

FOBNEWS

SAVING LIVES .. ONE FRIEND AT A TIME • JULY 2008

The 4th of July has come and gone, but the heat is still here! But don't let that keep you from helping out, either in the air-conditioned confines of one of our PetSmart locations, or at our outdoor adoption events! Or in case you haven't heard lately, traffic has increased at BARC, especially on weekends! As a result, adoptions and foster-to-adopt numbers are on the rise! Many more dogs and cats are leaving from BARC due to the help of the volunteers. So if you have an extra 2-3 hours on a weekend or two, you can make a big difference in some furry little creature's life! Contact Kathy (kdeffebach@sbcglobal.net) if you can help - you'll be glad you did!

Here's the listing for upcoming events:

- July 12. . . . KA/ACO Basketball Game (okay, this one's over!)
- July 17-20 . . . Reliant Center Dog Show
- July 19. . . . Paws and Claws at Carter's Pet Depot on Echo Lane at I-10
- August 2 . . . The monthly Meet & Greet in the Heights - **at night once again!**
- August 5 . . . Pearl Bar on Washington Art Opening benefitting FoB

Our first Volunteer Appreciation Night was June 26 at Ziggy's Healthy Grill. Thanks to Amanda and Michelle for arranging this! The turnout was impressive and all volunteers walked away with a new t-shirt. Six or 7 other lucky winners heard their names called for some of the great door prizes, ranging from gift cards, salon treatments, coffee sets and more. If you missed this one, be sure to watch for the next one! As of now, it is tentatively scheduled for September 25 at Onion Creek Cafe.

Construction on the long awaited new fenced-in puppy play areas has been completed! It adds 2 new areas for dogs to be walked, let to run, or bonding time for new adoptive families to get acquainted with some of the BARC dogs. Stop by and check them out! Our next project, already in the works, is adding an air-conditioning unit to the newest BARC transport truck so the animals - and driver! - will be more comfortable! And speaking of drivers, thanks to Lloyd and Walker for helping us every weekend!

Our first ever evening Meet & Greet in the Heights was a huge success! We weren't sure what to expect with the new hours and it being a holiday weekend, but 7 dogs were adopted that night! The volunteers turned out to help and Dr. Cooper and her staff supplied great door prizes, a big raffle basket, wine and cheese, and pizza! So if you didn't make it by, you missed another fun night! Be sure to be there August 2 for the next one!

The first BARC KA/ACO basketball game was July 12 at Moody Park! And what a game it was! The Animal Control Officers won a close one, 38-37, over the Kennel Attendants. Many of the BARC staff, both past and present, came by, as well as a great turnout of volunteers! Hot dogs and drinks were provided, as well as a huge birthday cake for Barbara Harris! Talk has already begun for a rematch! And now the girls want to get involved - I heard rumors of a potential volleyball game between staff and fosters! Stay tuned!

Some other upcoming events to watch for - Happy Hour at Marfrellas in September and a Christmas-themed food drive for BARC animals at Baba Yega's in Montrose! We're having fun volunteering! Be sure to get your friends, family and co-workers involved! More volunteers=more adoptions=happier volunteers! Thank you everyone!!