

September 2016 Animal Services Report

Animal Center News

- The live outcome rate was 98.1 percent
- Three adoption promotions were held, including the Luau Meow and U Adopt a Texas Shelter Dog or Cat, resulting in approximately 400 adoptions.
- There were 705 total adoptions, a new September record.
- Following a meeting between Austin Animal Center and Austin Humane Society, an decision was made to stop enrolling non-feral kittens under six months into the shelter-neuter-return program (SNR) unless in times of seasonal space crisis when SNR may be the only lifesaving outcome option. This will result in approximately 100 fewer kittens per year going through the SNR program. Austin Pets Alive! and Austin Humane Society have both expressed willingness to take these kittens to be placed for adoption.
- Starting next month, the AAC management team will be presenting the monthly report as a series of narrative highlights of events and accomplishments of the previous month.

Personnel

- Animal Protection Supervisor April Moore has been selected as the new engagement manager (administrative manager position formerly held by Chery Henderson). The newly crafted engagement manager position will work to increase capacity in our community-based services, work closely with Field Services on strategic initiatives related to decreasing intake and increasing RTO rates, help implement neighborhood-level programming and provide direction and oversight to the center's volunteer program.
- AAC is in the process of hiring two, part-time staff members to draft up-to-date standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all areas of shelter and field operations. Prior to July 2015, AAC did not have SOPs.

Veterinary Services

- Veterinarians treated 58 emergency cases at AAC and received 61 arrivals from the emergency clinic.
- They performed 383 spay/neuter surgeries and 20 other surgeries.
- Vets oversaw 81 animals in rabies quarantine.
- They performed exams for seven cruelty cases.

Field Services (Animal Protection and Outreach)

- Animal protection officers responded to 1,157 priority one activities and 2,430 total calls.
- Animal protection oversaw two major cat intakes. The first involved a deceased person, whose 60 cats were found living in a bedroom of a home. The second was related to an eviction where 90 cats were removed from a home.
- 361 animals were impounded and 54 were returned to owners. 72 of those animals were injured.
- The outreach team transported 90 cats for TNR, held two community cat orientations and transported 41 pets to Emancipet for sterilization.
- Field services staff attended the Texas Humane Legislative Network Conference.
- Staff fielded 34 calls related to coyote activity.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- 122 new volunteers attended six information sessions; 393 volunteers served 3,045 hours and 31 groups served 363 hours.
- 19 community service volunteers served 246 hours.
- During the 2016 fiscal year, 1,420 new foster care applications were processed and 306 foster families attended program orientation; 2,214 pets were placed in 863 different foster homes. 1,519 (68 percent) of those pets were adopted directly from foster care.
- As of October 3, there were 620 approved foster families and 406 animals housed in 213 foster homes.
- 40 foster families attended orientation and seven foster families attending outings and overnights training.

Media Coverage

A community came together so this sick dog could see snow one last time

<https://www.thedodo.com/people-chipped-in-for-a-snow-machine-so-this-dying-dog-could-see-snow--2009753694.html>

Terminally ill dog throws 'snow party' for animal friends

<http://www.chron.com/life/pets/article/Terminally-ill-dog-throws-snow-party-for-animal-9236864.php>

Austin Animal Center throws snow party for terminally ill dog

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/austin-animal-center-throws-snow-party-for-terminally-ill-dog>

Dying Dog that loves snow gets tiny blizzard in Texas 'You can just feel the love'

<http://www.insideedition.com/headlines/18786-with-a-little-help-from-his-friends-a-dying-dog-that->

[loves-snow-gets-tiny](#)

Community Helps Dying Husky Dog Play in the Snow One Last Time

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/community-helps-dying-husky-dog-play-in-the-snow-one-last-time/>

Cat Cases: September 23

Austin Animal Center takes in over 60 cats from home

<http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/207396804-story>

Dozens of cats rescued from Austin Home, Shelter at Capacity

<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2016/09/24/dozens-of-cats-rescued-from-austin-home--shelter-at-capacity.html>

63 Cats taken from south Austin home

<http://kxan.com/2016/09/23/63-cats-taken-from-south-austin-home/>

Shelter takes in over 60 cats from Austin home

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/shelter-takes-in-over-60-cats-from-austin-home/324818323>

Rabid Fox: September 30

Rabid Fox killed in NE Travis County

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/rabid-fox-killed-in-ne-travis-county/328041199>

Fox Tests Positive for Rabies in Northwest Travis County

<http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/208912487-story>

Rabid Fox Found in Northwest Travis County

<http://www.newsradioklbi.com/news/austin-local-news/fox-nw-travis-county-rabid>

Fox Tests Positive for Rabies in Northeast Travis County

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/officials-fox-tests-positive-for-rabies-in-northeast/nshnF/>

Fox Tests Positive for Rabies in Northeast Austin

<http://keyetv.com/news/local/fox-tests-positive-for-rabies-in-nw-austin>

Friends of the Austin Animal Center

- The Classic Canines of Austin served 82 dogs, with 10 being placed through adoption.
- The Hard Luck Hounds served 10 dogs, and one was adopted.
- The Desperate Housecats served 96 cats, and 24 were adopted.
- Paw Aid provided medical treatment for three animals.