
Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2024 – 7:00pm-9:00pm
One Justice Square; Webex

Present: Jeanne Aulbach, Gail LaBerge, Erin Martin, Nahum Nicholas
Absent: B Thassanee Gutter-Parker, Tati Romeo, Dr. Tameka Womack

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome / Announcements
3. Approval of Agenda
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Nicholas: Vote: (4-0); Aulbach-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes}
4. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2024
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: Nicholas; Second: Martin: Vote: (4-0); Aulbach-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes}
5. Staff Updates
 - Animal Welfare & Enforcement Updates
 - Operations Updates
 - Outreach & Resources Updates
 - Upcoming Special Events
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment
 - {Action: Approved; Motion: LaBerge; Second: Nicholas: Vote: (4-0); Aulbach-Yes; LaBerge-Yes; Martin-Yes; Nicholas-Yes}

Gwinnett Animal Advisory Council

April 8, 2024



Shelter Updates

- Amendment to Animal Ordinances
- Road Officers Updated Procedures
- Kennel Floor and Ceiling Project
- Kathy Claborn – 2023 DoCS MVP
- [Explore Gwinnett Animal Shelter](#)



Team Updates

January – March 2024

Promotions

- Katrina Amaro – Division Director
- Michael Chatham – Special Operations Manager

New Hires

- Laura Leitch – Animal Care Specialist
- Five Animal Control Officers
- Administrative Support Associate I
- Administrative Support Associate II

Team Updates Continued

January – March 2024

Vacancies

- Day Road Coordinator (1)
- Night Road Training Officer (1)
- Animal Control Officer I (4)
- PT Animal Control Officer (1)
- Administrative Support Associate I

Team Training

- Cruelty and Neglect Investigations
- Crime Scene Exercise
- Animal Cruelty and Fighting Investigations Seminar
- National Care and Control 2024 Conference for Animal Welfare



Team Training Continued

- ASP Baton
- Bite Procedures
- Field and Kennel Training
- Fuel Site
- Chemical Capture
- Humane Euthanasia
- Catch Pole Training
- Intake Procedures
- Neglect
- Ordinance Review
- Rabies and Heartworm
- Shelter Buddy Cleaning Procedure
- Defensive Driving
- Trailer Operations
- Opioid/Narcan Training

Workers Comp Incidents

- January – March 2024
 - 13 Center and 5 Field
- January – March 2023
 - 9 Center and 6 Field



Social Media Recap January – March 2024

- 457,883 Post impressions
- 353,959 Post reach
- 27,493 Page and post engagement
- 14,630 Engaged users





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13 comments • 46 shares

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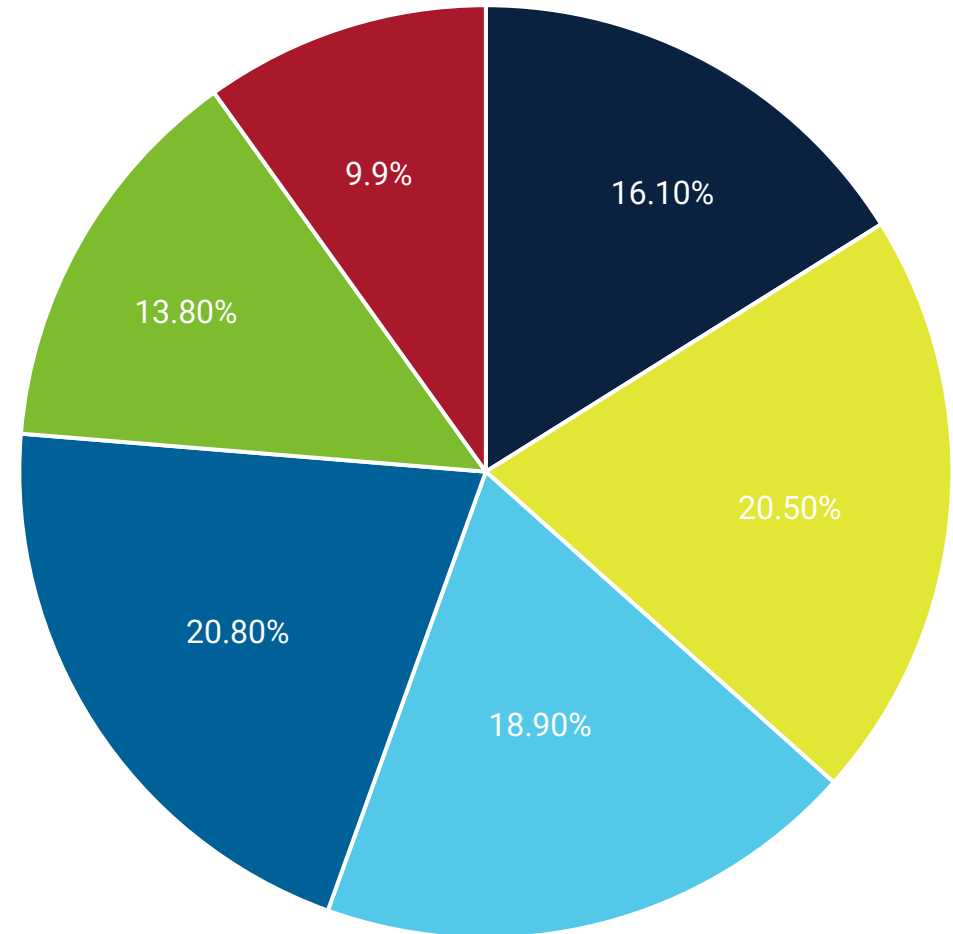
Social Media Recap January – March 2024

- 4,276 Reactions
- 5,013 Link clicks
- 1,110 New fans

Website Recap

January – March 2024

- 284,450 Views
- 27,865 Users
- 81% Website views on mobile device
- 22.2% Website views by an organic search





Center Operations January – March 2024

- 91.7% percentage saved
- 666 Adoptions
- 1,264 New arrivals and intakes
- 467 Animals returned to owners
- 4,447 Visitors to the center

Center Operations

January – March 2024

	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
Visitors	4,447	4898	21,838
Adoptions	666	753	3,684
Return to Owners	467	472	1,743

Animal Enrichment

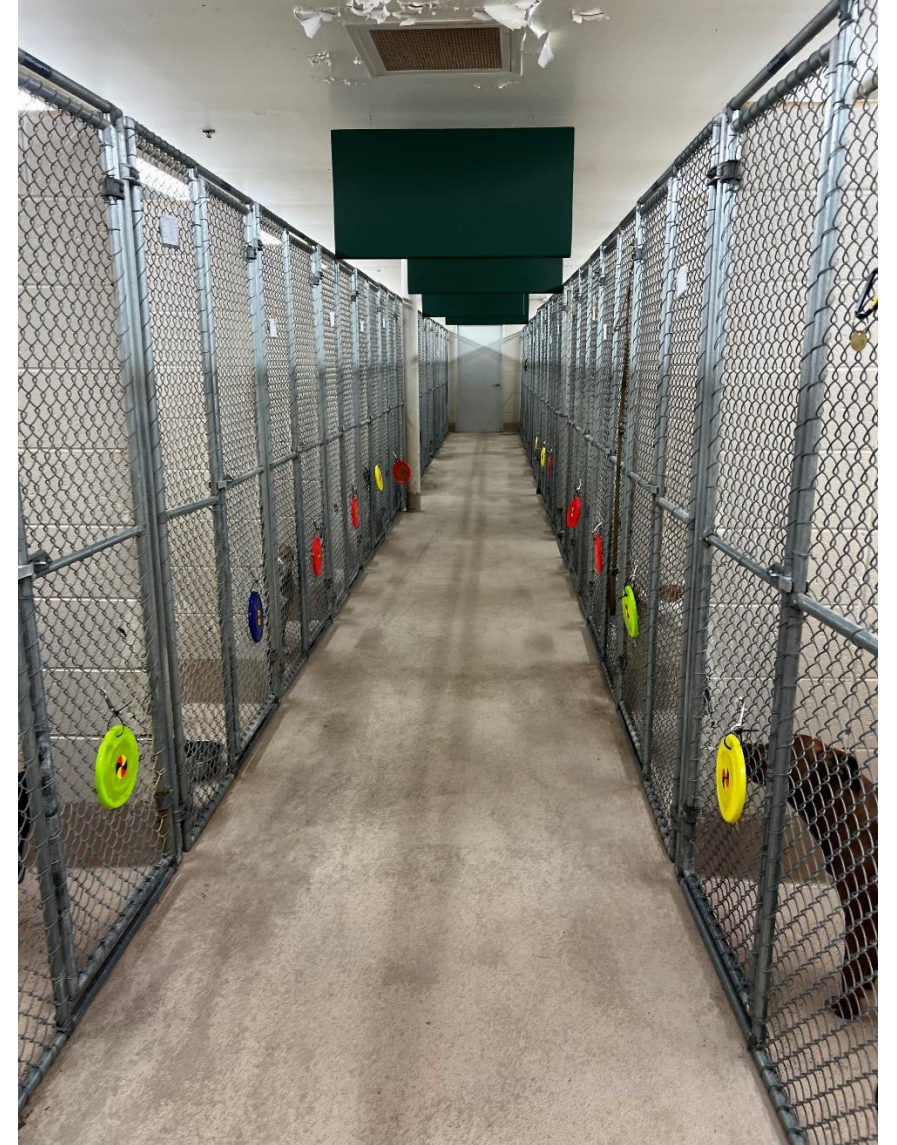
January – March 2024

Center

- 211 Hours of enrichment
- 200 Dogs in enrichment activities
 - Play groups, lick mats, peanut butter frisbees, ball pit in bonding pen, stuffed Kongs, etc.

Outreach

- 26 Hours of enrichment
- 29 Dogs in enrichment activities
- Dog Day Out, adoption events, spa days, etc.



Euthanasia

January – March 2024

- 154 Animals euthanized
 - 134 Animals euthanized (January – March 2023)
- 29 Unassisted deaths*
 - 4 kittens, 3 cats, 3 dogs, 15 puppies, 2 mammal, and 2 goats

**Includes unassisted death-in foster and transit*

Euthanasia by Species

January – March 2024

Animal Type	In-House	Outside Vet
Dog	75	9
Puppy	13	1
Cat	13	5
Kitten	1	1
Bird (wildlife)	-	1
Mammal (i.e., racoons, bats, possums)	31	-
Marsupial	4	-
Grand Total	137	17

Field Operations

January – March 2024

- 5,100 Calls for service
- 551 Citations issued
- 150 Animals returned in the field
- 693 Animals picked up on road
- 377 Dead animals picked up



Field Operations

January – March 2024

	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
Animals Saved	1,218	1,329	6,005
Calls for Service	5,100 (9% increase)	4,671	20,264
Animals Returned in Field	150	140	546
Citations Issued	551 (111% increase)	260	1,130

Special Operations January – March 2024

- 189 Animal bites
- 85 Animals sent to rescue
- 4 Positive rabies cases



Bites and Rabies Comparison

January – March 2024

	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
Animal Bites	189	164	770
Positive Rabies Cases	4	1	8

Rescues, Neglect/Court, & Probation

January – March 2024

	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
Sent to a Rescue	85	104	578
Neglect Cases	85	87	882
Court and Probation	84	184	1,130 (388 Probation)

Dangerous/Vicious Hearing Board

January – March 2024

Dangerous Dogs	Vicious Dogs
0 Dangerous dog cases (hearing pending)	2 Vicious dog case (hearing pending)
3 Dogs declared dangerous	8 Dog declared as vicious
0 Cases pending/investigation	1 Cases pending/investigation

A photograph of two cats sitting on a table, looking at each other. The cat on the left is dark-colored, and the cat on the right is brown and white. They are in a room with a blue patterned cloth on the table. The image is partially obscured by a yellow and blue graphic overlay.

Return to Community Cat Program

- 427 TNR'd
 - January – March 2024
- 334 TNR'd
 - January – March 2023
- 27% Increase from 2023

Return to Community Cat Program

January – March 2024

Month	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
January	83	112	1,548 <i>(23% increase from 2022)</i>
February	169	103	
March	175	119	
Grand Total	427	334	

Owner Surrender Emails

January – March 2024

Month	January – March 2024	January – March 2023	Total for 2023
January	170	136	2,248
February	173	131	
March	178	175	
Grand Total	521 (18% increase from 2023)	442	



Fosters

January – March 2024

- 18 Home visits conducted
- 72 Animals in a foster home

Foster Animals Thriving

January – March 2024



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Community Outreach

January – March 2024

- Dog Day Out – program launched!
- Wanna Go For A Dog Walk – Gwinnett HR
- 18 Outreach Appearances
 - Wolf Gang Bakery and Grooming
 - PetSmart National Spring Adoption
 - 3 Dogs adopted



Dog Day Out



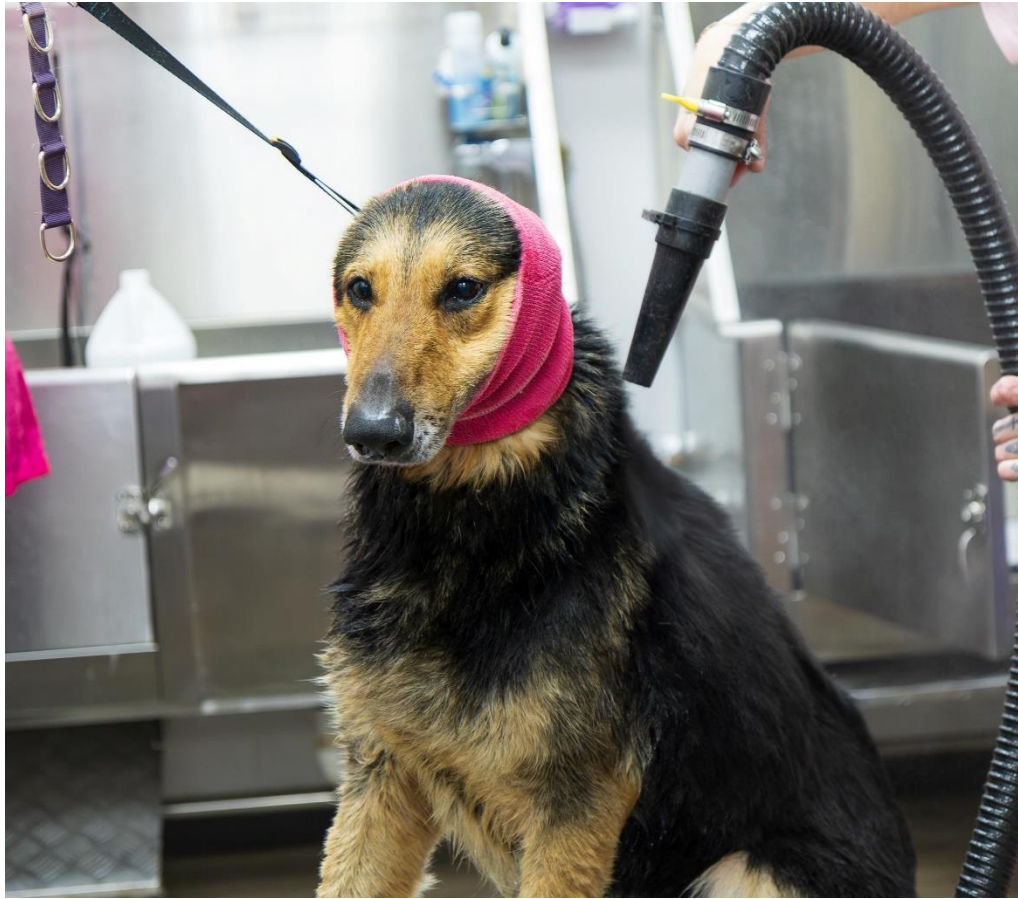
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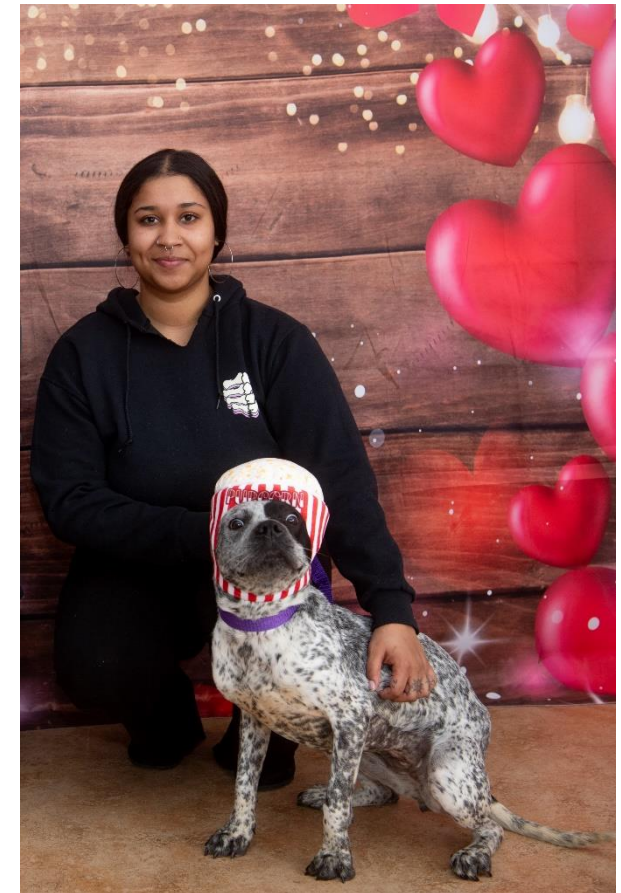
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Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming



Love-a-Mutt



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Purrs and Paws – A Kitten Shower



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Community Appearances



- Society of Humane Friends Vaccine Clinic
- Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Education Event
- Career From Here Job Fair
- Veterans Community Career Fair at Best Friend Park
- 5 School Career Days

Upcoming Outreach

- April 17: QT Data Center Dog Day Out
- April 20 & May 4: PetSmart Mall of GA Adoption Education Event
- April 23 & 24: Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Dog Day Out
- April 27: Gwinnett County Employee 5K Adoption Education Event
- May 9: Everleigh Duluth (55+ Community) Adoption Education Event
- May 11: Superheroes Day
- May 18: Multicultural Festival & County Government Day

Upcoming Events

- May 18: Wanna Go For A Dog Walk
- June 3 – June 14: Animal Ambassador Summer Camp



Thank You

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