THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Agenda

Thursday, November 19, 2026
5:30 PM

Municipal Service Center - 725
SE John Jones Dr
Burleson, TX 76028

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

   Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the Committee on an item NOT posted on the agenda, shall speak during this section. A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the City Secretary prior to addressing the Committee. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak.

   Each person in attendance who desires to speak on an item posted on the agenda shall speak when the item is called forward for consideration.

3. **GENERAL**

   A. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2026, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

   A. Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' yearly report for shelter operations from October 2025 to September 2026. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   B. Receive a report and discuss the Mobile Adoption Trailer. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   C. Receive a report and discuss Migratory Bird Prevention Efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   D. Summary of community outreach efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

5. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURN**

7. Staff Contact:

   DeAnna Philips
   Community Services Director
   817.426.9622

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above agenda was posted on this the **5th of November 2026, by 5:00 p.m.,** on the official bulletin board at the Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro, Burleson, Texas.

Amanda Campos

City Secretary

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THE CITY OF BURLESON TEXAS

Department Memo

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: **Animal Services**

FROM: **Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager**

MEETING: **November 19, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2026, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The Burleson Animal Shelter Advisory Committee convened on, July 16, 2026, in the Burleson Municipal Service Center Conference Room at 725 SE John Jones Dr, Burleson, Texas. The minutes are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minutes as presented.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

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ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 16, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Kim Peckler	Heathor Barker
DeAnna Phillips	Liriane Davis
Lisa Chick	Brianna Wilson
Dena Hooley	Trina Argo
Ashlyn Albracht	
Dr. Ryan Camp	

Staff Present

Angelina Nguyen, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 p.m.

2. **Citizen Appearances** – None

3. **General**

   A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2026, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   A motion was made by Dena Hooley and seconded by Lisa Chick to approve the minutes as presented.

   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Reports and Presentations**

   A. Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' yearly reports for shelter operations from February to May 2026. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

   Kim presented the Animal Services report for February through May 2026. During this period, the shelter handled 505 animals, including 297 strays and 88 owner surrenders. The shelter facilitated 139 adoptions, reunited 74 pets with their owners and reported a 99% live release rate for healthy and adoptable animals. Animal Control Officers issued 80 warnings, volunteers contributed 167 service hours and the shelter participated in 17 outreach events and welcomed 1,305 visitors.

   Board members asked about the intake of animals other than dogs and cats, adoption interest lists and owner surrender procedures. Staff explained that other companion animals are received infrequently and that the shelter

maintains adoption interest records and works with animal-specific rescue organizations.

Staff also discussed the owner surrender waitlist, which currently includes more than 30 residents. Surrenders are scheduled as space becomes available. Common reasons for surrender include relocation, limited resources and financial hardship. To help residents keep their pets, the shelter offers pet food assistance to qualifying households experiencing financial difficulties.

B. Receive a report and discuss the Mobile Adoption Trailer. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Staff reported that the new Mobile Adoption Trailer has been delivered and was used for its first off-site adoption event during Sprouts' first anniversary celebration. The trailer is currently being wrapped with sponsor recognition and is expected to be used for off-site adoption events at least once a month to increase adoption opportunities.

Board members asked about the trailer's features, animal transportation and safety procedures. Staff explained that the trailer is equipped with a generator to provide heating and air conditioning during transportation and events. The trailer includes seven kennels designed for larger dogs that can be divided into 14 smaller kennels for smaller dogs or puppies.

For safety purposes, only shelter staff and volunteers will be permitted inside the trailer. Animals will be brought outside by staff when a potential adopter expresses interest, helping reduce stress on the animals and maintain a controlled environment. Staff anticipate the trailer wrap will be completed within the next few weeks.

C. Receive a report and discuss Migratory Bird Prevention Efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Kim reported on the continued success of the city's 2025 egret deterrence efforts, noting that no rookeries were established during the nesting season. Animal Services staff continued implementing deterrent measures throughout the season to discourage nesting activity.

Staff also reported that the city received a federal depredation permit authorizing the removal of certain egret nests containing eggs under specific conditions. Board members asked about the nesting season and permit requirements. Staff explained that scouting birds typically begin arriving in January or February, with nesting activity beginning in March or April.

The depredation permit is valid for one year and requires annual renewal. Staff also confirmed that the city maintains a separate permit authorizing the collection of deceased egrets.

D. Summary of community outreach efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Staff provided an update on outreach events attended by shelter staff; including career day presentations at the local elementary schools, the “Adoptable Pet of the Quarter” presentations at City Council meetings, Pups and Park with the Burleson Parks Department, and pet therapy visits with Clifford and other animals at the Burleson Public Safety Communications Department. Staff also participated in offsite adoptions events and celebrated Clifford’s 6th birthday at Mustang Creek Estates and Morada Assisted Living. Staff discussed outcome of the Adoptapalooza event on April 30 where all pets' adoptions were free and how 6 animals (3 dogs and 3 cats) were able to find their forever home.

E. Summary of the fundraisers held for the Animal Shelter. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

Staff provided a summary of the animal shelter’s recent fundraisers, including the 2026 calendars that were on sale and sold out within a couple of days. In addition, on August 14, the Burleson Animal Shelter will be hosting their 3rd Annual Charity Night at La Moderna Field at The Depot at Cleburne Station where every ticket that is purchase through the Burleson Animal Shelter page or the City of Burleson page, the shelter will get $5 every ticket bought. If people want to sit in the same section as the shelter staff, they will be seated in section 108. People are also welcome to pre-order shirts to celebrate the Cleburne Railroader event.

5. Community Announcements

None

6. Board Requests for future agenda items or reports

None

7. Adjourn

Time – 6:03 p.m.

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Department Memo

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: **Animal Services**

FROM: **Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager**

MEETING: **November 19, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' yearly report for shelter operations from October 2025 to September 2026. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The statistical summary report provides the following operational information:

Total Animals Handled	Animals Surrendered
Incoming Animals	Stray Animals
Adoptions	Animals Reclaimed
Written Warnings	Humane Euthanasia
Vaccinations	Shelter Visitors
Volunteer Hours	Outreach events

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required of the committee; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

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Yearly Report 2025-2026



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Yearly Report 2025-2026

TOTAL ANIMALS HANDLED BY BAS

1262

INCOMING ANIMALS

733 STRAY ANIMALS

215 SURRENDERED

OUTGOING ANIMALS

522 ADOPTIONS

220 REUNIONS

99% LIVE RELEASE RATE*

***** *Live release is based on the euthanasia of healthy and adoptable animals*

ADDITIONAL SHELTER STATISTICS

268 WARNINGS WRITTEN

562 VOLUNTEER HOURS

95 OUTREACH EVENTS

254 SHELTER VISITORS

HUMANE EUTHANASIA

408 (Total)

0 (Space)

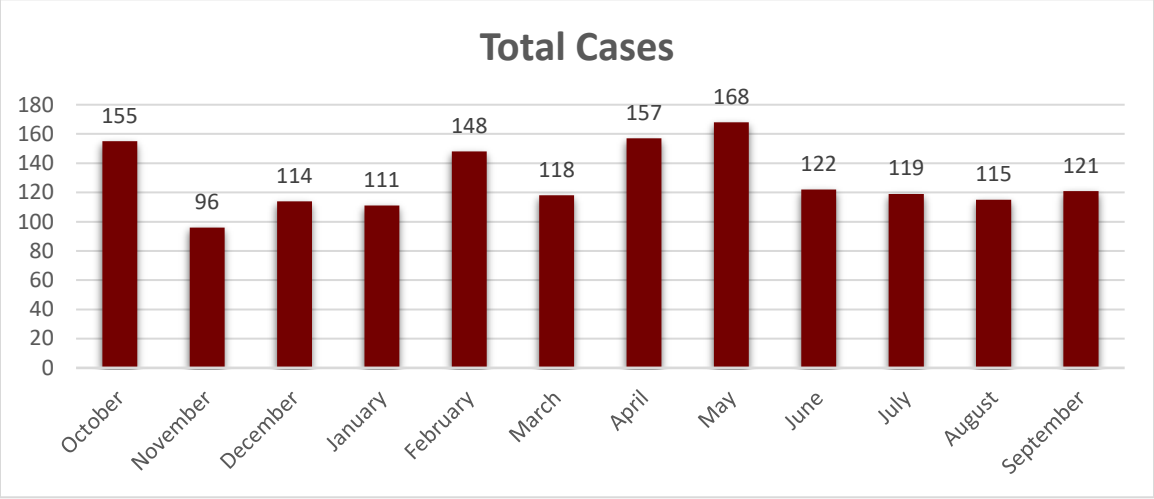
VACCINATIONS

1016 SPAY/NEUTER

544 MICROCHIPPED

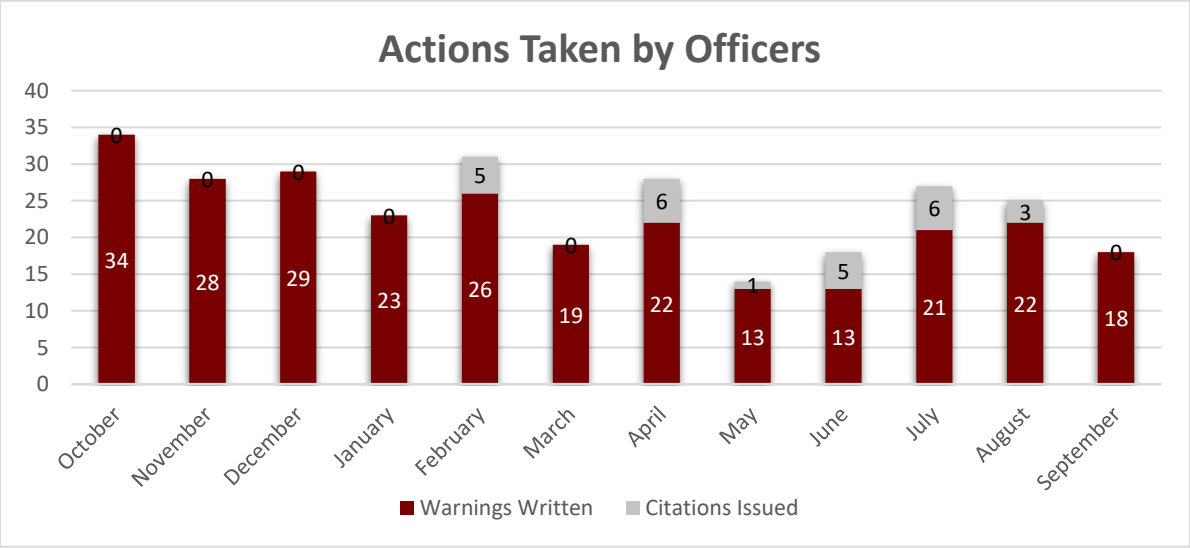
Field Services

All Calls for Service are handled within 24 hours



The Animal Services division responds to approximately 2,000 calls for service each year. Trends usually show numbers peaking in the warmest months and declining in the coldest.

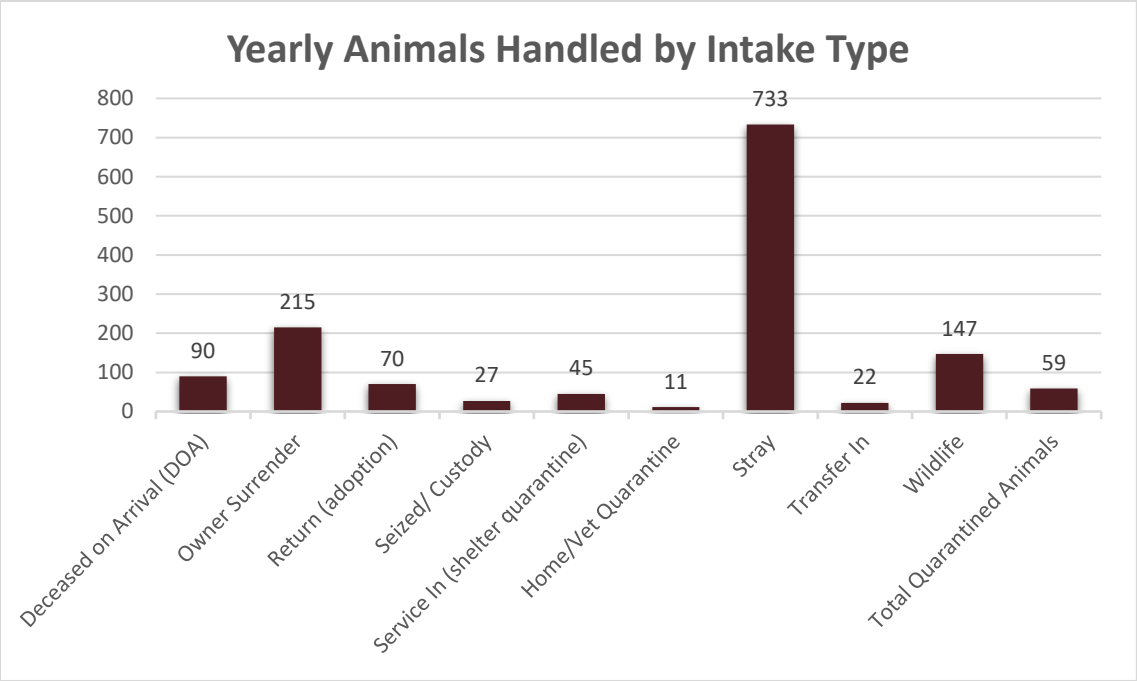
Actions Taken by Officers



Attempts to educate and mediate are most often the first step in resolving a dispute. When these techniques fail or are ignored, a written warning or citation could be issued. These methods help to reduce the number of repeat offenders and animals impounded, and more effectively manage long-term problems. These actions are taken to enhance public safety and animal welfare.

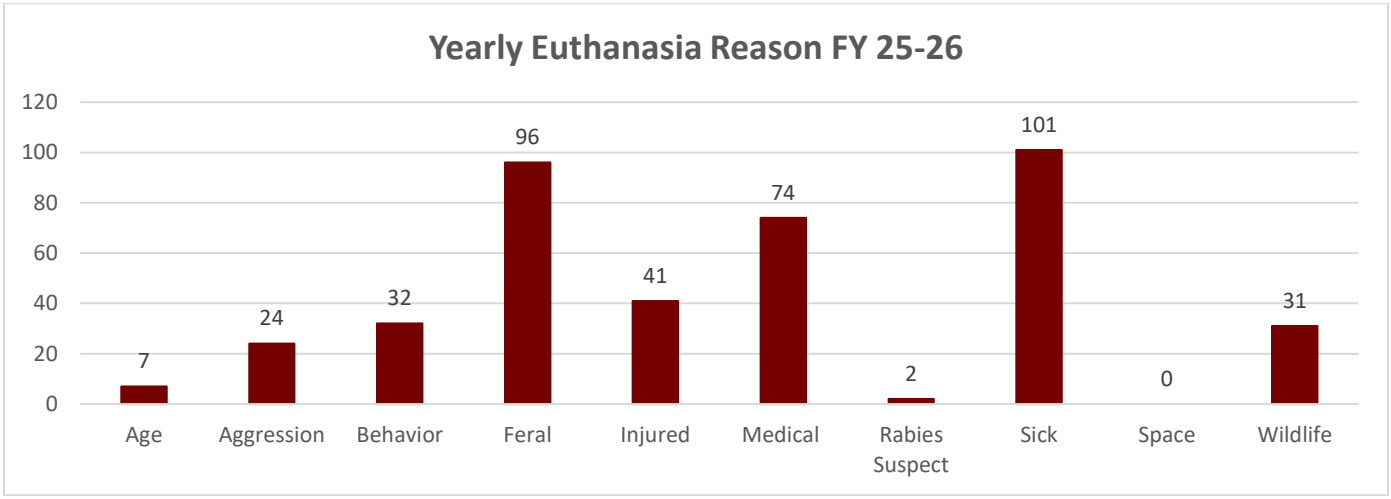
Intake Information

Burleson Animal Shelter intakes about 1,700 animals per year and averages about 141 animals per month. Above, you will see monthly intake data, broken down by species and intake type.



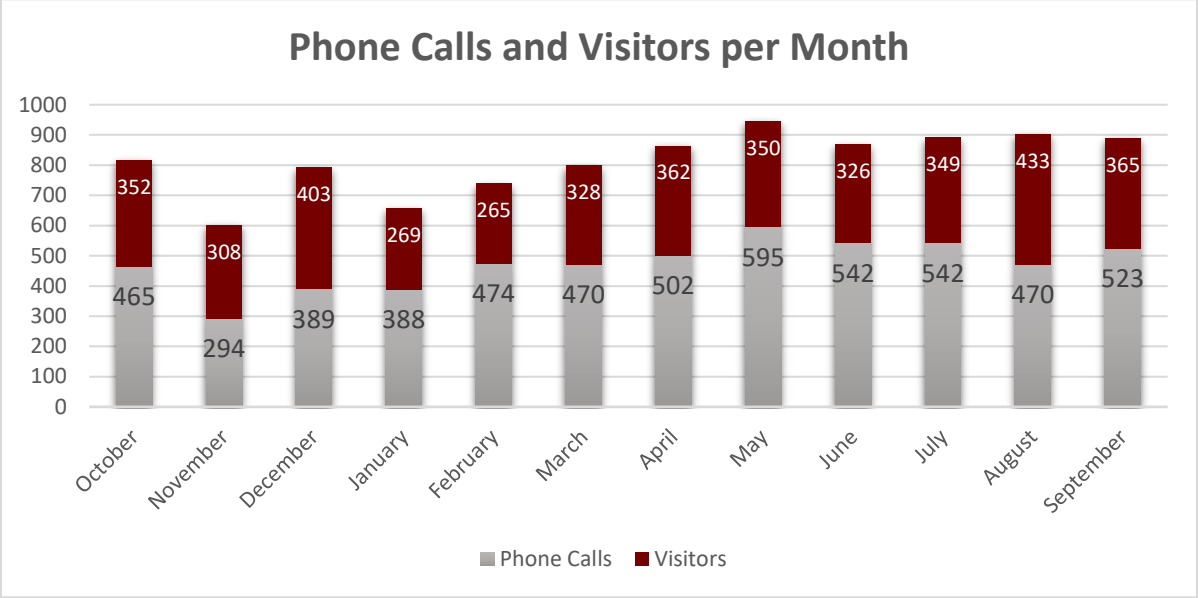
Euthanasia Information

The chart below depicts the breakdown of euthanasia numbers by reason for the fiscal year.

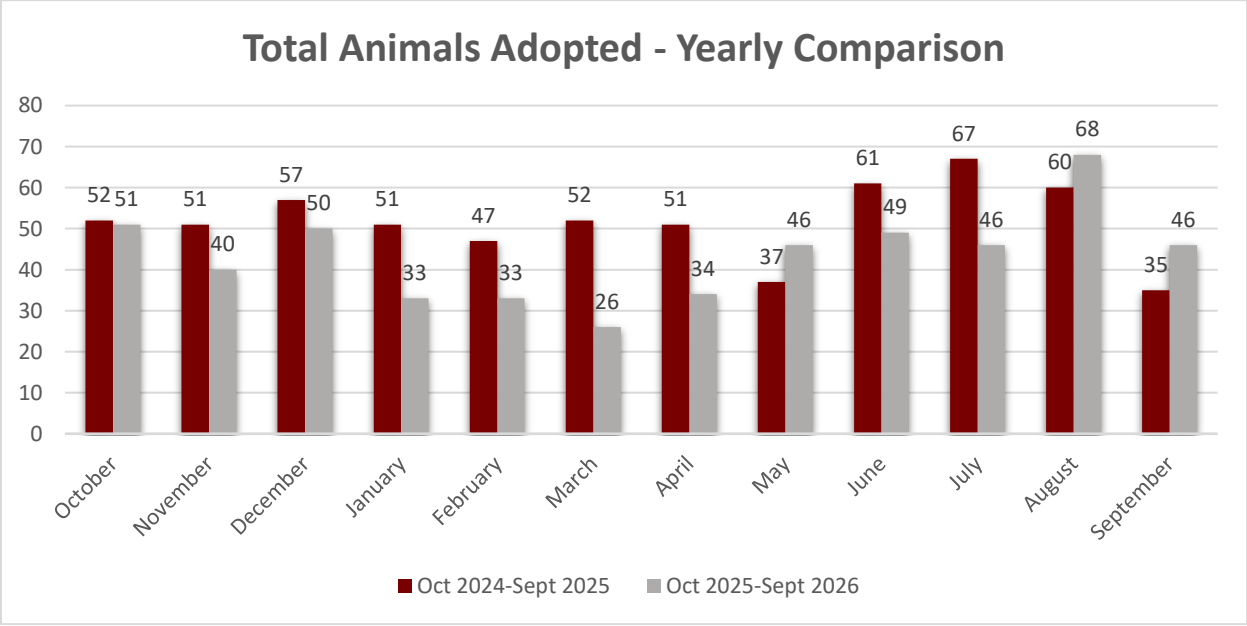


General Information

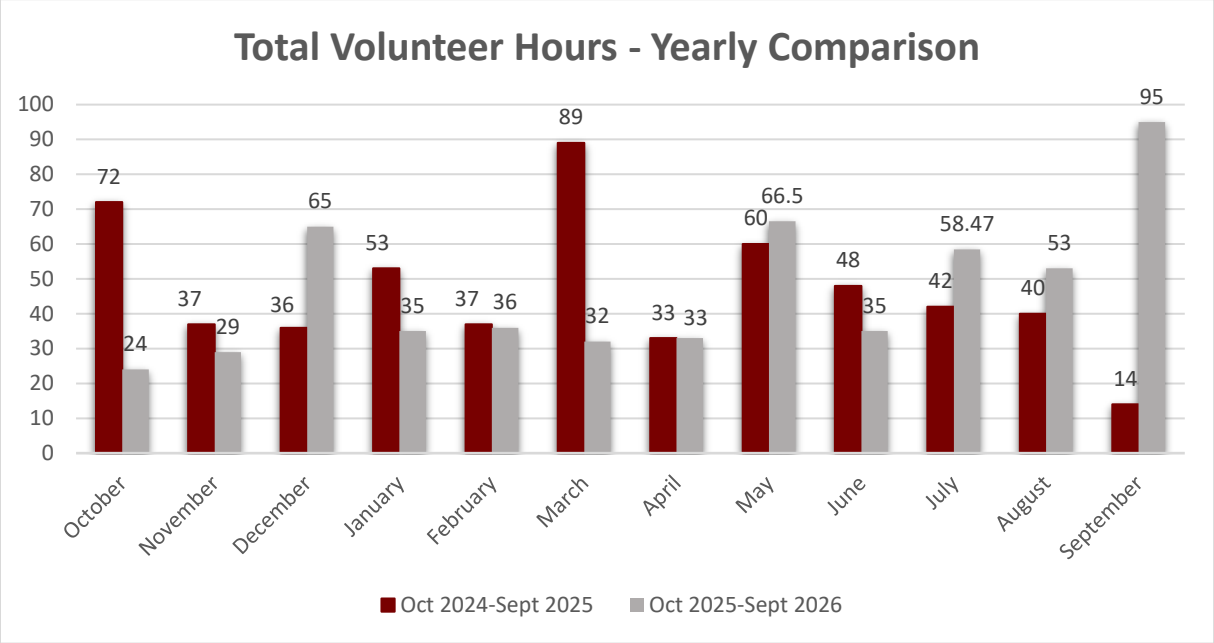
Phone calls and visitors are depicted in the graph above. Phone calls typically increase with seasonal changes, and visitor numbers tend to fluctuate unpredictably.



Adoptions

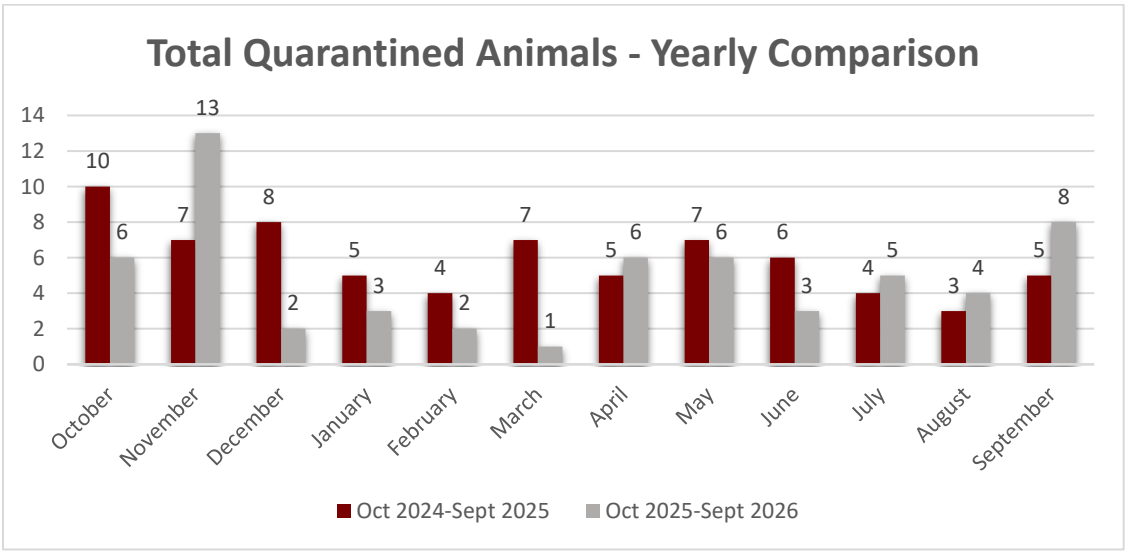


Volunteers



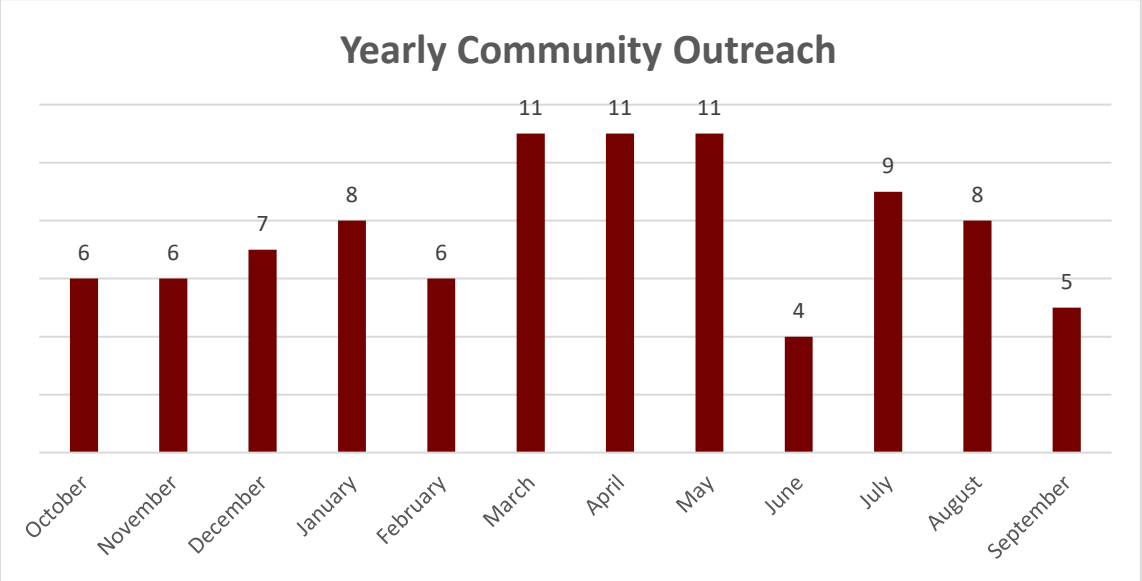
Volunteers perform a myriad of tasks at the shelter, from walking dogs to playing with puppies and kittens. It is beneficial for animals to spend time outside their cages with one-on-one human contact. Socializing and daily exercise help reduce stress in animals and make them more adoptable.

Animal Quarantine



Animals that bite are subject to quarantine and must be confined for not less than 10 days from the date of the bite, at the owner's expense.

Community Outreach



Community outreach enables us to engage with the community to increase adoptions, improve communication with residents and animal services, and provide unique services that involve the community.

The definition of Terms can be found here:

www.burlesontx.com/terms

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Department Memo

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: **Animal Services**

FROM: **Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager**

MEETING: **November 19, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and discuss the Mobile Adoption Trailer. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

Burleson Animal Services held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Mobile Adoption Trailer on Oct. 5. Following several years of fundraising, planning and construction, the trailer is now available for use at adoption events and community outreach activities.

The trailer will allow Animal Services to bring adoptable pets to locations throughout Burleson and surrounding communities, increasing their visibility and providing additional opportunities to connect shelter animals with potential adopters.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required of the committee; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

The mobile adoption trailer and the design wrap are funded through donations the animal shelter has raised. The mobile adoption trailer cost was $59,297.48 and the trailer wrap cost $9,917.33.

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Adoption Trailer

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The Adoption Trailer











The City held the official Ribbon Cutting October 5, 2026

The Adoption Trailer







Mobile Adoption Trailer



Mobile Adoption Trailer

The Burleson Animal Services Mobile Adoption Trailer brings adoptable pets out of the shelter and into the community. By attending public events, the trailer creates more opportunities for people to meet pets looking for loving homes and learn about Animal Services.

The trailer supports off-site adoption events and community outreach, helping us share information about adoption, responsible pet ownership and ways to support our shelter.

Request the Trailer for Your Community Event

Hosting a community event? Request the Mobile Adoption Trailer to give attendees an opportunity to meet adoptable pets and connect with our Animal Services team.

- Mobile Adoption Trailer Request Form

All events must be open to the public. Requests are reviewed based on staff and trailer availability, existing commitments and the needs of the animals in our care. Submitting a request does not guarantee participation.

Requests should be submitted at least 30 days before the event to allow time to coordinate staffing and other scheduled programs and events.

Please include the event name, date, time, location, estimated attendance and contact information when submitting your request.

Mobile Adoption Trailer page launched and includes an option for request the trailer at local events.

The Adoption Trailer









The Adoption Trailer











City Council, Animal Shelter Board members and several sponsors of the trailer were present to help celebrate.

Questions/Comments ?

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Department Memo

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: **Animal Services**

FROM: **Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager**

MEETING: **November 19, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and discuss Migratory Bird Prevention Efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The 2026 egret season has concluded, marking the second consecutive year that no egret rookeries were established within Burleson city limits.

Outreach efforts for the 2027 egret season began in October 2026, with messaging encouraging residents to take proactive measures, including trimming trees, to discourage nesting activity before egrets return in the spring.

The city's ongoing public education campaign will include door hangers, monthly social media posts, Everbridge alerts, articles in the city's weekly eNewsletter and news releases. These efforts will focus on educating residents about prevention strategies, seasonal timelines and the importance of taking action before nesting begins.

The city will continue to maintain its dedicated egret information webpage at www.burlesontx.com/egrets, providing residents with prevention resources and updates throughout the season. The public-facing egret sighting map will also be reset at the beginning of 2027 to allow residents to report and track new sightings.

These coordinated outreach efforts are intended to maintain community awareness, encourage early prevention and reduce the likelihood of egret rookeries becoming established in residential neighborhoods.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required of the committee; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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Egrets

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting

November 19, 2026

Report on Egrets







In 2026, there were no active egret nest within the city limits of Burleson.

Website

www.burlesontx.com/egrets

Egrets

Migratory Birds

Nesting birds, such as herons, egrets and other nesting waterbirds, bring challenges such as noise, odor and significant amounts of excrement that covers streets, sidewalks, cars and mailboxes on public and private property. People may find the birds' chosen nesting areas offensive and a nuisance when birds locate near their homes and businesses. Concerns of possible health hazards, as well as noise and odors are some of the most cited complaints.

However, these birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, a U.S. federal law that protects more than 800 species of birds during their migration between the United States and Canada. As a result, the City of The Burleson is unable to address any complaints while the birds are nesting.

Report an Egret Concern

Use this request to report any egret-related nuisance including nesting, droppings, or other concerns. Egrets are federally protected birds, and taking the appropriate steps at the right time of year can help deter them from nesting on your property.

When should you report them?

Please report egrets only if you see them:

- Sitting in neighborhood trees
- Gathering in groups in residential areas
- Showing signs of staying in one location for extended periods

Seeing egrets **flying overhead** or in **parks and open spaces is normal** and does not need to be reported.

Submit a Service Request



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Preparing for 2027 Season

Outreach began October 2026

😴 **DON'T SLEEP ON EGRET SEASON!**

Burleson has gone **TWO seasons without an egret rookery** forming in your residential neighborhood.

Let's make it THREE.

Even though egret season is still months away, now is the time to start preparing.

October play: Check your trees.

Dense tree canopies can provide attractive nesting spots. Fall and winter are the time to evaluate your trees and properly prune and thin canopies before migratory birds return.

Once protected birds begin nesting, our options become extremely limited. Prevention starts LONG before the first bird arrives.

So don't hit snooze.

🌳 Check your trees.
✂️ Make a pruning plan.
👀 Stay tuned for the next step in our egret game plan.

Learn more ➡️ www.burlesontx.com/egrets



Other outreach will include:

- Flyer distributed to homes within previous nesting areas
- Flyer distributed to employees on egret prevention
- Monthly social media posts and enewsletter articles

Questions and Comments ?

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Department Memo

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: **Animal Services**

FROM: **Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager**

MEETING: **November 19, 2026**

SUBJECT:

Summary of community outreach efforts. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

Since June 2026, Animal Services staff have participated in several community events and collaborative initiatives designed to showcase adoptable pets and encourage community engagement.

Outreach activities include:

- **Adoptable Pet of the Quarter:** Featured an adoptable shelter pet during an August City Council meeting to increase visibility and encourage adoption.
- **Pups in the Park:** Collaborated with the Parks Department on a video series featuring adoptable shelter dogs visiting local parks, highlighting both the animals and Burleson's park amenities.
- **Clear the Shelters:** Participated in the nationwide pet adoption initiative to help connect shelter animals with new homes.
- **Yappy Hour at Lost Oak Winery:** Participated in a community event to promote shelter pets and adoption opportunities.
- **Paws + Clay at the Burleson Public Library:** Partnered with the Library and Communications teams on an interactive program where participants created clay sculptures of adoptable dogs and produced videos encouraging adoption.
- **Watermelon Day at Russell Farm Art Center:** Participated in the community event to raise awareness of the shelter and its adoptable animals.
- **Homecoming Pet Contest:** Engaged residents through a pet-themed activity that helped promote Animal Services.

- **Home Runs for Shelter Pets:** Partnered with the Cleburne Railroaders for a baseball game highlighting the shelter and its adoptable pets.

These activities reflect Animal Services' continued efforts to reach residents beyond the shelter, strengthen partnerships with city departments and community organizations and create additional opportunities for animals to find permanent homes.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required of the committee; this item is informational only and for general discussion.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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Community Outreach

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Community Outreach

- Adoptable Pet of the Quarter (City Council)
- Pups in Park
  - Aug. 7. Senior Administrative Specialist Sarah Heath promoted Dahlia at Bailey Lake Park July 17.
  - Aug. 7. Aquatics Maintenance Specialist Cole Garner promoted Kaos at Claudia's Playground







Clear the Shelter Day – 6 Pet Adoptions!

























Community Outreach







Many donations made their way to the shelter. The animals here appreciate your kindness and thank you for all you do for us.

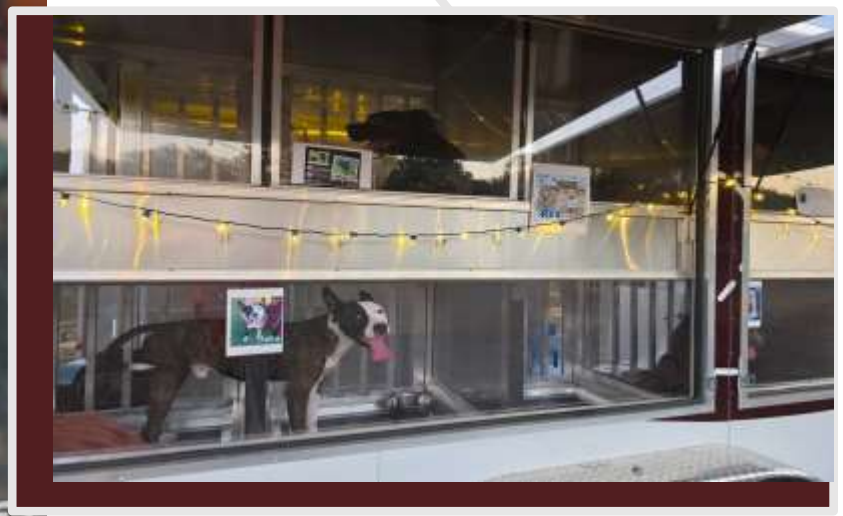


The community never stops learning about our shelter. The Circle of Friends made a special visit to tour the shelter, visit the animals and learn about city animal services.

Yappy Hour at Lost Oak Winery









First event using the Adoption Trailer and Officer Welch took six dogs to the event.

Outreach Event - Pups + Clay



















The Burleson Public Library hosted Paws + Clay, organized by the Communications team with Animal Services Officer Bridwell. Participants learned about the shelter, sculpted adoptable dogs out of clay and created videos encouraging adoption. One participant was so inspired that he visited the shelter afterward to meet the dog he sculpted!

Outreach Event – Watermelon Day

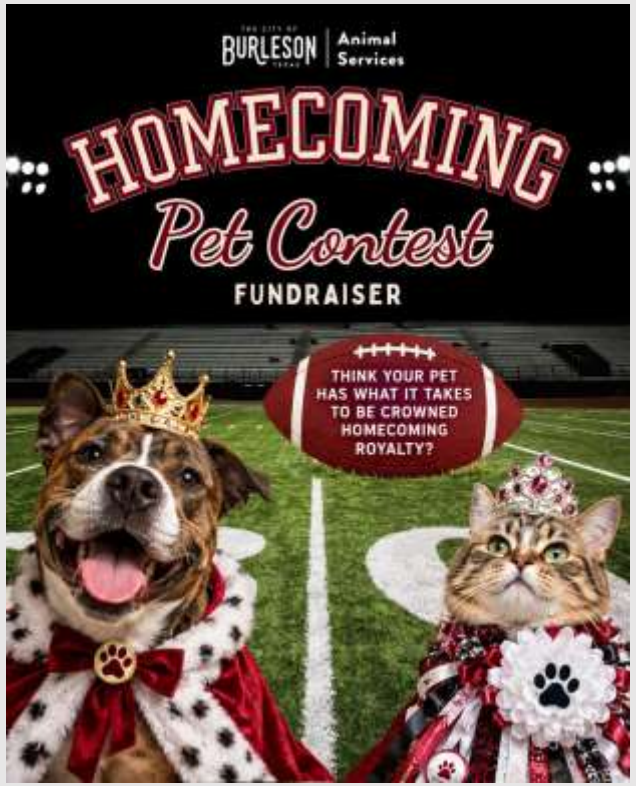






Shelter Technician Cary Workman and Clifford attended Watermelon Day in July at Russell Farm Art Center. Kids loved meeting Clifford and Clifford enjoyed eating watermelon.

Fundraiser – Homecoming Pet Contest











$45 was raised through the Homecoming Pet Photo Contest

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Fundraiser – Home Runs Event











$785 was raised at Home Runs for Shelter Pets through ticket sales, t-shirt sales and donations.



Questions and Comments?