

October 2017 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate for October was 97.7 percent.
- A total of 704 dogs and cats were adopted (422 dogs and 282 cats).
- A total of 276 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- White Paper release: "Legislating Components of a Humane City: The Economic Impacts of the Austin, Texas, 'No Kill' Resolution, October 4, 2017, The University of Denver Institute for Human-Animal Connection (IHAC)
- Travis County Commissioners Court approved Interlocal Cooperative Agreements (ILAs) regarding pet enrichment and kitten fostering, October 30, 2017 (approved by Austin City Council, September 28, 2017)
- Shelter Things, adoption promotion, October 28 – 31, resulted in the adoption of 152 dogs and cats (88 dogs and 64 cats); Facebook posting was shared 1,129 times

Animal Protection

- Officers received 2,937 calls for assistance
- A total of 82 animals were returned to the owner in the field; 91 injured animals were impounded; 282 exposures reported

Field Services

- Staff participated in National Night Out events across the City of Austin
- Ann Linder, Law Fellow from Stanford University, arrived October 3 for a 12-month fellowship focused on animals and public policy. She will help field staff work with the courts, write better reports and affidavits, and will coordinate training on investigations with the Austin Bar Association

Neighborhood Level Program

- Canvassing completed in Zip Code 78617, the Berdoll Farms neighborhood in Del Valle, and partnerships established with St. Julia's Catholic Church, Elroy Library, Turner Roberts Recreation Center and other organizations, sharing information on animals impounded as strays in each respective zip code.
- Attended two National Night Out events within 78702; re-establishing a positive presence in an area previously worked in
- Completed 273 initial contacts, resulting in 122 opportunities to introduce the community to Animal Services programs, share information, or provide animal-related support to members of our community
- Provided three referrals for spay/neuter services, two referrals to Community Cats program, and seven referrals for fencing program

Pet Resource Center

- A total of 25 stray pet finders were provided resources such as found flyers, crates, and food to aid in the pets care and reunification; 11 dogs were returned to their owners by finders
- A total of 22 pets owners who were facing animal-related challenges in the home or barriers to pet retention were connected to appropriate resources and organizations
- Spay Neuter Returns (SNRs) for October 2017 was 86, an increase of 33 SNRs (62.3 percent) when compared to October 2016
- Overall over-the-counter intake of owner surrendered and stray animals was 1,062 for September 2017, resulting in a 6.4 percent increase in overall intake for this population of animals when compared to October 2016. (*Of note, October 2016 we experienced four "code red," limited intake days.)
- Owner relinquishments decreased by 9.1 percent while stray animal intake increased by 12 percent
 - Owner relinquishments: 2016 = 265, 2017 = 241
 - Stray intake: 2016 = 733*, 2017 = 821

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians were medically responsible for 487 onsite animals and 279 fosters
- Veterinarians performed 1,349 examinations, including 69 Austin Animal Center emergencies and 45 emergency clinic transfers
- Veterinarians performed 370 spay/neuter surgeries and 28 other surgeries
- A total of 203 animals completed rabies quarantine
- Staff hosted a two-week shelter medicine externship with two fourth-year veterinary students from the University of Wisconsin

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 266 volunteers donated 3,083 service hours; 12 volunteers reported more than 50 hours; two volunteers reported more than 100 hours
- Volunteer fosters also contributed 390 additional hours of service, making the total, combined volunteer/volunteer foster hours to 3,473
- Eighteen groups of 231 volunteers dedicated 462 hours to the Center; 12 Community Service Restitution volunteers contributed 245.5 hours to cleaning tasks
- Coordinators facilitated six New Volunteer Orientations, introducing 110 individuals to our organization and volunteer opportunities
- A total of 530 animals – including 264 kittens under 12 weeks of age and 94 dogs, ages 7 and older -- were fostered by 214 individuals or families
- Currently, there are 693 approved fosters in the GivePulse group; 87 new foster applications were processed.
- A total of 507 animals were transferred to 28 rescue groups
- Total number of rescue partners is 180
- Center tour and information session was presented to the representatives of Brenham Animal Control