

October 2016 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

The Animal Center's live outcome rate was 97.3 percent.

Austin Animal Center (AAC) held two adoption promotions. Austin Kitty Limits, held October 1 - 9, resulted in 86 cat and kitten adoptions, and Tricks for Treats held October 29 - 31, resulted in 63 adoptions.

Animal Services staff met with representatives from Roscoe properties to discuss future adoption events.

AAC operated at Code Red status October 4 through 7 and offered \$20 adoptions and requested temporary foster families.

AAC foster and volunteer brochures were created and printed to help recruit new fosters and volunteers.

AAC is partnering with Good Morning America for the Mission PAWsible Doggie Adoptathon, October 27 through November 22.

Field Services (Animal Protection and Outreach)

Officers responded to a call about a rabid fox and conducted a door-to-door investigation to ensure no animals or people had contact with the fox.

They also assisted with the Dogs 101 program at the Travis County Jail. A news conference about the program is scheduled for November 3 and will include Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton and Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services officer.

Outreach team members managed the October rabies clinic; 300 pets received free rabies vaccines and microchips.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

The foster program processed 180 new applications. There are currently 1,092 approved foster families with 423 animals in 250 different foster homes. Twenty nine foster families attended orientation; 447 volunteers recorded 3,781 hours of service, and 30 one-time volunteer groups donated 800 hours of service.

There were seven new volunteer orientations with 117 people attending. Twenty community service restitution volunteers served 342 hours.

A total of 298 animals were transferred to rescue partners.

Media Coverage

AAC at Full Capacity

<http://kxan.com/2016/10/05/code-red-austin-shelter-turning-animals-away-at-full-capacity/>

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-animal-center-at-capacity>

Austin Animal Center Declares 'Code Red,' Critically Needs Fosters

<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2016/10/6/austin-animal-center-declares--code-red---critically-needs-fosters.html>

Austin Animal Shelter at 'Code Red' Due To Record-Setting Intake Levels

<http://patch.com/texas/eastaustin/austin-animal-shelter-code-red-due-record-setting-intake-levels>

Austin Facial Hair Club Hosts Annual Dog Beard and Moustache Competition

<http://kxan.com/2016/10/22/austin-facial-hair-club-hosts-annual-dog-beard-and-moustache-competition/>

Austin Animal Center Plans Free Vaccine, Microchip Day

<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2016/10/22/austin-animal-center-plans-free-vaccine--microchip-day.html>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/blogs/AAC/3202/Leash%20Life>

Friends of the Austin Animal Center

The Desperate Housecats program served 100 cats, and Classic Canines program served 89 dogs and Hard Luck Hounds served eight dogs, with 40 program pets getting adopted.