

August 2023

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for August was 97.91 percent.
- A total of 965 animals were brought to the shelter which included 586 cats, 345 dogs, 20 wild animals, 5 domestic birds, 5 rabbits, 2 guinea pigs, a hedgehog, and a bearded dragon.
- A total of 685 animals were adopted (423 cats, 240 dogs, and 22 small pets).
- A total of 78 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 32 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 22 fencing assistance applications and implanted 2 microchips.
- Officers impounded 160 injured animals and delivered 76 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 220 rabies exposure reports and submitted 51 specimens for rabies testing. 10 bats tested positive, and 7 bats and 1 cat were nonnegative (decomposed or destroyed).
- 32 total coyote related activities
 - 14 sightings
 - 10 wild sick
 - 3 wild speak
 - 3 incidents
 - 2 encounters
- Out of 32 coyote related activities, 19 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation)
 - Encounters: Pets were a factor in 50% of encounters reported
 - An encounter involved a coyote following resident and dog
 - An encounter involved a coyote walking up to a resident, but I was unable to make contact with resident
 - Incident: Pets were a factor in 100% of incidents reported
 - An incident involved a coyote taking an unsupervised outside cat
 - An incident involved a coyote taking free-ranging chickens
 - An incident involved two coyotes going after a pet in a fenced backyard



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- Out of 32 related activities, 13 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 462 volunteers donated 6,389 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held six orientations for new volunteers, introducing 136 people to the shelter programs.
- 56 individuals donated 112 hours of dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 18 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 86 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 268 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 440 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 1,249 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- 4 pets died or were euthanized in foster care.
- As of September 1, at 7 a.m. there were 418 animals in foster care.
- 259 pets (184 cats, 75 dogs) were transferred to AAC Rescue Partners in August.

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 817 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 456 animals.
- 0 visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 66 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 52 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for July is \$26,525.47.
- 6 animals received orthopedic surgeries.



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- 4 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- 10 cruelty cases were treated.
- 195 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (46 medical urgent, 22 medical attention, 103 neonatal, four pregnant, 20 parvo/panleuk).
- Emancipet conducted 593 surgeries in August.

Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out over 700 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc).
- 2 dogs with behavior issues were deferred.

Events

- 8/12 Pride Parade
- 8/19 Desperate Housecats Adoption Event at shelter
- 8/26 Clear the Shelters
- 8/27 Adoptable dogs at East Austin Health Fair

