

# December 2022

## AUSTIN ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for December was 97.25 percent.
- A total of 781 animals were brought to the shelter which included 439 dogs, 303 cats, 20 wild animals, 12 guinea pigs, four rabbits, two snakes, and one cockatiel.
- A total of 571 animals were adopted (286 dogs, 280 cats, and 5 small pets).
- A total of 88 dogs, cats, and snake were returned to their owners (RTOs and RTO-Adopt).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 31 animals to their owners in the field.
- Officers handed out 26 fencing assistance applications and implanted two microchips.
- Officers impounded 99 injured animals and delivered 41 wildlife animals to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 226 rabies exposure reports and submitted 16 specimens for rabies testing. Zero tested positive for rabies, one was non-negative (not able to test).
- 42 total coyote related activities
  - 26 sightings
  - 7 wild sick
  - 5 wild injured
  - 2 wild speak
  - 1 encounter
  - 1 observation
- Out of 42 coyote related activities, 28 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 two off leash pets and resident
- Out of 42 related activities, 14 fell within the reported behavior types (wild sick, wild speak, and wild injured)

### Volunteer, Foster, and Rescue Programs

- A total of 387 volunteers donated 5,321 hours of volunteer service.



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- The Volunteer Coordinators held six orientations for new volunteers, introducing 124 people to the shelter programs. 110 new volunteers attended their first training or mentor shifts in December.
- 27 individuals donated 54 hours towards dog walking and cat care through group volunteer service.
- 11 Community Service Restitution individuals performed 123 hours of laundry, dishes, and other duties as assigned.
- 143 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- More than 250 different people/families fostered.
- 149 new foster applications were processed. *(This number does not necessarily include walk-in / in person applications that were processed.)*
- There are currently 693 members (approved fosters) in the foster program's GivePulse group. *\*We did a group clean up, removing inactive and/or uninterested members in mid-late December. All current members have indicated that they wish to remain active and plan to foster within the next year.*
- One pet died or was euthanized in foster care.
- As of January 3 at 7:30 a.m. there were 278 animals in foster care.
- 160 animals were transferred to 19 in-state AAC Rescue Partners (compared to 199 animals to 23 partners for December 2021).
- No dogs were transported to out-of-state AAC Rescue Partners in December.

### Vet Services

- AAC vets performed 786 exams.
- AAC vets spayed/neutered 502 animals.
- Zero visibly pregnant animals were spayed.
- 40 emergency cases were treated at AAC.
- 25 emergencies were transferred from the emergency clinic.
- The emergency clinic bill for December was estimated at \$35,600.
- Eight animals received orthopedic surgeries.



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- 14 animals received other specialty surgeries (enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs, dentals, etc).
- Zero cruelty cases were treated.
- 43 animals were pulled by Austin Pets Alive! for medical reasons (11 medical urgent, 13 medical attention, 11 neonatal, six parvo, two pregnant).

### Pet Resource Center

- Staff handed out over 1,251 basic pet items (including food, crates, leashes, etc) to more than 341 people.
- Three dogs with behavior issues were deferred.

### Events/Marketing

- Events
  - 12/1-31 Partnered with APA! for month-long adoption promotion
  - 12/10 Photos with Santa
  - 12/10 Ken & Kids fundraiser with social influencer Kennedy Eurich, raised \$8,000
  - 12/10 Opal Divine's adopter/foster event and donation drive
  - 12/17-18 Petco Make More Merry Mega adoption event
    - 30 cats, 36 dogs adopted
  - Successful push to get 100 medium/large dogs into foster/adoptive homes before Christmas
    - 30+ holiday fosters
- Social Media
  - Facebook reach: 1,588,096
    - New followers: 886
  - Instagram reach: 125,672
    - New followers: 833
- Other
  - Viral story about 16-ft python RTO

