

October 2022

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for October was 97.86 percent.
- A total of 853 animals were brought to the shelter which included 490 dogs, 327 cats, 24 wild animals, six guinea pigs, five rabbits, and one tortoise.
- A total of 453 animals were adopted (234 cats, 209 dogs, and 8 small pets).
- A total of 93 dogs, cats, tortoise, and snake were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 63 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 35 fencing assistance applications and implanted eight microchips.
- Officers impounded 143 injured animals and delivered 165 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 202 rabies exposure reports and submitted 28 specimens for rabies testing. Eight bats tested positive for rabies, five were non-negative (not able to test).
- 36 total coyote related activities
 - 21 sightings
 - 5 wild speaks
 - 4 wild sick
 - 4 wild injured
 - 1 incident
 - 1 encounter
- Out of 36 coyote related activities, 23 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation).
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in 100% of activities:
 - 1 encounter involved a coyote running at caller and small pet twice, entering the fenced backyard one time
- Incidents: Pets were factor in 100% of these encounters.
 - 1 incident involved a coyote “trying to catch the neighbor’s dog”. Unable to make contact.



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- Out of 36 related activities, 14 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 323 volunteers donated 4,747 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held seven orientations for new volunteers, introducing 226 people to the shelter programs. 121 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in September.
- 148 individuals donated 296 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 13 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 116 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 111 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 200 different people/families fostered.
- 78 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 1,403 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- Three pets died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of November 1 at 12:30 p.m., 223 animals were in foster care.
- 127 animals were transferred to 14 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 230 animals to 30 partners for October 2021).
- 44 dogs were transported to seven out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners.

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 840 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 410 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 54 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 25 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The emergency clinic bill for October was estimated at \$27,000.



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- 10 animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 24 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Zero cruelty cases were treated.
- 61 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (10 medical urgent, nine medical attention, 27 neonatal, one panleuk, 13 parvo, one pregnant).

Outreach

- 253 cats were TNR'd through Community Cats in October.

Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out more than 2,000 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to over 533 people.
- Six dogs with behavior issues were deferred.

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.
- 19 vacant regular positions – includes 6 new positions
 - 1 Administration
 - 2 Animal Care
 - 7 Animal Protection
 - 1 Behavior & Enrichment
 - 1 Customer Service
 - 1 Transport Coordinator
 - 1 Veterinarian
 - 5 Pet Resource Center
 - 1 candidate pending background check

Events/Marketing

- Events
 - 10/1 Lift for Puppies at Big Tex Gym
 - 10/2 Furst Sunday at Pinhouse Brewing
 - 10/11 APA No-Kill Anniversary Celebration
 - 10/15 Adoptober Fest
 - 10/22 Rebel Cheese offsite
 - 10/25 St. David's offsite
 - 10/27 Fursday Thursday at City Hall



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- 10/28 Beerburg Brewing offsite
- 10/29 Yellow Jacket offsite
- Social Media
 - Facebook reach: 1,477,897
 - New likes: 969
 - Instagram reach: 62,538
 - New likes: 624

