

June 2022

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for June was 96.28 percent.
- A total of 1,247 animals were brought to the shelter which included 606 cats, 568 dogs, 49 wild animals, 10 domestic birds, six rabbits, five guinea pigs, and three turtles.
- A total of 628 animals were adopted (372 cats, 241 dogs, and 15 small pets).
- A total of 88 dogs, cats, and birds were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 39 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 17 fencing assistance applications and implanted 16 microchips.
- Officers impounded 173 injured animals and delivered 110 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 234 rabies exposure reports and submitted 58 specimens for rabies testing. Six bats tested positive for rabies and an additional eight were considered non-negative due to being too decomposed to test.
- 56 total coyote related activities
 - 25 sightings
 - 19 wild sick
 - 6 wild injured
 - 1 wild speak
 - 2 encounters
 - 3 incidents
- Out of 56 coyote related activities, 30 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident)
- Encounters: Pets were not a factor in these encounters.
 - 1 encounter involved a coyote chasing a man riding his bike



- 1 encounter a coyote following a resident. Do not know if resident had a pet
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in 75% of activities:
 - 1 incident involved a coyote acting “aggressively” in an unfenced front yard
 - 1 incident involved a coyote taking two free-range chickens
 - 1 incident involved a coyote injuring a small dog in a fenced backyard with a person present

Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 323 volunteers donated 4,712 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held four orientations for new volunteers in May, introducing 185 people to the shelter programs. 63 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in April.
- 40 group volunteers donated 80 hours towards dog walking and cat care.
- 11 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 117.5 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 151 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 225 different people/families fostered.
- 263 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 1,040 members (approved fosters) in the foster program’s GivePulse group.
- One pet died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of July 1 at 7:30 a.m. there were 379 animals in foster care.
- 261 animals were transferred to 23 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 298 animals to 24 partners for June 2021).
- 111 dogs were transported to eight out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners; seven cats were transported to one out-of-state AAC Rescue Partner.



- Four owner surrender appointments were posted to local AAC Rescue partners for intake deferral option.

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 1,315 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 494 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 76 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 51 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The emergency clinic bill for May was estimated at \$35,000.
- Five animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 31 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Two cruelty cases were treated.
- 140 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (19 medical urgent, 14 medical attention, 69 neonatal, 22 panleuk, eight parvo, eight pregnant).

Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out over 1,500 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to over 359 people.
- Eight dogs with behavior issues were deferred.

Outreach

- 89 cats were TNR'd through Community Cats.

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
 - 2 Administration
 - 2 candidates pending background checks
 - 4 Animal Care
 - 3 candidates pending background checks
 - 1 Pet Resource Center
 - 1 candidate pending background check
 - 5 Vet Services
 - 1 candidate pending background check
 - 3 positions interviewing 7/8/22
 - 5 Animal Protection
 - 2 candidates pending background checks

Events/Marketing

- Shelter open on June 20th (City observance of Juneteenth)
 - Intake: 80

	Cats	Dogs
Abandoned	0	1
Owner Surrender	29	3
Public Assist	0	3
Stray	22	22

- Outcome: 53 (15 of which were animals pending surgery, adopted prior and picked up on 6/20)

	Cats	Dogs
Pick up (confirmed on a previous day)	7	8
Adoption (including pick up on ensuing days)	5	8
Return to Owner	1	3
Died/Euthanasia	2	3
Transfer	10	3
Went to foster	0	3

- Events



- 6/11 Pop Up Adoption Event at Tomlinson's Tech Ridge
 - 2 large dogs adopted
- 6/24 Adopt Late Night

	Cats	Dogs
Adopted and left between 4-9 pm	13	5
Adopted pending sx	6	2

- 6/25 KittyPalooza
 - All 33 foster kittens adopted by 10:30 am
- Social Media
 - Facebook reach: 476,332
 - New likes: 699
 - Instagram reach: 151,693
 - New likes: 2,156
 - ~106 posts on each platform
 - Missing my people: 14
 - Event promotions: 12
 - Longstay dog features: 10
 - Cactus Cats: 5
 - Space crisis: 2
 - Volunteer recognition/recruitment: 5
 - Foster recognition/recruitment: 5
 - Home To Home (supported self-rehoming): 5
 - Heat info: 2
 - Total adoptable pets mentioned/featured: 116
 - Livestream collaboration with CTM

