



## ANNUAL REPORT OCTOBER 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2015



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## A Word from the Director

### IT TAKES A COMMUNITY!

Community effort and support saves lives and this is evident every day at the animal shelter. Staff, volunteers, fosters, adopters, donors and supporters are all a part of the community. No Kill is about valuing animals, not only saving their lives but also giving them good quality care.

The staff includes 18 full time and 6 part time workers. Each one is dedicated to the life-saving mission of the shelter. Besides cleaning and feeding, staff is responsible for the day-to-day comforts of the cats and dogs. Regardless of how nice a shelter is, it is still a stressful place for animals. It is noisy, smelly, cramped, with tons of new situations for the animal. It is up to staff to recognize stress and illness and have a plan to mitigate the issue.



The shelter would not be successful if it were not for the dedicated volunteers who walk the dogs, play with the cats, sit in the cat rooms and talk to them, help with cleaning and with the chores that are not so glamorous like washing dishes and doing the laundry. Our volunteers help with customer service and off-site adoptions and events. A specialized team of volunteers work with the dogs that have some behavioral issues to overcome. There are always opportunities for people to volunteer and the benefits for the animals and the humans are immeasurable!

Some animals cannot cope in a shelter setting or may need a little extra care before they can be placed for adoption. These include animals that come in sick or injured and need a little rehab time, kittens and puppies that are too young to adopt, and sometimes animals are fostered for short periods of time just to relieve overcrowding at the shelter. Fostering allows these animals the time needed to become healthy and old enough for adoption and prevents euthanasia for space.

Many shelters rely on rescue organizations to save large numbers of animals from the shelter. Sadly in our area, the rescue groups do not pull a lot of animals from our shelter. So we rely on adoptions to save the lives of the shelter animals. Almost 69% of the cats and 59% of the dogs that come into the shelter are adopted. These new homes literally save the lives of thousands of dogs and cats each year.

While WCRAS is supported and operated through tax dollars, much of the extra care and support are made possible because of community support and donations. Donations have made possible the dog park that allows our shelter dog's exercise and room to run. All the outside medical and surgical treatment our sick and injured animals received is paid through a special medical fund supported entirely from donations.

So it truly takes a community to save lives and we at the shelter are very grateful for our community.

*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

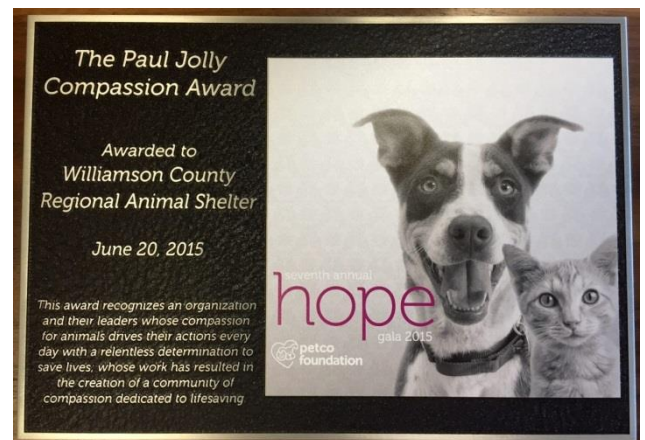


Volunteers are an essential piece of the shelter's life-saving mission. They are a dedicated and hardworking extension of our staff. During FY 2014-2015, our Volunteer Team grew to over 1,000 members who donated over eight thousand hours of work to the animals of the shelter.

## Paul Jolly Compassion Award

The Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter was selected by the Petco Foundation to receive the Paul Jolly Compassion Award for 2015. We are deeply honored and thrilled to receive the award in recognition of the lives saved daily and to represent so many individuals at the annual Hope Galain San Diego. In addition to the award, Petco Foundation gave the shelter \$75,000 which will be used in the expansion of the shelter.

"Each year, the Hope Gala allows us to shine a light on individuals and organizations that are doing incredible things to help animals," said Susanne Kogut, executive director of the Petco Foundation, in a statement. "We applaud the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter for their continued commitment to helping animals live the lives they deserve."



## Memorial Garden and Bricks



The Play Yards, Memorial Plaza, and Walking Trail at the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter (WCRAS) 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 donations raised through the Play Yard and Memorial Garden Fund aid in the construction and maintenance of the site. By purchasing an item to help sustain the yard and gardens, not only are you honoring a beloved pet or family member, you are also aiding a life-saving program for the dogs of Williamson County.

# Grants

## **Petco Foundation**

The Petco Foundation awarded a grant of \$80,000. The money is for an off-site adoption Counselor and van to set up an additional off-site location. In addition, money for spay/neuter of owned cats and dogs was included in this grant. Four participating Veterinarians and/or clinics agreed to accept vouchers and provide a discounted spay/neuter for dogs that reside in the shelter's jurisdiction. These vouchers were given to citizens in need of financial assistance by shelter personnel and animal control officers. The Veterinarian office then submitted the voucher to the shelter for reimbursement. Residents owning cats could make an appointment at the shelter for the service. The grant also provided free microchips to dogs and cats as well as collars and tags for all the adopted dogs.

## **Foundation Grant (wishes to remain anonymous)**

The Foundation awarded the shelter with an \$18,572.75 grant to provide additional spay/neuter for owned pets as well as microchips for resident animals. After they awarded the grant, they gave an additional \$10,000 towards spay/neuter and microchips.

## **Others:**

\$6450 – Meadows Foundation – to assist with the increased intake from the weather events in April and May 2015.

\$750 – Best Friends Animal Society – one time financial assistance grant for Vet care for 25 cats taken in from a hoarding case.

\$2000 – Best Friends Animal Society – For being an active participant in Best Friends promotions and specials offered through the No More Homeless Pets® Network! WCRAS was one of the 2015 bonus round prize winners. This award is bestowed upon 20 Network partners who participated in at least two of the three adoption promotions offered January-August 2015 and submitted promotion reports. Additionally, partners had their data up to date through August 2015. This money will go towards the play yard project.

\$4000 – Best Friends Animal Society - for qualifying for the Best Friends 2014 Network partner Save Them All® incentive!

\$500- Best Friends Animal Society - for being an active participant in our promotions and specials offered through the No More Homeless Pets® Network one of the 2015 Quarter 2 bonus prize winners. (April – June) Additionally, these partners had the highest percentage of adoptions (compared to intake numbers) in our data matrix for this time period.

\$1500 – PMAD (Puppy Mill Awareness) – to assist with the care of the 21 dogs and puppies from a Taylor residence.

\$500 – Best Friends Animal Society - stipend to attend the Best Friends National Conference

## Special Events and Fundraisers

### 5TH ANNUAL DENIM AND DIAMONDS FUR BALL OCTOBER 5, 2014

The Fur Ball is held annually at the Marriott in La Fontera in Round Rock. The money raised is funding a play yard for shelter dogs and walking path in the back of the shelter. We were incredibly honored to have Dr. Laura Hobgood speak at the event about the evolution of animals and people and their bond. Over \$16,400 was raised at the Fur Ball. Attendees are treated to an awesome meal prepared by the Marriott chef, a fabulous silent auction, and great company!





## WOOF, WALK, AND WRUN APRIL 26, 2015



The Woof, Walk, and Wrun raises money specifically for Jane's Fund and this year we raised \$13,113.69. It was held at the beautiful Berry Springs Park and we had 221 runners, walkers and dogs register for the event. The Cat Nap Challenge was added this year for those who would rather stay in bed. There were 30 participants! 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 19, 2015

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 \$3,885 for the animals in our shelter!



# Annual Comparison - Dog and Cat Statistics

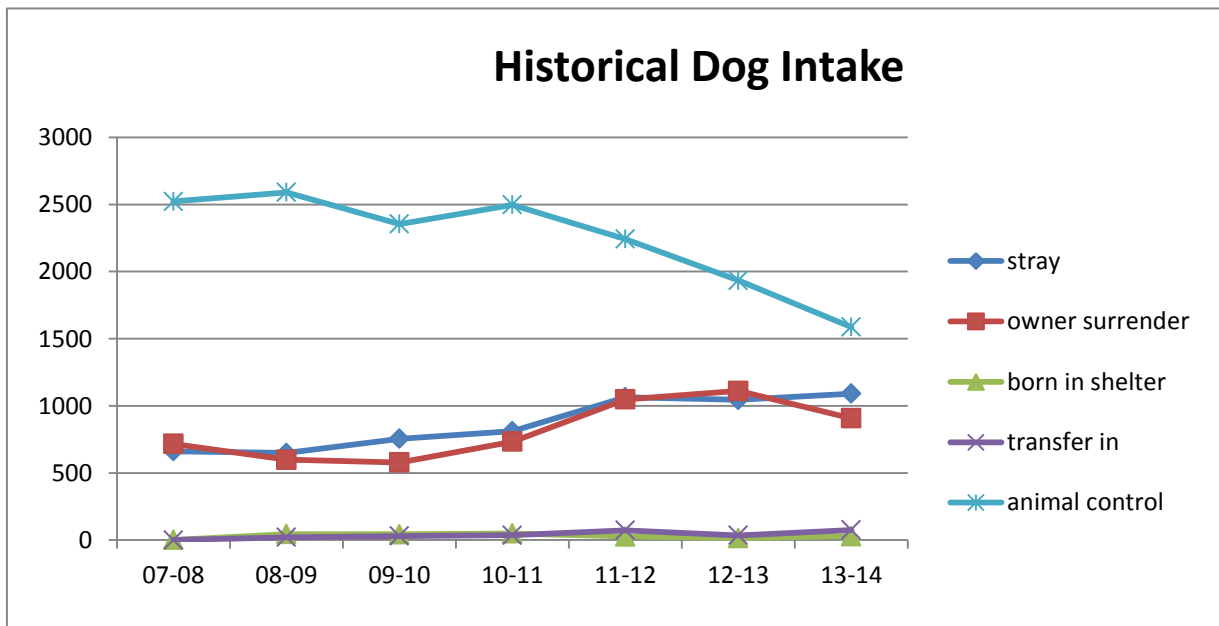
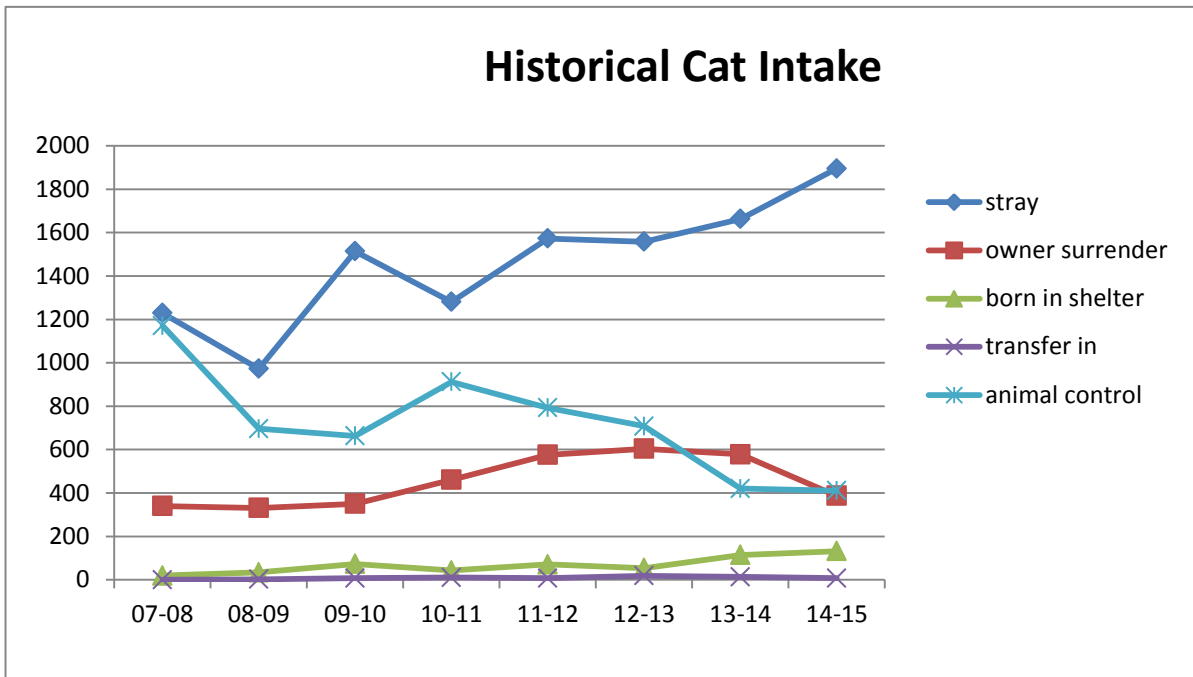
## Cats

	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Stray	1514	1281	1573	1558	1663	1895
Owner Surrender	350	461	576	604	578	387
Transfer In	7	1	7	1	1	7
Born in Shelter	73	4	7	54	11	132
ACO Agency	663	912	793	708	420	411
<b>Total Incoming</b>	<b>2607</b>	<b>2707</b>	<b>3020</b>	<b>2942</b>	<b>2788</b>	<b>2832</b>
Adopted	1159	1417	1637	2014	1859	1965
Reclaimed	45	7	3	44	41	82
Transferred	420	568	750	513	535	391
Died	282	278	246	219	123	176
Admin Missing	41	7	4	79	29	19
Euthanized	504	363	193	206	123	125
<b>Total Outgoing</b>	<b>2431</b>	<b>2698</b>	<b>2907</b>	<b>3075</b>	<b>2710</b>	<b>2758</b>

## DOGS

	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Stray	755	811	1064	1044	1091	1202
Owner Surrender	579	734	1048	1111	907	1059
Transfer In	30	36	73	35	76	56
Born in Shelter	43	49	26	15	29	69
ACO Agency	2355	2497	2243	1934	1587	1358
<b>Total Incoming</b>	<b>3762</b>	<b>4127</b>	<b>4454</b>	<b>4139</b>	<b>3690</b>	<b>3744</b>
Adopted	1329	1710	2543	2316	2143	2462
Reclaimed	943	1138	1093	1023	956	885
Transferred	774	955	561	620	419	349
Died	44	25	34	21	26	15
Admin Missing	6	0	15	1	8	7
Euthanized	672	227	203	186	106	49
<b>Total Outgoing</b>	<b>3768</b>	<b>4055</b>	<b>4449</b>	<b>4167</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>3767</b>



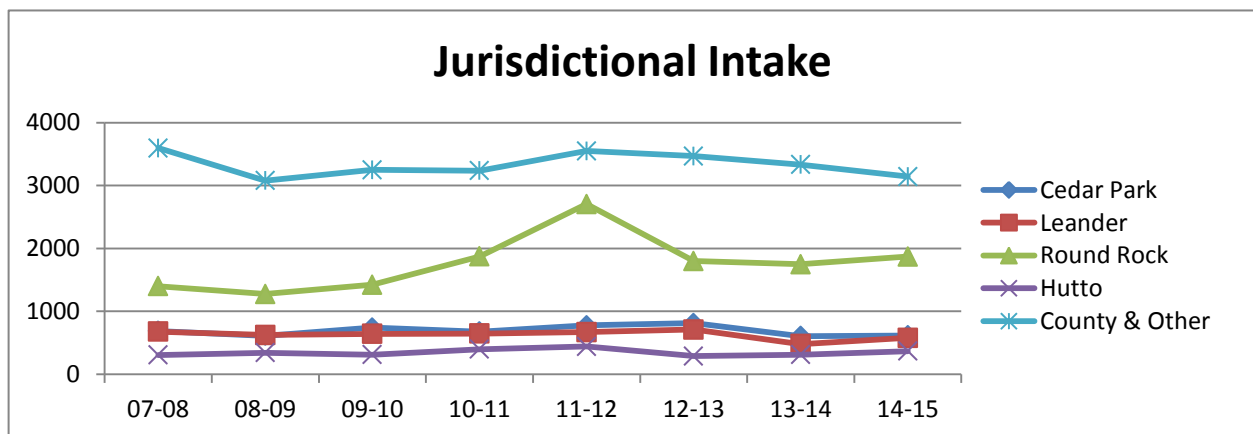


### Total Intake of all Animals

Intake	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Cats and Kittens	2036	2607	2707	3020	2942	2788	2832
Dogs and Puppies	3907	3762	4127	4454	4139	3690	3744
Domestic Rabbits	0	8	18	30	47	24	16
Wildlife	36	25	106	106	28	103	31
Bats	16	55	133	114	160	32	18
Exotic Animals	0	5	2	1	6	17	0
Livestock	1	9	9	6	19	19	12
Wild Birds	0	9	10	9	3	0	17
Domestic Birds	0	2	11	10	3	8	2
Other Domestic Pets	7	10	7	13	29	13	22
Total	6003	6492	7130	7763	7376	6694	6694

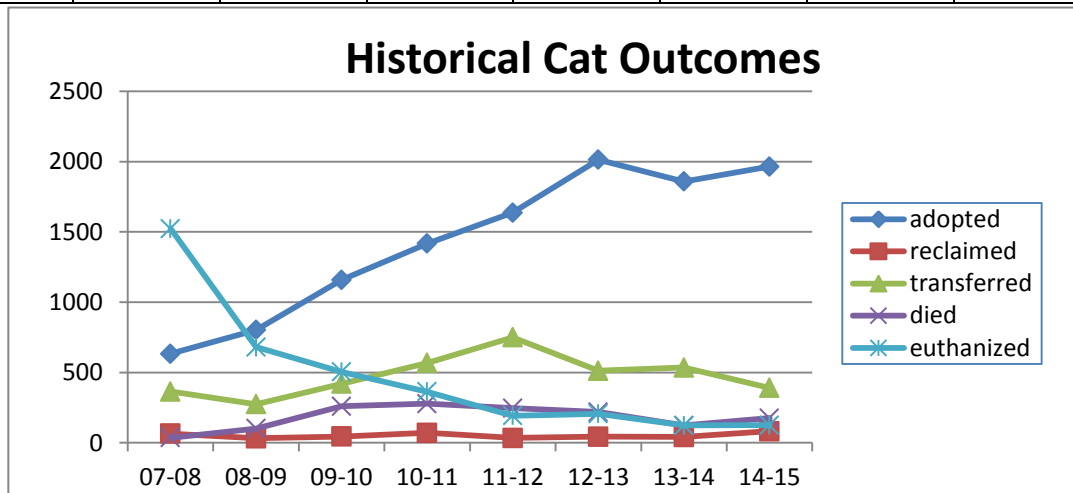
### Cat and Dog Intake by Jurisdiction

	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Cedar Park	613	742	679	777	812	607	616
Leander	624	643	647	671	711	479	578
Round Rock	1280	1423	1873	2035	1800	1748	1870
Hutto	343	312	398	442	290	312	369
Williamson Co	2940	3095	3095	3326	3219	3139	2875
Other	141	154	142	223	249	193	268

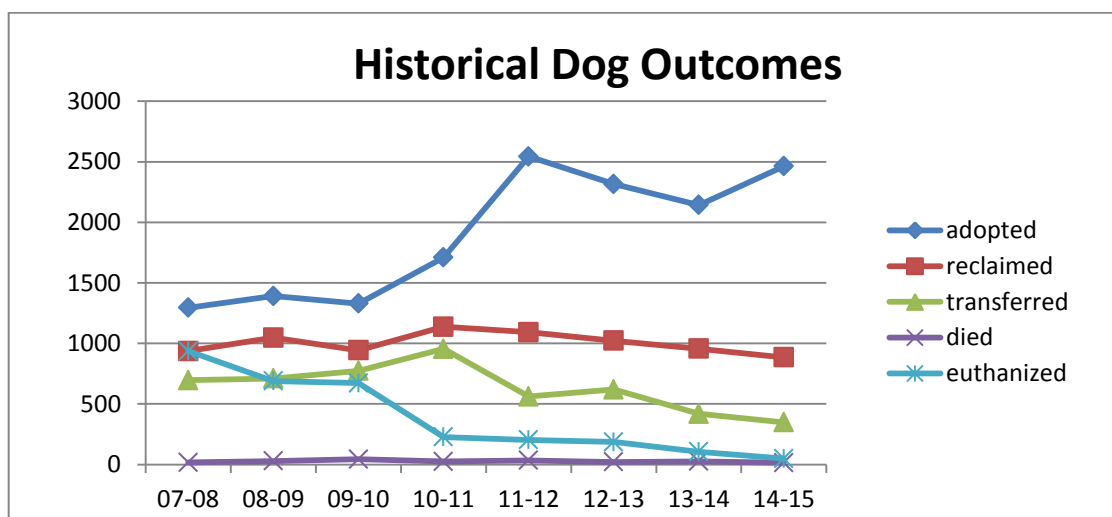


## Animal Outgoing Percentages

Cats	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Adopted	23%	43%	50%	58%	59%	68%	69%	69%
Reclaim	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Transfer	18%	14%	20%	22%	27%	27%	17%	17%
Died	2%	6%	8%	10%	10%	7%	5%	6%
Euthanasia	53.95%	34.12%	18.86%	12.68%	6.27%	7.0%	4.54%	4.41%



Dogs	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Adopted	33%	36%	35%	41%	57%	56%	59%	66%
Reclaim	24%	27%	25%	28%	25%	25%	26%	24%
Transfer	18%	18%	20%	22%	13%	15%	11%	9%
Died	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.5%
Euthanasia	24.97%	17.66%	17.85%	5.53%	4.57%	4.49%	2.90%	1.31%





## Rescue Groups Pulling Animals from the Shelter

	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Austin Pets Alive		240	339	130	85	110
Honorina's Cat Rescue	208	277	303	286	270	159
Texas Humane Heroes (WCHS)	563	537	231	136	141	68
Austin Humane Society	154	151	99	94	135	130
PAWS Shelter Kyle		162		165	75	58
Georgetown Animal Outreach				40	49	34
Breed Specific and Others				282	199	181

## Other Interesting Numbers/Facts

- 🐾 1654 cats/kittens and 709 dog/puppies animals went into a foster home and there were 698 fosters
- 🐾 4.78% of cats and 14.5% of dogs that are adopted are returned to the shelter.
- 🐾 356 cats/kittens were sterilized through our free-roaming spay/neuter clinics and 123 owned cats were sterilized at the shelter funded by a grant.
- 🐾 1423 animals were licensed in Williamson County/Hutto this year. This generated \$7,548.50 in revenue. The shelter also licensed 303 animals for the City of Round Rock which generated \$1818.02 in revenue for them.
- 🐾 577 microchips were implanted in owned dogs and cats in community clinic events funded by grants
- 🐾 Average length of stay in dogs was 10.1 days and 14.2 days in cats





## Budget Expenditures FY 2014-2015

Personnel	\$993,206.46	Salaries and Benefits
Shelter Improvement	\$11,184.04	Small Equip and Tools, Facility Maint and Repair
Direct Animal Care	\$216,857.81	Janitorial Supplies, Professional Services, Animal Care, Medical Care, Disposal
Utilities	\$65,506.28	Telephone, Electric and Water
Office, bldg, and yard	\$34,793.58	Office Equip and Furniture, Computer, Office and Paper supplies, Extermination, Janitorial Contract, Lawn Service, Bond, Property Ins., Courier, etc
Vehicle	\$3,843.05	Gasoline, Repairs and Maintenance, Insurance
Personnel Costs	\$4,978.44	Uniforms, Membership Dues, Publications, Travel and Training
Donations	\$109,233.23	HW and Medical Treatment, other misc. subsidize budget
Purchases for Resale	\$1,158.00	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
2014-2015	\$1,359,642.71	\$201,668.42	\$1,331,527.66	\$288,173.51	\$109,233.23

## Jurisdiction Budget Percentage

	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Cedar Park	9.5%	9.8%	10.3%	11.9%	10.4%	9.5%	12.2%	11.7%
Leander	9.5%	10.2%	11%	10.5%	9.1%	9.8%	9.1%	10%
Round Rock	30%	21.9%	21.3%	21.2%	26.3%	28%	26.6%	25.6%
Hutto	1%	4.7%	5.5%	5.1%	5.4%	6.5%	4.9%	4.1%
Williamson Co	50%	53.4%	51.9%	51.3%	48.8%	46.2%	47.2%	48.6%

# Expansion and Renovation



Two years ago, the board began discussing the need for an expansion and renovation of the animal shelter. Each year the shelter intakes between 6500-7000 animals, mostly cats and dogs. Historically, the shelter has always been over capacity. Using standard calculations, the shelter was built with one-half the kennels needed to house the number of dogs and cats that come into the shelter. To accommodate the intake and housing of animals and to comply with the Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, storage closets and hallways, even bathrooms now house animals. Despite the less than desirable housing, the staff has cared for the animals, major disease outbreak has been managed and many, many lives have been saved.

No longer is euthanasia the primary outcome for shelter pets. Animal shelters should be designed to reflect and sustain a life-saving mission. Minimum standards related to primary enclosures and enrichment helps ensure that animal shelters are places where health and behavioral problems are not exacerbated but are properly managed and addressed. Animals should not become less likely to be adopted as a result of the sheltering experience. Adequate space and a functional shelter are important. Without this, other components of a safe haven, such as competent, caring staff, volunteers and community support are less likely.

The board continues to look at options and move forward with plans to renovate the existing kennels as well as adding space to provide more housing. Jackson and Ryan Architects have carefully programed the intake of animals through the year 2050 based on a conservative population growth and the historical intake of animals within our county and have presented a conception design.

Because the shelter is a collaborative effort between Williamson County and the cities of Round Rock, Hutto, Cedar Park, and Leander, all entities must be in agreement before approval to move forward on the design and cost of the facility. Discussion continues.





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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

Lorie Lankford, Round Rock Assistant Finance Director  
Daron Butler, Cedar Park Business Services Director  
Jeff Hayes, Leander Assistant Police Chief  
Micah Grau, Hutto Assistant City Manager  
Valerie Covey, Williamson County Commissioner

### Advisory Board

Katrina Breitreiter DVM	Veterinarian
Tabitha Blewett, ACO	County/Municipal Official
Joel Hess, Chairperson	Person Involved in Operation of Shelter
Dr. Laura Hobgood	Member of a Welfare Organization
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