

# City of Burleson, Texas

Animal Care and Control  
The fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

## September 2023 Monthly Report



Protect and serve the citizens of Burleson by enforcing state health and safety codes and the local animal care and control ordinance, educating citizens on animal-related issues, and maintaining a clean, efficient, and humane animal shelter.

## Summary

Burleson Animal Services is committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Burleson as well as the animals of Burleson. The animal services respond to a variety of calls, including but not limited to at-large animals, animals in traps, and nuisance barking animals.

The shelter provides a temporary safe haven for lost, abandoned, or unwanted animals and attempts at finding reliable adopters, reputable rescue groups, and loving owners for these animals.

In addition to these services, the shelter also provides education services to the public regarding bite prevention, rabies prevention, responsible pet ownership, and proper dog training and behavior.

### General Information FY 2022 - 2023

To date, we have had:

- **6653** telephone calls
- **2308** field calls for service
- **4199** visitors to the shelter
- **388** non-court-ordered volunteer hours
- **47** Animal(s) brought in for Rabies Quarantine

### Field Services

- To date, **2308** calls for service have been completed.
- **457** written warnings have been issued to date.
- **31** citations have been issued to date.
- **75** animal(s) have been held for Rabies Quarantine to date.
- **22.00** hours have been completed in the field patrolling.

### September 2023

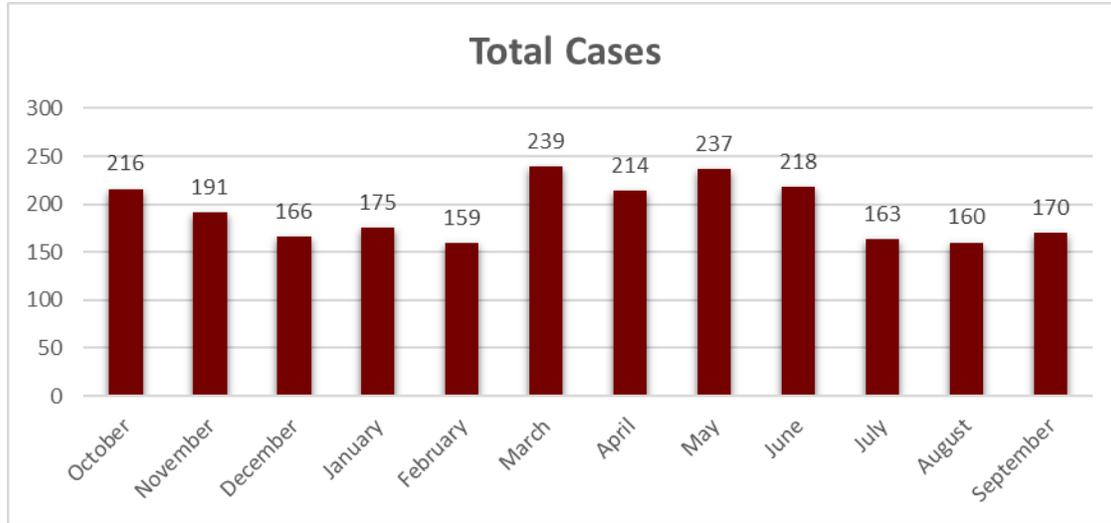
#### Animals Handled September 2023

- **148** Animals were handled in September 2023.
- **Of the 148 animals handled, approximately 100% were live released.**
- **18 animals were euthanized.**
- **Of the 18 animals euthanized, 0 were feral cats.**
- **0 animals or 0% were euthanized due to space.**

## Field Services

The Animal Services division responds to approximately 2,000 calls for service each year. Trends usually show the numbers peaking during the warmest months and declining during the coldest.

### All Calls for Service are handled within 24 hours



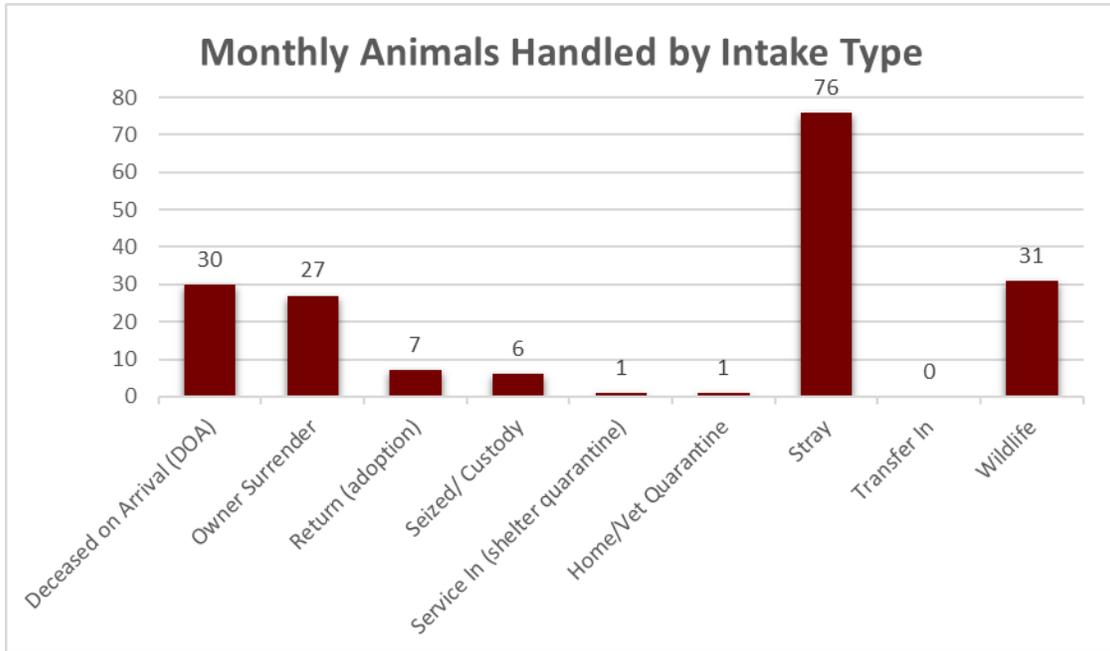
### Actions Taken by Officers

Attempts to educate and mediate are most often the first method of resolution. When these techniques fail or are ignored, a written warning or citation could be issued. These methods help to reduce the number of repeat offenders, and animals impounded, and more effectively manage long-term problems. These actions are taken to enhance public safety and animal welfare.



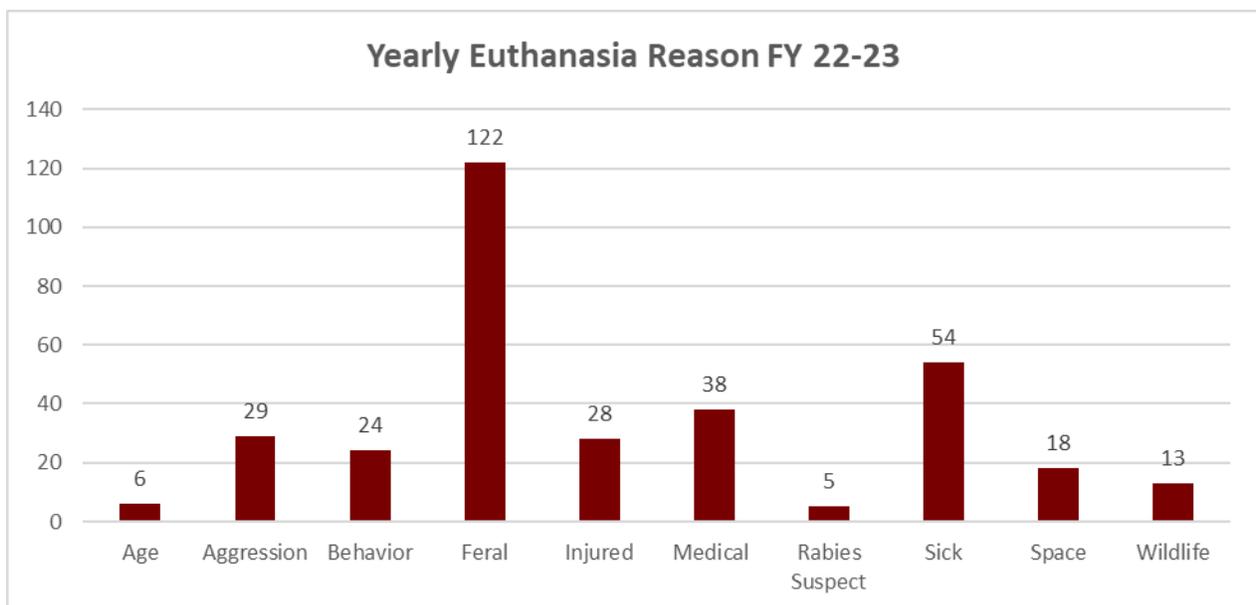
## Intake Information

Burleson Animal Shelter intakes about 2,000 animals per year and averages about 165 animals per month. Below you will see the intake data per month broken down by species and by intake type.

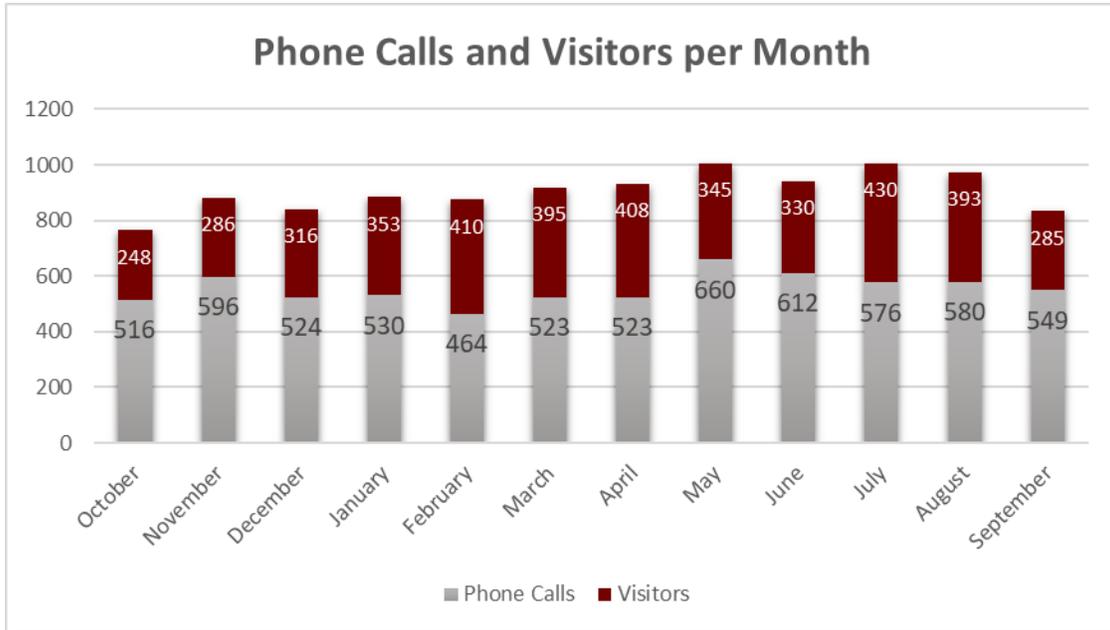


## Euthanasia Information

The chart below depicts the breakdown of euthanasia numbers by reason for the fiscal year.

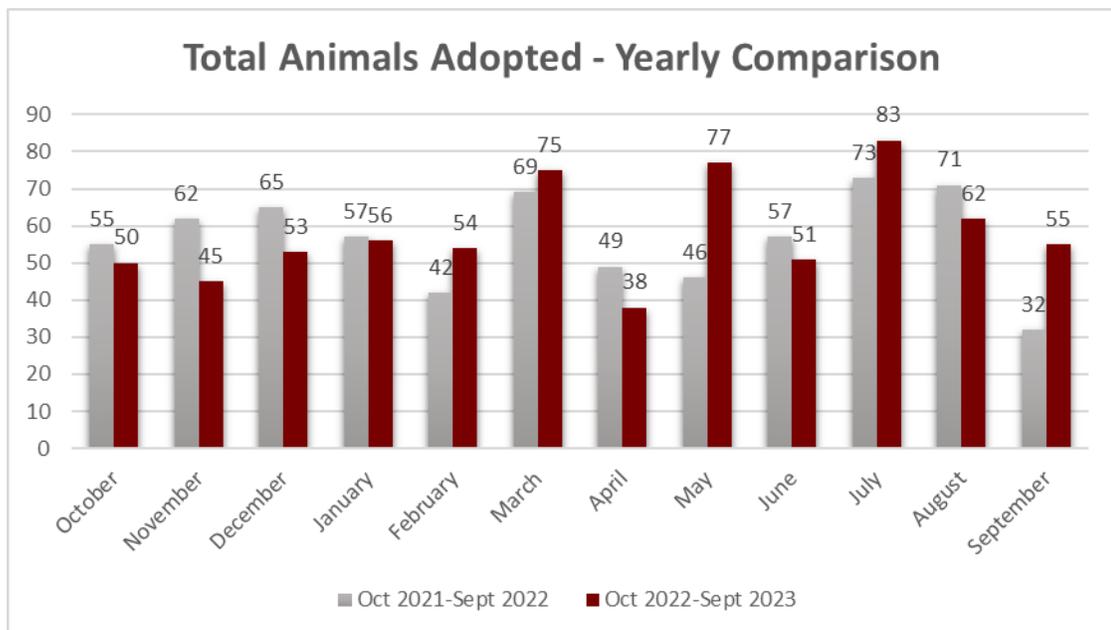


## General Information



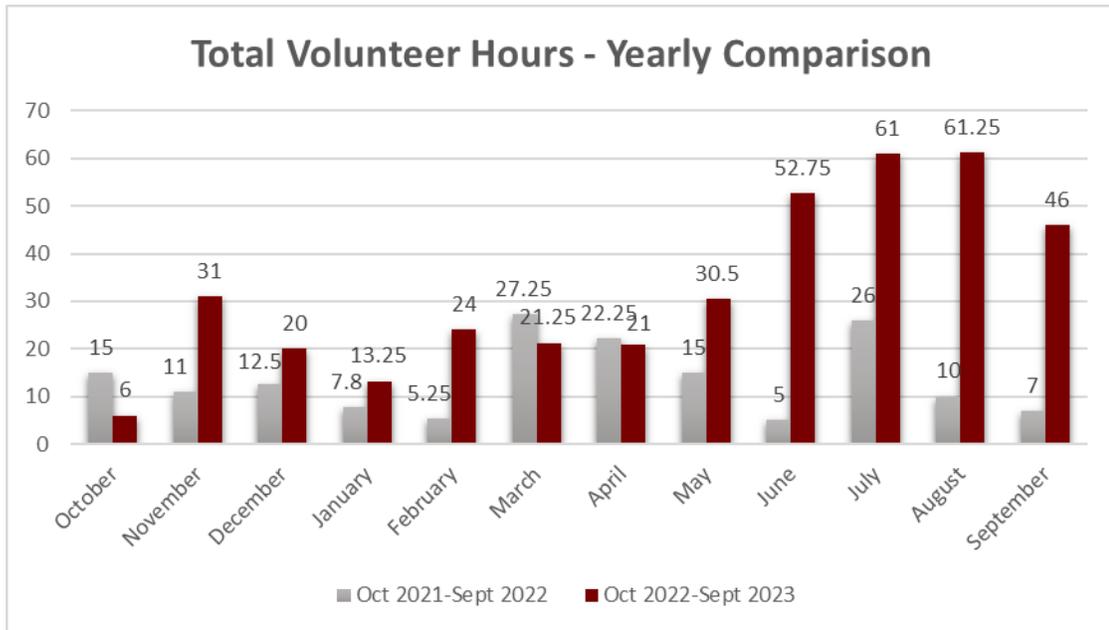
Phone calls and visitors are depicted in the graph above. Phone calls typically increase with season changes and visitors tend to fluctuate on an unforeseen basis.

## Adoptions



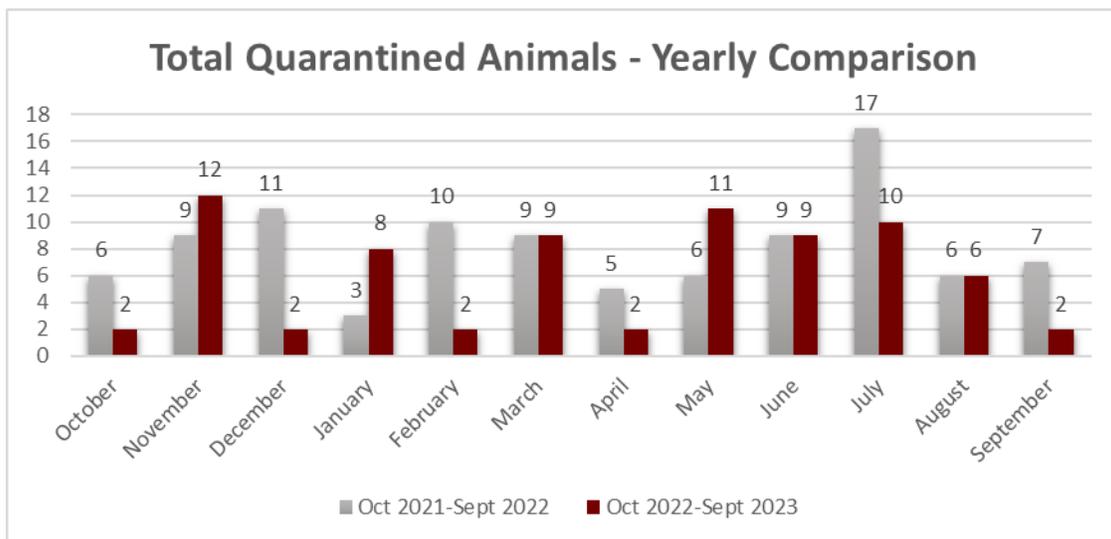
## Volunteers

Volunteers perform a myriad of tasks at the shelter from walking dogs, to playing with puppies and kittens. It is very beneficial for the animals to be able to spend some time outside of their cage with one-on-one human contact. Socializing and daily exercise helps reduce stress on the animals and also help make them more adoptable.



## Animal Quarantine

Animals that bite are subject to quarantine and are required to quarantine the animal for not less than ten days confinement from the date of the bite, at the owner's expense.





# **PÄWS** **FOR A Cause**

**PARTNERING BURLESON ANIMAL  
SERVICES WITH ASSISTED  
LIVING COMMUNITIES**

THE CITY OF  
**BURLESON**  
TEXAS | **Animal  
Services**

Animal Control Officer, Brennan Jones, has started Paws with a Cause. We partner with assisted living communities to enhance the mental well-being of senior citizens through the love and affection of a furry friend.

Brennan and Clifford put in 3 hours for September 2023. The residents can't wait for their weekly visits.

They have successfully reached two non-verbal residents. Those residents won't stop talking now.

We are very proud of this program.

## Definition of Terms

**Adoption:** Animals are released to new homes through a signed contract agreeing to have the animal sterilized and vaccinated for rabies.

**Adoption Returns:** An animal is adopted and then returned to the shelter.

**After-hour calls:** Calls received and completed after normal business hours.

**Animal returned to the field:** Animals are picked up by an animal control officer and then taken home rather than brought to the shelter.

**Barking:** Complaint of a dog barking for several hours, without provocation or reason.

**Community service hours:** Number of court-ordered community service hours performed.

**Cruelty Investigation:** An investigation performed to determine if an animal has been mistreated or abused.

**DOA (Dead on Arrival):** Animals that arrive at the shelter are deceased.

**Euthanasia:** The act of “mercy” killing, sick, injured, or unwanted animals in a shelter.

**Age-** An animal too young for adoption, or too old to be safely placed.

**Aggression-** An animal displaying fractious or potentially threatening behavior.

**Behavior-** An animal that displays traits that prevent it from being properly contained or extremely destructive. E.g. Jumps fence, barks excessively, anxiety disorders.

**Feral-** Any undomesticated animal.

**Injured-** An animal with broken bones, punctured / perforated organs, or large, open wounds.

**Medical-** An animal with a non-communicable disease such as heartworm or organ failure.

**Sick-** An animal with a communicable disease that cannot be properly housed away from other animals without potentially spreading the disease to them such as Parvovirus or distemper.

**Space-** The lack of cages or kennels in the shelter.

**Wildlife-** Any non-domesticated animal.

**Fees collected:** Funds are collected either from adoption fees, microchipping, vaccination, or reclamation fees.

**Food donation:** Animal food is given to citizens who request it due to the inability to provide food for themselves.

**Fosters:** An animal placed in temporary custody until ready for adoption.

**Intake:** Animals admitted to the animal shelter. These include animals surrendered by the general public, picked up by an animal control officer, and animals born at the shelter.

**Reclaimed:** Animals returned to their owners from the shelter.

**Transfers:** Animals are sent to a rescue group, humane society, or another shelter.

**Low-cost vaccination:** Vaccinations are given at a steeply discounted rate to provide access to people with a lower income.

**Microchip:** A small implant done under the skin to achieve permanent identification of an animal.

**Multi-pet permits:** Inspections and investigations are performed to be allowed to own more than four (4) animals within city limits.

**Off-site adoption:** An adoption event at an offsite location such as a city event, or PetSmart-type location.

**Owner surrender:** An animal willingly surrenders to the shelter by their owner.

**Phone calls:** Any incoming telephone calls to the shelter.

**Rabies:** A disease naturally occurring in the wild that primarily affects bats, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, and skunks but can be passed onto domesticated animals as well as humans and is fatal if not detected early.

**Stray and at large:** An animal not confined to its' owner's property.

**Total animals handled (intake):** The raw number of animals brought to the shelter.

**Trap request:** A request put in to borrow a trap to trap a feral, stray, or wild animal.

**Volunteer hours:** Number of hours donated by registered volunteers.