



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/12 to 12/31/12.

Austin Animal Advisory Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) **is:** *The purpose of the board is to advise the City Council and Travis County Commissioners' Court on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (Animal Shelters); advise the City Council on animal welfare policies and on budget priorities identified by the Commission and the community, except on issues related to the administration of the Animal Services Division; promote collaboration between the City and private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to animal welfare in the city; identify proactive, creative approaches to engage and facilitate communication within the animal welfare community; and foster and assist the development of animal welfare programs in the community. The commission may study, advise, and report on policy recommendations it deems effective to promote animal welfare outcomes consistent with City goals and objective as outlined by City Council and the City Manager.*

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
 - Recommended that City Council adopt document entitled "COA/APA Agreement" and have City Council instruct staff and Austin Pets Alive! to formalize an agreement regarding operations at the former TLAC site..
 - Recommended to City Council that they direct Austin Animal Center Staff and Austin Pets Alive to provide to City Council a fiscal note that covers care for Parvo puppies, bottle babies and all other at-risk categories as

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determined by AAC Staff and APA and percentage of lives saved, impacted through those categories.

- Recommended to City Council that they explore placing requirements on equine on public streets as defined by an attached memo.
- Sent a communication to City Council and the City Manager supporting the continuation of funding of the Implementation Plan Recommendations and the unmet needs submitted by the Animal Services Office.
- Dissolved the Rescue Guidelines Work Group and formed the following new Work Groups;
 - Perceived Deer Overpopulation
 - Pet Food Bank
 - Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions
 - Pet Registration

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The following actions, while not technically complying with the mission statement were deemed worthy of our time and completed;

- Moved to change the 2013 meeting schedule to bi-monthly and made a request of audit/finance to approve an amendment to our by-laws reflecting such.
- Sought guidance from City Council on lack of Signage Issue at the Austin Animal Center.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Maintaining/Sustaining No Kill Implementation Plan's current results.
- Identify new and innovative ways of reducing intake and improving live outcomes from the Austin Animal Center and TLAC site.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on status of shelter operations and No-Kill.

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- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the Austin Animal Center.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Pets Alive! staff regarding operations as they pertain to the city contract at the former TLAC facility.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff and Austin Pets Alive! staff on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the former TLAC site.
- Improve record keeping at meetings as recommended by city auditor.
- Present a yearly report to City Council on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the Austin Animal Center and former TLAC site as recommended by city auditor.

Respectfully submitted,



David Lundstedt, AAC Chair