

August 2020

ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



Animal Services News

- A total of 427 animals were adopted (207 dogs, 208 cats, one livestock and one bird).
- A total of 95 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- A total of 851 animals were brought to the shelter (519 stray, 196 owner surrender, 23 abandoned, 50 public assist and 63 wildlife).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 52 animals to their owners in the field during the month of August.
- Officers handed out 38 fencing assistance applications, implanted eight microchips and impounded 171 injured animals.
- Officers entered 207 rabies exposure reports and submitted 48 specimens for rabies testing. Eight bats tested positive and one raccoon.
 - The raccoon interacted with a dog in downtown Austin, so notification was sent out to the community regarding the positive test and to advise caution. APO's are impounding any sick raccoons from this area regardless of contact to confirm that it was an isolated incident.
- Animal Protection, along with other workgroups from Animal Services assisted in Hurricane Laura relief both at the intake facility at Circuit of the Americas and the temporary shelter set up by the city at the Austin Convention Center.
- Wildlife APO received 55 total coyote-related activities:
 - 23 sightings
 - 20 wild sick reports of mange
 - 2 incidents involving pets
 - 2 observations
 - 1 encounter involving pet
 - 1 wild injured
 - 1 assist public involving sending emails to residents
- Out of 55 coyote related activities, 26 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets and livestock were a factor in all 4 activities
 - 1 incident involved a coyote jumping into a fenced backyard and killed dog.
 - 1 incident involved a coyote taking off leash cat. Was unable to contact resident.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in 3 out of 4 activities



- 1 encounter involved a coyote following a girl walking her dog. A resident stepped in-between and the coyote ran off.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- AAC continues add volunteer support incrementally. In August dog walkers increased to five walkers per day, and cat volunteers now have three spots per day. An anesthetic recovery volunteer spot has also been added, and additional recruitment efforts are being made to fill that spot.
- A total of 79 volunteers donated 1,737 hours in August.
- A total of 380 families provided foster care and a total of 200 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 2142 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 188 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 489 animals in foster homes.
- 226 live outcomes were attributed to 27 AAC partners:
 - 113 cats
 - 26 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
 - 86 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), approximately 51 of which are neonatal kittens
 - 110 dogs
 - 36 to APA!
 - 3 to AHS
 - 71 to Other partners
 - Three Other Species
 - One guinea pig (housing pull)
 - One rabbits (housing and medical pull)
 - One Zebra tortoise (housing and medical pull)
- Small dog partner pulls were up 31 percent in August, while large shelter partnership pulls were down roughly 75 percent compared to August 2019.

