

April 2024

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The **live outcome rate** for April was **97.80%**.
- A total of **1,202 animals were brought to the shelter** which included 639 cats, 512 dogs, 18 wild animals, 15 ducks, 10 guinea pigs, 5 rabbits, 2 emus, and a parakeet,
- A total of **470 animals were adopted** (165 adult dogs, 104 puppies, 113 kittens, and 85 adult cats).
- A total of **95 dogs and cats** were returned to their owners (**RTOs and RTO-Adopt**).
- 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!).
- On **May 1**, there were **993 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (519 onsite, 470 in foster, and 2 at a vet clinic and 1 at Austin Pets Alive!).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) **returned 16 animals** to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out **26 fencing assistance applications** and implanted **2 microchip(s)**.
- Officers impounded **185 injured animals** and delivered approximately **161 wildlife animals** to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered **277 rabies exposure reports** and submitted **33 specimens** for rabies testing. We had **6 rabies positive bats**, **1 rabies positive skunk** and **2 destroyed bats**.
- **58 total coyote related activities**
 - **26** Wild Sick
 - **3** Wild Speak
 - **1** Wild Injured
 - **20** Sightings
 - **5** Encounters
 - **3** Incidents
- Out of 58 coyote related reports, **28 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 1/5 (20%) of encounters reported**.
 - Two encounters involved a coyote following a resident, but unsure if pet was involved.
 - An encounter involved a coyote denning in an abandoned shed in resident's backyard.
 - An encounter involved a coyote following a resident and on-leash dog.
 - An encounter involved coyotes "not being afraid of the caller". Unable to contact caller.
 - Incidents: **Pets were a factor in 2/3 (67%) of incidents reported**.
 - An incident involved a coyote killing an outside unsupervised cat.
 - An incident involved a coyote killing sheep on property.
- Out of 58 related activities, 30 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured).



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- There was **132% increase** in reports from April 2023 to April 2024.
- There was an **5% increase** from March 2024 to April 2024.

Volunteer

- A total of **487 volunteers donated 5,488 hours** of volunteer service.
- **43 individuals donated 86 hours** toward group volunteer service, through dog-walking and general cat care.
- The Volunteer Program held **4 orientations**, introducing 125 potential volunteers to shelter operations.
- The Volunteer Program scheduled **20 Community Service Restitution individuals to perform 211 hours** of laundry, dishes and other duties as assigned.
- 175 volunteers spent 516 hours on volunteer development and training.

Foster & Rescue

- **121 animals** were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than **280 different people/families** fostered.
- **172 new foster applications were processed.** *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently **905 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 April (based on the reports that are available to us).
- As of May 2, 2024, at 8:50 a.m. there are **491 animals in foster care.**

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed **623 exams.**
- AAC vets **spayed/neutered 327 animals.**
- **0 visibly pregnant** animals were spayed.
- **84 emergency cases** were treated at AAC.
- **68 emergencies were transferred** from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for **April is \$39,000.**
- **9 animals** received orthopedic surgeries.
- **8 animals** received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, laparotomies, entropion, dentals, etc.).
- **16 cruelty case(s)** were treated.
- **152 animals were pulled** by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (36 medical urgent, 31 medical attention, 146 neonatal, 4 pregnant, 11 parvo/panleuk).
- APA **pulled 5 large dogs** and **4 small dogs** and **2 cats** for behavior in April.

