

March 2020

ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for March was 96.5 percent.
- A total of 382 animals were adopted (289 dogs, 85 cats, two birds and six small pets).
- A total of 173 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).

Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers (APOs) returned 67 animals to their owners in the field during the month of March.
- Officers handed out 27 fencing assistance applications, implanted eight microchips and impounded 132 injured animals.
- A total of 119 animals were transferred to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 340 rabies exposure reports and submitted 113 specimens for rabies testing. Three bats tested positive.
- Wildlife APO received 31 coyote-related activities:
 - 16 sightings
 - 4 encounters
 - 4 wild sick reports of mange
 - 2 wild injured
 - 2 incidents
 - 1 wild speak
 - 1 community coyote presentation
 - 1 suspected bite to pet (later found out the wound was caused by a skin problem, not a bite)
- Out of 31 coyote related reports, 22 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets were a factor in all activities
 - One incident involved a coyote injuring an off-leash pet in the greenbelt. Pet had minor injuries.
 - One incident involved a coyote displaying flushing and defensive behavior with a large dog. The owner of the dog stated it is reactive to other animals.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in all verified activities
 - Two encounters involved a coyote that was seen chasing a cat
 - One encounter involved a coyote displaying flushing behavior with a dog and citizen
 - One encounter involved a coyote with mange that did not respond to hazing until assertive techniques were implemented



Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs

- A total of 306 volunteers donated 3,385 service hours.
- AAC closed to the public and volunteers on March 16.
- Due to COVID-19, a plea for help was sent out to find foster homes for animals in the shelter because of the uncertainty of what the next few weeks would look like.
- A total of 400 families provided foster care, a 200 percent increase over last month, and a total of 104 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 1487 approved fosters in GivePulse, and 1548 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 479 animals in 376 different foster homes.
- 239 live outcomes were attributed to 29 AAC partners:
 - 67 cats (includes 67 SNR)
 - 156 dogs
 - 16 “other”
 - 8 rabbit
 - 7 Guinea pigs
 - 1 bearded dragon

Veterinary Services

- Shelter veterinarians were medically responsible for 587 animals; 495 in foster care and 92 on shelter grounds.
- Veterinarians addressed 95 emergency cases, performed 12 orthopedic surgeries and 18 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 478 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 765 vet exams.

