

August 2017 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 98.1 percent.
- A total of 829 dogs and cats were adopted.
- A total of 251 cats and dogs were returned to owner (RTO).
- Austin Animal Center (ACC) participated in the national effort, "Clear the Shelters," Saturday, August 19, and exceeded the goal of 200 adoptions with a total number of 211 animals being adopted.
- Animal Services Office staff supported the City of Austin's Hurricane Harvey-related response efforts, which included 24 hour Emergency Operations Center coverage and implementation of the Capital Area Shelter Hub Plan (CASH-P) and mega shelter plan.

Field Services (Animal Protection and Outreach)

- Staff distributed educational materials at the Charity Show/Shine BBQ, a community/family event at the Dove Springs Recreation Center, August 5.
- Staff participated in multiple radio and television interviews designed to educate the community about our services.
- Animal Protection Officers ran a total of 2,954 activities, including 348 impounds, 55 RTOs, 143 injured animals.

Neighborhood Level Programming

Focus shifted from 78702 to 78724 during the month of August. Pet Resource Specialists canvassed the Colony Park neighborhood, located in 78724, to establish a baseline for the community's animal service's needs. Data analysis of community needs will be completed during September for identified locations within 78724.

- Completed 536 initial contacts.

- Media coverage: <http://kxan.com/2016/12/06/pilot-program-to-enhance-animal-services-in-several-areas-of-austin/>
- Two part-time Pet Resource Specialist positions are currently being advertised, <https://www.austincityjobs.org/postings/62185>.

Pet Resource Center

- Owners of 100 pets that presented animal-related challenges in the home or barriers to pet retention were connected to appropriate resources and organizations.
- Decrease of overall intake when compared to August of 2016, resulting in 96 fewer animals requiring sheltering services

Veterinarian Services

- A total of 3,767 medical services were provided by shelter veterinarians.
- Veterinarians performed 547 spay/neuter surgeries.
- A total of 1,418 examinations were performed; 80 emergency cases were treated, and 11 orthopedic surgeries were performed.
- A total of 195 animals were under rabies observation.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 299 volunteers donated 3,647 service hours during August.
- Sixteen one-time volunteer groups gave 320 hours of service; 10 Community Service Restitution volunteers contributed 151.5 hours to animal care duties.
- Coordinators facilitated five new volunteer orientations for 69 individuals.
- There are currently 558 approved fosters in the foster program's GivePulse group, after removing users who declined to remain active. A total of 157 new foster applications were processed.

- A total of 641 animals were fostered, including 328 kittens and 30 puppies, under 12 weeks of age, and 86 dogs more than 7 years old.
- A total of 167 animals were adopted directly from foster homes.
- A total of 476 animals were transferred to 27 partners; currently, there are a total of 179 approved partners.
- The foster program hosted its annual 'Luau Meow' event on August 12, and every kitten in attendance, a total of 31, found homes.
- Thanks to the ongoing partnership with PetSense, nine kittens were adopted.