Regulation & 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 88,700 spay/neuter surgeries.
• Goal is to complete at least 20,000 per year by 2020
• In 2017 alone, BARC completed over 15,800 spay/neuter surgeries
  – In-House
    • 11,198 surgeries completed in 2017
  – Fixin’ Houston low-cost spay/neuter clinic
    • 3,700 surgeries in 2017
    • 10,290 surgeries completed since the clinic began in 2014
  – Healthy Pets Healthy Streets free spay/neuter program
    • Over 964 surgeries completed at BARC in 2017
    • Over 4,300 surgeries completed at BARC since the program began in 2013
BARC Partnerships

• Healthy Pets Healthy Streets
  – Together, BARC, Emancipet, SNAP and our newest partner Houston Humane Society have completed over 12,200 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 1,042 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

Continued partnerships among Houston organizations is imperative to decreasing Houston’s homeless pet population.
Questions?