

# September 2020

## ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



### Animal Services News

- A total of 446 animals were adopted (229 dogs, 211 cats, one bird and five small pets).
- A total of 109 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).
- A total of 872 animals were brought to the shelter (565 stray, 206 owner surrender, 15 abandoned, 55 public assist and 31 wildlife).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 79 animals to their owners in the field during the month of September.
- Officers handed out 30 fencing assistance applications, implanted five microchips and impounded 172 injured animals, 100 of which were transported to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 228 rabies exposure reports and submitted 51 specimens for rabies testing. Fifteen bats tested positive.
- 69 total coyote related activities
  - 30 wild sick reports of mange
  - 22 sightings
  - 7 wild injured
  - 2 incidents involving pets
  - 2 encounters involving pets
  - 1 assist public involved a site visit
- Out of 69 coyote related activities, 26 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in all activities
  - 1 incident involved a coyote injuring a dog in a fenced backyard.
  - 1 incident involved a coyote talking a pet while people were present. Was unable to contact.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in all activities
  - Both encounters involved a resident walked their dog and a coyote following them.

### Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 76 volunteers donated 1,562 hours to cat kennel cleaning, socialization, dog walking, recovery, ringworm treatment, bed and toy making and fostering.
- Our volunteers are back to providing a variety of services to the shelter pets at the center, in restricted time frames and limited capacity. We hosted two socially distant



Sunrise Adoption events outside in front of the shelter in September, with volunteers on hand to introduce the public to the participating dogs. The last event on the 26<sup>th</sup> had 13 of the 14 volunteer spots filled, which added a layer of support necessary to keeping things running smoothly and increasing the odds of the event's success in matching dogs with adopters.

- A total of 340 families provided foster care and a total of 189 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 2218 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 174 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 474 animals in foster homes.
- 186 live outcomes were attributed to 20 AAC partners:
  - 107 cats
    - 18 to Spay-Neuter-Return program with Austin Humane Society (AHS)
    - 89 to Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), approximately 41 of which are neonatal kittens
  - 76 dogs
    - 37 to APA!
    - 2 to AHS
    - 37 to Other partners
  - Three Other Species
    - Three roosters (housing and medical pull)

