

July 2016 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 98.4 percent.
- The shelter held five adoption promotions, including Kittypalooza. July was a record adoption month, with 979 adoptions.
- Chief Hammond and Deputy Chief Auerbach attended the Best Friends National Conference, presenting a total of six times.
- AAC and APA are working collaboratively on an APA dog space pull program for APA fosters to pull AAC dogs.

Personnel

- Lorian Epstein, an AAC volunteer, has been selected for the position of group volunteer coordinator. This is a one-year, limited term position funded through a grant from Maddie's Fund.
- The administrative manager (shelter engagement manager) position has been advertised. Interviews will be conducted in August.
- AAC is in the process of hiring a human resources manager.

Animal Care and Enrichment

- There were 17 play groups held with 285 dogs participating.
- 100 dogs were evaluated in play groups and total time dogs spent in play group was 172 hours.
- Dogs Out Loud purchased supplies to create additional enrichment toys for dogs, including muffin tins, wet food, treats and cups for making 'pupsicles'.

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians treated 36 emergency cases at AAC and received 64 arrivals from the emergency clinic.
- They performed 537 spay/neuter surgeries and 28 other surgeries.
- Veterinarians oversaw 61 animals in rabies quarantine.
- They performed three exams for cruelty cases.

Field Services (Animal Protection and Outreach)

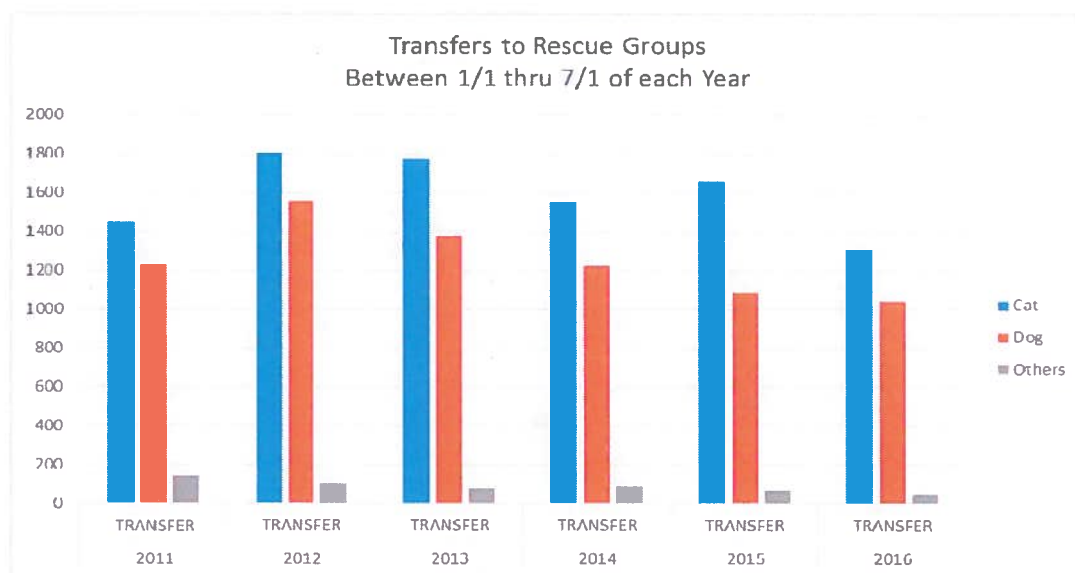
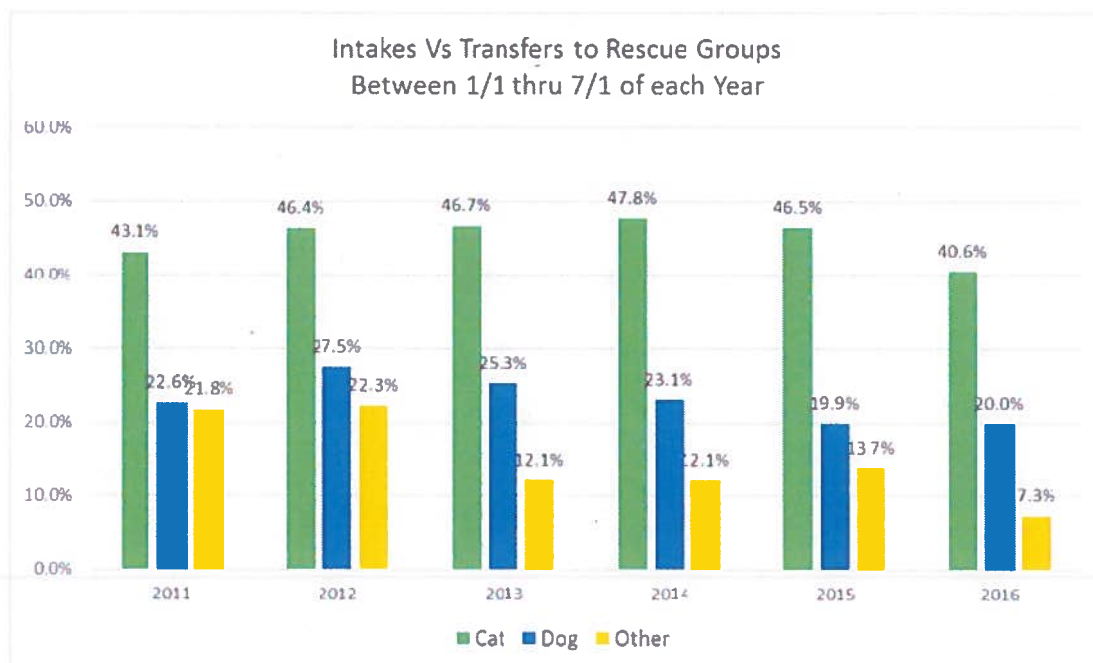
- Animal protection officers impounded 363 animals, returned 57 pets in the field, picked up 80 injured animals, and issued 127 citations. They responded to 1,826 calls.
- 18 pets were sterilized through spay/neuter outreach.
- Field services participated in 10 radio and television news spots focused on keeping pets safe during fireworks.
- For the first time, animal protection posted signs at firework booths about pet safety during fireworks. Stray impounds for the five days after July 4 were the lowest they have been in five years.
- More than 400 pet identification tags were given out at mobile clinics.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- 12 new volunteer info session were conducted with 131 potential volunteers attending.
- 485 volunteers served 4,183 hours and 12 groups served 164 hours.
- 15 community service volunteers served 271 hours.
- The foster program processed 113 new foster care provider applications in June.
- As of August 2, there are 910 approved foster families and 445 animals housed in 261 foster homes.
- 33 foster families attended orientation.
- 289 animals were pulled by 20 rescue groups. In July 2015, 462 animals were pulled by rescue groups.
- The total number of approved AAC transfer partners as of July 1 is 156

Friends of the Austin Animal Center

- The Classic Canines of Austin served 98 dogs, with 37 adoptions.
- The Hard Luck Hounds served 15 dogs, and three were adopted.
- The Desperate Housecats served 105 cats, and 34 were adopted.
- Paw Aid served nine animals.
- The Friends contributed \$19,300 for infrastructure improvements including new cat and dog kennels.



Media Coverage

Retrieving and Reuniting Runaway Pets at Austin Animal Center: <http://www.fox7austin.com/good-day/169899933-story>

Austin's Reputation as an Animal Haven May be Slowing Pet Rescues:
<http://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2016/07/austins-reputation-animal-haven-may-slowng-pet-rescues/>

Alli on the Job as an Animal Care Worker: <http://keyetv.com/news/local/alli-on-the-job-animal-care-worker>

Three Austin Shelters Team Up for Cat Adoption Campaign: <http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2016/07/9/three-austin-shelters-team-up-for-cat-adoption-campaign.html>

Businesses are Cashing in On Pokemon Go: <http://kxan.com/2016/07/14/businesses-cashing-in-on-pokemon-go/>

Austin Animal Center Hosts Pokemon Go Adoption Party: <http://kxan.com/2016/07/16/austin-animal-center-hosts-pokemon-go-adoption-party/>

Austin Animal Center to Host Pokemon Go Party to Get Dogs Adopted: <http://pets.blog.austin360.com/2016/07/14/austin-animal-center-to-host-pokemon-go-party-to-get-dogs-adopted/>

Austin Animal Center Hosts event for Pokemon Go Players: <http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2016/07/14/austin-animal-center-hosts-event-for-pokemon-go-players.html>

Austin Animal Shelter using Pokemon Go to Get Dogs Adopted: <http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-animal-shelter-using-pokemon-go-to-get-dogs-adopted>

PokeParty for Pokemon Go Players at Austin Animal Center: <http://eastaustin.macaronikid.com/article/1280896/pokeparty-for-pokemon-go-players-hosted-by-austin-animal-center>

Free Adoptions Help Austin Animal Center Beat Dog Days of Summer: <http://keyetv.com/news/local/free-adoptions-help-austin-animal-center-beat-dog-days-of-summer>