

# April 2021

## ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



### Animal Services News

- The live outcome percentage for April was 97 percent.
- A total of 300 animals were adopted (223 dogs, 77 cats)
- A total of 96 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).
- A total of 889 animals were brought to the shelter which included 422 dogs, 384 cats and 61 wild animals.

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 53 animals to their owners in the field during the month of April.
- Officers handed out 31 fencing assistance applications, implanted nine microchips and impounded 206 injured animals.
- Officers entered 255 rabies exposure reports and submitted 58 specimens for rabies testing. Four tested positive for rabies.
- 39 total coyote related activities
  - 25 sightings
  - 6 wild sick reports of mange
  - 3 incidents
  - 2 observations
  - 1 wild speak
  - 1 wild injured
  - 1 encounter
- Out of 39 coyote related activities, 29 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Encounters: Wildlife were a factor in this activity
  - 1 encounter involved a coyote injuring a raccoon and opossum in front of resident
- Incidents: Pets and livestock were a factor in these of the activities
  - 1 incident involved two young coyotes chasing resident and dog
  - 1 incident involved a coyote taking free-roaming chickens in fenced backyard
  - 1 incident involved a coyote injuring a dog when being let outside in the unfenced front yard



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

- A total of 63 volunteers donated 1,372 hours during April.
- Volunteers assisted with our first onsite microchip clinic this year, directing traffic, making pet ID tags, and photographing pets for identification purposes.
- More than 200 families provided foster care, and a total of 65 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 1,047 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 107 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 367 animals in foster homes.
- 225 animals were transferred to 26 AAC rescue partners:
  - 131 cats
    - 2 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
    - 105 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!)
    - 3 to small partners
  - 94 dogs
    - 9 to APA!
    - 46 to AHS
    - 39 to Small partners
  - 4 Other Species
    - 3 baby ducks for housing
    - 1 Guinea pig for housing
- Rescue pull numbers for April 2021, in comparison to the same time, last year reflects a significant increase on all levels. Increased partner access to the shelter grounds helped support an increase in overall pulls of 204 percent.

## **Pet Resource Center**

- PRC staff handed out 3,437 basic necessity items, including food, beds, leashes, etc.
- 179 found animal reports and 254 lost animal reports were filed.
- 210 new subscribers to the Lost and Found ATX text programs.
- The chatbot feature on the Austin Animal Center website had 1,060 conversations with community members who were looking for resources and information.
- One dog was returned to their owners through the AAC Stray of the Day Facebook post.

