

# July 2024

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The **live outcome rate** for July was **97.31%**.
- A total of **932 animals were brought to the shelter** which included 511 cats, 378 dogs, 28 wild animals, 6 guinea pigs, 2 rats, 1 chicken, 1 turkey, and 1 rabbit.
- A total of **769 animals were adopted** (166 adult dogs, 123 puppies, 398 kittens, and 82 adult cats).
- A total of **70 dogs and cats** were returned to their owners (**RTOs and RTO-Adopt**).
- On **July 1**, there were **1,278 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (683 onsite, 592 in foster, and 1 at a vet clinic).
- On **August 1**, there were **1,045 dogs and cats** within the ASO inventory (553 onsite, 486 in foster, 2 at a vet clinic, and 1 at TLAC).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) **returned 25 animals** to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out **24 fencing assistance applications** and implanted **7 microchip(s)**.
- Officers impounded **151 injured animals** and delivered approximately **92 wildlife animals** to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered **205 rabies exposure reports** and submitted **46 specimens** for rabies testing. We had **4 positive bats**, **2 decomposed bats** and **2 decomposed skunks**.
- **67 total coyote related activities** (Behavior types include Sighting, Encounter, Incident, and Observation. "Observation" is defined as hearing coyotes howling and finding scat or footprints.)
  - **54 Wild Sick**
  - **9 Sightings**
  - **2 Encounters**
  - **1 Incident**
  - **1 Wild Speak**
- Out of 67 coyote related activities, **12 (18%) reports** fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation)
  - Encounters: **Pets were a factor in 2/2 (100%) of encounters reported.**
    - An encounter involved a coyote with mange running up to caller and dog.
    - An encounter involved a coyote following caller and dog.
  - Incidents: Pets were a factor in 0/0 (0%) of incidents reported.
    - An incident involved a coyote with mange chasing a man after the caller ran from the coyote.
- Out of 67 coyote related reports, **49 (73%) reports were updated to the correct behavior types.**



- 23 sightings updated to wild sick (Due to mange)
- **Residents are mistaking coyotes with mange for dogs**
  - 7 stray injured dogs updated to wild sick coyotes
  - 5 stray roam dogs updated to wild sick coyotes
  - 1 stray sick dog updated to wild sick coyote

## Volunteer

- A total of **475 volunteers donated 6,143 hours** of volunteer service.
- **41 individuals donated 82 hours** toward group volunteer service, through dog-walking and general cat care.
- The Volunteer Program held **3 orientations**, introducing 73 potential volunteers to shelter operations.
- The Volunteer Program scheduled **13 Community Service Restitution individuals to perform 231.5 hours** of laundry, dishes and other duties as assigned.
- **142 volunteers** dedicated their time to volunteer development and training.

## Foster & Rescue

- **252 animals** were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than **400 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 **1228 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.)*
- **5 pet(s) died or were euthanized in foster care** in July (based on the reports that are available to us).
- As of August 1, 2024, at 11:20 a.m. there are **493 animals in foster care.**

## Vet Services

- AAC vets performed **1162 exams.**
- AAC vets **spayed/neutered 546 animals.**
- **0 visibly pregnant** animals were spayed.
- **69 emergency cases** were treated at AAC.
- **57 emergencies were transferred** from the emergency clinic.
- The estimated emergency clinic bill for **July is \$28,000.**
- **6 animals** received orthopedic surgeries.
- **9 animals** received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, laparotomies, entropion, dentals, etc.).



- **35 cruelty case(s)** were treated.
- **165 animals were pulled** by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (29 medical urgent, 34 medical attention, 94 neonatal, 2 pregnant, 6 parvo/panleuk).
- APA **pulled 5 large dogs** and **0 small dogs** and **0 cats** for behavior in July.

## Social Media

- ASO/AAC posted approximately **3-4 posts per day** across all platforms (Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
- Facebook audience reached 220.4k with **387 new “likes”**.
- Instagram audience reached 181.9k with **845 new “likes”**.

