



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017
Animal Advisory Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) **is:** *The purpose of the board is to advise the City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (Animal Shelters);advise the city council on animal welfare policies and on budget priorities identified by the commission and the community, except on issues related to the administration of the Animal Services Department; Advise the Travis County Commissioners Court on animal welfare policies; promote collaboration between the City and private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to animal welfare in the city; identify proactive, creative approaches to engage and facilitate communication within the animal welfare community; and foster and assist the development of animal welfare programs in the community. The commission may study, advise, and report on policy recommendations it deems effective to promote animal welfare outcomes consistent with City goals and objectives as outlined by city council and the city manager.*

Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

- Received quarterly reports from staff on issues directly related to Chapter 823 compliance at the Austin Animal Center and TLAC.
- Received monthly Animal Services Reports.
- Received monthly Austin Animal Center Reports.
- Provided a forum for public comment and discourse.

The commission carried over the following work groups;

- Lamar Beach Workgroup
- Animal Advisory Commission By-Laws Workgroup
- Animal Services and Travis County Animal Protection Jurisdictional Coordination Workgroup

The Commission made the following recommendations to council;

- Support of Texas House Bill 1916
- Recommendations regarding Austin's CodeNEXT
- Letter of support for Austin Animal Center Management and Staff

- **Live Release rates;**
 - July 2016, 98.4%**
 - August 2016, 98.1%**
 - September 2016, 98.1%**
 - October 2016, 97.3%**
 - November 2016, 97.6%**
 - December 2016, 98.6%**
 - January 2017, 98.1%**
 - February 2017, 98%**
 - March 2017, 98.7%**
 - April 2017, 98.2%**
 - May 2017, 97.8%**
 - June 2017, tbd**

***Every month reflects an improvement from 2015-2016**

Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement. Yes

List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Support staff in their efforts to maintain and improve No-Kill status at the Austin Animal Center. The Live Outcome rate at the Austin Animal Center for 2016 was 96.4%.
- Actively support Animal Services 2017/2018 budget requests to the city and Travis county including additional Animal Protection staff.
- Receive monthly Austin Animal Center reports.
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- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the Austin Animal Center.
- Develop reporting procedures to reflect the commissions expanded scope. County representatives to regularly brief Travis County Commissioners Court.
- Receive periodic reports from City staff and contractors on Austin Animal Center expansion project.

Respectfully submitted,



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