

February 2017 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 98 percent.
- Austin Animal Center (AAC) had fewer than 500 animals in custody for several days in February, marking the first time the inventory has fallen this low since the opening of the new animal center.
- Petco Foundation sponsored the first-ever city-wide adoption event, resulting in 613 pets adopted from AAC, Austin Pets Alive!, and Austin Humane Society in just three days, a record number of adoptions. A total of 181 pets were adopted from AAC during the promotion.
- AAC hosted a Valentine's Day open house event and approximately 50 new volunteers came to walk dogs and provide enrichment to cats and kittens.
- Thanks to support from Maddie's Fund, 15 "apprentices" from around the United States came to Austin for three days to learn how to save more medium and large dogs through fostering. Thirteen more are attending an apprenticeship in March.
<http://www.maddiesfund.org/medium-large-dog-foster-apprenticeship.htm>
- Adoptions were up 107 from February 2016.
- Deputy Chief Lee Ann Shenefiel and Engagement Manager April Moore presented on lifesaving animal control policies at the United Pet Rescuers of Montgomery (Texas) Conference.

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians treated 94 emergency cases and performed 316 spay/neuter surgeries, seven orthopedic surgeries, and 24 specialty surgeries.
- Seventy (70) animals completed rabies quarantine

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 396 volunteers donated 3,213 hours of service.
- Twenty six (26) one-time volunteer groups donated 507 hours, and 15 community service restitution volunteers gave 225 hours.
- There were six volunteer orientations.

- 410 animals went to 190 separate foster homes, with 141 pets adopted directly from foster.
- 277 pets were transferred to AAC rescue partners, and three new rescue partners were approved in February, bringing the total number of rescue partners to 167, a record high.
- Deputy Chief Kristen Auerbach held a presentation and question and answer session for volunteers to learn about how AAC makes behavioral euthanasia decisions. Two more sessions are scheduled for March.

Field Services

- Officers responded to 3,144 calls, investigated 157 bite cases, issued 82 citations and investigated 76 human exposures to wildlife.
- Officers returned 94 stray pets in field, without those pets having to be impounded.

Media Coverage

Austin Animal Center takes dogs from neighboring shelters for free adoption weekend

<http://www.austintexas.gov/news/austin-animal-center-takes-dogs-neighboring-central-texas-shelters-free-adoption-weekend>

Austin Animal Center sets lifesaving record in January <http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-animal-center-sets-life-saving-record-in-january>

Austin Animal Center breaks new record for lives saved <http://kxan.com/2017/02/13/austin-animal-center-breaks-new-record-for-lives-saved/>

Austin Animal Center adopts record number of pets

<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2017/02/14/austin-animal-center-adopts-out-record-number-of-pets.html>

Record lives saved at Austin Animal Center <http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/235702363-story>