



ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20190812 5-f

Date: 08-13-2019

Subject: Recommended code change

Motioned By: Ryan Clinton

Seconded By: Palmer Neuhaus

Recommendation

Recommendation regarding calculation and reporting by the Animal Services Department on the live release rate.

Description of Recommendation to Council

This is a recommended change to city code 3-1-27, Reporting by the Animal Shelter. (see attachment A.

Rationale:

This change adds transparency to reporting and is reflective of SOP's already in place or in the implementation phase.

Vote

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Absent: one vacancy

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lundstedt".

David Lundstedt, Chair

§ 3-1-27 - REPORTING BY ANIMAL SHELTER.

The manager of thean City of Austin's animal shelter shall prepare and make public file monthly and annual reports with the health authority that, for the categories dogs, cats, other pets, and wildlife, provide include:

- (1) the total number of animals impounded;
- (2) the total number of animals destroyed/euthanized, and for each, a description of the animal, including age, species, and size, and the reason for euthanasia;
- (3) a description of each animal impounded or under care of the animal shelter and the date of its impoundment or acceptance;
- (4) the date of sale or disposition of an animal;
- (5) the purchase price received from the sale of an animal, and the name and address of the purchaser;
- (6) the amount of fees and expenses incurred or assessed for impound and care of an animal, and
- (7) the name of an animal's owner, if known.

(3) the live release rate, which shall be calculated by dividing the number of animals released alive during the reporting period by the number of animals with final dispositions during the same period; animals released alive are impounded animals that were adopted, transferred to rescue organizations, reclaimed by owner, released, or stolen, and does not include animals in the shelter's foster system; animals with final dispositions are animals released alive and impounded animals that were euthanized, died in kennel or foster, missing, and does include animals euthanized by owner request or court order, but does not include animals in the shelter's foster system.

(4) the number of animals adopted;

(5) the number of animals returned to owner after impoundment, and the number of animals returned to owner before impoundment;

(6) the number of animals placed into the shelter's foster program during the period, and the number of animals within the shelter's foster program on the date of reporting;

(7) the number of animals over four weeks of age that received vaccinations upon intake, and the number of animals over four weeks of age that did not receive vaccinations upon intake;

(8) the amount of money paid to third-party providers of services to the City operated animal shelter for emergency medical treatment, spaying or neutering, or post-adoption care;

(9) the number of animals spayed or neutered at the shelter, and the number of animals spayed or neutered outside the shelter under a contract with the City of Austin;

(10) the number of animals that died in the shelter or within the shelter's foster program, and the suspected cause of death for each;

(11) the number of animals transferred to a rescue organization, and the number of animals transferred to and identity of each rescue organization that accepted transferred animals during the period;

(12) the number of spays performed on animals that are visibly pregnant;

(13) the number of animals lost, stolen, or missing; and

(14) the City-operated animal shelter's live-release-rate goal.

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