## FEBRUARY

#### FIND YOUR FURRY VALENTINE!

Looking for the perfect Valentine this year? Look no further than BARC! From February 14-16, adoption fees for all pets will be fully covered thanks to District H Council Member Mario Castillo. Come visit us and bring home love that lasts a lifetime!



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY          | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|-----------------|---------|---|----------|---|--|
|   |                 |         |   | 2        | 3   | BARC x HPA<br>Adoption Event<br>10am - 1pm                   |
| Yappy Hour & Adoption Event @ Pearl Bar 3pm - 5pm | 3               | 4       | 5 Waggy Wednesday \$20 Adoption Fees Adult dogs @ BARC - 3300 Carr St | 6        | <b>7</b>  | Space Cowboy<br>Adoption Event<br>100 W Cavalcade<br>1pm-4pm |
| 9   | 10              | 11      | Waggy Wednesday  @ BARC - 3300 Carr St                                | 13       | FREE adoption fee<br>@ BARC Animal SI<br>3300 Carr St. 12pn | helter   |
| FREE adoptions for all pets! 12pm-5pm             | be my VALE-NTIN | 18<br>E | 19<br>Waggy Wednesday<br>@ BARC - 3300 Carr St                        | 20       | 21  | POST Htx<br>Adoption Event<br>401 Franklin St<br>11am - 3pm  |
| 23  | 24              | 25      | 2 6 Waggy Wednesday @ BARC - 3300 Carr St                             | 27       | 28  | AXA  |

## FEBRUARY IS RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS MONTH!

Being a pet parent is more than just belly rubs and treats—it's a lifelong commitment to your pet's health and happiness. This month, we're reminding all pet owners to keep up with the essentials: spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchipping, and regular vet visits. Need resources? BARC offers affordable pet wellness services to help you be the best pet parent possible.

Visit www.HoustonBARC.com to learn more!





