Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for January was 97.8 percent.
- A total of 662 animals were adopted (434 dogs, 208 cats and 20 small pets).
- A total of 263 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 132 animals to their owners in the field during the month of January.
- Officers handed out 34 fencing assistance applications, implanted 24 microchips and impounded 90 injured animals.
- A total of 45 animals were transferred to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 210 rabies exposure reports and submitted 15 specimens for rabies testing. One bat tested positive.
- Wildlife APO received 109 coyote-related activities:
  - 58 sightings
  - 29 wild sick reports
  - 5 wild injured reports
  - 4 encounters
  - 2 observations
  - 1 incident
  - 1 assist public (site visit)
  - 1 community presentation
- Out of 109 coyote related reports, 63 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in the activity
  - One incident included a coyote that came into contact with two pets while on a leash—both dogs survived and had only minor injuries.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in two of the four verified activities
  - One encounter included a coyote that displayed flushing behavior with a citizen—Wildlife APO was unable to reach citizen to get more information on behavior and if pet was present.
  - One encounter included a coyote that supposedly lives under a house and had entered the backyard with pets present. Wildlife APO was unable to reach citizen to get more information.
  - One encounter included two coyotes displaying flushing behavior while a large dog was being walked on a trail.
One encounter included two coyotes that displayed flushing behavior while a citizen was running on a trail, no dog present.

Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 425 volunteers donated 5,367 service hours, which is the equivalent of 31 full-time employees; 14 groups of volunteers donated 272 hours with their “Giving Group” to the Center; 10 community service restitution volunteers contributed 97 hours toward animal care tasks.

- Volunteer Coordinators hosted seven New Volunteer Orientations, introducing 155 individuals to our organization and volunteer opportunities.

- A total of 200 families provided foster care, and a total of 119 animals were adopted directly from foster care.

- There are 763 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 91 new foster applications were processed.

- There are currently 259 animals in 173 different foster homes.

- 324 live outcomes were attributed to 31 AAC partners:
  - 124 cats (includes 67 SNR)
  - 180 dogs
  - 20 “other”
    - 1 rabbit
    - 1 hawk
    - 3 turtles
    - 3 rats
    - 10 guinea pigs
    - 2 chickens

Veterinary

- Shelter veterinarians were medically responsible for 765 animals; 260 in foster care and 505 on shelter grounds.

- Veterinarians treated 94 emergency cases, performed 10 orthopedic surgeries and 30 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 546 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 871 vet exams.

- Eleven animals were treated due to animal cruelty cases.