

March 2017 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 98.7 percent
- Throughout March, Austin Animal Center (AAC) remained below capacity for cats and dogs, with a record-low inventory between 500 and 550 pets in custody, split between foster and the shelter.
- A targeted microchip clinic was held in 78617 (southeast Travis County). More than 125 pets received microchips. Future clinics are being planned for this Spring in 78724 and 78702.
- Austin Animal Center participated in several SXSW events, including Rachel Ray's Feedback House and an adoption event at Bird's Barbershop.
- Monthly volunteer meetings are being live streamed via the AAC internal Facebook group. The first livestreaming was in March.
- Chief Hammond and staff attended a regional animal welfare meeting in Houston organized by Best Friends Animal Society. The goal of the meeting was to talk about how to help the region achieve 90 percent live outcome by 2025.
- Engagement Manager April Moore attended a volunteer management apprenticeship at St. Hubert's in New Jersey. Her travel was funded through Maddie's Fund.
- Deputy Chief Shenefiel conducted a volunteer overview of the animal protection program and its role in the community.
- 1,273 dogs went to play group, spending a total 696 hours playing.
- 192 dogs were evaluated, and 52 new dogs were paired with other dogs.
- Personnel:
 - The Communications and Outreach Program Manager position, formerly filled by Kasey Spain, is vacant and will be advertised in April.
 - Esteban Rodriguez and David Ackerman were selected as Animal Protection Supervisors, and Rebekah Montie was promoted to Senior Animal Protection Officer.
 - Interviews are being held for four Animal Protection Officer vacancies. Three of these four positions were acquired during the FY17 budget process.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 356 volunteers donated 4,540 hours of service; 30 one-time groups donated 640 hours, and 17 community service restitution volunteers contributed 177 hours.
- There were seven new volunteer orientations, with 110 people attending.
- The volunteer program held nine safety basics classes.

- A total of 347 pets went to foster homes, and 70 pets were adopted from foster care.
- Seventy-three new foster applications were processed, and 15 people attended foster orientations.
- There are currently 1,008 approved AAC fosters
- A total of 360 animals went to rescue partners, an increase of 14 percent from last year.