

AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER ONE YEAR LATER

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OUR AGENCY OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE

A public service and a safety net for lost and homeless animals in the community by giving necessary food, water, shelter and veterinary care to animals in need.

Placement services that will ensure lost, homeless, and sheltered animals are either returned home or adopted to a new home.

Educational opportunities and services that promote humane, compassionate treatment of animals.

Impoundment, quarantine, and other rabies control services to the community.

A live outcome for at least 90% of all the companion animals who enter our care.



PROBLEM: A SHELTER BEYOND REPAIR

A 50 year-old facility located on a flood plain, TLAC was showing its age.

The facility had numerous sanitation, HVAC, and accessibility issues.

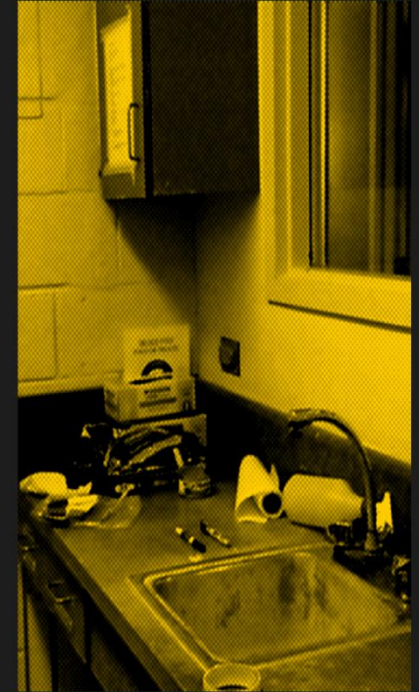
The infrastructure issues were too numerous and severe to sufficiently address.



Deteriorated

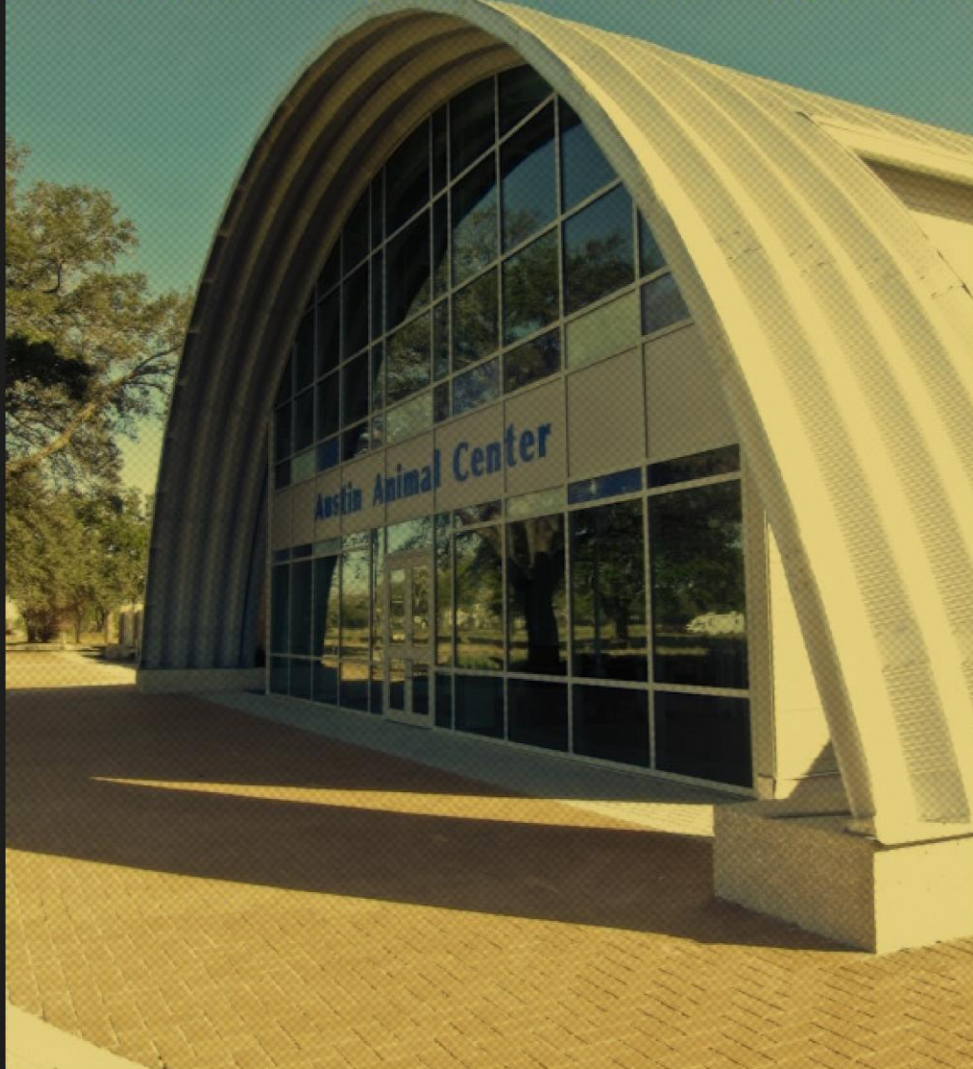


Poor Drainage



Unsanitary

SOLUTION: A BOND FOR A NEW ANIMAL CENTER



In 2006, plans were moved forward to fund the construction of a new facility on 7201 Levander Loop.

The new facility would feature state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly technology, while addressing the numerous deficiencies of the previous shelter.

The facility would cost \$12 million and span 41,400 square feet.

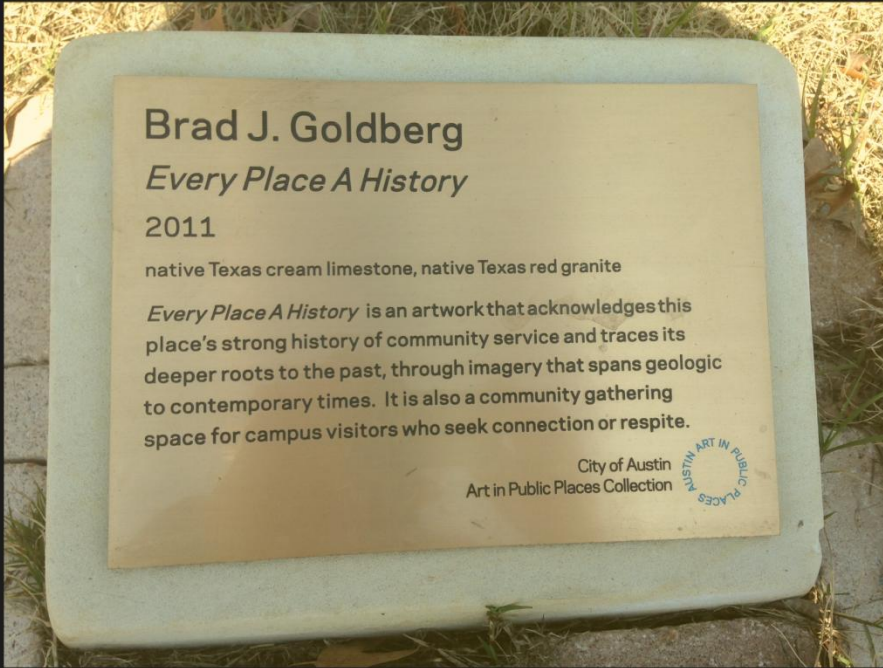
A NEW AUSTIN ANIMAL CENTER



OPENED NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Animal Services Office Bond Oversight Committee

SHELTER PRESENTABILITY



Designed to honor previous use (the Texas Blind, Deaf and Orphan School's gymnasium).

Brad Goldberg's *Every Place a History*.

Walkway art consisting of native Texas limestone and granite.

IMPROVED PUBLIC **KENNELS**



**PUBLIC
STRAY CAT HOUSING**



**FELINE
GROUP ROOMS**



**ADOPTION
LOBBY**



**INDOOR
BUNNY RUN**

IMPROVED ANIMAL HABITATS

Dog Housing



Suites and Apartments
Heated and Cooled
Visual Barriers

Cat Housing



Flexible Housing Options
Group Rooms Easy to Maintain

IMPROVED HEALTH AND SANITATION

Vet Services



Surgical Suite
Isolation Areas
X-Ray and Exam Rooms

Animal Care



Easy to Clean
Wet/Dry Vacuum
Impervious Surfaces

CONFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION ROOMS



**Administration
Offices**



**Retail
Space**



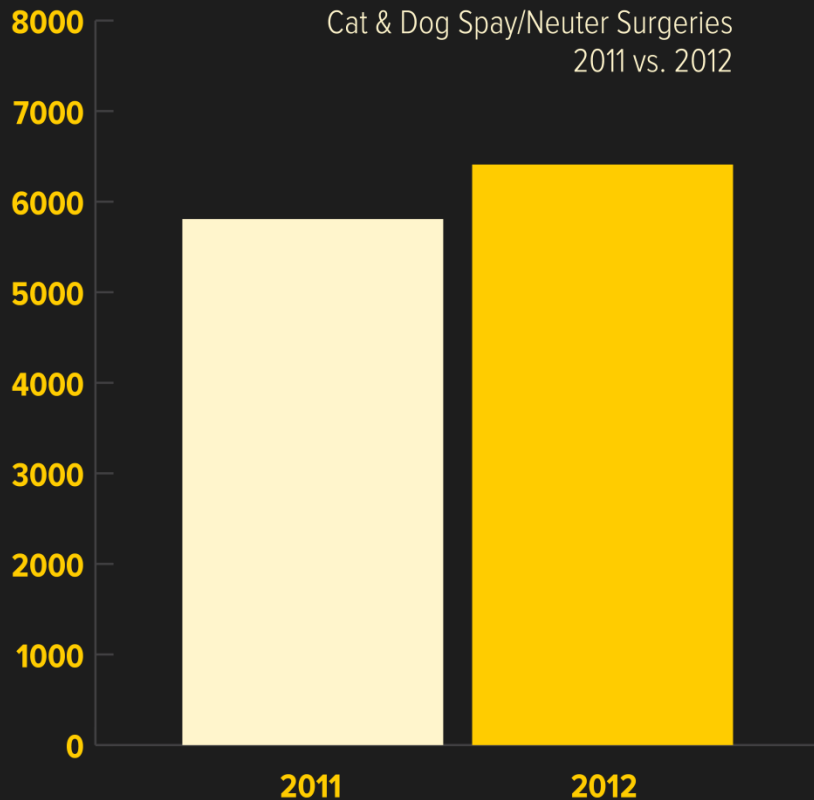
**Central
Conference
Room**



**Multipurpose
Conference
Room**

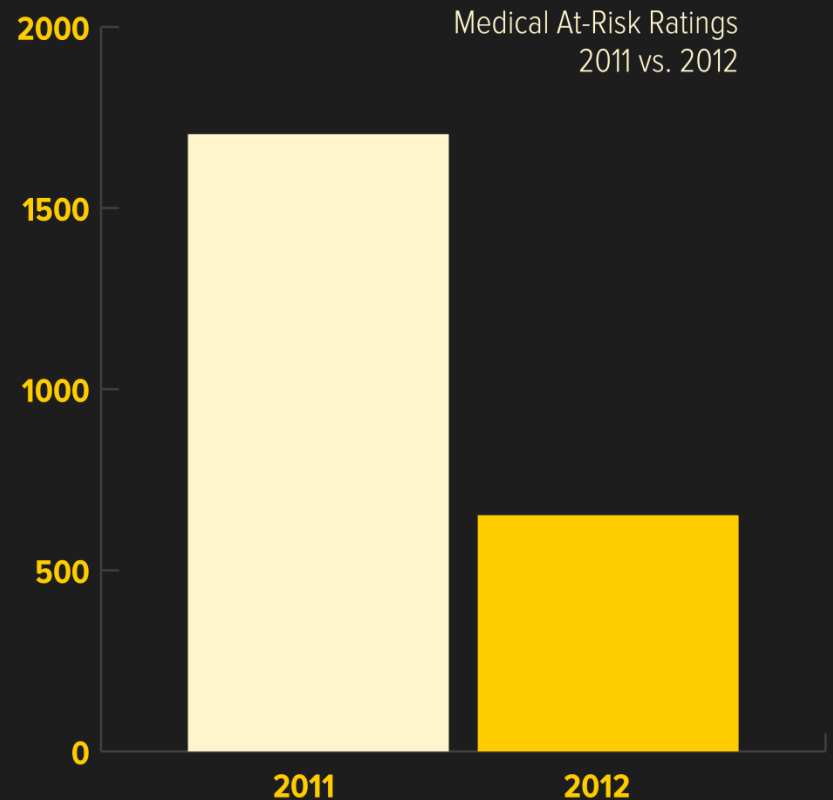
IMPROVED VETERINARY CARE

Increased Spay/Neuter Surgeries



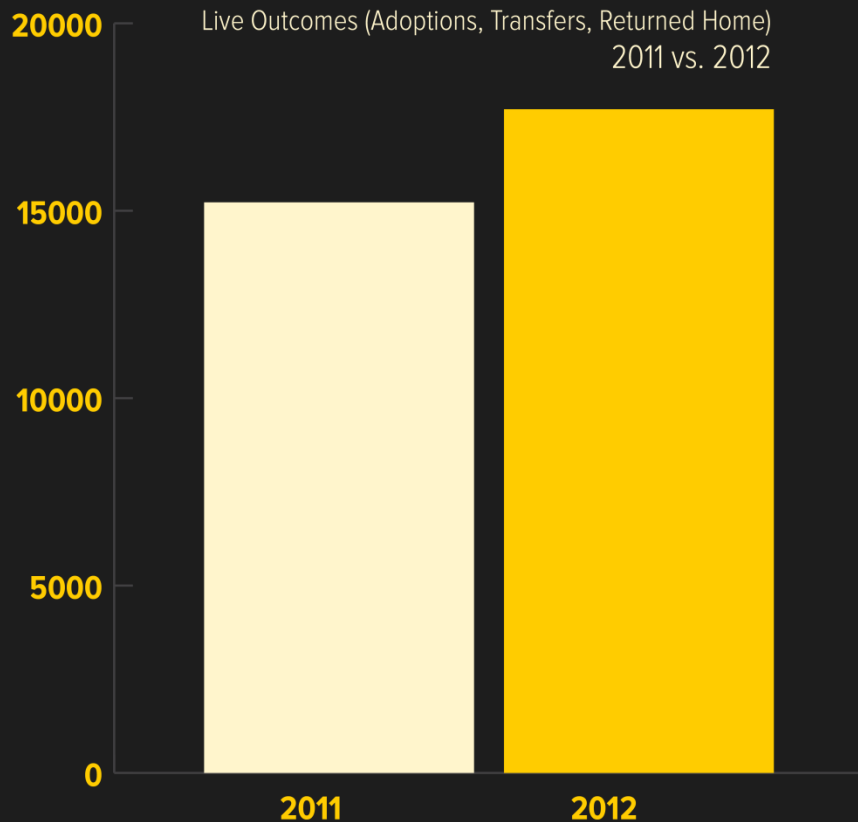
Fewer Severe Illnesses

Including shelter-borne illnesses



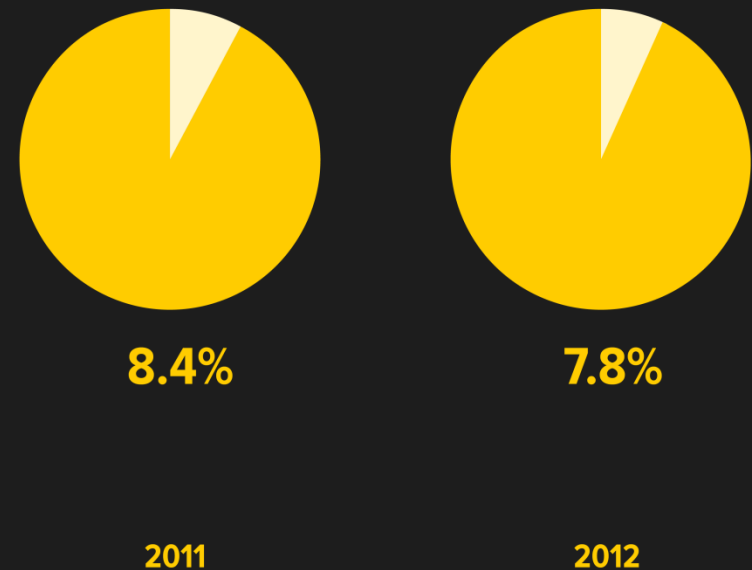
MORE ANIMALS FINDING HOMES

Increased Live Outcomes



Reduced Euthanasia Rate

Euthanasias as a Percentage of Total Cat and Dog Shelter Population
2011 vs. 2012



IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



**Higher
customer satisfaction**



**Increased
staff morale and
cooperation**



**Better facilitates
events such as
microchip clinics and
our annual Pet
Extravaganza**

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

A background image of a dog, possibly a Border Collie, sitting in a field of tall grass. The image is darkened to serve as a background for the text.

77% of construction-waste / diverted from landfills

34,000 bricks used / from demolished buildings

Hot water heated / by solar panels

35% less water used due to / water-conserving fixtures

Quality of water draining into storm drains controlled / by pervious pavers

Irrigation needs minimized / through native landscaping

LEED Gold Certification / a better environment for all

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