

The Animal Advisory Commission recommends that the position of Public Health Educator working with the Community Cat program at Austin Animal Center be made a full-time, permanent position.

This position was created and first filled in September of 2022. It is currently funded as a temporary position. The person employed in this role is the touch point for residents calling in with questions and concerns regarding unowned cats in Austin and Travis County. Prior to this position being created, there were 400 open requests regarding community cats dating back to 2020. As the trend in animal welfare works shifts to solving animal welfare concerns in the field versus in the shelter setting, this position will be critical for intake diversion as well as safe and humane management of our community cats.