



Denton Animal Services Department Updates

November 13, 2024



Animal Services Supervisor

- Certified Animal Control Officer
- National (NACI) and Texas Certified Cruelty Investigator
- Certified Euthanasia Technician
- Over 250 CE credits in Animal Welfare

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Bond Project Update

- CMAR contract to Council 8/20- Steel and Freeman
- 9/23/24 received 100% schematic drawings
- 10/30/24 will receive initial cost estimate from CMAR team

Linda McNatt Animal Care & Adoption Center



<p>PROJECT INFORMATION:</p> <p>Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand shelter capacity • Replace heating & air system • Relocate veterinary services • Relocate exercise yards <p>Status: Pre-Design Architect: Quorum Architecture Inc Construction Manager: Steele & Freeman</p>	<p>BUDGET RECAP:</p> <p>FY 2023-24: \$15,850,000</p>	
<p>ACHIEVEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Architect Approved ✓ CMAR Approved ✓ Team Partnering Session ✓ Schematic Design 	<p>NEXT STEPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Cost Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> GMP/Early Procurement 	<p>RISKS/ NEEDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Long lead items <input type="checkbox"/> Budget / schedule impacts <input type="checkbox"/> Phased construction <input type="checkbox"/> 100% operational





Existing Building	18,234 SF
Adoption Center Expansion	12,057 SF
Stray/Quar Expansion	2,141 SF
Vestibule at Clinic	212 SF
Total New Building	32,644 SF

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Bond Project Things still TBD

- Brick pavers, granite pavers, and other memorial items
- Public Art Component
- Funding Gap
- Phasing and level of service during construction
- Partnerships



Bond Project Next Steps

- Cost estimates
- Construction drawings

Estimated Timeline:

- Break Ground May 2025
- Completion October 2027



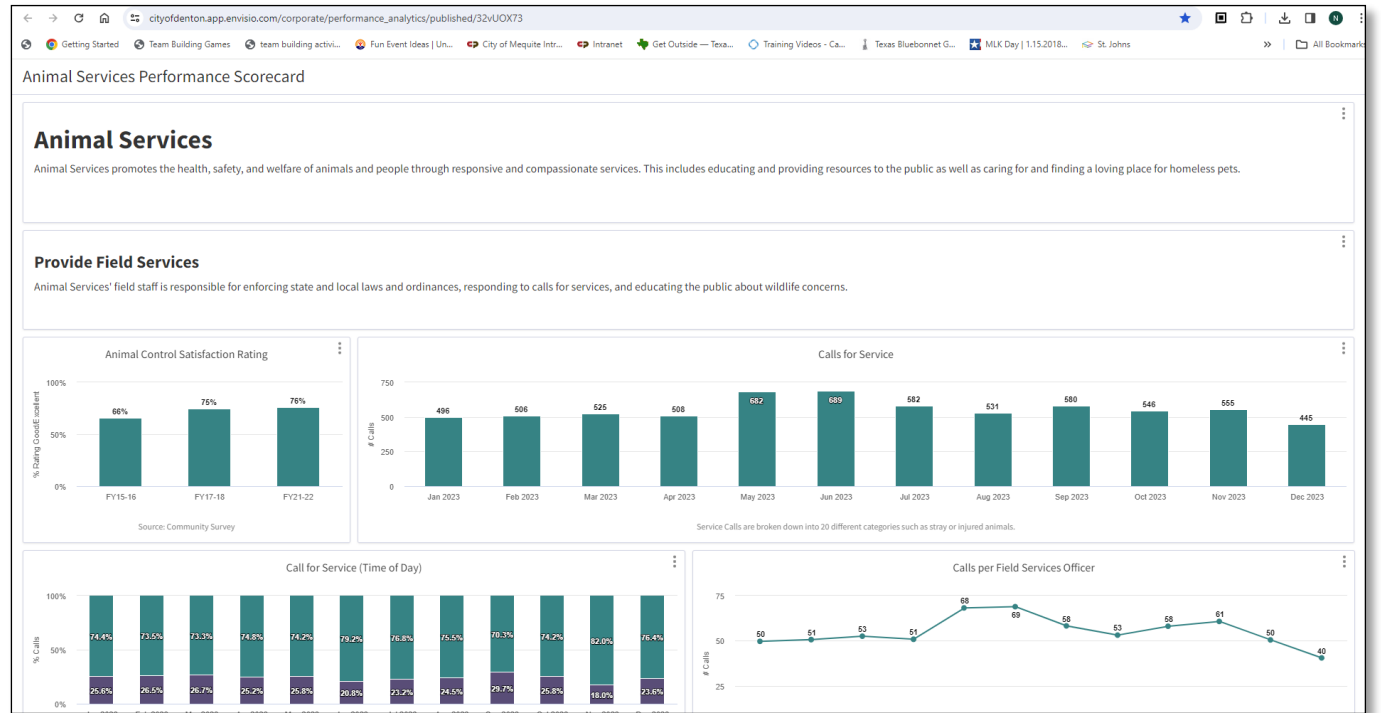
Budget FY 25 Update

- Adopted FY 25 Budget includes:
 - Baseline adjustments \$117,730
 - Supplementals:
 - Animal Care Technician (2FTEs) \$172,226
 - Behavior, Enrichment, Placement Coordinator (1FTE) \$96,284



Animal Services Performance Scorecard

https://cityofdenton.app.envisio.com/corporate/performance_analytics/published_static/hwZEF0tS



County Intake Data (June, July, August, Sept)

	FY 23/24				FY 22/23				FY 21/22			
	June	July	Aug	Sept	June	July	Aug	Sept	June	July	Aug	Sept
County Intake	55	46	55	43	28	25	17	23	66	58	49	41
County Payment	\$1,615	\$1,445	\$1,620	\$1,235	\$755	\$720	\$530	\$720	\$2,185	\$1,695	\$1,330	\$1,350



Vet Clinic Spay/Neuter Stats

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



Kitten Season

Year	# of Kittens
2022	310
2023	375
2024 (Jan- present)	485

- 105 currently in foster care



Proposed Updated Vetting Protocol for Cats



Current:

- All cats FeLV/FIV tested during vetting at a cost of \$15.87 per test
- April 1, 2023- April 1, 2024:
 - 1,234 total cats tested
 - 21 positive test results (17 FIV and 4 FeLV)
 - Cost ~\$19,600

Proposed:

- Only test high-risk or sick cats
- ASV Guidelines recommend discontinuing testing of all healthy cats in the shelter
- Accuracy of tests
 - Tests have a high likelihood of false positives, especially in kittens.
 - It takes at least 30 days after infection for a cat to test positive for FeLV and at least 60 days after infection for a cat to test positive for FIV.
- Prevalence of these diseases is less than 3% nationwide
- Reallocate resources to Ponazuril treatment and community pet/outreach program



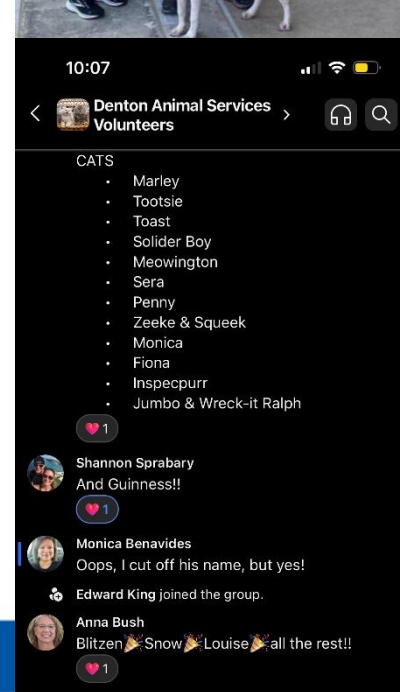
Community Pet Program

- Partnership with DASF, Our Daily Bread, Giving Grace to provide information for free sterilization and/or vaccination services for pets in need
- Since Jan. 1, 2024, have provided spay/neuter services for 86 community pets
- Provided pet services at Giving Grace event at Serve Denton on 10/19
- Vaccination clinic planning underway for spring



Volunteer Program

- In conjunction with the Denton Area Running Club, an orientation for the DARC Dog Runners was held. It was the first joint orientation in 5 years!
- In July, volunteers contributed 394 hours to the shelter.
- During the Clear the Shelters event on August 17, volunteers contributed a total of 57.49 hours.
- DAS continues to onboard new volunteers and provide opportunities for them to shadow current volunteers.
- A "GroupMe" was established to quickly communicate information with volunteers.



Clear the Shelters 2024

- Saturday, August 17th, 10am-5pm
- 263 visitors to shelter
- 57 total adoptions
 - 32 cats
 - 19 dogs
 - 3 guinea pigs
 - 1 rabbit



Animal Services Review

- Review of operations, policies, procedures conducted by outside, third-party consultant, Shelter Savvy
- Four-day onsite assessment, Sept 30- Oct 3, 2024
- Report outlines apparent needed changes and recommendations to bring shelter inline with nationally recognized best practices in animal shelters
- Shelter management to provide a response and a plan to address recommendations
- Will be shared with Council and the community



Questions

