

Animal Advisory Commission Report Q4 2021

This report is intended to give a high level overview of Austin Pets Alive!'s lifesaving operations, with a focus on APA!'s impact on Travis county through our partnership with Austin Animal Center.

Summary: Austin Pets Alive! (APA) continues to be the city of Austin's largest partner in lifesaving and the largest subsidizer of the city's budget to serve Austin animals. APA takes animals that have medical and behavioral issues that require a higher cost per animal than the average healthy animal in care. APA focuses on these animals in an effort to have a measurable effect on the live release rate at AAC. In 2021, of all animals transferred from Austin Animal Center to their partners, APA! Took in 1,686 pets directly, and an additional 291 that were born in care to transferred pregnant pets. The direct transfers were 61% of AAC's total transfers.

APA's cost to care for the animals pulled in 2021 is approximately \$1.5MM to \$1.9MM. APA receives no funding from the City of Austin but does receive use of the TLAC property, which if on the rental market could reasonably expect to receive \$8 per square foot, per year in rent for the use, condition and location that it is in (ie \$100,000 per quarter). APA! Therefore, contributed between \$1.1MM and \$1.5MM to subsidize the city's budget to service Austin animals.

APA's mission is to eliminate the unnecessary killing of shelter animals. Over the last 10 years of the license agreement, the role of APA's support at AAC has shifted away from lifesaving and into serving as "overflow" for AAC, serving many animals that should *not* be at risk of euthanasia in the city's publicly-funded shelter. The Austin Animal Center has received an increase in budget of more than 10 million dollars since 2010 and many supports have been put in place over the years by Austin City Council. APA is 100% committed to continuing to serve as a safety net for animals that cannot be saved through tax payer dollars and is currently negotiating a license agreement that more accurately reflects the mission of APA and the responsible utilization of all funds put towards animals, whether they are donated or tax funded. Last year, 1,814/1,977 animals were considered "at risk" or "at high risk" of euthanasia. 122 dogs and 41 cats were pulled for "space" or as "non at risk".

The percent of animals taken by APA from AAC was higher in 2020 because AAC numerical animal intake was lower.

AAC Transfers Out:

523 animals were transferred out to 38 partners.

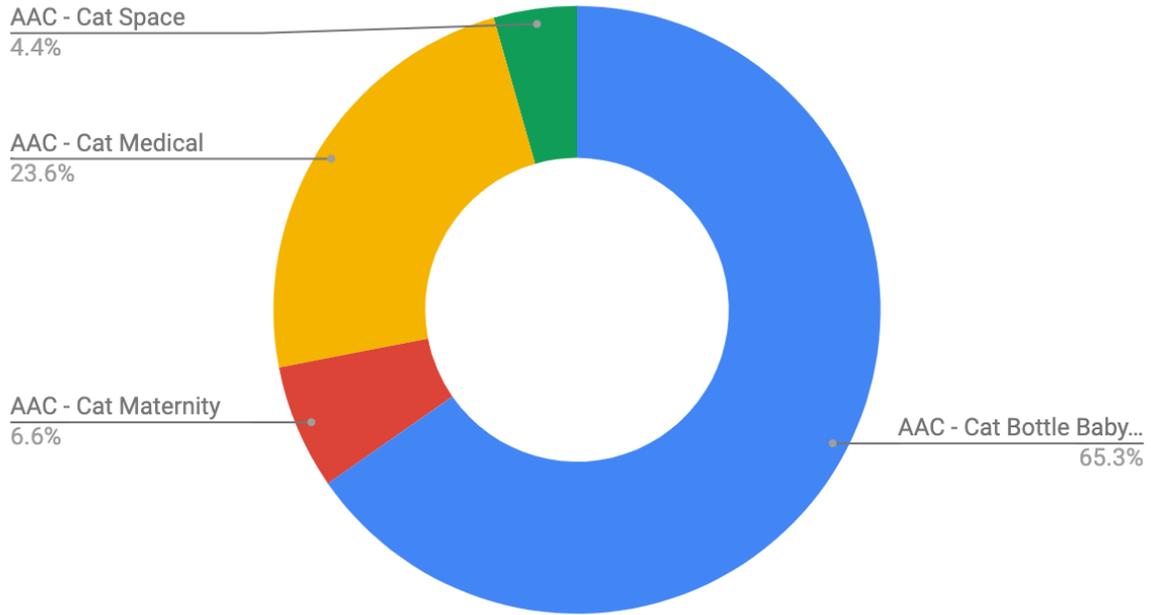
- Power BI Dashboard does not separate between cats and dogs and the city's data portal does not indicate which partners pets were transferred to.

- APA! Took 360 of the 523 Q4 transfers (68.9%), plus additional born in care.
- Fuzzy Friends took the second most transfers at 32, and AHS took third with 20.

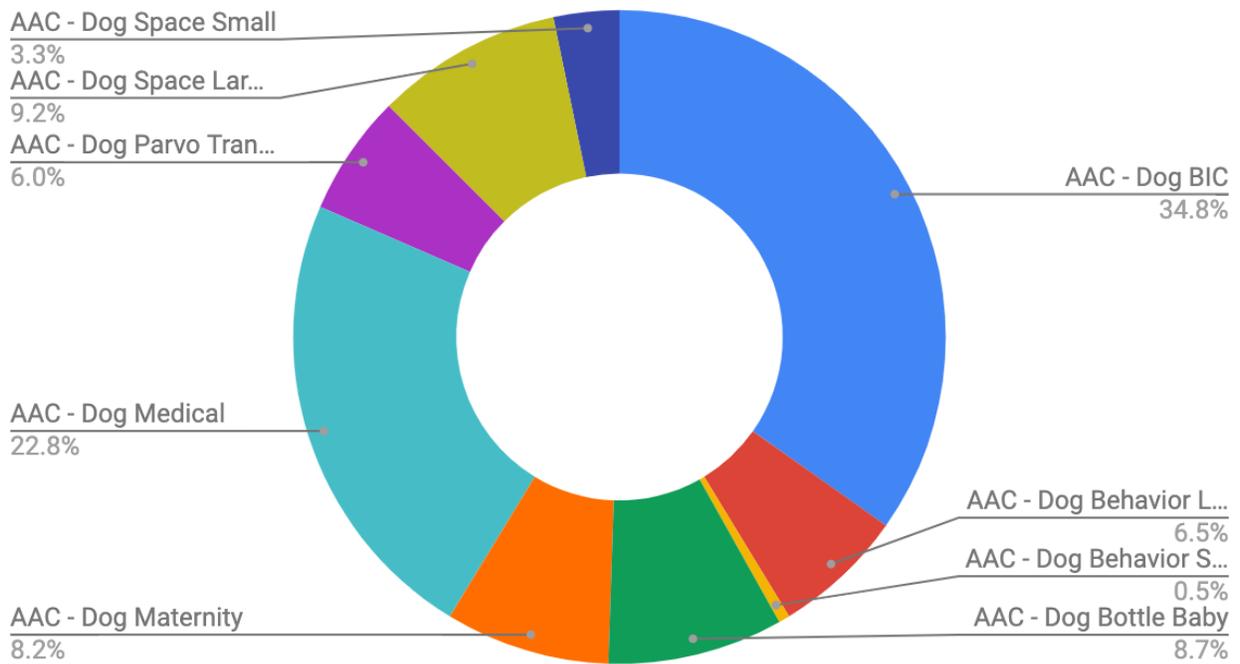
Intakes: Detailed Breakdown of APA Intakes transferred from AAC

	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	Q4 2021
AAC - Cat Behavior	4	1	1	6
AAC - Cat Bottle Baby (Includes BIC)	102	59	16	177
AAC - Cat Maternity	7	10	1	18
AAC - Cat Medical	24	20	20	64
AAC - Cat Space	8	4	0	12
AAC - Dog BIC	2	21	41	64
AAC - Dog Behavior Large/Medium	2	4	6	12
AAC - Dog Behavior Small	0	0	1	1
AAC - Dog Bottle Baby	5	3	8	16
AAC - Dog Maternity	0	5	10	15
AAC - Dog Medical	6	20	16	42
AAC - Dog Parvo Transfer	1	7	3	11
AAC - Dog Space Large/Medium	4	5	8	17
AAC - Dog Space Small	1	5	0	6
Total AAC	166	164	131	461
Travis - PASS	53	42	11	106
Travis - Parvo OS/PASS	2	11	7	20
Total Travis	221	217	149	587

Intakes from AAC - Cat Breakdown



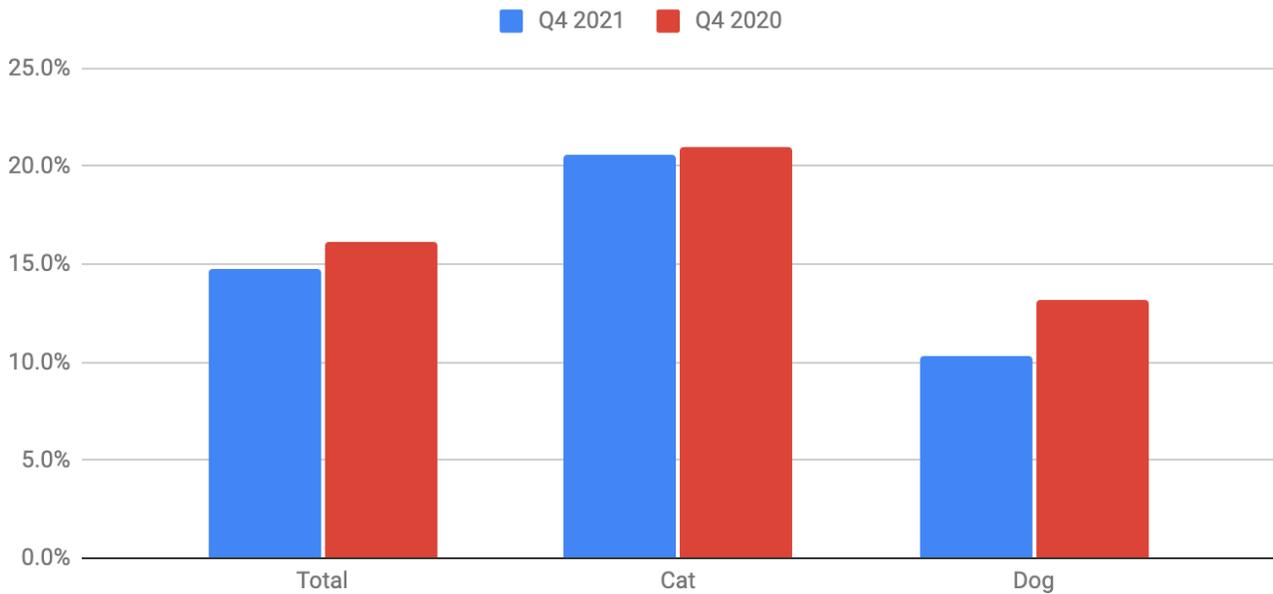
Intakes from AAC - Dog Breakdown



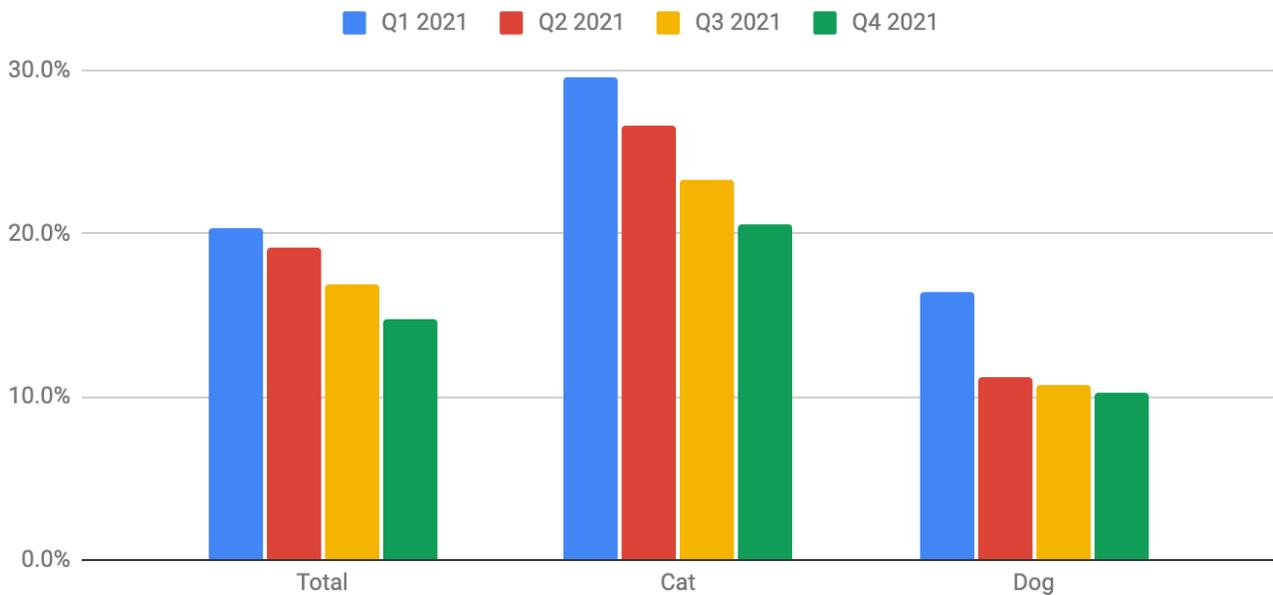
The first chart shows AAC to APA transfers as a percentage of total AAC Intakes for Q4 2021 compared to Q4 2020 as a way of gauging how APA is responding to AAC intakes.

The second chart shows AAC to APA transfers as a percentage of total AAC Intakes for the last four quarters.

AAC Transfers to APA as % of Total AAC Intakes [Q4 2021 vs Q4 2020]



AAC Transfers to APA as a % of total AAC Intakes



Outcomes in the Quarter of Animals Ever Transferred from AAC to APA

	October 2021			November 2021			December 2021			Q4 2021		
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total
Adoptions	99	54	153	102	48	150	106	52	158	307	154	461
Euthanasia	2	2	4	4	3	7	1	1	2	7	6	13
Lost/Stolen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feral/Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return to Owner	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
UDIC *	15	1	16	10	4	14	9	5	14	34	10	44
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	12	12	0	14	14
Total Outcomes	116	58	174	116	57	173	116	70	186	348	185	533

* UDIC = Unassisted Death in Custody consists of animals pulled with severe medical concerns or neonates who died while receiving appropriate care for their life-threatening condition.

Notes on behavior

- 21 behavior dogs were pled to APA! in Q4, 16 of which were in December.
- 11 behavior dogs were pulled in Q4, with several others still in the process of evaluation. Of the 11, 9 are available in shelter and 2 are available in foster.
- Notable behavior cases include:
 - Bear (now Kodiak), a 10 month old dog who was undersocialized and defensive, attended many playgroups at APA! and is now in foster care where he continues to work on basic obedience and manners.
 - Tater (now Monkey), had three redirection bites prior to being transferred to APA!. He was adopted in November and is getting along wonderfully with his new family and fur-sibling.

Other notes:

- All Q3 euthanasias at APA of AAC animals were for medical reasons
- Notable medical cases include:
 - Jackie O'Lantern who was treated for 19 days at AAC for inappetence and elevated liver values. Jackie spent another few weeks in intensive care, and was adopted in November.
 - Jupiter came to APA at the end of November, non-weight bearing on his right hind leg and he had severely infected wounds on both hind limbs. He is also heartworm positive. Jupiter is now living happily with a family while finishing up treatment for his injuries and illness.

Live Release Rate Calculations

Live Release Rate is calculated as AACs total live outcomes, which is all outcomes less Died, Euthanasia, Disposed, and Missing divided by total outcomes for the period.

	Oct - 2021	Nov - 2021	Dec - 2021	Q4 - 2021
AAC Live Outcomes	1131	1,008	1,000	3139
AAC Total Outcomes	1165	1,030	1,035	3230
AAC Live Release Rate	97%	98%	97%	97%

AAC Live Release Rate without APA attempts to show what AAC might look like without transfers to APA. While there is no perfect way to calculate this metric since it is impossible to know what would have happened were these animals not pulled by APA, this is one way to illustrate APA's effect on AAC live outcomes.

AAC Live Release Rate w/out APA Transfers				
<i>[(AAC Live Outcomes) - (AAC to APA Transfers)] / (AAC Total Outcomes)</i>				
	Oct - 2021	Nov - 2021	Dec - 2021	Q4 - 2021
AAC Live Outcomes	1131	1,008	1,000	3139
AAC to APA Transfers	166	164	131	461
AAC Total Outcomes	1,165	1,030	1,035	3,230
AAC Live Release Rate w/out APA	82.8%	81.9%	84.0%	82.9%

The AAC + APA Community Live Release rates combine AAC and APA live outcomes for the period (again total outcomes less Euth, Died, and Disposal) and divide that by the total outcomes for the period.

AAC + APA Community Live Release Rate				
<i>[(AAC Live Outcomes)+(Live Outcomes of AAC to APA Transfers)] / [(AAC Total Outcomes)+(Total Outcomes of AAC to APA Transfers)]</i>				
	Oct - 2021	Nov - 2021	Dec - 2021	Q4 - 2021
AAC Live Outcomes	1131	1,008	1,000	3139
Live Outcomes of AAC to APA Transfers	154	152	170	476
AAC Total Outcomes	1,165	1,030	1,035	3,230
Total Outcomes of AAC to APA Transfers	174	173	186	533
AAC + APA Community Live Release Rate	96%	96%	96%	96%

APA Animal Matrix and LRR for ALL Animals - Q4 - 2021

	Canine		Feline		Total
Beginning Animal Count on (10/01/2021)	1262		1456		2585
	Canine		Feline		
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	Total
Live Intake					
Stray	0	0	2	0	2
Relinquished by Owner	171	79	142	71	463
Owner Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred in from Agency	410	418	291	696	1815
Other intakes	0	42	1	33	76
Total Live Intake	581	539	436	800	2356
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months	Total
Outcomes					
Adoption	645	234	595	643	2117
Returned to Owner	4	0	0	0	4
Transferred to another Agency	117	12	0	0	129
Returned to Field	0	0	0	0	0
Other Live Outcome	0	0	0	0	0
Total Live Outcomes	766	246	595	643	2250
Died in Care	9	21	9	59	98
Lost in Care	0	0	1	0	1
Shelter Euthanasia	8	9	16	5	38
Owner Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
Total of Other Outcomes	17	30	26	64	137
Total Outcomes	783	276	621	707	2387
End Animal Count on (12/31/2021)	1321		1369		
Live Release Rate					95.5%