



A Decade of Dedication

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Creating a Better Future for Animals and the Community ***-Barrio Dogs Celebrates A Decade of Dedication-***

Houston, Texas (Oct. 16, 2019) – Barrio Dogs, a Houston nonprofit animal welfare organization, has spent the last decade educating, empowering, and transforming Houston’s East End community, providing access to education and programming on the importance of proper animal care. Since its founding, Barrio Dogs has educated more than 7,000 adults and children on proper pet care, affordable spay/neuter options, and how to identify potential animal cruelty situations.

To officially mark its 10-year anniversary, Barrio Dogs will host a community-wide celebration on **Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Bohemio’s**, an East End coffeeshop located at 708 Telephone Road from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. *A Decade of Dedication* will feature music from noteworthy musicians, mouthwatering, culinary creations as well as activities for animal lovers, young and old alike. A vendor market will be part of the festivities, displaying creativity and artistry of Houston’s East End.

“As we look back on the last 10 years, our dedicated team has much to be proud of,” said Gloria Zenteno, president of Barrio Dogs. “In our efforts over the last 10 years, we have worked to truly engage the community while imparting the immense responsibility that comes with pet ownership as we tackle the animal overpopulation problem in Houston.”

In addition to teaching young people about the proper care and treatment of pets and all animals, Barrio Dogs advocates for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats as the most humane and effective methods of controlling the pet population. The organization also works to create awareness, educate, and promote zero tolerance for animal mistreatment.

Throughout its 10 years, Barrio Dogs has worked hard to strengthen the Houston community. One such example was the mobilization of Barrio Dogs volunteers in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey at NRG. Volunteers checked animals in and out of the pet area, walked and fed them, and cleaned their crates.

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“The generosity of our community was fully on display through the outpouring of donations and support,” said Gloria. “I was so glad that Barrio Dogs could play a small part in the massive relief effort.”

Sponsorship packages and vendor opportunities are still available for the *Decade of Dedication* event. Admission is free to the public and small donations are welcome. For more information about Barrio Dogs, visit www.barriodogs.org.

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About Barrio Dogs

Barrio Dogs works to educate, empower, and transform its local community. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, it provides education, outreach, and assistance to pet owners in Houston’s East End and will celebrate 10 years of dedication to the Houston community in March of 2020. For more information, visit www.barriodogs.org.