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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

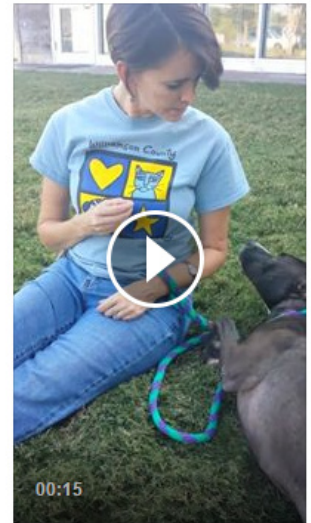


Volunteers are an essential piece of the shelter's life-saving mission. They are a dedicated and hardworking extension of our staff. During FY 2013-2014, our Volunteer Team grew to over 1,000 members who donated over six thousand hours of work to the animals of the shelter. If these hours were paid at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



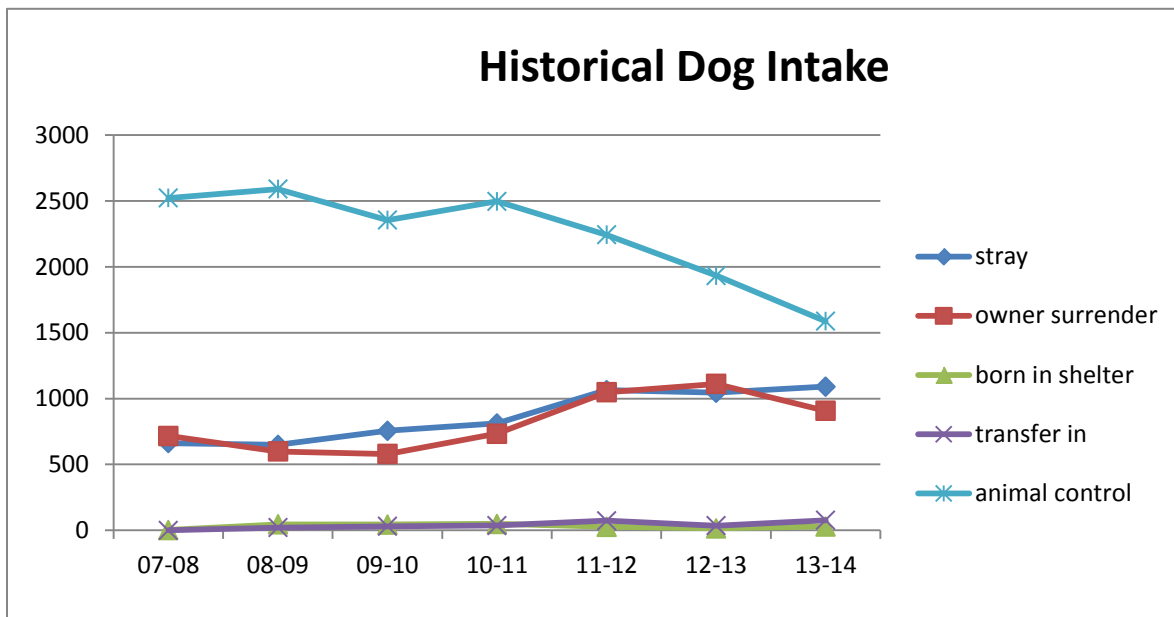
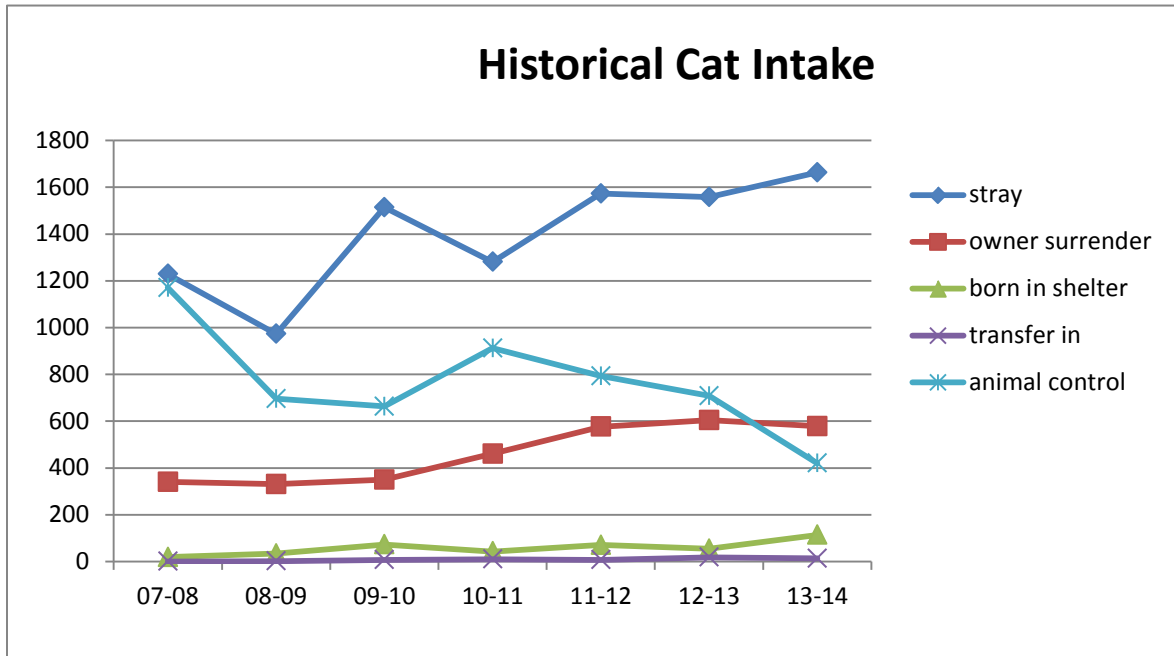
Annual Comparison - Dog and Cat Statistics

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

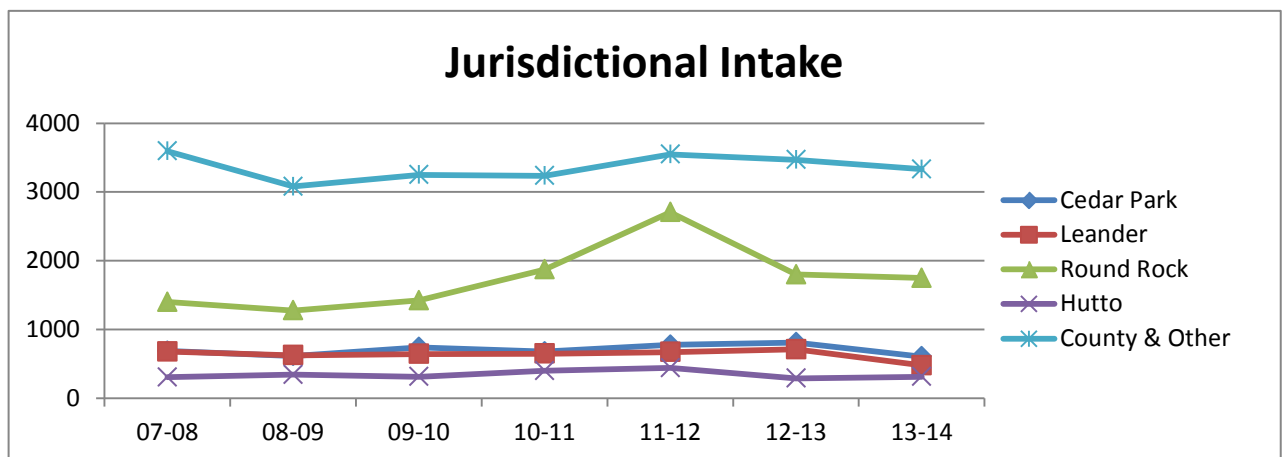


Total Intake of all Animals

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

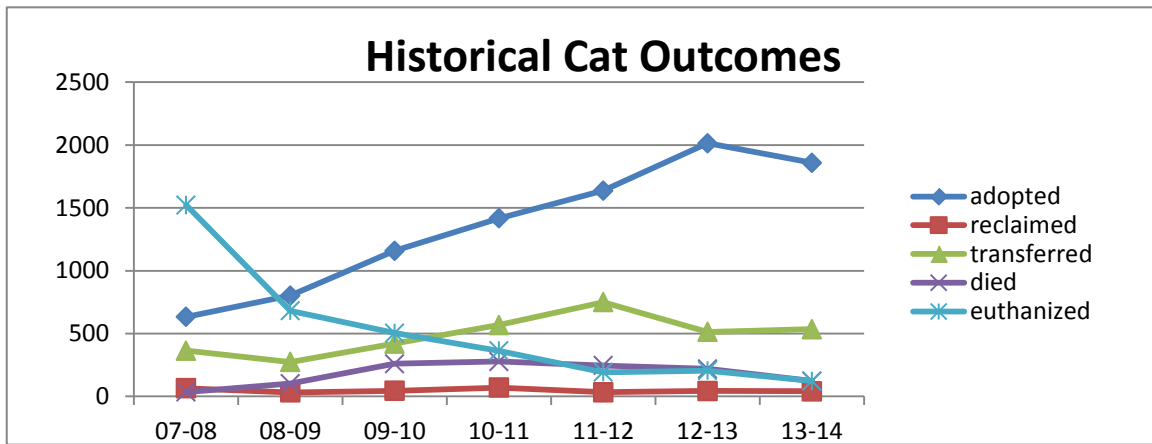
Cat and Dog Intake by Jurisdiction

	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

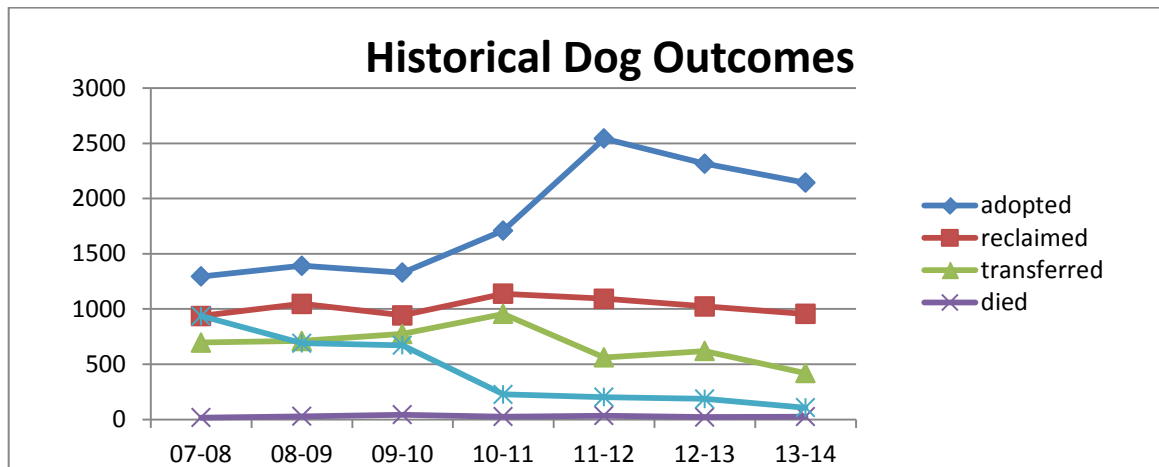


Animal Outgoing Percentages

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

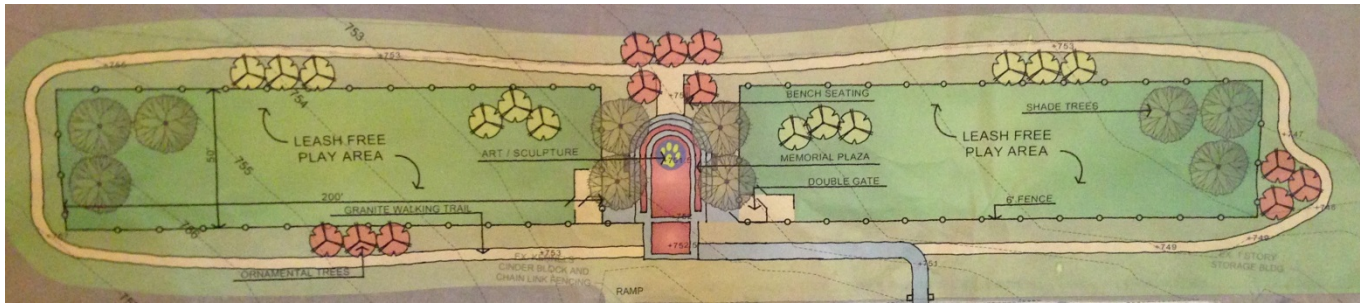
Annual Budget Comparisons

	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

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Georganne Duron, Secretary	Resident of Participation Jurisdiction

Management Staff

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