

# September 2023

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for September was 97.5 percent.
- A total of 933 animals were brought to the shelter which included 556 cats, 353 dogs, 18 wild animals, 2 rabbits, 2 guinea pigs, a tortoise, and a gamefowl
- A total of 588 animals were adopted (386 cats, 194 dogs, 2 livestock, and 6 small pets).
- A total of 65 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 22 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 15 fencing assistance applications and implanted 0 microchips.
- Officers impounded 153 injured animals and delivered 104 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 158 rabies exposure reports and submitted 33 specimens for rabies testing. 5 bats tested positive, and 5 bats and 1 raccoon were nonnegative (decomposed or destroyed).
- 37 total coyote related activities
  - 18 wild sick
  - 14 sightings
  - 3 wild speaks
  - 2 observations
- Out of 37 coyote related activities, 16 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation)
  - Encounters: No encounters reported
  - Incidents: No incidents reported
- Out of 37 related activities, 21 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

### Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 491 volunteers donated 6,163 hours of volunteer service.



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- The Volunteer Coordinators held 5 orientations for new volunteers, introducing 112 people to the shelter programs. 125 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in September.
- 61 individuals donated 122 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 15 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 167 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 162 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 325 different people/families fostered.
- 105 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 1,299 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- 2 pets died or were euthanized in foster care.
- As of October 3 at 11:30 a.m. there were 356 animals in foster care.
- 177 pets (125 cats, 50 dogs, 1 bird, and 1 tortoise) were transferred to AAC Rescue Partners in September.
  - APA pulled 7 dogs as a result of the boarding agreement.

## Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 748 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 413 animals.
- 0 visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 66 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 46 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for September is \$26,000.
- 6 animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 6 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- 6 cruelty cases were treated.



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- 94 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (20 medical urgent, 19 medical attention, 41 neonatal, 5 pregnant, 9 parvo/panleuk).

### **Events**

- 9/16 Pecan Street Festival
- 9/16 Desperate Housecats Adoption Event at shelter
- 9/16 Viva Mexico Community Table
- 9/24 Puppy Mill Awareness Event
- 9/30 Adoption event at Tomlinson's West Lake
- 9/30 Paws on Chicon Drag Show

