



# City of Austin

## Animal Services Office, Austin Animal Center

7201 Levander Loop Bldg A, Austin, TX 78702

### Austin Animal Center July 2015 Director's Report

#### Shelter Report

- 196 cats and kittens were adopted during Kitty Palooza adoption event.
- 513 cats and 379 dogs total were adopted in July.
- 28 cats and 237 dogs were reclaimed by their owners.
- 362 cats and 198 dogs were transferred to rescue groups.
- A total of 1,717 animals were adopted, transferred or returned to their owners.
- A new rescue group was added to the approved rescue partner list, bringing the total number of approved rescue partners to 143.

#### Volunteer Program

- 66 new volunteers attended orientation under the information session format.
- 55 people attended the first public dog walking open house on July 15 and most filled out volunteer applications.
- 309 volunteers contributed 4,404 hours of service.

#### Media, Marketing and News Releases

- More than 77 media spots featured pets of the week, including spots on local television networks, radio, newspapers and digital media websites.
- In addition, shelter programs and people were featured more than 12 times in local media.
- Intakes during Fourth of July drop: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/animal-center-sees-drop-fourth-weekend-intakes>
- Dog Walking Open Houses: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/austin-animal-center-seeks-dog-walkers-brighten-shelter-dogs%E2%80%99-days>
- New Deputy Animal Services Officer: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/city-hires-deputy-chief-animal-services-officer-help-manage-animal-shelter>



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- KittyPalooza: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/8th-annual-kittypalooza-2015-austin-animal-center>
- KittyPalooza success report: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/record-breaking-adoptions-annual-kittypalooza>
- Tips to relieve heat stress in pets: <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/officials-offer-tips-relieve-heat-stress-pets-0>

### Community Outreach & Education

- 34 owned pets were sterilized through spay and neuter outreach program.
- 571 owned pets (June) were sterilized through the Free Day Program.
- 104 community cats were altered; 4 new trappers were signed on.
- Two responsible pet ownership classes, with 11 people in attendance.
- The Outreach and Education team attended one community event: Crestview Baptist Church Safety Fair and provided one shelter tour to the River City Youth Foundation.

### Field Services Unit

- Officers responded to more than 2,300 calls in July, with over 500 calls in the second and the fourth week of the month.
- There were 307 bite cases reported in June (most recent available data).
- 46 animals were returned to owners in field.
- 76 animals were impounded and returned to their owners.
- There are several vacancies in the animal protection unit, including a full time dispatcher, a part time dispatcher, and animal protection officer. Four animal protection officers currently in training.
- On July 31, the unit received notice of the first bat to test positive for rabies since June 21.
- Officers responded to assist APD with the removal of multiple reptiles and seized seven exotic animals from a vehicle. This case received national media coverage.
- On July 18, officers rescued a dog that had been found with a fishing lure caught in its mouth.



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### **Veterinary Services**

- Veterinarians performed 1,060 exams and 362 rechecks on shelter animals.
- Responded to 79 medical emergencies.
- 74 animals received from the 3 emergency clinics
- Performed 30 specialty/orthopedic surgeries and 551 in-house spay/neuter surgeries.

