

November 2022

AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for November was 98.49 percent.
- A total of 833 animals were brought to the shelter which included 438 dogs, 314 cats, 46 domestic birds, 19 wild animals, 10 rabbits, five guinea pigs, and one tortoise.
- A total of 493 animals were adopted (251 cats, 225 dogs, 12 birds, and five small pets).
- A total of 72 dogs, cats, and tortoise were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 49 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 32 fencing assistance applications and implanted two microchips.
- Officers impounded 99 injured animals and delivered 32 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 157 rabies exposure reports and submitted 21 specimens for rabies testing. One bat tested positive for rabies, one was non-negative (not able to test).
- 72 total coyote related activities
 - 40 sightings
 - 16 wild sick
 - 9 wild injured
 - 3 encounters
 - 3 incidents
 - 1 wild speak
- Out of 72 coyote related activities, 46 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, incident, and observation).
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in 100% of activities:
 - An encounter involved a coyote approaching off leash pet with resident nearby
 - An encounter involved a coyote entering a backyard with pets present
 - An encounter involved a coyote not responding to assertive hazing with chasing an outside cat
- Incidents: Pets were factor in 66% of these encounters.
 - An incident involved a coyote taking a neighbor's outside off leash cat
 - An incident involved a coyote lunging at a caller. Unable to make contact with caller



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- An incident involved a coyote taking an animal. Unable to make contact with caller
- Out of 72 related activities, 26 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 363 volunteers donated 4,990 hours of volunteer service.
- The Volunteer Coordinators held six orientations for new volunteers, introducing 166 people to the shelter programs. 104 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in September.
- 117 individuals donated 234 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 12 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 121 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 98 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 200 different people/families fostered.
- 156 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 1,464 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- One pet died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of December 1 at 3 p.m. there were 241 animals in foster care.
- 136 animals were transferred to 20 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 193 animals to 22 partners for October 2021).
- 34 dogs were transported to two out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners.

Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 752 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 362 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 46 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 33 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.



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- The emergency clinic bill for November was estimated at \$36,000.
- 14 animals received orthopedic surgeries.
- 26 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Four cruelty cases were treated.
- 70 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (seven medical urgent, 15 medical attention, 23 neonatal, one panleuk, 23 parvo, one pregnant).

Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out over 945 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to more than 320 people.
- Three dogs with behavior issues were deferred.

Events/Marketing

- Events
 - 11/6 Pinthouse Brewery
 - 11/12 Companion Tattoo
 - 11/13 Mighty Texas Dog Walk & Waller Creek Light Show
 - 11/17 The Stay Put Grand Opening
 - 11/20 Smokin' Beauty
- Social Media
 - Facebook reach: 1,515,464
 - New likes: 1,127
 - Instagram reach: 136,589
 - New likes: 1,037

