

May 2024

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The **live outcome rate** for May was **95.70%**.
- A total of **1,439 animals were brought to the shelter** which included 888 cats, 509 dogs, 14 wild animals, 7 birds, 10 guinea pigs, 8 rabbits, and 2 ferrets.
- A total of **546 animals were adopted** (155 adult dogs, 138 puppies, 141 kittens, and 112 adult cats).
- A total of **80 dogs and cats** were returned to their owners (**RTOs and RTO-Adopt**).
- 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!).
- On **June 1**, there were **1,367 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (705 onsite, 660 in foster, and 4 at a vet clinic and 1 at Austin Pets Alive!).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) **returned 42 animals** to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out **23 fencing assistance applications** and implanted **7 microchip(s)**.
- Officers impounded **208 injured animals** and delivered approximately **146 wildlife animals** to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered **280 rabies exposure reports** and submitted **17 specimens** for rabies testing. We had **3 rabies positive bats**, **1 rabies positive fox** and **1 decomposed bat**.
- **70 total coyote related activities**
 - **33** Wild Sick
 - **1** Wild Speak
 - **1** Wild Injured
 - **28** Sightings
 - **3** Encounters
 - **3** Incidents
- Out of 70 coyote related reports, **35 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 1/3 (33%) of encounters reported.**
 - An encounter involved a coyote "coming at caller aggressively". Unable to contact caller.
 - An encounter involved a person reporting and putting nothing in the memo. Unable to contact caller.
 - An encounter involved two coyotes following caller and pet.
 - Incidents: **Pets were a factor in 2/3 (67%) of incidents reported.**
 - An incident involved a coyote taking an unsupervised chihuahua.
 - An incident involved a coyote biting a dog who ran up to the coyote in the greenbelt.
 - An incident involved a coyote biting a 35-pound dog.



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- Out of 70 related activities, 35 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured).
- There was **159% increase** in reports from May 2023 to May 2024.
- There was an **21% increase** from April 2024 to May 2024.

Volunteer

- A total of **457 volunteers donated 5,030 hours** of volunteer service.
- **38 individuals donated 76 hours** toward group volunteer service, through dog-walking and general cat care.
- The Volunteer Program held **4 orientations**, introducing 92 potential volunteers to shelter operations.
- The Volunteer Program scheduled **20 Community Service Restitution individuals to perform 209 hours** of laundry, dishes and other duties as assigned.
- 176 volunteers spent 499 hours on volunteer development and training.

Foster & Rescue

- **128 animals** were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than **370 different people/families** fostered.
- **242 new foster applications were processed.** *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently **1000 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 May (based on the reports that are available to us).
- As of June 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. there are **659 animals in foster care.**

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed **894 exams.**
- AAC vets **spayed/neutered 446 animals.**
- **0 visibly pregnant** animals were spayed.
- **99 emergency cases** were treated at AAC.
- **81 emergencies were transferred** from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for **May is \$32,000.**
- **4 animals** received orthopedic surgeries.
- **8 animals** received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, laparotomies, entropion, dentals, etc.).
- **4 cruelty case(s)** were treated.
- **271 animals were pulled** by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (38 medical urgent, 19 medical attention, 168 neonatal, 8 pregnant, 19 parvo/pantleuk).
- APA **pulled 3 large dogs** and **6 small dogs** and **0 cats** for behavior in May.

