

July 2020

ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



Animal Services News

- A total of 310 animals were adopted (161 dogs, 142 cats, one livestock and six small pets).
- A total of 89 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- A total of 781 animals were brought to the shelter (537 stray, 164 owner surrender, 11 abandoned, 30 public assist and 39 wildlife).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 40 animals to their owners in the field during the month of July.
- Officers handed out 28 fencing assistance applications, implanted seven microchips and impounded 184 injured animals, 100 of which were transferred to Austin Wildlife Rescue (AWR).
- Officers entered 206 rabies exposure reports and submitted 40 specimens for rabies testing. Three bats tested positive.
- Wildlife APO received 30 total coyote-related activities:
 - 18 sightings
 - 4 wild sick reports of mange
 - 3 incidents
 - 2 encounters
 - 2 wild injured
 - 1 wild speak
- Out of 30 coyote related reports, 23 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets and livestock were a factor in half of the activities.
 - One incident involved a security camera that caught a coyote taking an unattended cat.
 - One incident involved a suspected coyote chasing joggers. Report was made by police.
 - One incident involved a suspected coyote attack on an unattended cat. APO's were unable to make contact with resident to confirm.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in half of the verified activities.
 - One encounter involved a coyote that entered a backyard with a pet present.
 - One encounter involved a coyote with mange that entered the backyard with possible person present. APO was unable to make contact with the resident to confirm.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs



- Volunteers were able to come back onto AAC campus in a very limited capacity this month. We started with three dog walkers and quickly increased to four walkers, one playgroup runner, one vet services volunteer, one data entry position and two cat volunteers. Increase in volunteer numbers is evaluated on safety and operational needs. AAC staff have been very thankful to have volunteers return.
- A total of 66 volunteers donated 1,537.88 hours in July. A large majority of recorded hours are from fostering, but now include assignments listed above.
- A total of 370 families provided foster care and a total of 146 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 2052 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 255 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 465 animals in foster homes.
- 269 live outcomes were attributed to 17 AAC partners:
 - 171 cats
 - 13 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
 - 13 to AHS
 - 144 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), approximately 57 of which are neonatal kittens
 - 93 dogs
 - 52 to APA!
 - 2 to AHS
 - 39 to Other partners
 - Five Other Species
 - One chicken (housing pull)
 - Two rabbits (housing pull)
 - One bearded dragon (housing pull)
 - One python (medical pull)

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians addressed 89 emergency cases, performed six orthopedic surgeries and 12 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 245 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 563 vet exams.

