



Annual Internal Review

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016
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 staff on issues directly related to Chapter 823 compliance at the Austin Animal Center and TLAC.
- Received monthly reports on shelter operations and donations fund.
- The commission carried over or formed the following work groups;

Dangerous Dog Workgroup
Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions Workgroup
Wildlife Workgroup
Lamar Beach Workgroup
Animal Ordinance Revision Workgroup
Austin Pet Month Workgroup
Animal Advisory Commission By-Laws Workgroup

Pet Trader Workgroup
Animal Services and Travis County Animal Protection
Jurisdictional Coordination Workgroup
Mayor's Monarch Pledge Workgroup

- The Commission made the following recommendations to council;

Declare May 2016 as Austin Pet Month

Amend city code 3-1-26 *Disposition of an Impounded Animal*

By-Laws changes including the addition of two additional members and expand scope of work to include recommendations to Travis County Commissioners Court.

Add ordinance 3-2-8 *Training and Control of Animals*

City of Austin Wildlife Policy (Rescinded)

- The commission held a special meeting which consisted of a discussion with Animal Farm Foundation and the No Kill Advocacy Center regarding challenges facing medium and large dogs, including 'pit bull' type dogs, in Austin and Travis County.

- **Live Release rates;**

July 2015, 95%

August 2015, 95.8%

September 2015, 96.7%

October 2015, 96.9%

November 2015, 97.5%

December 2015, 97.3%

January 2016, 97.5%

February 2016, 97.3%

March 2016, 96.5%

April 2016, 96.8%

May 2016,

1. **Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement. Yes**

2. 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 2015 was 95%.
- Actively support Animal Services 2016/2017 budget requests including additional Animal Protection staff.
- Receive monthly 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 and TLAC site.

Respectfully submitted,

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