

January 2017 Animal Services Report

Austin Animal Center Highlights:

Austin Animal Center (AAC) achieved a record high save rate of 99.2 percent for dogs and 97 percent for cats.

Dogs Playing for Life spent two weeks providing advanced training to shelter staff on how to conduct dog play groups. Since this training, play groups for dogs have been happening daily. In January, there were 1,173 trips to play groups serving up to 80 dogs each day.

A fee waived adoption event, sponsored by Zappos.com, resulted in 141 adoptions in two days. The AAC adoption van offered adoptions on South Congress.

Adoptions were at a record high for January, up from 599 in 2016 to 709 in 2017.

Eleven standard operating procedures related to dog safety and behavior were completed and signed.

In the news:

Austin Animal Center parts with pets during free adoption weekend

<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2017/01/30/austin-animal-center-parts-with-pets-during-free-adoption-weekend.html>

Loyal dog has been returned to the shelter three times

<https://www.thedodo.com/dog-returned-shelter-three-times-2187604500.html>

Saving a dog named Boudreaux

<http://patch.com/texas/downtownaustin/austin-animal-shelter-resident-boudreaux-it-truly-dogs-life>

Record breaking year for adoptions at Austin Animal Center

<http://keytv.com/news/local/record-breaking-year-for-adoptions-at-austin-animal-center>

Austin's animal shelter maintains No Kill status

<https://communityimpact.com/austin/city-county/2017/01/27/austins-animal-shelter-maintains-no-kill-status/>

Austin Animal Center working to help lost dogs find their owners

<http://www.kvue.com/features/pets/austin-animal-center-working-to-help-lost-dogs-find-their-owners/385356202>

Austin Animal Center moves dozens of dogs after heat goes out

<http://kxan.com/2017/01/07/austin-animal-center-moves-dozens-of-dogs-after-heat-goes-out/>

Animal Services Office prepares to launch neighborhood-level programming

<http://www.kvue.com/features/pets/austin-animal-center-working-to-help-lost-dogs-find-their-owners/385356202>

Other news:

470 volunteers donated 4,602 hours of service, and 22 volunteer groups donated 499 hours. Ten community service, restitution volunteers gave 159 hours, and there were nine volunteer orientations held with 159 volunteers attending.

463 pets were fostered, and 106 animals were adopted directly from foster care. There are currently 930 approved fosters in the program.

Dogs Out Loud held three group training classes onsite and hosted a Tellington Touch group. They also worked with the behavior and enrichment team to improve the process to track dog behavior in the shelter.

The veterinary services team treated or cared for 701 pets.

Field services responded to 1,083 priority one calls and assisted 88 injured animals. They also returned 57 strays in field and impounded 276 animals.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) selected a project proposed by the Animal Services Office to complete as the capstone project for its leadership certificate program candidates. The project focus is to develop engagement strategies related to neighborhood-level programming.