

## March 2016 Animal Services Report

### Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 96.5%.
- 107 animals were adopted during the St. Patrick's Day adoption promotion.
- AAC partnered with the ASPCA for a SXSW adoption event.
- The new mobile adoption unit made its debut at the March 24 City Council meeting with nine animals adopted from the vehicle. The unit will be at City Hall the third 'Fursday' of every month.
- Planning is underway for the Best in Show Fest, sponsored by BuildASign. Best in Show Fest is a citywide, online fundraising event culminating in a festival celebrating Austin's five years of being America's largest No Kill city. Online fundraising takes place April 1 – 30 and the festival will be held May 7 at AAC. Funds raised will benefit the Friends of the Austin Animal Center <http://bestinshowfest.org/#bestinshowfestatx>.
- The Austin Animal Center has received nearly 200 Kuranda beds donated through the donate-a-bed campaign.
- The President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States will be in Austin on Thursday, May 5 for a book signing of his new book at Book People. He will be recognizing city and animal services leadership for the five year anniversary of No Kill in Austin.
- Animal Farm Foundation is funding three additional play yards (two at AAC and one at TLAC) as well as the repair and expansion of several yards at TLAC.
- Deputy Chief Kristen Auerbach presented at the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies Conference on behavioral fostering, Austin's five years of No Kill success and social media.

### Personnel

- Three full time and two part time temporary employees began training in adoptions.
- A full time and part time animal protection dispatcher were hired and begin in April.
- The center is currently hiring a field services manager, an operations manager and an animal protection officer.
- Four staff members are now assigned, full-time, to animal care and enrichment. Their focus is on providing play groups, kennel breaks, behavioral support and daily enrichment for all sheltered pets. Two, part-time, temporary dog exercise and enrichment staff members for the Town Lake Animal Center are in the process of being hired. The first has completed the background process and starts on April 18.

## **Vet Services**

- Vets treated 6 emergency cases at AAC and received 45 arrivals from the emergency clinic.
- They performed 362 spay/neuter surgeries and 48 other surgeries.
- Vets oversaw 77 animals in rabies quarantine.

## **Field Services (Animal Protection and Outreach)**

- Animal protection officers responded to 3,300 calls.
- They issued 169 citations and returned 39 animals in the field.
- In February, 35 owned pets and 146 community cats were spayed or neutered through outreach efforts.
- The outreach team taught three responsible pet ownership classes, attended five events and conducted two tours.

## **Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs**

- 133 new foster applications were processed.
- As of April 1, there were 517 approved foster families.
- 23 foster families attended a program orientation.
- 11 foster families attended the new 'Outings and Overnights' training.
- 140 new volunteers attended nine information sessions. Eight new volunteer orientations are scheduled in April.
- 501 volunteers served 4,417 hours and 10 groups served 228 hours.
- Three volunteer update meetings were held in March.
- Shelter leadership and the volunteer coordinators will be holding monthly update meetings which will rotate between Town Lake and the Austin Animal Center main campus.
- Six community service volunteers served 91 hours.
- 270 animals were transferred to rescue, with Austin Pets Alive taking 148 and Austin Humane Society taking 59.
- Several information and update meetings were held for volunteers to share information about recent operational changes.

## **Media Coverage**

Austin Animal Center hosts St. Patty's Day adoption promotion: <http://kxan.com/2016/03/13/austin-animal-center-hosting-st-pattys-day-special/>

Austin Animal Center At Capacity from recent storms

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/austin-animal-center-at-full-capacity-needs-help/91364129>

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-animal-shelter-at-capacity-after-storms>

<http://kxan.com/2016/03/19/austin-animal-center-at-capacity-after-storms/>

<http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/110126503-story>

Raccoon stranded on light pole gets rescued: <http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-firefighters-rescue-raccoon-stranded-on-light-pole>

Tour For Life 2016: 5 animals adopted, 14 total from the event the following day

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/worlds-largest-mobile-pet-adoption-makes-a-stop-in-austin>

Shelter dog Van Gogh travels the world: <http://barkpost.com/van-gogh-pit-bull-adoption-photos/>

Rescued roosters find homes:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristen-auerbach/savetheroosters-what-we-l\\_b\\_9422552.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristen-auerbach/savetheroosters-what-we-l_b_9422552.html)

<https://www.thedodo.com/roosters-rescued-from-cockfight-feel-sun-and-love-for-the-first-time-1642236372.html>

### **Friends of the Austin Animal Center**

- The Classic Canines of Austin served 53 dogs, with 21 being placed through rescue or adoption.
- The Hard Luck Hounds served 16 dogs.
- The Desperate Housecats served 97 cats and 21 were adopted. The DHCs has an adoption event on March 26 and 27 and will hold another on April 23 and 24.
- The Friends raised \$5,000 to purchase two additional cat enclosures/visitation rooms that will be placed in the cat adoption area. The first of these enclosures has already been installed.
- The Friends raised \$17,000 through the Amplify Austin campaign.
- The canopies for the new play yards will be installed in April.