



Animal Services Department Update

July 9, 2025



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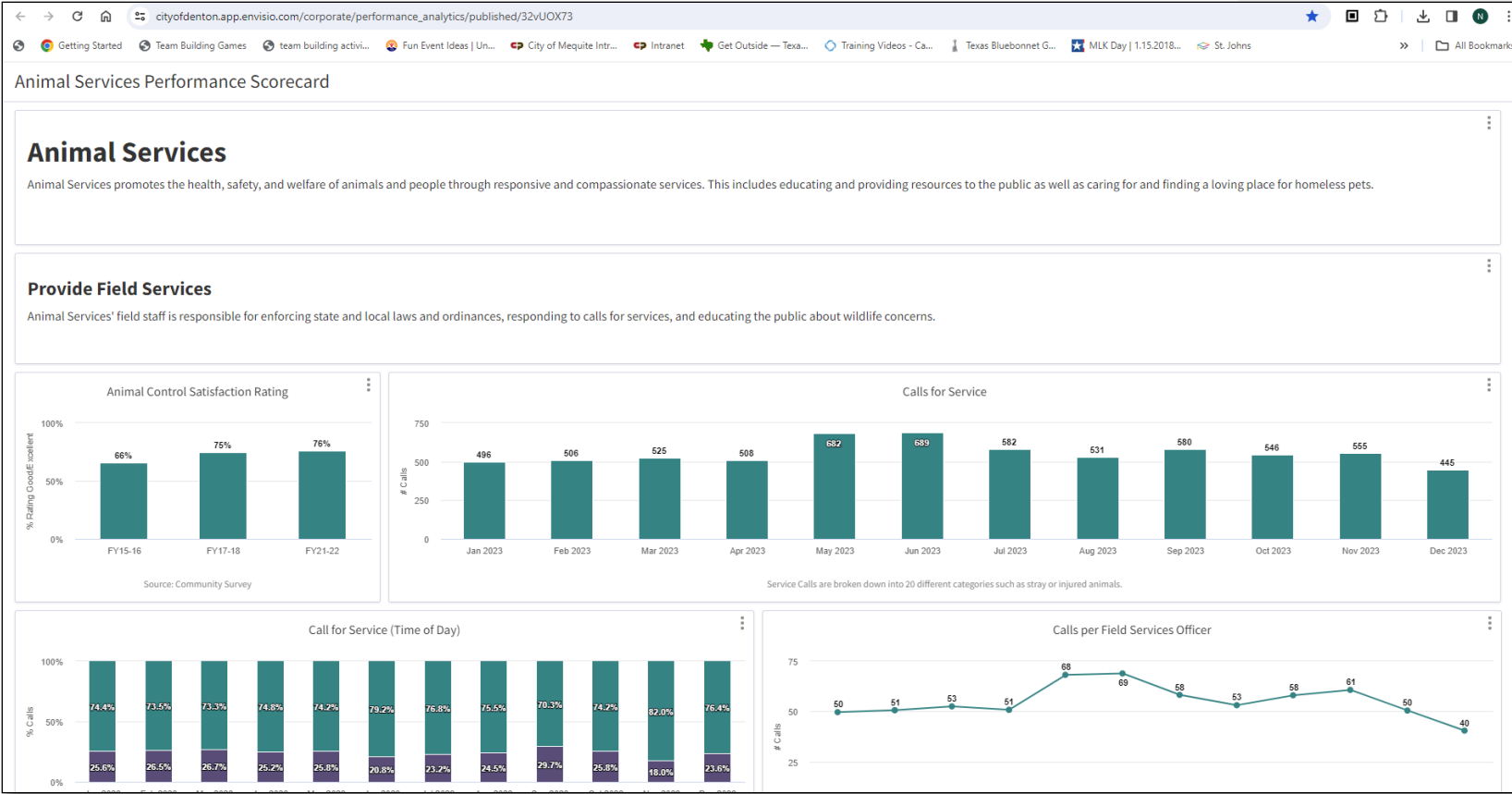
Council Items Update

- Schedule of Fees
 - Approved 6.17.25
 - Effective 7.1.25
- Responsible Euthanasia Policy
 - Adopted 6.17.25
- County Interlocal Agreement
 - Approved 6.17.25
 - Sent to County for Commissioner's Court for adoption



Animal Services Performance Scorecard

- Data Review



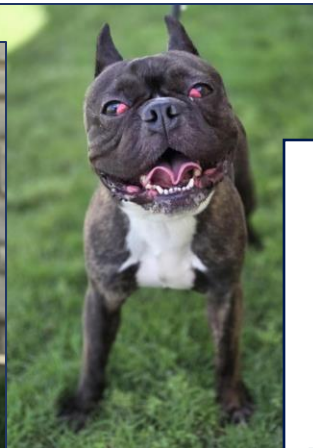
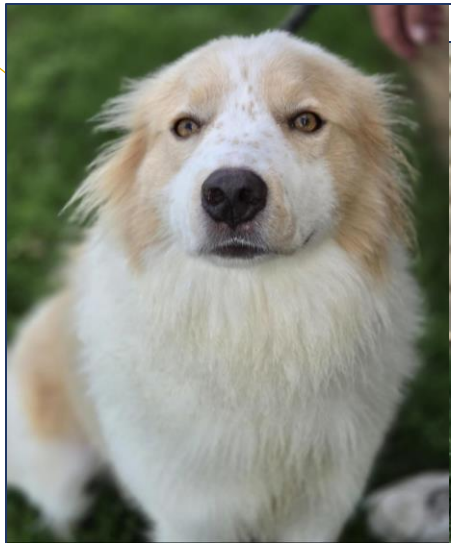
Rescue Placements and Notable Adoptions

- Proactive Weekly Rescue Networking
- Rescues currently on the weekly outreach list include Operation Kindness, Operation Kindness Transport, SPCA, Hearts and Bones Rescue, and other breed / animal specific rescues based on each animal's needs.
- May Rescue - 12 cats and 4 dogs
- June Rescues – 1 cat, 2 dogs (with 3 additional dogs scheduled), 1 turtle, 1 goat



Happy Tail!

Buddy, a 12-year-old Pyrenees/ Golden mix, was pulled by Great Pyrenees Rescue Society on 06/24/25.



Happy Tails!

Gamora and Nebula (two Pyr mix sisters) are going to New York this week with Hearts and Bones Rescue.

Paws, the Boston Terrier, is also tagged by Hearts and Bones to fly to New York!



Billy G

(a goat) also went to rescue this month! He was found emaciated and covered in wounds. After a lot of TLC, he was tagged by Piggy Sue's Rescue :D

Vet Clinic Spay/Neuter Stats

Species	FY '25	FY '24	FY '23	FY '22
Cat	883	1,505	1,069	1,055
Dog	490	1,179	865	1,183
Other	5	16	13	21
TOTAL	1,378 YTD	2,341	1,947	2,259



Foster Program Update

- 10 new fosters added to the foster roster since implementing new interest form
- 307 animals fostered in the last month (includes dogs & cats, & all fostering reasons)
- Interest form turnaround time two days or less
- Foster messages being answered promptly by appropriate channels – vet staff versus leadership
- Medical concerns being evaluated promptly by foster vet tech & foster team – care being provided promptly to animals showing symptoms of illness



Behavior & Intervention Program

- Enrichment station moved to training room, allows for dedicated and accessible volunteer opportunities to make enrichment
- Enrichment schedule in the works to provide consistent enrichment
- Utilizing fosters for dogs with needs that cannot be provided in house
- Specialized protocol for addressing certain issues (playgroups for dog friendly dogs, potty training plans for dogs struggling with potty training, etc.)
- Additional hands-on training for staff and volunteers in the works – volunteer training being revamped



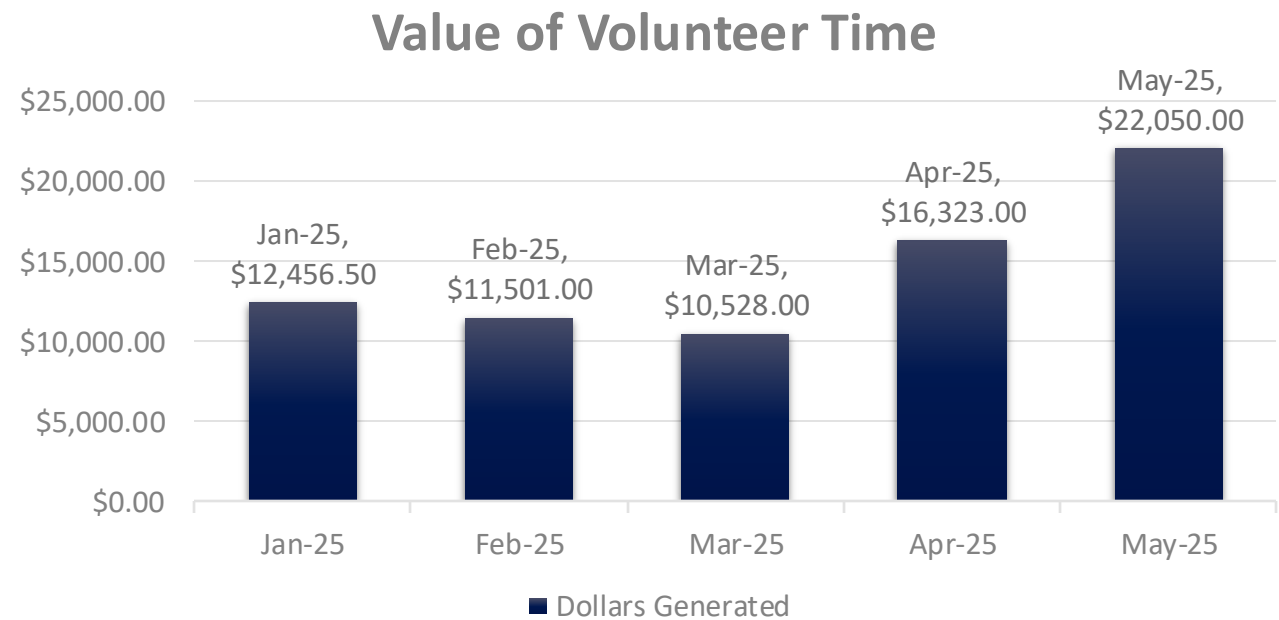
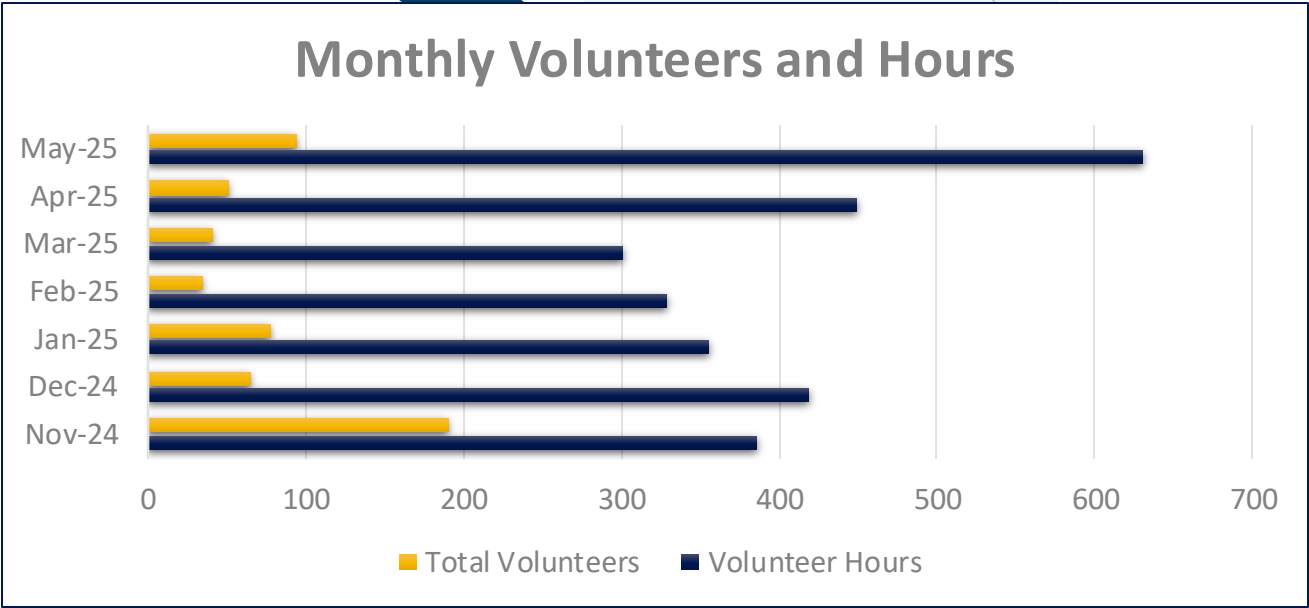
Volunteer Program Update

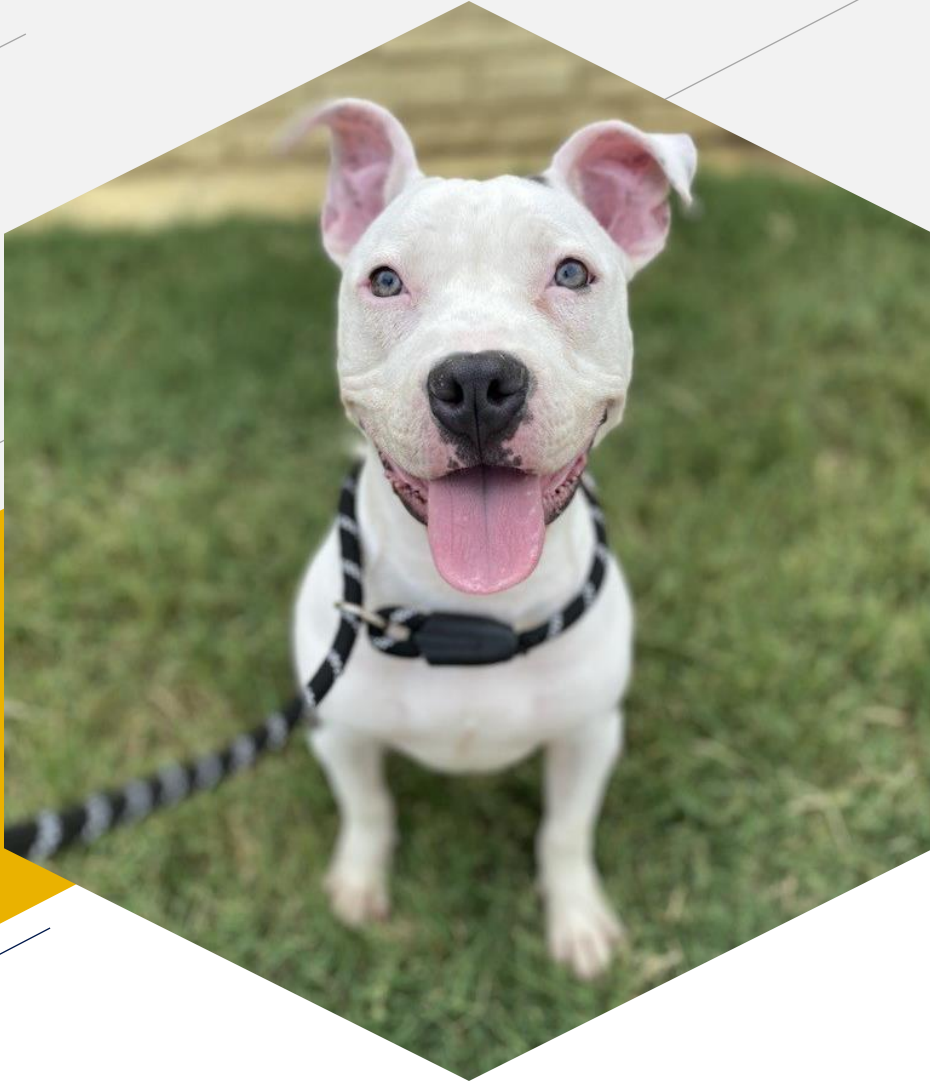
- Conducted 10 small group orientations across June and July to create safer, more engaged, and well-prepared volunteers
- Implemented a color-coded kennel card system to improve clarity on animal handling eligibility and enhance safety measures
- Launched a new volunteer newsletter and Facebook Community Page to keep volunteers informed, connected, and engaged
- Collaborated with Legal and Risk Management departments to review and update minimum age requirements for volunteer participation
- Initiated a partnership with Target's local leadership to support shelter operations through community engagement.
- Engaging with local schools and civic groups to expand group and team-building volunteer opportunities



Volunteer Program Update

- Animal Services accounts for 84% of all City of Denton volunteers.
- In May 2025, volunteers contributed 630 hours—surpassing the previous record of 418 hours set in December 2024
- Value of Volunteer Time contributed in May \$22,050





Questions?