

# February 2023

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for February was 98.4 percent.
- A total of 671 animals were brought to the shelter which included 426 dogs, 217 cats, 19 wild animals, three birds, two rabbits, two gerbils, one bearded dragon, and one ferret.
- A total of 434 animals were adopted (290 dogs, 138 cats, and 6 small pets).
- A total of 73 dogs, cats, and birds were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 37 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 24 fencing assistance applications and implanted zero microchips.
- Officers impounded 106 injured animals and delivered 47 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 217 rabies exposure reports and submitted 16 specimens for rabies testing. One bat tested positive for rabies, 1 raccoon and 1 bat were non-negative (remains too decomposed).
- 31 total coyote related activities
  - 16 sightings
  - 5 wild sick
  - 3 encounters
  - 3 incidents
  - 2 observations
  - 1 wild injured
  - 1 wild speak
- Out of 31 coyote related activities, 24 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation).
  - Incidents: Pets were a factor in 100% of incidents reported:
    - Two different residents reported the same incident involving a coyote taking a feral cat
    - An incident involved a coyote taking a stray dog in a residents fenced backyard
  - Encounters: Pets were a factor in 100% of incidents reported:
    - An encounter involved a coyote following a resident and their pet
    - An encounter involved a coyote being protective due to pup being stuck in fenced backyard and resident's pet was barking
    - An encounter involved a coyote entering a fenced backyard with outside cats present



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- Out of 31 related activities, 7 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

### Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 428 volunteers donated 4,736 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held six orientations for new volunteers, introducing 137 people to the shelter programs. 138 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in February.
- 36 individuals donated 72 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 12 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 101 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 103 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 200 different people/families fostered.
- 134 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 817 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- One pet died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of March 1, 8 a.m., there were 238 animals in foster care.
- 156 animals were transferred to 19 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 127 animals to 16 partners for February 2022).
- Four owner surrender requests were deferred to AAC partners.
- No dogs were transported to out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners in February.

### Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 701 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 363 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 49 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 30 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.



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- The emergency clinic bill for February was \$29,295.
- Four animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 11 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc.).
- Seven cruelty cases were treated.
- 55 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (10 medical urgent, 15 medical attention, 23 neonatal, seven pregnant).

### **Pet Resource Center**

- Staff handed out over 1,750 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc.) to more than 385 people.
- One dog with behavior issues was deferred.

### **Events**

- 2/11 Adopt Love fee-waived & long-stay feature event at shelter
- 2/18 Microchip & Rabies Vaccine Clinic
- 2/24 Free ID Tag event at Mexican Consulate

