

November 2020

ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



Animal Services News

- A total of 369 animals were adopted (200 dogs, 169 cats)
- A total of 91 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- A total of 646 animals were brought to the shelter (412 stray, 189 owner surrender, 15 abandoned, 30 public assist).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 70 animals to their owners in the field during the month of November.
- Officers handed out 36 fencing assistance applications, implanted 2 microchips and impounded 96 injured animals.
- Officers entered 255 rabies exposure reports and submitted 44 specimens for rabies testing. Eight bats tested positive for rabies.
- APO's report having responded to an increased number of severe dog bites during November, in part due to incidents located in camps where people experiencing homelessness are congregating.
- 58 total coyote related activities
 - 27 sightings
 - 15 wild injured
 - 8 wild sick reports of mange
 - 3 wild speaks
 - 2 observations
 - 1 incident involving a pet
 - 1 encounter involving a pet
- Out of 58 coyote related activities, 29 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in the activity
 - 1 incident involved two coyotes injuring an off-leash, unsupervised dog, located in an unfenced front yard.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in the activity
 - 1 encounter involved a coyote following a resident and their dog

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs



- A total of 87 volunteers donated 1,823 hours during November to cat kennel cleaning, socialization, dog walking, recovery, ringworm treatment, bed and toy making and fostering.
- A total of 325 families provided foster care and a total of 131 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 2279 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 127 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 463 animals in foster homes.
- 152 live outcomes were attributed to 23 AAC partners:
 - 51 cats
 - 13 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
 - 36 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), approximately 9 of which are neonatal kittens
 - 2 to small partners
 - 99 dogs
 - 49 to APA!
 - 13 to AHS
 - 37 to Small partners
 - 2 Other Species
 - 1 rabbit for housing and medical care
 - 1 Boa Constrictor for housing and medical care

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians addressed 229 emergency cases, performed 20 orthopedic surgeries, one animal cruelty exam and 29 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 930 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 1607 vet exams.

