



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/14 to 12/31/14.

Austin Animal Advisory Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) **is:** *The purpose of the board is to advise the City Council and Travis County Commissioners' Court on compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 (Animal Shelters); advise the City Council on animal welfare policies and on budget priorities identified by the Commission and the community, except on issues related to the administration of the Animal Services Division; promote collaboration between the City and private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to animal welfare in the city; identify proactive, creative approaches to engage and facilitate communication within the animal welfare community; and foster and assist the development of animal welfare programs in the community. The commission may study, advise, and report on policy recommendations it deems effective to promote animal welfare outcomes consistent with City goals and objective as outlined by City Council and the City Manager.*

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
 - Received quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center per the temporary license agreement between APA and the COA regarding the TLAC facility.
 - Received quarterly reports from staff on issues directly related to Chapter 823 compliance at the Austin Animal Center and TLAC.
 - Sent a letter of support to Austin City Council for the Animal Services Office FY 14-15 budget request including unmet needs.

- Sent a recommendation to the Austin City Council that the City adopt a Humane Coyote Conflict Management Policy.
- Sent a recommendation to City Council that they accept a renewal of the Department of State Health Services Animal Friendly Grant for Community Sterilizations.
- Sent a recommendation to City Council that the Animal Advisory Commission remain at least seven members and stay consistent with Health & Safety Code, Chapter 823.
- Sent a recommendation to council regarding public input and process in the City Manager's selection of the Chief Animal Services Officer.
- Sent a recommendation to council that appointment of the designated (Chapter 823 Health & Safety Code) 5 positions to the AAC be assigned to all of the short or long appointment City Council terms.
- Sent a recommendation to council that the city create an off-leash dog area in the Barton Springs Spillway and in Barton Creek between Barton Springs and Lady Bird Lake.

2014 live release rate by month;

- **January 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 93.29%**
- **February 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 93.6%**
- **March 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 92.7%**
- **April 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 94.5%**
- **May 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 94%**
- **June 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 93.8%**
- **July 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 94.2%**
- **August 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 94.8%**
- **September 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 94.5%**
- **October 2014 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 92.9%**
- **November 2014 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 92.6%**
- **December 2014 2014 Total Live Outcome Rate: 93.7%**

- Dissolved the *Aquarium* Work Group and the *Community Solutions* Work Group and formed the following new Work Groups;
 - Coyote
 - Transportation

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

Yes.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

- Maintaining the No-Kill status at the Austin Animal Center. The Live Outcome rate at the Austin Animal Center for 2014 was **93.72 %**.
- Actively support Animal Services 2015/2016 budget requests including Capital expenditure for new building and additional staff.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on status of shelter operations and No-Kill.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the Austin Animal Center.
- Receive quarterly reports from Austin Animal Center staff on issues related to compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 823 at the former TLAC site.

Respectfully submitted,



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