

# December 2019

## ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT



### Animal Services News

- The live outcome rate for December was 98.9 percent.
- A total of 866 animals were adopted (519 dogs, 347 cats).
- A total of 228 dogs and cats were returned to their owners (RTOs).

### Adoption Promotions

- Home for the Pawlidays adoption promotion ran from December 16 through 23. Adoption fees were \$10 for all pets at the shelter. During that time, 230 animals were adopted (97 cats and 133 dogs).

### Animal Protection

- Animal Protection Officers returned 106 animals to their owners in the field during the month of December.
- Officers handed out 31 fencing assistance applications, implanted four microchips and impounded 70 injured animals.
- A total of 28 animals were transferred to Austin Wildlife Rescue.
- Officers entered 192 rabies exposure reports and submitted 26 specimens for rabies testing. One bat tested positive.
- Wildlife APO had another month of record breaking coyote complaints at 147:
  - 100 sightings
  - 16 wild sick reports of possible mange
  - 6 encounters
  - 6 incidents
  - 6 wild injured reports
  - 6 observations
  - 1 public assist (yard audit)
- Out of 147 coyote related reports, 112 fell within the reported behavior types (sighting, encounter, and incident).
- Incidents: Pets and livestock were a factor in five of the six verified actives
  - One incident included a coyote suspected of killing a dog that escaped the backyard. The attack was not seen or heard, but the dog was found in the greenbelt.
  - One incident included a coyote suspected of killing a dog in a fenced backyard. The attack was not seen or heard.
  - One incident included a coyote suspected of taking a dog out of a backyard. The attack was not seen or heard but blood was found in the backyard.



- One incident included a coyote that grabbed an unattended cat, but a neighbor hazed the coyote to drop the cat. The cat had minor injuries.
- One incident included a coyote that killed an unattended cat. The attack was not seen or heard, but was caught on a security camera.
- One incident included a coyote that ran toward a car. The citizen was not able to determine if the coyote was crossing the street, or being aggressive. The citizen did not see any teeth, growling or raised hackles.
- Encounters: Pets were a factor in all verified activities
  - One encounter included a coyote that displayed flushing behavior with a large dog.
  - One encounter included a coyote that passed through a backyard while the resident was in the front yard. The resident hazed the coyote.
  - Three encounters involved the same coyote with mange, approaching two different citizens. The coyote was hazed.
  - One encounter included a dog that escaped a yard and was found playing with a group of coyotes. The owner of the dog did not see contact between the coyotes and the dog.

### **Volunteer, Foster and Rescue Programs**

- A total of 376 volunteers donated 4,708 service hours; 17 groups of volunteers donated 362 hours with their “Giving Group” to the Center; 18 community service restitution volunteers contributed 157 hours toward animal care tasks.
- Volunteer Coordinators hosted seven New Volunteer Orientations, introducing 115 individuals to our organization and volunteer opportunities.
- A total of 250 families provided foster care
- A total of 156 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- There are 725 approved fosters in GivePulse.
- 75 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 295 animals in 201 different foster homes.
- 227 live outcomes were attributed to 27 AAC partners:
  - 109 cats (includes 64 SNR)
  - 152 dogs
  - 22 “other”
    - Two exotic birds
    - Two ball pythons
    - One pygmy goat
    - 17 guinea pigs



## **Veterinary**

- Shelter veterinarians were medically responsible for 812 animals; 296 in foster care and 516 on shelter grounds.
- Veterinarians addressed 80 emergency cases, performed eight orthopedic surgeries and 37 other specialty surgeries including enucleations, amputations, mass removals, hernia repair, wound repairs and dentals. A total of 582 spay/neuter surgeries were performed and 942 vet exams.
- A total of 76 animals completed rabies quarantine.

