



AUSTIN TEAM

Austin Partners: Animal Trustees of Austin (ATA)
Austin Humane Society (AHS)
Emancipet
Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC)



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**OUR GOAL IS TO MOVE THE COMMUNITY'S SHELTERS TOWARD A 75% LIVE RELEASE RATE.
THERE ARE TWO STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THIS RATE: REDUCE INTAKE AND INCREASE
POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR SHELTER ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Increasing Positive Outcomes:

Return to Owner

- Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) conducts awareness and outreach activities to assist pet owners in finding lost pets via its website, brochures, tag campaigns and Spanish language media coverage.

Adoption

- To increase cat and kitten adoptions this year TLAC and Austin Humane Society (AHS) launched a summer cat program reducing adoption fees from \$85 to \$35 and waiving the adoption fee on adult cats five years and older.

Foster Placement

- AHS and TLAC provide foster homes for underage and sick/injured animals, saving an average of 1,150 kittens and puppies annually through a network of more than 170 foster families. In May 2008, AHS hired a full-time foster care coordinator to oversee a new Community Foster Care Program, which is a joint effort of the ASPCA, TLAC, Emancipet and AHS.

Transfer Out to Placement Partners

- TLAC releases an average of 3,500 animals (dogs, cats and other species) to approximately 85 approved and active rescue groups annually, who in turn help place these animals into new homes.

Reducing Intake:

Spay/Neuter

- Animal Trustees of Austin (ATA), Emancipet and AHS, together, average 2,109 low-cost or free spay/neuter surgeries per month.

Trap-Neuter-Return

- AHS' feral cat coordinator currently works with more than 200 feral cat trappers in Austin and surrounding communities, and its high volume Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic operates every Wednesday and Thursday, sterilizing as many as 125 cats per week. In 2007, AHS provided 1,550 free spay/neuters for feral cats, and expects to provide 5,000 free spay/neuters annually in 2008 and 2009.
- TLAC provides sterilization vouchers and medical support for up to 600 sick or injured feral cats each year.
- Emancipet low-cost spay/neuter service is available for feral cats six days per week, which ensures that any time a feral cat is trapped, it can be altered at one of the partner agencies within 24 hours.

Safety Net Programs

- AHS provides information on its website for tips that pet owners can use to help solve behavioral and other problems.
- TLAC dedicates \$50,000 each year to fund free microchips for dogs and cats in high-intake, low-income neighborhoods at a rate of 8,300 microchips each year. Free microchips are also provided through Emancipet and ATA.
- TLAC, Emancipet and Blue Dog Rescue provide health care to 43 companion animals belonging to 33 Meals-on-Wheels clients. This includes spay/neuter, microchips, rabies and wellness vaccines, registration, flea/tick prevention, and nail clipping.
- A newly formed Pit Bull Task Force is dedicated to reducing intake of pit bull type breeds, increasing public safety and improving the treatment and image of these dogs in the community.
- Austin Pets Alive, an organization rejuvenated by Emancipet founder, Dr. Ellen Jefferson, is focusing its efforts on rehabilitating and adopting out sick/injured pit bull puppies, saving 225 dogs to date that would have otherwise been euthanized.

TARGET COMMUNITY INDICATORS AND SUMMARY DATA

	January 07 – June 07	January 08 – June 08	Increase/ Decrease
<p>TOTAL INTAKE</p> <p>The total number of animals entering partner facilities, except transfers between partners.</p>	12,771	11,578	(1,193) (9%)
<p>LIVE RELEASE RATE</p> <p>The rate expresses as a percentage the number of animals returned to owner, adopted, or transferred outside the partner organizations divided by the total number of animals received (total intake).</p>	45.8%	52.3%	+6.5%
<p>TOTAL LIVE RELEASE</p> <p>The total number of animals returned to owner, adopted, or transferred outside the partner organizations.</p>	5,849	6,052	+203
<p>TOTAL ADOPTIONS</p> <p>This number includes final adoptions and transfers outside of partnership; it does not include animals placed in foster care.</p>	3,158	3,381	+223 +7%
<p>TOTAL TARGETED SPAY/NEUTER</p> <p>The total number of animals altered through low-cost spay/neuter services or a TNR program.</p>	11,943	9,320	(2,623) (22%)



Austin, TX Indicators & Summary Data: Year to Date-2008

Indicators - Year to Date (YTD)	YTD Total	Rate/000 People	YTD Dogs	YTD Puppies	YTD Cats	YTD Kittens
Live Release Rate (Percent of Intake)	52.27%		58.1%	63.2%	42.9%	41.3%
Total Live Release	6052	6.57	2,915	1,129	951	1,057
Total Intake	11,578	12.57	5,015	1,787	2,218	2,558
Euthanasia	4824	5.24	1,831	535	1,266	1,192
Targeted Spay/Neuter	9320	10.12	3,153	874	4,734	559
Financial Support (reported annually)	n/a	n/a				

Intake, Adoption, Transfer, Euthanize, Died/Lost	Dogs				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Number entering partner facilities except transfers between partners	2,514	2,501	0	0	5015
Number entering partner facilities through partner transfers	111	59	0	0	170
Number returned to partner facilities within 30 days of adoption	36	36	0	0	72
Number returned to owner	747	636	0	0	1383
Number adopted	484	456	0	0	940
Number transferred to partners	111	59	0	0	170
Number transferred out of your partnership	315	277	0	0	592
Number euthanized per owner request	0	0	0	0	0
Number euthanized other than owner request	841	990	0	0	1831
Number died in care	1	2	0	0	3
Number lost in care	0	1	0	0	1

Intake, Adoption, Transfer, Euthanize, Died/Lost	Puppies				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Number entering partner facilities except transfers between partners	886	901	0	0	1787
Number entering partner facilities through partner transfers	79	92	0	0	171
Number returned to partner facilities within 30 days of adoption	10	4	0	0	14
Number returned to owner	43	42	0	0	85
Number adopted	430	409	0	0	839
Number transferred to partners	79	92	0	0	171
Number transferred out of your partnership	105	100	0	0	205
Number euthanized per owner request	0	0	0	0	0
Number euthanized other than owner request	280	255	0	0	535
Number died in care	3	1	0	0	4
Number lost in care	0	0	0	0	0

Intake, Adoption, Transfer, Euthanize, Died/Lost	Cats				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Number entering partner facilities except transfers between partners	1,069	1,149	0	0	2218
Number entering partner facilities through partner transfers	47	57	0	0	104
Number returned to partner facilities within 30 days of adoption	12	5	0	0	17
Number returned to owner	63	58	0	0	121
Number adopted	369	305	0	0	674
Number transferred to partners	47	57	0	0	104
Number transferred out of your partnership	65	91	0	0	156
Number euthanized per owner request	0	0	0	0	0
Number euthanized other than owner request	562	704	0	0	1266
Number died in care	1	0	0	0	1
Number lost in care	0	1	0	0	1

Intake, Adoption, Transfer, Euthanize, Died/Lost	Kittens				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Number entering partner facilities except transfers between partners	567	1,991	0	0	2558
Number entering partner facilities through partner transfers	48	83	0	0	131
Number returned to partner facilities within 30 days of adoption	3	10	0	0	13
Number returned to owner	4	6	0	0	10
Number adopted	366	562	0	0	928
Number transferred to partners	48	83	0	0	131
Number transferred out of your partnership	23	96	0	0	119
Number euthanized per owner request	0	0	0	0	0
Number euthanized other than owner request	193	999	0	0	1192
Number died in care	4	4	0	0	8
Number lost in care	0	0	0	0	0

Targeted Spay/ Neuter and TNR	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
How many low cost S/N conducted on dogs?	1,543	1,610	0	0	3,153
How many low cost S/N conducted on puppies?	343	531	0	0	874
How many low cost S/N conducted on cats (other than TNR)?	1,359	964	0	0	2,323
How many low cost S/N conducted on kittens (other than TNR)?	329	230	0	0	559
Number of cats TNR?	1,198	1,213	0	0	2,411
Number of kittens TNR?	0	0	0	0	0
Total Spay/Neuter and TNR	4,772	4,548	0	0	9,320

See the **Definitions** tab for explanations of the data items reported above.

See the **Community Descriptors** tab for key demographics for ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ communities.

Definitions of Indicators and Data Collected

Live Release Rate	This rate expresses as a percentage the number of animals returned to owner, adopted, or transferred outside the partner organizations divided by the total number of animals received (total intake). Transfers between partners are excluded from this calculation.
Total Live Release	The total number of animals returned to owner, adopted, or transferred outside the partner organizations.
Total Intake	The total number of animals entering partner facilities, except transfers between partners. Partner transfers are netted out (excluded) to avoid double-counting.
Euthanasia	The total number of animals in partner facilities that were euthanized, including by owner request.
Targeted Spay/Neuter	<p>The total number of animals altered through low-cost spay/neuter services or a TNR program. Targeted includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income by actual level or entitlement qualification OR • Low-income / high-risk by zip code of residence OR • Unlikely to have altered in absence of low-cost program OR • Impounded one or more times as a stray OR • Feral animal <p>Note: Targeted Spay/Neuter is a program output where it will be easier to see results sooner. However, it is not a bottom-line outcome like the other indicators. A good dashboard may include both outcomes and outputs.</p>
Financial Support	<p>For the year shown, the total dollars that partner organizations obtained through municipal funding and private fundraising.</p> <p>Funding sources for nonprofits (including affiliates of municipal organizations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations excluding bequests (mail, Internet, major donors, events, etc.) • Local corporate donations • Foundation grants (not from the ASPCA® or ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ community partner organizations) <p>Funding sources for municipal organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: fixed allocation and license/citation allocations <p>This information is collected annually and is reported in the year-end summary.</p>
Rate per 000	<p>For Intake, Euthanasia, and Financial Support, the rate is calculated by dividing the value for the total number by the human population (in thousands) for the target community. The result is the rate per thousand people.</p> <p>Human population is shown on the Community Descriptors tab.</p>

Dogs	Adult dogs are over 6 months of age.
Puppies	Puppies are up to and including 6 months of age.
Cats	Adult cats are over 6 months of age.
Kittens	Kittens are up to and including 6 months of age.
Number entering partner facilities except transfers between partners	This number includes animals entering partner facilities because they are: surrendered, stray, in protective custody, or transferred in from agencies that are not ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ partners.
Number entering partner facilities through partner transfers	This number includes animals entering partner facilities from agencies or organizations that are ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ partners.
Number adopted	This number includes final adoptions only. It does not include animals placed in foster care.
Number transferred to partners	This number includes animals sent to other agencies or organizations that are ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ partners.
Number transferred out of your partnership	This number includes animals who are sent to agencies or organizations that are not ASPCA® Mission: Orange™ partners in your community.
Low cost S/N ... other than TNR	This number includes only owned animals. It does not include shelter animals altered before adoption, or cats or kittens altered through a TNR program.
Cats/kittens TNR	This number includes strays and ferals, including shelter cats/kittens who will be returned to a colony. It does not include owned animals or shelter cats or kittens who will not be returned to a colony.