AAC Data and Reporting Summary

What is the purpose of this presentation?

What the advisory commission is told by AAC leadership is inconsistent with the data available through the Austin Open Data Portal. The purpose of this presentation is to provide the commission with accurate data to inform discussion and decision-making and to provide recommendations for what AAC should be reporting on in their monthly reports.

What is the overall concern?

Without accurate, comparative data, and confusing or misleading information provided by AAC, the commission is not able to make sound recommendations to address the real problems.

What does the data show?

- There was a sharp decrease in intake in 2020 and intake remains significantly lower than before the COVID pandemic.
- Owner surrender intakes are near historic lows.
- Intakes and outcomes have remained closely aligned throughout the past six years.
- Adoptions are actually higher as a percentage of intake or a percentage of outcomes than in 2019.
- Transfers of animals as a percentage of intake have remained relatively consistent over the past six years.
- Staffing levels are higher than in years when intake was nearly double what it was in 2022. Even with vacancies, staffing levels remain consistent with those in years when the intake was much higher.
- The budget is approximately 4 million dollars higher than when intake was nearly double what it is today.

What needs to change?

Discussions of and statements about problems and solutions need to be grounded in real, transparent data instead of speculation, guesses, and misinformation.

What would good monthly reports provide?

1. Intake and outcome data divided by species and intake/outcome types (all included).
2. Item number one compared to the same monthly data for previous three to five years.
3. Number of calls and activities of animal control/field services broken up by service type.
4. Number of pets in foster care, sent to foster care, and adopted from foster care divided by species and foster type.
5. Number of currently active volunteers and hours of volunteer service (separated by foster hours and on site volunteer hours).

6. Number of new volunteers and foster caregivers.
7. Number of publicly-owned pets served broken up by service type and outcome of service.
8. Number of community cats trap-neuter-released (TNRd).
9. Number of adoption, foster, and other public events.
10. Report on marketing and outcome efforts for long stay dogs and dogs at risk of behavioral euthanasia.
11. Updated org chart visual with vacant positions indicated.
12. Vacancy report and status of vacant positions.

Monthly report examples

Lifeline Animal Project monthly and annual reports page

Dallas Animal Services shelter and field monthly reports

Pima Animal Care Center monthly report and narrative report

KC Pet Project monthly President's Report.