

# March 2023

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for February was 98.19 percent.
- A total of 1,004 animals were brought to the shelter which included 536 dogs, 353 cats, 101 wild animals, three domestic birds, seven rabbits, two guinea pigs, one potbellied pig, and one snake.
- A total of 485 animals were adopted (334 dogs, 146 cats, and five small pets).
- A total of 106 dogs, cats, potbellied pig, and snake were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 34 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 26 fencing assistance applications and implanted four microchips.
- Officers impounded 186 injured animals and delivered 115 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 263 rabies exposure reports and submitted 96 specimens for rabies testing. Four bats tested positive for rabies, two bats were non-negative (remains too decomposed).
- 24 total coyote related activities
  - 19 sightings
  - 4 wild sick
  - 1 incident
- Out of 24 coyote related activities, 20 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation).
  - Incidents: Pets were a factor in 100% of incidents reported:
    - Incident involving an unsupervised outside cat being killed by a coyote
- Out of 24 related activities, four fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

### Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 466 volunteers donated 5,758 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held four orientations for new volunteers, introducing 78 people to the shelter programs. 140 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in March.



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- 33 individuals donated 66 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- Nine Community Service Restitution individuals performed 129 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 144 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 230 different people/families fostered.
- 131 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 873 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- One pet died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of April 1, at 10:25 a.m. there were 285 animals in foster care.
- 180 animals were transferred to 19 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 187 animals to 28 partners for March 2022).
- 11 owner surrender requests were deferred to AAC partners.
- No dogs were transported to out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners in March.

## Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 749 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 471 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 60 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 38 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for March is \$33,000.
- Seven animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 13 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Eight cruelty cases were treated.



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- 107 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (21 medical urgent, 10 medical attention, 53 neonatal, 10 pregnant, 13 parvo).

### **Pet Resource Center**

- Staff handed out over 1,750 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to more than 400 people.
- Five dogs with behavior issues was deferred.

### **Events**

- 3/11 March Madness fee-waived adoption event
- 3/24 Virtual Matchmaking
- 3/25 Mega Microchip & Vaccine Clinic
  - 210 pets served

