

March 2024

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The **live outcome rate** for March was **97.09%**.
- A total of **908 animals were brought to the shelter** which included 487 dogs, 359 cats, 42 wild animals, 7 finches, 4 guinea pigs, 4 rabbits, a cockatiel, a chicken, a turtle and a pig.
- A total of **480 animals were adopted** (307 dogs, 173 cats).
- A total of **91 dogs and cats** were returned to their owners (**RTOs and RTO-Adopt**).
- On **March 3**, there were **694 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (423 onsite, 269 in foster, 1 at APA, and 1 at a vet clinic).
- On **April 1**, there were **727 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (383 onsite, 341 in foster, and 2 at a vet clinic and 1 at Austin Pets Alive!).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) **returned 23 animals** to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out **36 fencing assistance applications** and implanted **1 microchip(s)**.
- Officers impounded **141 injured animals** and delivered approximately **37 wildlife animals** to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered **281 rabies exposure reports** and submitted **52 specimens** for rabies testing. We had **3 rabies positive bats**, **1 rabies positive skunk** and **1 destroyed bat**.
- **68 total coyote related activities**
 - **26** Wild Sick
 - **1** Wild Speak
 - **3** Wild Injured
 - **20** Sightings
 - **2** Encounters
 - **2** Incidents
 - **1** Observations
- Out of 55 coyote related reports, **25 reports fell within the reported behavior types**. Behavior types include Sighting, Encounter, Incident, and Observation. "Observation" is defined as hearing coyotes howling and finding scat or footprints.
 - Encounters: **Pets were a factor in 2/2 (100%) of encounters reported.**
 - An encounter involved a coyote coming face-to-face with pet. No incident occurred.
 - An encounter involved a coyote following a resident and on-leash dog.
 - Incidents: **Pets were a factor in 2/2 (100%) of incidents reported.**
 - An incident involved a coyote attempting to take an owned outside cat.
 - An incident was reported but did not have anything stated in the memo and APO was unable to contact the caller.
- Out of 55 related activities, 30 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured).



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- There was **129% increase** in reports from March 2023 to March 2024.
- There was an **19% decrease** from February 2024 to March 2024.

Volunteer

- A total of **473 volunteers donated 5,505 hours** of volunteer service.
- **50 individuals donated 100 hours** toward group volunteer service, through dog-walking and general cat care.
- The Volunteer Program held **6 orientations**, introducing 143 potential volunteers to shelter operations.
- The Volunteer Program scheduled **15 Community Service Restitution individuals to perform 117 hours** of laundry, dishes and other duties as assigned.
- 121 volunteers dedicated their time to volunteer development and training.

Foster & Rescue

- **78 animals** were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than **270 different people/families** fostered.
- **192 new foster applications were processed.** (*This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.*)
- There are currently **837 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.** (*We did a membership clean up in January. Everyone that is currently in the group indicated that they wished to remain active and plan to foster a pet within the next 12 months.*)
- **2 pet(s) died or were euthanized in foster care** in March (based on the reports that are available to us).
- As of April 2, 2024 @ 7:20 a.m. there are **350 animals in foster care.**

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed **872 exams.**
- AAC vets **spayed/neutered 397 animals.**
- **0 visibly pregnant** animals were spayed.
- **66 emergency cases** were treated at AAC.
- **64 emergencies were transferred** from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for **March is \$30,082.72.**
- **4 animals** received orthopedic surgeries.
- **23 animals** received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, laparotomies, entropion, dentals, etc.).
- **1 cruelty case(s)** were treated.
- **152 animals were pulled** by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (23 medical urgent, 31 medical attention, 78 neonatal (11 born in care), 9 pregnant, 4 parvo/panleuk).
- APA **pulled 5 large dogs** and **2 small dogs** for behavior in March.

