Regulation and Neighborhood Affairs (RNA) Committee Presentation

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Pet Spay/Neuter Priority at BARC

- Since being brought into ARA in 2009, BARC has completed over 71,700 spay/neuter surgeries
- Goal is to complete at least 20,000 per year by 2020
- In 2016 alone, BARC completed over 18,600 spay/neuter surgeries
  - Adopted, rescued and in-house
    - 13,100 surgeries completed in 2016
  - Fixin’ Houston low-cost spay/neuter clinic
    - 3,400 surgeries in 2016
    - 6,600 surgeries completed since 2014
  - Healthy Pets Healthy Streets free spay/neuter program
    - Over 2,000 surgeries completed at BARC in 2016
    - Over 4,200 surgeries completed at BARC since the program began in 2013
BARC Partnerships

• Healthy Pets Healthy Streets
  – Together, BARC, Emancipet and SNAP have completed over 8,600 no-cost spay/neuter surgeries since HPHS began in July 2013
  – Friends for Life also played a large role in helping to make HPHS a success

• Community outreach/block-walking
  – Together, BARC, Emancipet and SNAP completed over 750 low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter surgeries since 2014
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!
Big Fix Houston

• First event of its kind in Houston
• More than 20 organizations have committed to participate
• Continued partnerships among Houston organizations is imperative to decreasing Houston’s homeless pet population
Questions?