

# August 2019

## ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for August was 98.6 percent.
- A total of 972 animals were adopted (543 dogs, 429 cats).
- A total of 238 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).

### Adoption Promotions

- Austin Animal Center participated in Clear the Shelters, a national adoption event sponsored by NBC, Saturday, August 17. A total of 129 pets left the shelter that day, with another 88 pets who were pre-adopted and awaiting surgery or the end of their stray hold. In total, 210 pets were processed by the hospitality team. Additionally, customers who were not able to find a pet during the Clear the Shelters were given a voucher for a free adoption over the next week. The hospitality team processed an additional 64 adoptions using these vouchers.
  - A number of long stay dogs were adopted during Clear the Shelters:
    - Tawny was adopted on her 225<sup>th</sup> day at the shelter
    - Rocket was adopted on his 124<sup>th</sup> day
    - Campbell was adopted on his 150<sup>th</sup> day
    - Paloma was adopted on her 131<sup>st</sup> day
    - Lola was adopted on her 126<sup>th</sup> day
    - Bubbas, Bowser and Kira were all adopted on their 87<sup>th</sup> day
    - Barkley and Raleigh were adopted together on their 63<sup>rd</sup> day

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APO):
  - Implanted 13 microchips
  - returned 61 pets in the field
  - impounded 136 injured animals
  - transferred 103 animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue
  - administered 246 potential rabies exposure reports
  - allowed 67 animals to serve Home Observation rabies quarantine, freeing up kennels in the shelter
  - entered 238 rabies exposure reports
  - In the month of August, 51 specimens were submitted to the lab for rabies testing. Nine tested positive and nine tested non-negative. Of the positive results, there were three foxes and six bats.
- Wildlife APO received 34 total coyote complaints:



- 17 sightings
- 7 sightings
- 4 encounters
- 2 wild sick
- 2 wild speak
- 1 observation
- 1 public assist
- Out of 34 coyote related reports, 28 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in all seven of the verified activities
  - Five incident included a coyote attacking unattended off-leash cats
  - One incident included a coyote taking an unattended puppy from a backyard during twilight hours
  - One incident included a coyote attacking an off-leash dog in an unfenced backyard
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in two out of the four verified activities
  - One encounter included a coyote displaying flushing behavior with a large dog during the day
  - One encounter included a coyote approaching a dog on an enclosed patio during the day
  - One encounter included a coyote flushing a woman and children during the day
  - One encounter included a coyote not responding to hazing efforts during the night

### **Neighborhood Level Program**

- In the month of August, Neighborhood Level Program (NLP) posted fliers for 69 dogs. Of those, seven have been reclaimed; 28 have been adopted.
- NLP posted 119 dogs to Craigslist. Of those, 22 have been reclaimed; 35 have been adopted.
- NLP provided fliers for 31 dogs to Southside Flying Pizza. Of those, four have been reclaimed; 12 have been adopted.

### **Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs**

- A total of 394 volunteers donated 5,491 service hours; 15 groups of volunteers donated 296 hours with their "Giving Group" to the Center; 17 community service restitution volunteers contributed 113.25 hours toward animal care tasks.
- Volunteer Coordinators hosted seven New Volunteer Orientations, introducing 143 individuals to our organization and volunteer opportunities.
- A total of 335 families provided foster care
- A total of 172 animals were adopted directly from foster care.



- There are 1,353 approved fosters in GivePulse.
- 92 new foster applications were processed.
- 637 live outcomes were attributed to 25 AAC partners:
  - 426 cats
  - 206 dogs
  - 5 “other”
    - Three newborn bunnies, medical urgency
    - Two ferrets; housing urgency

