



Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Agenda

Thursday, July 17, 2025
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 March 19, 2025 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' monthly reports for shelter operations from January 2025 to May 2025. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

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

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

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

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

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

6. **ADJOURN**

7. (Staff Contact)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above agenda was posted on this the 8th of July 2025, 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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Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services
FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2025 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. *(Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)*

SUMMARY:

The Burleson Animal Shelter Advisory Committee convened on, March 19, 2025, 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

STAFF CONTACT:

Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
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ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 19, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Kim Peckler
Lisa Chick
DeAnna Phillips
Donna Riggs
Liriane Davis
Dr. Ryan Camp
Ashlyn Albracht
Trina Argo

Board Members Absent

Dena Hooley
Jennifer Stockemer

Staff Present

Angelia Strotman, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** 5:46 p.m.
2. **Citizen Appearances** – None
3. **General**
 - A. **Consider approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2024 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. (*Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager*)**

A motion was made by Kim Peckler and seconded by Donna Riggs to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously. Absent Dena Hooley, Jennifer Stockemer
4. **Reports and Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Receive a presentation on the City of Burleson's 311 Service. (Staff Contact: Lauren Seay, Deputy Director of Administrative Services)**
Lauren Seay delivered her presentation on the City of Burleson's 311 Service. She showed all the ways to access the service and provided data on efficiency, accuracy, and response times.

B. Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' reports for shelter operations from October 2024 to December 2024. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff reported on the shelter operations for October - December 2024.

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

Staff gave an update on the community outreach activities and events for animal services which included Dogs and Donuts, Emergency Preparedness Fair, Boo Bash, and Yappy Hour. We also had an adoption event at the Senior Center. Lisa Chick discussed the upcoming Granny Basketball game vs Burleson Firefighters.

D. Receive a report and discuss the adoption trailer sponsors. (Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an update on the donations received for the future purchase of an adoption trailer allowing staff to hold more off-site adoptions year-round. Sponsorship categories include: Diamond Forever Home \$7,500, Platinum Heart \$2,500, Gold Tail \$1,000, Silver Whisker \$500, and Bronze Paw \$250. All the funds have been raised for the Adoption Trailer.

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

Staff reported on the daily egret patrols and the deterrent kits that were given to the citizens.

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

Staff reported on fundraising activities, and past and future events held for animal services which included: T-shirts, Fill in the Paw, Granny Basketball, and Railroaders Baseball Game.

5. Community Announcements

DeAnna Phillips congratulated Kim Peckler for 15 years of Service.

6. Board Requests for future agenda items or reports

What date is the next meeting?

7. Adjourn

Motion made by Lisa Chick to adjourn meeting second by Kim Peckler.

Time – 6:16 p.m.

Angelia Strotman, Recording Secretary

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services

FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager

MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' monthly reports for shelter operations from January 2025 to May 2025. (*Staff Contact: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager*)

SUMMARY:

The statistical summary report for January-May 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

OPTIONS:

N/A – informational only

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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January 2025-May 2025 Report



Jan 2025 – May 2025

Quarterly Report

TOTAL ANIMALS HANDLED BY BAS

606

INCOMING ANIMALS



349

STRAY ANIMALS



143

SURRENDERED

OUTGOING ANIMALS



238

ADOPTIONS



112

REUNIONS



99%

LIVE RELEASE RATE*

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

ADDITIONAL SHELTER STATISTICS



152

WARNINGS
WRITTEN



272

VOLUNTEER
HOURS



HUMANE
EUTHANASIA

66

(MEDICAL)

70

(BEHAVIOR –
INCLUDES FERAL)



406

VACCINATIONS

161

SPAY/NEUTER



243

MICROCHIPPED



42

OUTREACH EVENTS

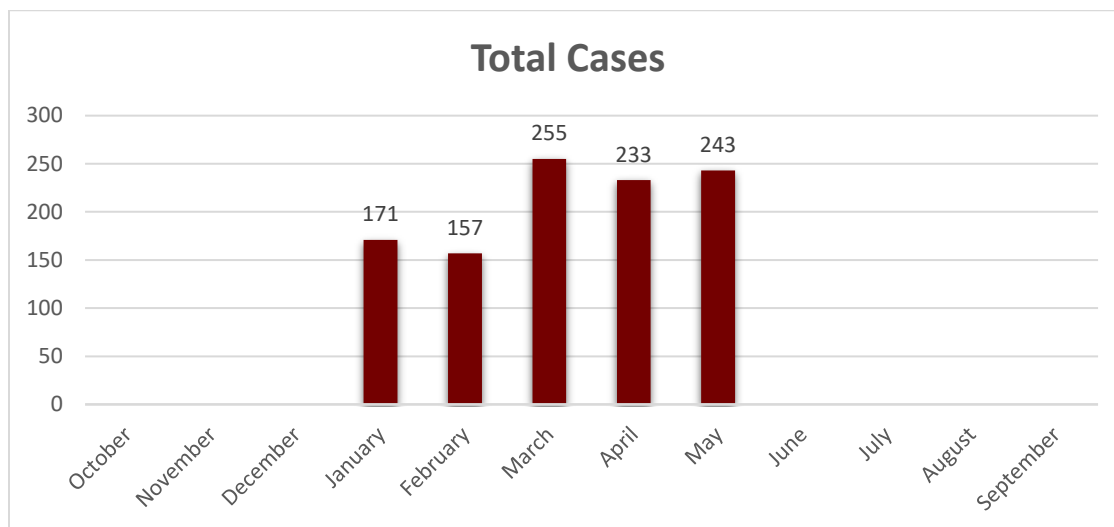


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SHELTER VISITORS

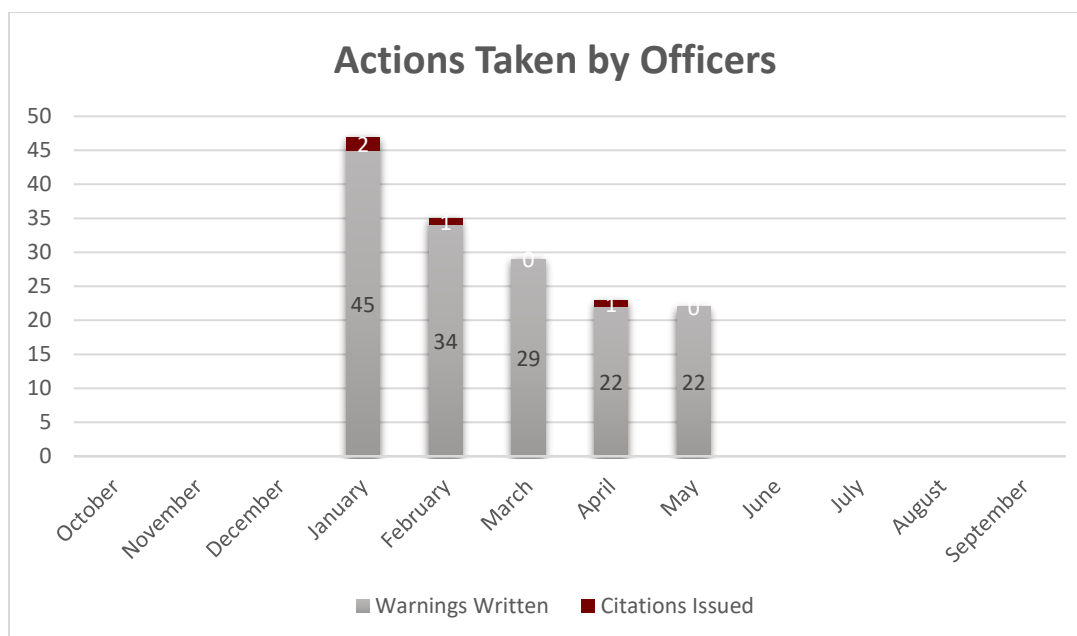
Field Services

All Calls for Service are handled within 24 hours



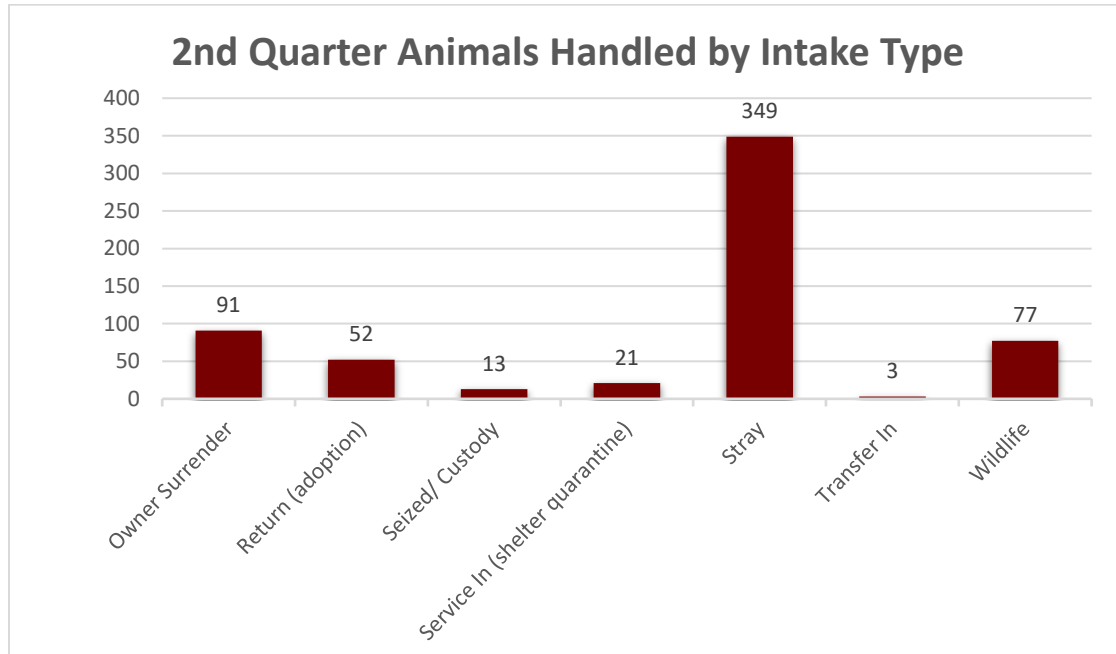
The Animal Services division responds to approximately 2,000 calls for service each year. Trends usually show the numbers peaking during the warmest months and declining during the coldest.

Actions Taken by Officers



Attempts to educate and mediate are most often the first method of resolution. 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.

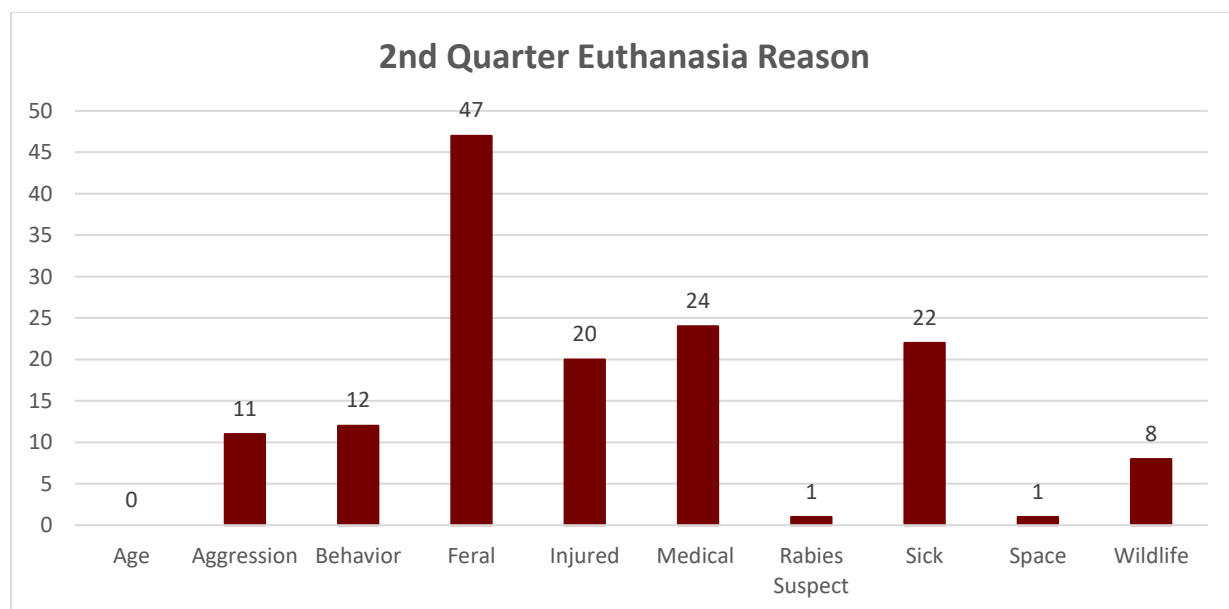
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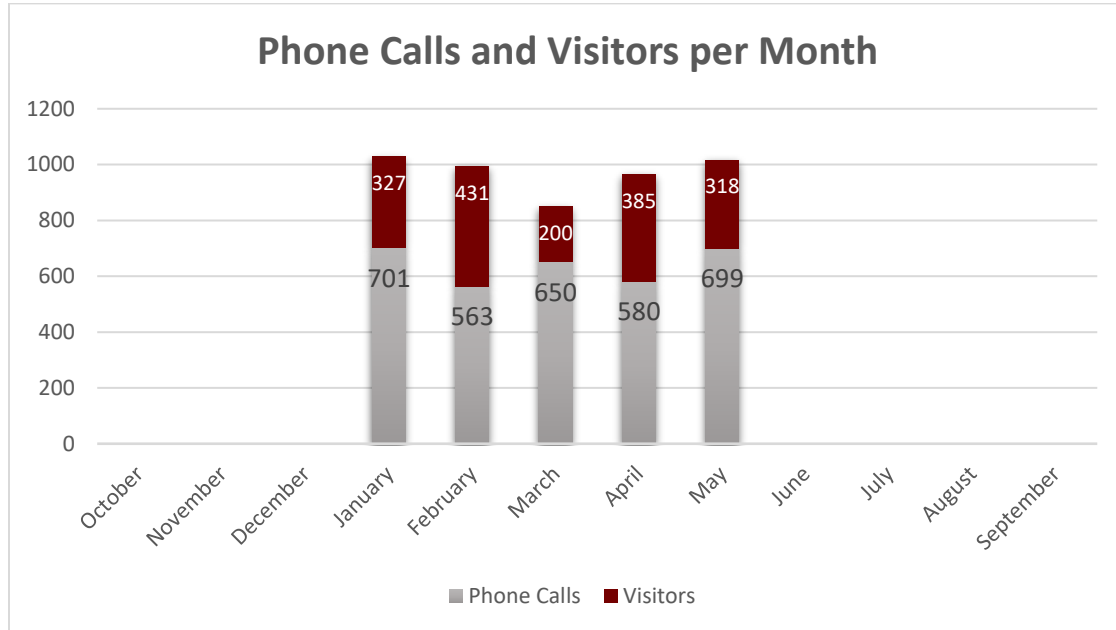
Burleson Animal Shelter intakes about 2,000 animals per year and averages about 165 animals per month. Below you will see the intake data per month broken down by species and by intake type.

Euthanasia Information

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

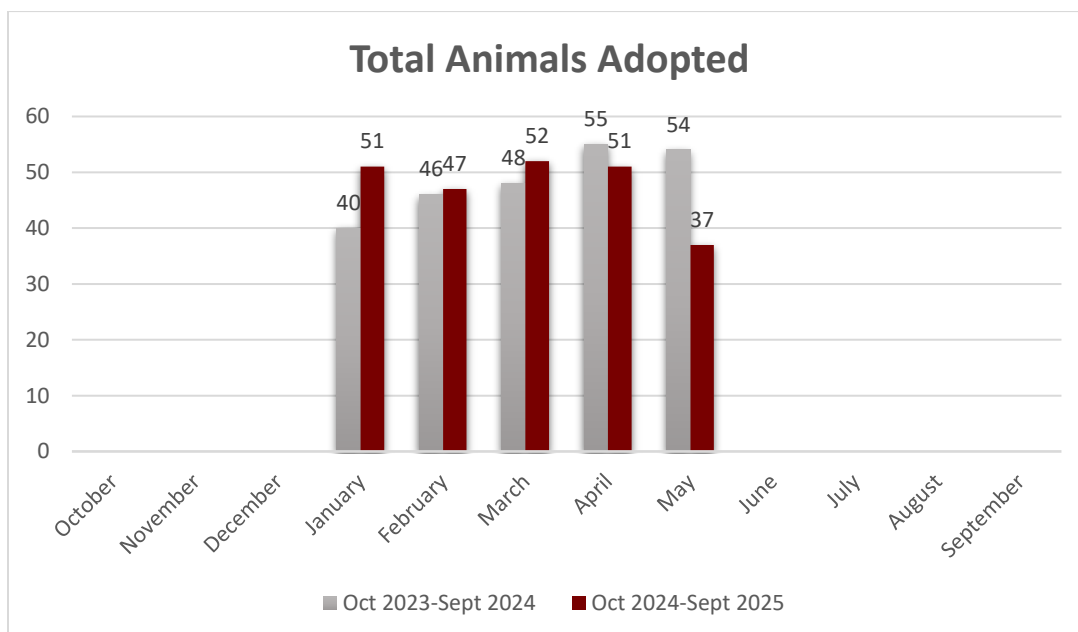


General Information

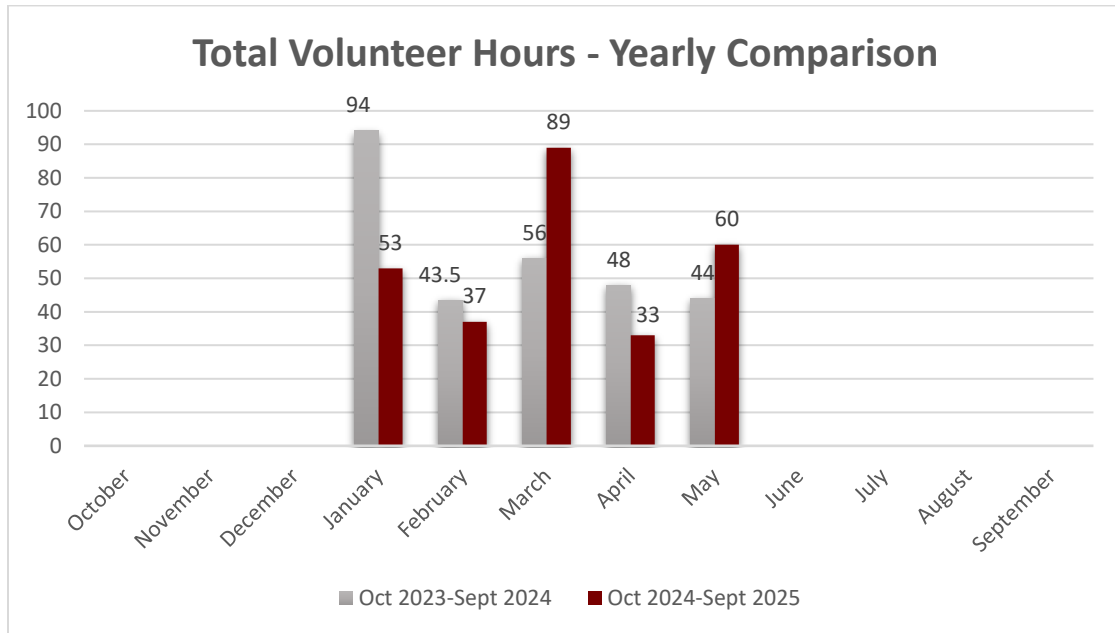


Phone calls and visitors are depicted in the graph above. Phone calls typically increase with season changes and visitors tend to fluctuate on an unforeseen basis.

Adoptions

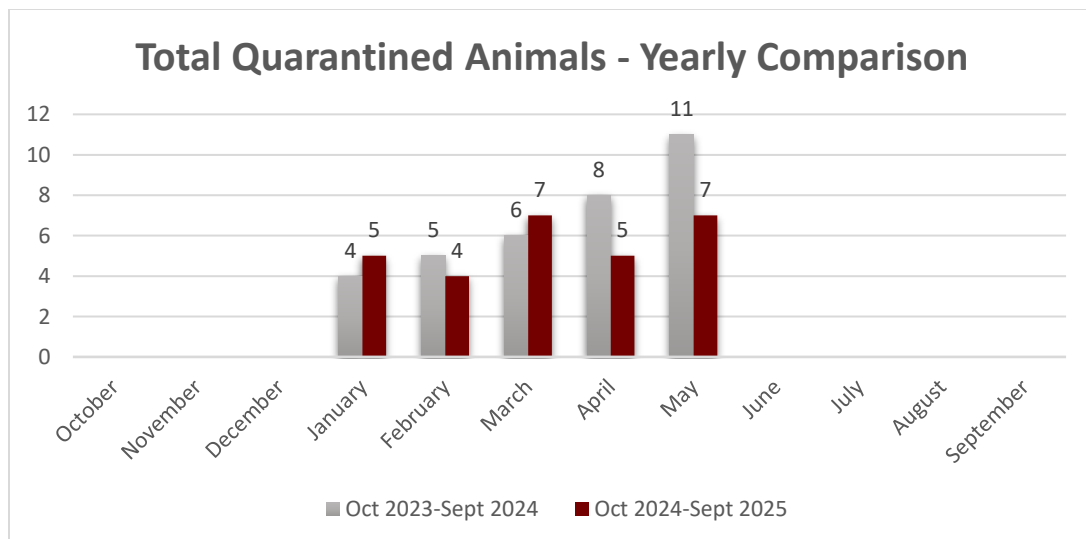


Volunteers



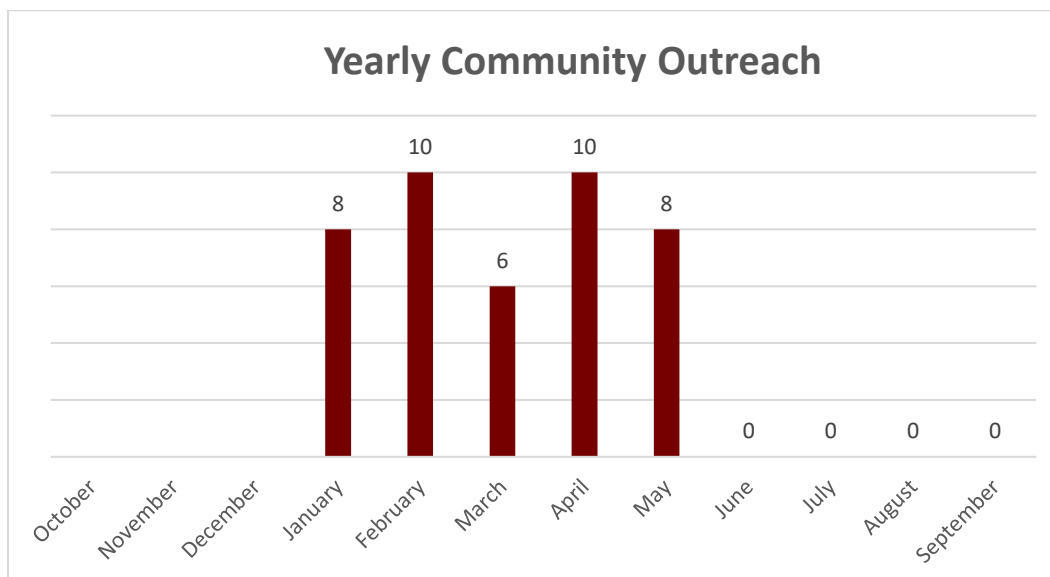
Volunteers perform a myriad of tasks at the shelter from walking dogs, to playing with puppies and kittens. It is very beneficial for the animals to be able to spend some time outside of their cage with one-on-one human contact. Socializing and daily exercise helps reduce stress on the animals and also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

Animal Quarantine



Animals that bite are subject to quarantine and are required to quarantine the animal for not less than ten days confinement from the date of the bite, at the owner's expense.

Community Outreach



Community outreach enables us to go out and interact with the community to improve adoptions, improve communication with residents and animal services, and provide unique services to get the community involved.

Definitation of Terms can be found here:

www.burlesontx.com/terms

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services
FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

Animal Services Officer Shelby Welch attends local events and holds off-site adoptions at some events to help with the shelter's overpopulation. Officer Brennan Jones attends the Assisted Living program. Below is a list of current events.

Offsite Adoption Events:

April 10 Yappy Hour
May 14 & 15 Hospital appreciation week at Texas Health Huguley
May 17 Super Safty Saturday Texas Health Burleson.

Community Outreach Events:

Pet therapy at Keene College
Career day at North Joshua Elm.
Civic Academy at the Library
Clifford Attends weekly visits to Mustang Creek Estates and Mariposa with Officer Brennan Jones.
(Assisted Living)
Egret Education and Information

OPTIONS:

N/A - Informational only

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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Community Outreach

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Community Outreach

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- Lions Club Meeting
- Career day at North Joshua Elementary
- Bring a dog to city council meeting
- Yappy Hour

Community Outreach

Item B.



- Pet therapy at Keene College
- Puppies and Popsicles
- Kittens and Coffee
- Civic Academy Meeting
- Super Safety Saturday





Question and Comments ?

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services
FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

Shelter staff patrolled twice daily for six weeks and answered several calls about egrets and managed to keep them at bay this year. The shelter is preparing our plan for next year.

OPTIONS:

N/A - Informational only

RECOMMENDATION:

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Egrets

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Photos from last year



Community Outreach



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In the Summer of 2024, an egret rookery was established in the Shady Oaks neighborhood. Since egrets are federally protected once nesting begins, neither the city nor the residents could remove them. The large number of birds in the rookery caused significant disruption, including excessive noise, unpleasant odors, and damage to trees and grass.

Animal Control Officers have been patrolling for Egrets every morning and evening and also investigating any sightings beginning in March and ending in June. Total for both was 204 calls.



BURLESON TEXAS | **Animal Services**

City of Burleson Neighborhood Services

February 2025
Community Information

Prevention of Migratory Birds in 2025

The Cattle Egret

Is a stocky heron with a wingspan of 35" to 38" approx. 18" to 22" in height and weighs 9.5 to 18.7 oz.

Mainly white plumage, a yellow bill and long grayish yellow legs.

The EGRET feed mostly on insects, especially grasshoppers, crickets, flies, moths and spiders. They will eat frogs, lizards and earthworms.

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Migratory Birds (Egrets/Herons)

Texas is a major route for migratory birds shuttling between the United States and Canada. This annual event can impact residential, commercial and industrial properties. As you may know, your neighborhood and surrounding area has been affected by nesting egrets and herons. Initially only a few birds arrived during the early spring (March and April) of this year and abruptly hundreds of birds moved in and began establishing nests for nesting season.

Although this natural cycle can be beautiful, the challenges associated can be overwhelming. The nesting birds bring challenges such as noise, odor and significant amounts of excrement covering streets, sidewalks, cars and mailboxes on public and private property.

City staff is unable to address any of these issues while the birds are nesting. Cattle egrets are Protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which means that these birds or their young (including eggs), or their current **active nests** cannot be killed or destroyed. Violators are subject to hefty fines and or penalties.



**EARLY SPRING
HABITAT HARRASMENT PROGRAM**

NOISE ↔

Frequent Loud noise will keep the EGRET in flight and eventually move on. AIR HORNS are commercially available at Wal-Mart, Sam's and auto supply shops. Wood spoon, Pots / Pans Drums, trumpet, etc. will do as well. Make sure your neighbor(s) have been consulted

LIGHT ↔

Laser light, high power spot light, red lenses, strobe light, red flashing light will also keep them from wanting to nest on your property. These are also available commercially and are relatively inexpensive.

WATER

High pressure water works well in preventing new (non active) nests from being formed. EGRETS don't like the water spray and will keep from landing and roosting.

OVER →

BURLESON TEXAS | **Animal Services**

Preventing Migratory Bird Nesting Homeowner Checklist

February-March

- Remove any old, abandoned nests.
- Trim your trees. Remove deadwood, thin tree canopy to allow sunlight between limbs/trees.
- Familiarize yourself with "sentry" birds. They are the first to arrive, looking for good nesting places.
- Find out how your neighborhood plans to distribute news of bird sightings.
- Watch for "sentry" birds and report sightings to your neighbors.
- Each species has a different breeding period. Be on the lookout for these birds beginning in:
 - February - Yellow-Crowned Night Heron
 - March - Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret
- Check daily for birds and nesting material in your trees.
- Begin scare tactics as soon as you see birds on or near your property.
 - Use noisemakers, water spray or shine lights at night.
 - Hang "scare eye" balloons or other moving objects in trees.
 - Use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material.
- The City has two migratory bird deterrent sound systems that can be strategically placed in areas to discourage Egrets from settling in neighborhoods.
- The City's Animal Service Department will be on high patrol during the start of the nesting period and can deploy preventive noise making devices.






- DO NOT HARM BIRDS OR EGGS.** Migratory birds are protected by international treaty. Once birds begin sitting on nests, eggs are probably present. You cannot kill, harass, move or disturb the birds during nesting season.

If you have dead birds on your property, you can call Animal Services at 817-426-9283 for pick-up.



Cattle Egret



Yellow-Crowned
Night Heron



Snowy Egret



Great Blue Heron

Deterrent kits

Item C.



TIPS ON INSTALLING & USING BIRD DETERRENTS

SCARE EYE BALLOON



Placement:
Install the Scare Eye Balloon above trees, ensuring the Mylar tail hangs approximately 12 inches above the tree and remains highly visible to birds.

Coverage:
Use one Scare Eye Balloon per tree. Hang balloons near and around the problem area or in the flight path of the birds for maximum effectiveness.

Combination Deterrents:
Visual bird deterrents work best when paired with additional audio or visual deterrents.

Movement is key:
Ensure the Scare Eye Balloon can move freely in the wind, as its motion enhances its effectiveness.

JET NOZZLE FOR HOSE



Spray pesky birds with water from your garden hose. Even water birds don't enjoy being hit with a steady stream of water, so try blasting unwanted guests with your garden hose. Note,

however, that they should be sprayed right when they arrive on your property. If they have time to establish a roost, a slight shower won't deter them from visiting their nests. Remember, this method cannot be used once the birds have begun nesting.

BIRD SCARE RIBBON



Placement:
Hang the streamers around the perimeter of the area you want to protect, like gardens, balconies, fruit trees, or pool decks.

Height variation:
Hang streamers at different heights to maximize their movement and visual impact.

Spacing:
Space the streamers evenly apart to cover the entire area effectively.

Movement is key:
Ensure the streamers can flutter freely in the wind, as the movement is what deters birds.

Secure attachment:
Use sturdy clips or ties to secure the streamers to branches, railings, or other structures.

TIPS ON INSTALLING & USING BIRD DETERRENTS



AIR HORN

Use it at the right time
Use the air horn when birds are most active, such as when they are returning to

their roosting spot.

Use it sparingly
Avoid using the air horn too often, as this can cause noise pollution and make animals desensitized to the sound.

Direct the sound
Point the air horn towards the ground or away from people to minimize disturbance.

Use it with visual devices
Combine the air horn with visual devices, such as scarecrows or fake owls, to make the strategy more effective.

Use it in conjunction with other sounds
Use high-quality recordings of alarm and distress calls at a volume that birds are used to hearing.

It can take several days to move birds using sonic devices. Leaving the noise devices on constantly can make birds realize that the noise is not a threat to them.

Note: City's Code of Ordinances; Chapter 34 Environment, Article V Noise Section 34-191 Noise

Method of noise measurement.
Noise measurement shall be a minimum of 30 seconds in duration. Decibel levels are measured from the complainant's property line. For residential districts adjacent to other districts (excluding industrial zoning districts), the residential decibel levels apply when measured from a residential complainant's property line. Violations will be determined based on the highest registered reading in the measurement. All measurement levels will be inclusive of any ambient noise that exists at the time of the measurement.

We suggest you speak to your neighbors and inform them that you are planning to utilize the air horn to deter the birds from your property, and encourage them to seek deterrent measures as well.



Question and Comments ?

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services
FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

Review January – May 2025 fundraisers and discuss any upcoming planned fundraisers.

OPTIONS:

N/A – Information only

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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Fundraisers

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Clifford T-Shirts



We are still selling
T-shirts!
Everyone loves them!

Granny Basketball

6-ON-6 BASKETBALL

MARCH 29
11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.


HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL
300 SW MURPHY RD

GRANNYS VS BFFS
(BURLESON FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Granny Basketball will join forces with the Burleson Fire Department to raise funds for the Burleson Animal Shelter's Injured Animal Fund. This is 1920's style basketball of 6-on-6 played in three courts. Entry is \$5 at the door for ages 6 and up. The shelter will also be accepting donations of dog/cat toys.

PARKING: Enter the lot from the back of the school then enter through door 12.





More information:
817-426-9283 or www.burlesontx.com/animalservices





Granny Basketball raised
\$627.00



Item D.

Cleburne Railroaders



Item D.



We have not received a total for the donation as of now.



Question and Comments ?

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT: Animal Services
FROM: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager
MEETING: July 17, 2025

SUBJECT:

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

SUMMARY:

The bid for the trailer was awarded to Renown Cargo Trailers and the contract has been signed. The trailer is now in construction.

OPTIONS:

N/A - Informational only

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

Budgeted Y/N: N

Fund Name:

Full Account #:

Amount:

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Adoption Trailer

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The Adoption Trailer

Item E.



The Adoption trailer has been approved
and all the contracts have been signed!



The Adoption Trailer



We will need to come up with a Design for the trailer wrap with all the sponsors names and or logos.





Question and Comments ?