

# May 2022

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for May was 96.76 percent.
- A total of 1,395 animals were brought to the shelter which included 746 cats, 587 dogs, 39 wild animals, 14 guinea pigs, three birds, three rabbits, two ferrets, and one hamster.
- A total of 473 animals were adopted (239 cats, 229 dogs, and five small pets).
- A total of 108 dogs, cats, rooster, and ferret were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 53 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 32 fencing assistance applications and implanted six microchips.
- Officers impounded 194 injured animals and delivered 98 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 248 rabies exposure reports and submitted 47 specimens for rabies testing. Eight bats tested positive for rabies and an additional three were considered non-negative due to being too decomposed to test.
- 47 total coyote related activities
  - 32 sightings
  - 5 wild sick
  - 3 wild injured
  - 2 wild speak
  - 2 encounters
  - 2 incidents
  - 1 observation
- Out of 47 coyote related activities, 41 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and wild sick).
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in 50% of activities:



- 1 encounter involved a coyote approaching a person with no incident
- 1 encounter involved a resident seeing a coyote chasing an outside cat
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in 50% of activities:
  - 1 incident involved a coyote growling and approaching a caller with no interaction
  - 1 incident involved a coyote injuring an off-leash unsupervised pet

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

- A total of 313 volunteers donated 4,399 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held five orientations for new volunteers in May, introducing 167 people to the shelter programs. 116 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in April.
- Group volunteer opportunities resumed. 12 group volunteers donated 24 hours towards dog walking and cat care.
- 114 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 190 different people/families fostered.
- 220 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 916 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- Three pets died or were euthanized in foster care.
- As of June 1 at 2:45 p.m. there were 335 animals in foster care.
- 254 dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and rabbits were transferred to 17 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 246 animals to 25 partners for May 2021).
- 83 dogs were transported to 11 out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners.
- Zero owner surrender appointments were posted to local AAC Rescue partners for intake deferral option.



## Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 1,228 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 478 animals; 93 percent of available animals have been sterilized.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 81 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 85 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The emergency clinic bill for May was estimated at \$42,734.
- Eight animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 29 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Zero cruelty cases were treated.
- 178 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (5 medical urgent, 21 medical attention, 131 neonatal, 19 panleuk, 19 parvo, two pregnant).

## Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out over 1,100 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to over 247 people.
- 13 dogs with behavior issues were deferred.
- 193 found animal reports and 243 lost animal reports were filed by members of the public.

## Staffing

- Due to the current hiring environment and the volume of background checks processed by the City, onboarding a new employee from the date of a position being posted takes 6-8 weeks.
- 17 unstaffed regular positions
  - 3 Administration
    - 1 candidate pending background check
    - 2 postings recently closed



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  - 1 candidate scheduled to start 6/21
  - 3 postings recently closed
- 1 Pet Resource Center
  - Interviews 6/9
- 5 Vet Services
  - 2 candidates pending background checks
  - 1 position reviewing applications
  - 1 position pending reposting
- 4 Animal Protection
  - Interviews 6/8
  - 1 position pending posting
- 16 unstaffed temporary positions
  - 7 Animal Care
    - 6 pending background checks
    - 1 position reviewing candidates
  - 2 Dog Walkers
  - 2 Adoption/Reclaim
    - Both pending background checks
  - 2 Pet Resource Center
    - Both pending reposting
  - 3 Relief Veterinarians
    - 1 scheduled to start 7/18
    - 2 pending background checks

