



ANNUAL REPORT OCTOBER 2013 – SEPTEMBER 2014



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A Word from the Director

Whew, the end of another fiscal year. Once again I am happy to report that we had another life-saving year, saving 94.23% of all the animals that came into the shelter. I am often asked, how do you come up with the percentage and why can't it be 100%? Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter that accepts all animals from our jurisdiction (Williamson County and the cities except Georgetown and Taylor) regardless of health, behavior, age or temperament. Only shelters (usually private, non-profits) can maintain a 100% save rate because they can refuse to take in the animals with behavioral or medical issues. These private shelters are either limited admission or closed admission. Animals that are euthanized or that have died in our care are subtracted from 100%. Animals can leave the shelter alive through adoption, reclaim by the owners, or by being transferred to one of our partner rescue groups. Euthanasia in the shelter is carefully thought through and generally the reasons include severe illness or injury, poor quality of life, or aggression to people and occasionally to other animals.



Williamson County Regional Shelter has always been stretched beyond capacity. Being a “no-kill” under these circumstances is trying to say the least. It absolutely could not happen without community support. It takes adopters, volunteers, fosters and donors. When capacity exceeds the limits of the shelter, the word goes out and the community responds. Sixty percent of the animals that come into the shelter are adopted into new homes. There are about 200 animals

in foster homes at any one time. These are animals that are too young to adopt out, too old or too sick to be in a shelter, recovering from an injury or even just to free up space.

There are lots of exciting things happening. The board /county put out an RFQ (Request for Proposal) for an architectural firm to begin to look at expansion. They selected Jackson and Ryan Architects and they are looking at the growth of the county and how that will affect shelter intake and in turn, how many kennels the shelter should have. In addition, they will submit a schematic design of the remodel and expansion. Of course, that is the easy part. Then the County and different cities will look at funding for the expansion. Public support is paramount in this phase.

One day, my hope is that no matter where an animal ends up in a shelter, he will be safe. There will always be irresponsible people, there will always be lost and unwanted animals, and there will always be community cats. Humans have caused the animal issues, not the animals, yet they are the ones being killed. One of my favorite quotes is from Martin Luther King. “Never, never be afraid to do what’s right, especially if the well-being of a person or an animal is at stake. Society’s punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.” I got involved in animal welfare because I could no longer look the other way. I think this is the crux of animal welfare. My soul is why I do this and so many of the people I am connected with feel the same way.

Cheryl Schneider, Shelter Director



Adoptions

Adoptions are so important to saving the lives of the shelter animals. Generally, the animals that come in as strays go on hold for 3-5 days and then are placed for adoption. Owner surrenders are immediately placed for adoption. All the animals adopted are neutered, vaccinated, tested for Heartworms or Feline Leukemia and microchipped. Adoption fees vary depending on promotions. Sixty percent of the animals that enter the shelter are adopted into new homes. Free training is offered for a dog adoption and a free wellness exam is offered to all adopted cats and dogs through participating Veterinarians.



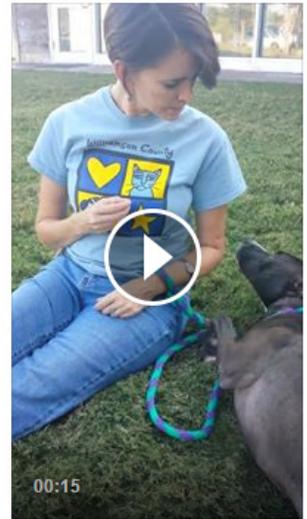
Happy Beginnings!

Volunteers



Volunteers are an essential piece of the shelter's life-saving mission. They are a dedicated and hardworking extension of our staff. During FY 2013-2014, our Volunteer Team grew to over 1,000 members who donated over six thousand hours of work to the animals of the shelter. If these hours were paid at minimum wage, that would cost \$43,925.65!

In addition to growing the Volunteer Team, the shelter has also gathered a group of volunteers committed to focus on those dogs who are part of the Longtime Loveables group (The group of dogs who have been at the shelter 30 days and longer) and those dogs who need extra behavior training. This group of volunteers are the Strays In Training (or S.I.T.) Team. The team collaborates with training through note taking, meetings and shared videos.



In response to a growing number of requests from potential volunteers too young to work at the shelter, we have also recognized their philanthropic efforts with our Wilco Wrescuers certificates and recognition on Facebook. These Wrescuers have raised hundreds of dollars and donated countless items for the animals of the shelter.

The shelter has also been the recipient of the generous work of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, including those who are working towards their Eagle Scout badge. The shelter's play yards have primarily benefited from the large-scale projects of these individuals, including building walking paths and poop boxes.



Special Events and Fundraisers

Misty Valenta is the Community Programs Coordinator and one of her many responsibilities is to plan and organize our fundraisers. Misty is incredibly hard-working and so committed to saving the lives of shelter animals.



4th Annual Denim and Diamonds Fur Ball October 5, 2013



The Denim and Diamond Fur Ball is held annually at the Marriott in La Fontera in Round Rock and is one of our major fundraisers every year. The money raised is funding a play yard and walking path in the back of the shelter. We were incredibly honored to have Ryan Clinton speak at the event. Over \$7000 was raised at the Fur Ball. The Fur Ball is a lot of fun. Attendees are treated to an awesome meal prepared by the Marriott chef, a fabulous silent auction, and great company!

Woof, Walk, and Wrun April 27, 2014



The Woof, Walk, and Wrun raises money specifically for Jane's Fund and this year we raised about \$9,000. This year it was held at the beautiful Berry Springs Park and we had 227 runners, walkers and dogs register for the event. Jane's fund pays for all of the medical expenses the shelter incurs at outside Veterinarians for animals that come into the shelter with injuries or illnesses beyond our scope, such as broken bones and trauma. Without these donations, we would be euthanizing hundreds of animals every year for injuries or illnesses that are treatable.

Strut Your Mutt September 13, 2014

Best Friends Animal Society's Strut Your Mutt is a lot of fun and by becoming a partner to the Best Friends Society, we can participate and raise funds to save the lives of homeless dogs and cats in our community. The annual fundraising dog walk, fun run, and festival culminates in a day of fun for four- and two-legged participants of all ages. This year the participants raised \$6,350 for the animals in our shelter!



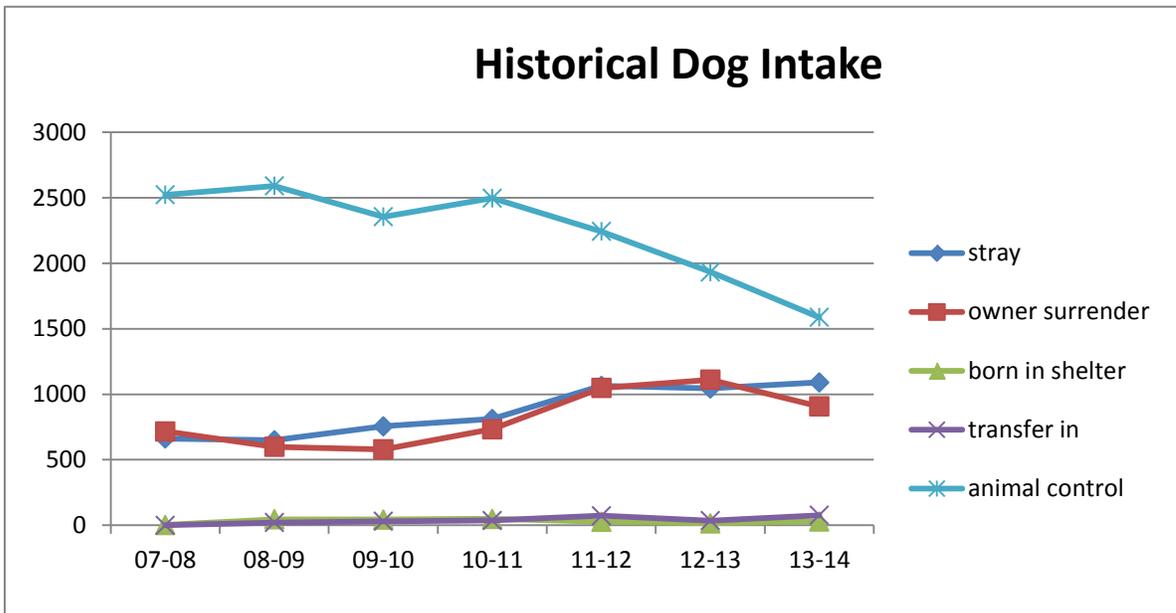
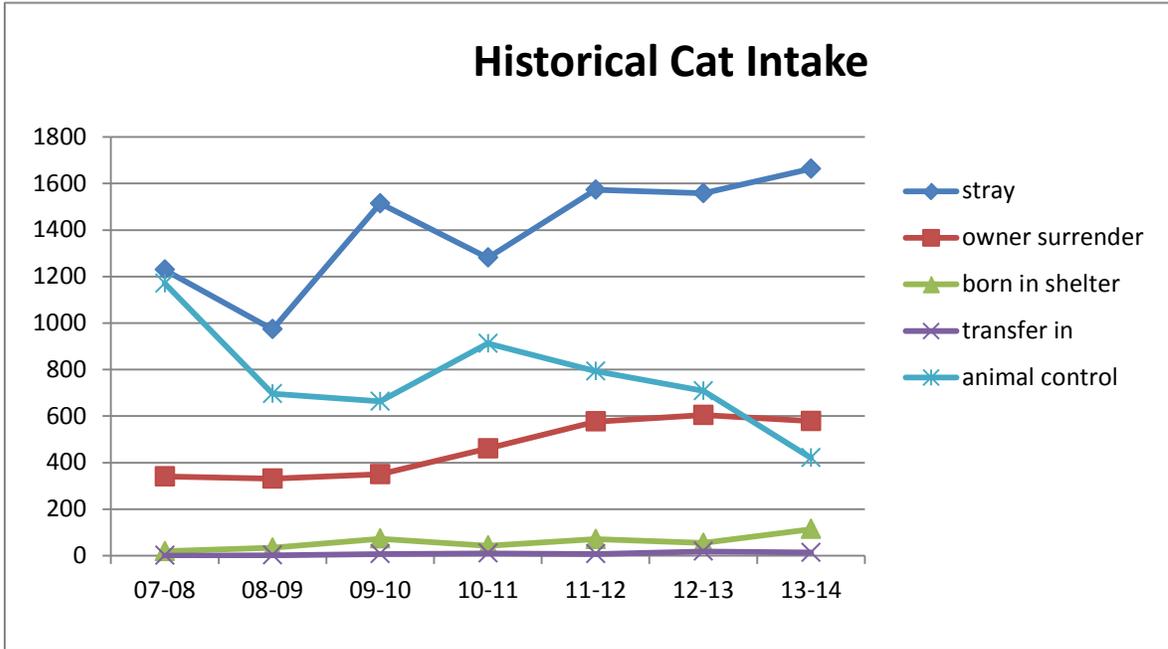
Annual Comparison - Dog and Cat Statistics

Cats

| | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stray | 973 | 1514 | 1281 | 1573 | 1558 | 1663 |
| Owner Surrender | 331 | 350 | 461 | 576 | 604 | 578 |
| Transfer In | 2 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 18 | 13 |
| Born in Shelter | 34 | 73 | 43 | 71 | 54 | 114 |
| ACO Agency | 696 | 663 | 912 | 793 | 708 | 420 |
| Total | 2036 | 2607 | 2707 | 3020 | 2942 | 2788 |
| Adopted | 803 | 1159 | 1417 | 1637 | 2014 | 1859 |
| Reclaimed | 32 | 45 | 71 | 34 | 44 | 41 |
| Transferred | 274 | 420 | 568 | 750 | 513 | 535 |
| Died | 126 | 282 | 278 | 246 | 219 | 123 |
| Admin Missing | 47 | 41 | 77 | 47 | 79 | 29 |
| Euthanized | 681 | 504 | 363 | 193 | 206 | 123 |
| Total | 1963 | 2431 | 2698 | 2907 | 3075 | 2710 |

Dogs

| | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stray | 649 | 755 | 811 | 1064 | 1044 | 1091 |
| Owner Surrender | 599 | 579 | 734 | 1048 | 1111 | 907 |
| Transfer In | 21 | 30 | 36 | 73 | 35 | 76 |
| Born in Shelter | 45 | 43 | 49 | 26 | 15 | 29 |
| ACO Agency | 2591 | 2355 | 2497 | 2243 | 1934 | 1587 |
| Total Incoming | 3905 | 3762 | 4127 | 4454 | 4139 | 3690 |
| Adopted | 1391 | 1329 | 1710 | 2543 | 2316 | 2143 |
| Reclaimed | 1047 | 943 | 1138 | 1093 | 1023 | 956 |
| Transferred | 710 | 774 | 955 | 561 | 620 | 419 |
| Died | 33 | 44 | 25 | 34 | 21 | 26 |
| Admin Missing | 3 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 8 |
| Euthanized | 690 | 672 | 227 | 203 | 186 | 106 |
| Total Outgoing | 3874 | 3768 | 4055 | 4449 | 4167 | 3658 |

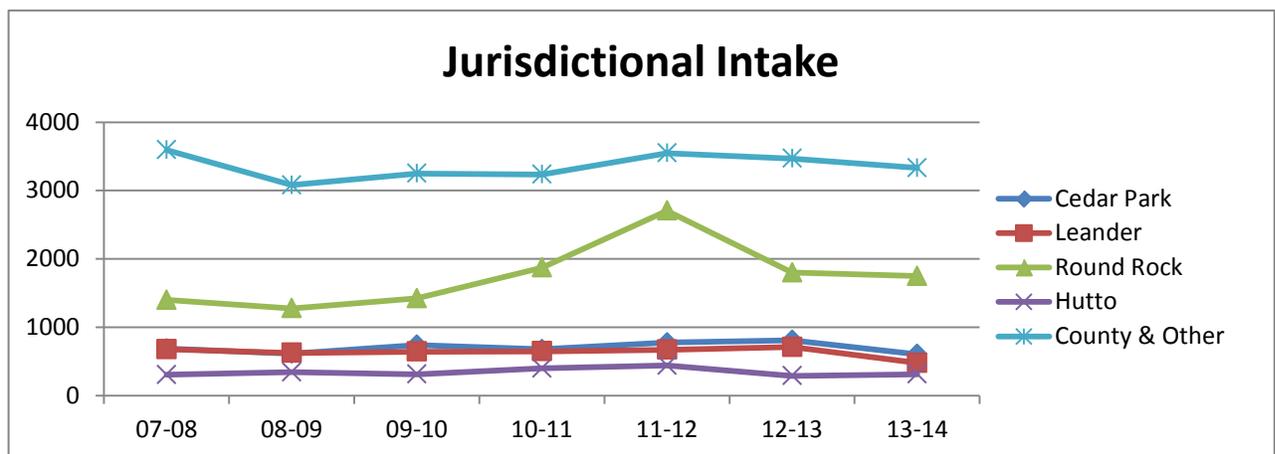


Total Intake of all Animals

| Intake | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cats and Kittens | 2759 | 2036 | 2607 | 2707 | 3020 | 2942 | 2788 |
| Dogs and Puppies | 3904 | 3907 | 3762 | 4127 | 4454 | 4139 | 3690 |
| Domestic Rabbits | 8 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 30 | 47 | 24 |
| Wildlife | 53 | 36 | 25 | 106 | 106 | 28 | 103 |
| Bats | 57 | 16 | 55 | 133 | 114 | 160 | 32 |
| Exotic Animals | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 17 |
| Livestock | 4 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 19 | 19 |
| Wild Birds | 9 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Domestic Birds | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 8 |
| Other Domestic Pets | 19 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 29 | 13 |
| Total | 6817 | 6003 | 6492 | 7130 | 7763 | 7376 | 6694 |

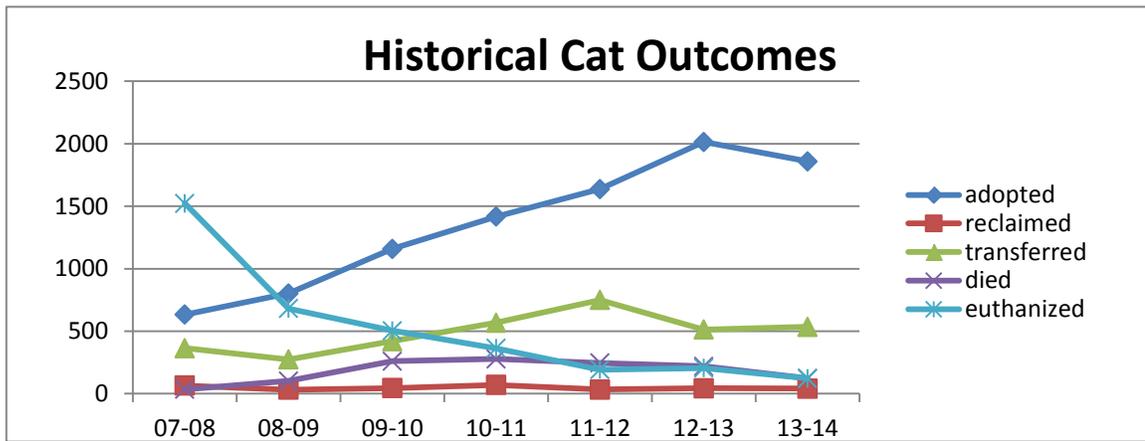
Cat and Dog Intake by Jurisdiction

| | 07-08 | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cedar Park | 688 | 613 | 742 | 679 | 777 | 812 | 607 |
| Leander | 680 | 624 | 643 | 647 | 671 | 711 | 479 |
| Round Rock | 1401 | 1280 | 1423 | 1873 | 2035 | 1800 | 1748 |
| Hutto | 310 | 343 | 312 | 398 | 442 | 290 | 312 |
| Williamson Co | 3464 | 2940 | 3095 | 3095 | 3326 | 3219 | 3139 |
| Other | 131 | 141 | 154 | 142 | 223 | 249 | 193 |

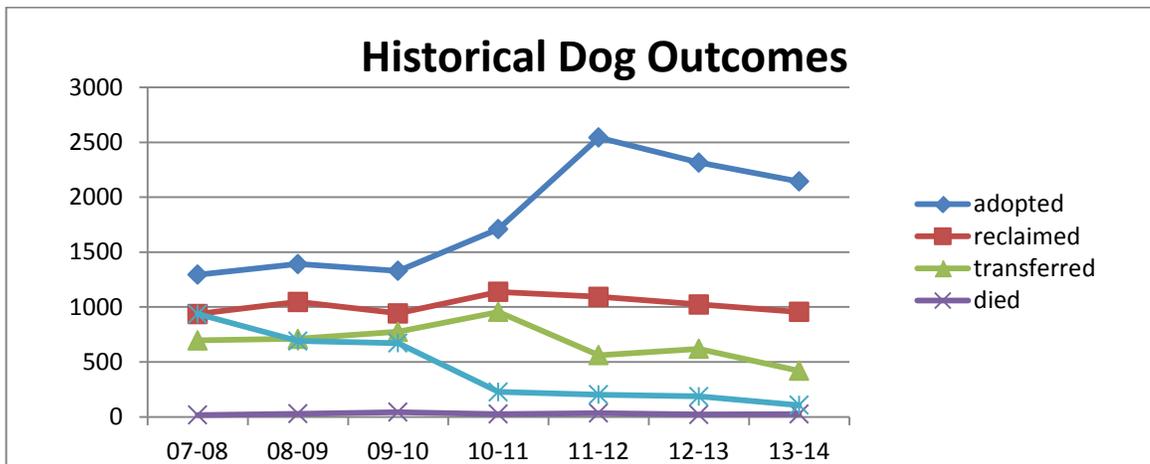


Animal Outgoing Percentages

| Cats | 2007 2008 | 2008 2009 | 2009 2010 | 2010 2011 | 2011 2012 | 2012 2013 | 2013 2014 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Adopted | 23% | 43% | 50% | 58% | 59% | 68% | 68.6% |
| Reclaim | 3% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 1.51% |
| Transfer | 18% | 14% | 20% | 22% | 27% | 17% | 19.74 |
| Died | 2% | 6% | 8% | 10% | 10% | 7% | 4.54% |
| Euthanasia | 53.95% | 34.12% | 18.86% | 12.68% | 6.27% | 7.0% | 4.54% |



| Dogs | 2007 2008 | 2008 2009 | 2009 2010 | 2010 2011 | 2011 2012 | 2012 2013 | 2013 2014 |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Adopted | 33% | 36% | 35% | 41% | 57% | 56% | 58.58% |
| Reclaim | 24% | 27% | 25% | 28% | 25% | 25% | 26.13% |
| Transfer | 18% | 18% | 20% | 22% | 13% | 15% | 11.45% |
| Died | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0.71% |
| Euthanasia | 24.97% | 17.66% | 17.85% | 5.53% | 4.57% | 4.49% | 2.90% |



Rescue Groups Pulling Animals from the Shelter

| | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Austin Dog Alliance | | | 52 | 62 | 39 |
| Austin Pets Alive | | 240 | 339 | 130 | 85 |
| Honorina's Cat Rescue | 208 | 277 | 303 | 286 | 270 |
| Texas Humane Heroes (WCHS) | 563 | 537 | 231 | 136 | 141 |
| Austin Humane Society | 154 | 151 | 99 | 94 | 135 |
| PAWS Shelter Kyle | | 162 | | 165 | 75 |
| Georgetown Animal Outreach | | | | 40 | 49 |
| Highland Lakes SPCA | | | | | 42 |
| Breed Specific and Others | | | | 220 | 118 |

Other Interesting Numbers/Facts

- 🐾 1826 animals went into a foster home and there were 530 fosters
- 🐾 5.11% of cats and 12.32% of dogs that are adopted are returned.
- 🐾 472 cats/kittens were sterilized through our free-roaming spay/neuter clinics.
- 🐾 1628 animals were licensed in Williamson County/Hutto this year. This generated \$8,700 in revenue. The shelter also licensed 281 animals for the City of Round Rock which generated \$1720 in revenue for them.
- 🐾 Average length of stay in dogs was 11.6 days and 14.6 days in cats





Budget Expenditures FY 2013-2014

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Personnel | \$898,415.57 | Salaries and Benefits |
| Shelter Improvement | \$12,666.83 | Small Equip and Tools, Facility Maint and Repair |
| Direct Animal Care | \$224,149.58 | Janitorial Supplies, Professional Services, Animal Care, Medical Care, Disposal |
| Utilities | \$69,757.46 | Telephone, Electric and Water |
| Office, bldg, and yard | \$38,080.82 | Office Equip and Furniture, Computer, Office and Paper supplies, Extermination, Janitorial Contract, Lawn Service, Bond, Property Ins., Courier, etc |
| Vehicle | \$1,318.74 | Gasoline, Repairs and Maintenance, Insurance |
| Personnel Costs | \$2,356.50 | Uniforms, Membership Dues, Publications, Travel and Training |
| Donations | \$74,741.33 | HW and Medical Treatment, other misc. |
| Purchases for Resale | \$2,254.66 | Retail items for sale in Lobby |

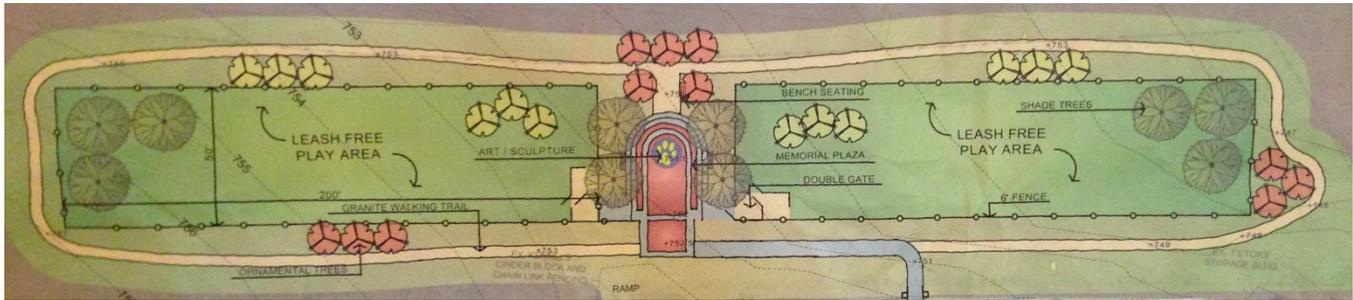
Annual Budget Comparisons

| | Budgeted Amount | Revenue | Expenditures | Donations | Donation Expended |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2007-2008 | \$1,001,845.00 | \$187,350.77 | \$974,865.66 | \$17,980.67 | \$578.00 |
| 2008-2009 | \$1,007,859.32 | \$178,714.58 | \$977,718.41 | \$27,673.96 | \$10,655.31 |
| 2009-2010 | \$1,035,782.00 | \$173,877.64 | \$1,010,835.19 | \$51,037.72 | \$24,542.31 |
| 2010-2011 | \$1,042,808.61 | \$188,153.42 | \$1,049,004.95 | \$92,801.25 | \$50,548.50 |
| 2011-2012 | \$1,121,905.94 | \$205,064.37 | \$1,166,319.18 | \$94,556.61 | \$69,059.34 |
| 2012-2013 | \$1,195,299.21 | \$190,934.33 | \$1,180,038.24 | \$106,808.28 | \$75,201.25 |
| 2013-2014 | \$1,262,794.27 | \$206,603.12 | \$1,234,078.67 | \$135,204.18 | \$74,741.33 |

Jurisdiction Budget Percentage

| | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cedar Park | 9.5% | 9.8% | 10.3% | 11.9% | 10.4% | 9.5% | 12.2% |
| Leander | 9.5% | 10.2% | 11% | 10.5% | 9.1% | 9.8% | 9.1% |
| Round Rock | 30% | 21.9% | 21.3% | 21.2% | 26.3% | 28% | 26.6% |
| Hutto | 1% | 4.7% | 5.5% | 5.1% | 5.4% | 6.5% | 4.9% |
| Williamson Co | 50% | 53.4% | 51.9% | 51.3% | 48.8% | 46.2% | 47.2% |

Play Yard, Memorial Garden and Walking Trail



About the Play Yards and Memorial Garden

The Play Yards, Memorial Plaza, and Walking Trail at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter are places for shelter dogs to participate in play groups with other shelter dogs, relax with volunteers and staff, and bond with potential adopters.

The benefits of play groups include:

- ♥ burning off energy and reducing stress so dogs are more relaxed in front of potential adopters
- ♥ building social skills so dogs can improve their ability to play and interact politely with other dogs
- ♥ allows staff, volunteers, and potential adopters to see the dogs' true personalities



The donations raised through the Play Yard and Memorial Garden Fund aid in the construction and maintenance of the site. Memorial Bricks, trees, shrubs, and benches to honor a beloved pet or family member are available for purchase to help sustain the yard and gardens.



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Mission:

The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter is a collaborative effort between Williamson County and the cities of Round Rock, Cedar Park, Leander, and Hutto. It provides a safe environment for the lost, abandoned, and homeless animals of these jurisdictions and places them in a good home whenever possible.

Vision:

- To save every healthy and behaviorally sound companion animal
- To save all dogs and cats that can be medically treated and behaviorally rehabilitated and do not pose a public health and safety risk

Governing Board

Bryan Williams, Round Rock Assistant City Manager
 Katherine Caffrey, Cedar Park Assistant City Manager
 Jeff Hayes, Leander Assistant Police Chief
 Micah Grau, Hutto Assistant City Manager
 Valerie Covey, Williamson County Commissioner

Advisory Board

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|----------------------------|---|
| Vacant | Veterinarian |
| Tabitha Blewitt, ACO | County/Municipal Official |
| Joel Hess, Chairperson | Person Involved in Operation of Shelter |
| Dr. Laura Hobgood-Oster | Member of a Welfare Organization |
| Georganne Duron, Secretary | Resident of Participation Jurisdiction |

Management Staff

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cheryl Schneider | Director of Animal Services |
| Linda Gunter | Administrative Supervisor |
| Joel Hess | Kennel Manager |
| Misty Valenta | Community Programs Coordinator |