

February 2024

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The **live outcome rate** for February was **97.35%**.
- A total of **914 animals were brought to the shelter** which included 344 cats, 496 dogs, 57 wild animals, 8 guinea pigs, 6 rabbits, a chinchilla, a chicken, and a duck.
- A total of **365 animals were adopted** (222 dogs, 136 cats, 5 rabbits, a guinea pig and a duck).
- A total of **84 dogs and cats** were returned to their owners (**RTOs and RTO-Adopt**).
- On **February 1**, there were **711 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (399 onsite, 311 in foster, and 1 at a vet clinic).
- 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).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) **returned 25 animals** to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out **35 fencing assistance applications** and implanted **1 microchip(s)**.
- Officers impounded **94 injured animals** and delivered **41 wildlife animals** to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered **259 rabies exposure reports** and submitted **61 specimens** for rabies testing. All specimens returned negative and were viable/good condition for testing.
- **68 total coyote related activities**
 - **24** Wild Sick
 - **4** Wild Speak
 - **0** Wild Injured
 - **34** Sightings
 - **2** Encounters
 - **2** Incidents
 - **2** Observations
- Out of 68 coyote related reports, **40 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 5/5 (100%) of encounters reported.**
 - 1/2 encounters (50%) involved a coyote "coming up close to caller."
 - 1/2 encounters (50%) involved a coyote following caller and pet.
 - Incidents: **Pets were a factor in 1/1 (100%) of incidents reported.**
 - 1/2 incidents (50%) involved a coyote injuring an unattended small pet. Neighbor saw aftermath.
 - 1/2 incidents (50%) involved a coyote killing an unattended small dog in fenced backyard.
- There was **119% increase** in reports from February 2023 to February 2024.
- There was an **21% decrease** from January 2024 (79) to February 2024.



Volunteer

- A total of **487 volunteers** donated **5,192 hours** of volunteer service.
- **57 individuals** donated **114 hours** toward group volunteer service, through dog-walking and general cat care.
- The Volunteer Program held **4 orientations**, introducing 109 potential volunteers to shelter operations.
- The Volunteer Program scheduled **12 Community Service Restitution individuals to perform 98 hours** of laundry, dishes and other duties as assigned.
- 123 volunteers dedicated their time to volunteer development and training.

Foster & Rescue

- **130 animals** were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than **230 different people/families** fostered.
- **164 new foster applications were processed.** *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently **749 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.)*
- **1 pet(s) died or were euthanized in foster care** in February (based on the reports that are available to us).
- As of March 5, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m. there are **281 animals in foster care.**

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed **732 exams.**
- AAC vets **spayed/neutered 427 animals.**
- **0 visibly pregnant** animals were spayed.
- **63 emergency cases** were treated at AAC.
- **49 emergencies were transferred** from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for **February is \$28,863.36.**
- **7 animals** received orthopedic surgeries.
- **17 animals** received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- **2 cruelty cases** were treated.
- **54 animals were pulled** by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (15 medical urgent, 10 medical attention, 13 neonatal, 3 pregnant, 3 parvo/panleuk).
- APA **pulled 5 large dogs** and **5 small dogs** for behavior in February.

Staffing

- There are currently **3 full-time employee positions posted.**
- **8 full-time employees** are **currently in the hiring process.**

