

# October 2020

## ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



### Animal Services News

- A total of 437 animals were adopted (208 dogs, 219 cats, two birds and eight small pets).
- A total of 123 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- A total of 895 animals were brought to the shelter (542 stray, 238 owner surrender, 34 abandoned, 41 public assist and 40 wildlife).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 89 animals to their owners in the field during the month of October.
- Officers handed out 43 fencing assistance applications, implanted 11 microchips and impounded 165 injured animals.
- Officers entered 222 rabies exposure reports and submitted 32 specimens for rabies testing. Ten bats tested positive for rabies.
- 89 total coyote related activities
  - 43 sightings
  - 26 wild sick reports of mange
  - 9 wild injured
  - 4 wild speaks
  - 3 incidents involving a pet
  - 2 encounters involving pets
  - 2 observations
- Out of 89 coyote related activities, 48 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in all activities
  - 1 incident involved an outside cat being injured by a coyote
  - 1 incident involved an unattended dog being injured by a coyote
  - 1 incident involved a coyote taking an outside cat
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in all activities
  - 1 encounter involved a woman running away from a coyote and causing the coyote to run after resident and her pet
  - 1 encounter involved a resident being followed by a coyote with a pet

### Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 79 volunteers donated 1,480 hours during October to cat kennel cleaning, socialization, dog walking, recovery, ringworm treatment, bed and toy making and fostering.



- Fourteen volunteers donated 58 hours to helping ensure our Sunrise Adoption events are successful. The volunteer program was able to open afternoon and evening time slots for volunteers to walk dogs and care for and socialize cats.
- A select group of skilled cat behavior volunteers began helping our highest need shy/timid cats to build trust with humans through Cat Pawsitive training techniques.
- A total of 340 families provided foster care and a total of 180 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 2236 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 114 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 518 animals in foster homes.
- 181 live outcomes were attributed to 21 AAC partners:
  - 95 cats
    - 17 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
    - 78 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), approximately 43 of which are neonatal kittens
  - 76 dogs
    - 33 to APA!
    - 43 to Other partners
  - Six Other Species
    - One rooster (housing and medical pull)
    - One chicken (housing and medical pull)
    - Two rabbits (medical pull)
    - One tortoise (housing pull)
    - One possum (housing pull)

## **Veterinary Services**

- Veterinarians addressed 265 emergency cases, performed 22 orthopedic surgeries and 29 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 995 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 1753 vet exams.

