

Rescued Pets Movement Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides a second chance for thousands of homeless dogs and cats through rescue, rehabilitation, and transport to forever homes in communities throughout the United States that have a demand for adoptable pets.

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## Who is Rescued Pets Movement (RPM)?

Number of states where RPM transports animals (i.e., Colorado, Illinois, California, Wisconsin, and Virginia)

8 Number of outfitted Mercedes Sprinter vans RPM uses for bi-weekly transports from Texas

~33 Number of RPM transports per month

47,758 Number of BARC animals saved by RPM from September 2013 to November 21, 2020

Number of BARC animals saved by RPM from January 2020 to November 21, 2020

Percentage of animals RPM pulled from BARC in fiscal year 2020 (i.e., RPM pulled 8,898 animals out of the 12,905 total transfers to rescue groups)

~800 Number of active RPM foster families









~Numbers are approximate

9,224

69%

# Roles & Responsibilities

#### **BARC**

- Picks up animal off street/ intakes animals from the public
- Provides initial assessment and vets animal
- Conducts temperament tests
- Spays or neuters animal, upon request
- Provides monetary support through government contract



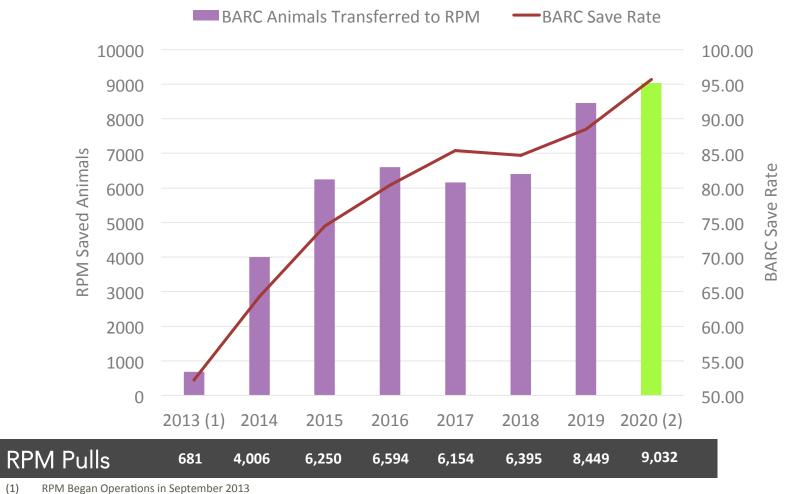
#### **RPM**

- Identifies animals at BARC
- Finds foster homes or boards at RPM Clinic
- Provides follow-up veterinary care
- Creates individual animal files and tracks through the transport process
- Organizes transport records to PACFA standards, vet records, medicines, and foster supplies
- Finances vans and hires drivers
- Outfits vans for transport per PACFA standards (e.g., insulation, HVAC, crates, food, collars, litter pans, etc.)
- Drives and delivers animals to partner rescue groups

#### Rescue Partners

- Provide foster supplies and temporary boarding
- Market the animals and host adoption events
- Provide follow-up vet care after transport
- Adopt pets into permanent homes
- Monitor pets once placed in permanent homes (responsible for returns)
- Provide documentation to PACFA for all foster and adoptions

## BARC Live-Release Rates & RPM Pulls



# Supply v. Demand – Part I

#### **Houston's Homeless Animal Problem = SUPPLY**







#### **CLIMATE**

Mild climate leads to higher survival rate on the streets and longer breeding season.

#### **SPAY & NEUTER**

Houston's spay and neuter programs are less developed than other comparable-sized cities.

#### **BREEDING**

Limited backyard breeder regulations as well as culture that demands pure-bred animals.

# Supply v. Demand – Part II

#### Other States = DEMAND





AGAINST BACKYARD
BREEDING /
'ADOPT DON'T SHOP'
CULTURE

#### **CLIMATE**

Some states have a harsh winter climate; results in shorter breeding season / lower street survival rates.

#### **SPAY & NEUTER**

Aggressive spay-and-neuter programs.

#### **BREEDING**

Limited backyard breeder culture and pet adoptions are highly promoted.

# RPM & Collaborative Alliances Across Houston

#### **BARC**

- Greg Damianoff, Director of BARC, has been instrumental in helping BARC succeed and achieve highest live release rate
- BARC collaborates with RPM and other rescue partners across Houston
- Belief that healthy, adoptable animals do not need to die
- Provides monetary support to RPM through government contract, which partially offsets RPM's rehabilitation and transport costs
- Dedicated rescue staff available 7 days a week for Rescue Community
- Commitment to network all animals to

#### Rescue Partners

- Traditional Rescue Groups rescue in Houston and adopt in Houston (e.g. Red Collar Rescue, Houston Pets Alive)
- Low-cost veterinary care and spay/neuter
   Services (e.g. Emancipet, SNAP)
- Education needed about backyard breeding/ cruelty and establishing a no-kill culture (e.g. Houston PetSet, Barrio Dogs)
- Specialty Rescue Groups:
  - > Support all breeds of animals
  - (e.g. Three Little Pitties, ADORE Houston)
  - > Target specific areas of Houston
  - (e.g. Barrio Dogs, Corridor Rescue)
  - > Support save those not healthy enough to transport (e.g. Red Collar Rescue)
- Rescued Pets Movement Transport & Rehabilitation

Our Collective Goal: SAVE AS MANY ANIMALS FROM EUTHANSIA AS POSSIBLE

Collaboration allows us to save more animals than we are each capable of saving by ourselves.

## Friends of RPM















### THANK YOU!!!

## **QUESTIONS?**

April 2013
"This is truly a difficult problem to tackle....
We're working on all kinds of things.
Our annual goal is to reduce our rate of euthanasia by at least 3%."

~ Greg Damianoff, Director of BARC

October 2020

"BARC's partnership with RPM was the major reason we achieved a live release of 91.7% for fiscal year 2020." ~ Greg Damianoff, Director of BARC

## **APPENDIX**



## BARC Animals Transferred to RPM

		BAR	C Animals Trans	ferred to RPN	Л		
Year	Month	Dogs	Cats	Birds	Livestock	Others	Total
2013		616	65	-	-	-	681
2014		3,646	360	-	-	-	4,006
2015		5,510	740	-	-	-	6,250
2016		5,751	843	-	2	-	6,596
2017		4,877	1,277	-	3	-	6,157
2018		4,201	2,194	-	-	-	6,395
2019	January	452	211	-	-	-	663
2019	February	496	252	-	-	-	748
2019	March	523	301	-	-	-	824
2019	April	456	362	-	-	-	818
2019	May	564	358	-	-	-	922
2019	June	450	295	-	-	-	745
2019	July	389	268	-	-	-	657
2019	August	465	268	-	-	-	733
2019	September	317	270	-	-	-	587
2019	October	358	280	-	-	-	638
2019	November	358	219	-	-	-	577
2019	December	296	241	-	-	-	537
2019		5,124	3,325	-	-	-	8,449
2020	January	556	301	-	-	-	857
2020	February	468	351	-	-	-	819
2020	March	482	317	-	-	-	799
2020	April	391	303	-	-	-	694
2020	May	482	564	-	-	-	1,046
2020	June	505	452	-	-	-	957
2020	July	438	361	-	-	-	799
2020	August	552	392	-	-	-	944
2020	September	419	435	-	-	-	854
2020	October	491	457	-	-	-	948
2020	November	179	136	-	-	-	315
2020	December						
2020		4,963	4,069	-	-	-	9,032
		34,688	12,873	-	5	-	47,566