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**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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Don't judge a dog by its size! Large dogs are often misunderstood as being mea... See more



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13 comments · 46 shares

👍 Like    💬 Comment    📧 Send    ➦ Share

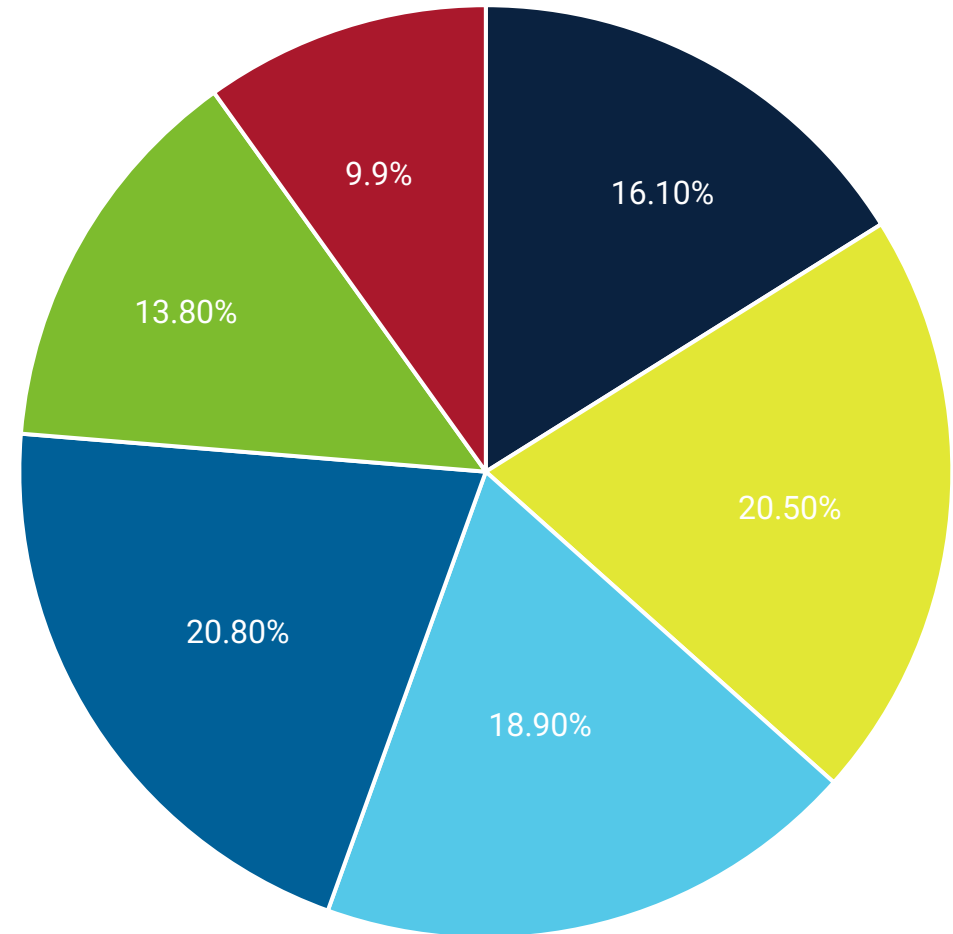
# Social Media Recap January – March 2024

- 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

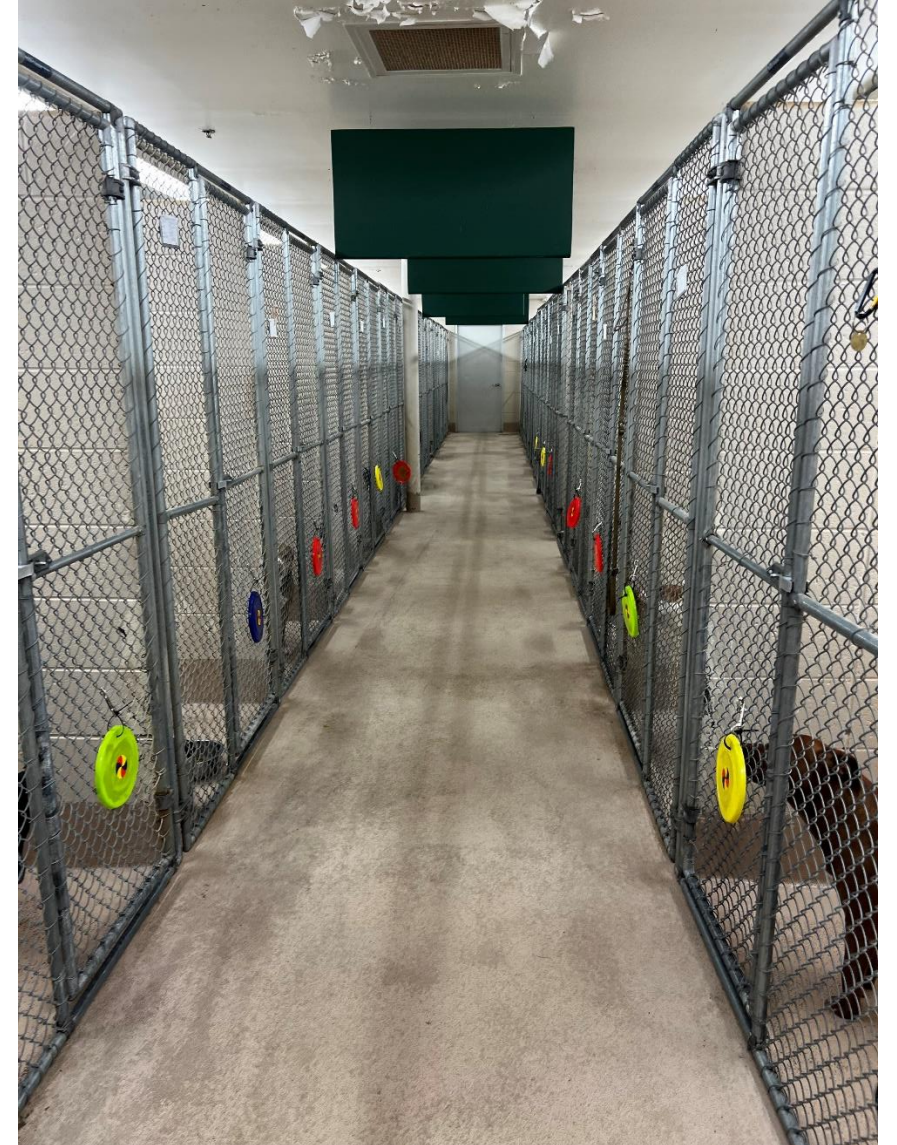
## January – March 2024

### 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	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>17</b>



# 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

<b>Dangerous Dogs</b>	<b>Vicious Dogs</b>
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	<b>1,548</b> <i>(23% increase from 2022)</i>
February	169	103	
March	175	119	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>334</b>	



# 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	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>521</b> (18% increase from 2023)	<b>442</b>	



# Fosters

## January – March 2024

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

# Foster Animals Thriving

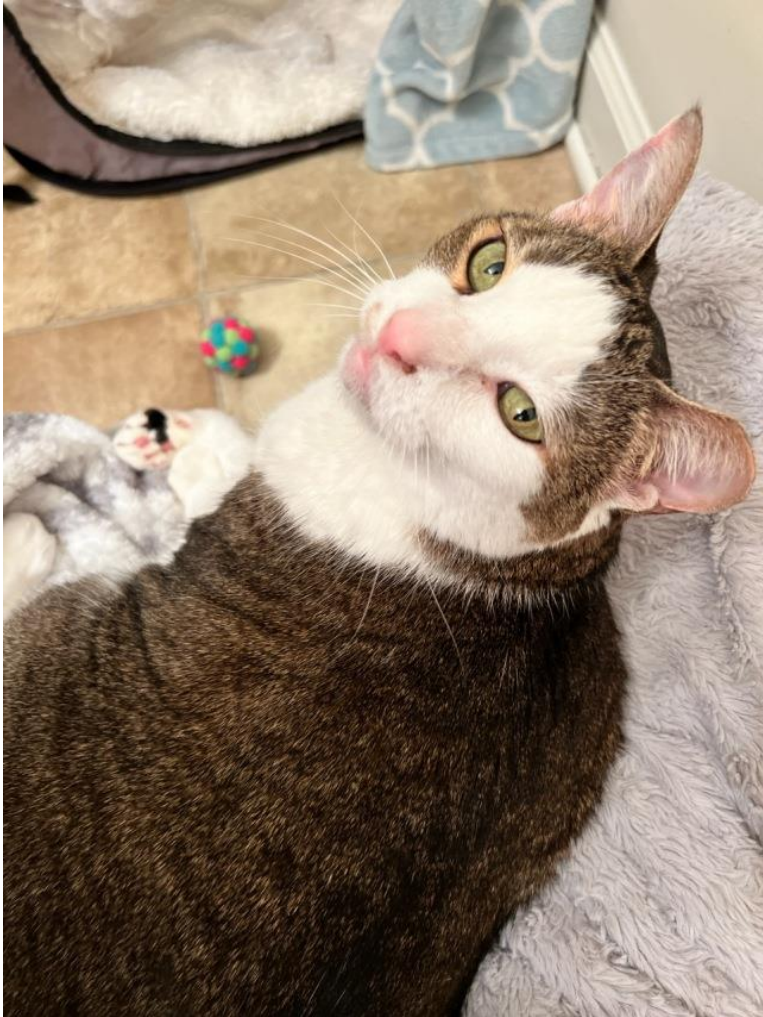
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# Foster Animals Thriving

January – March 2024



# 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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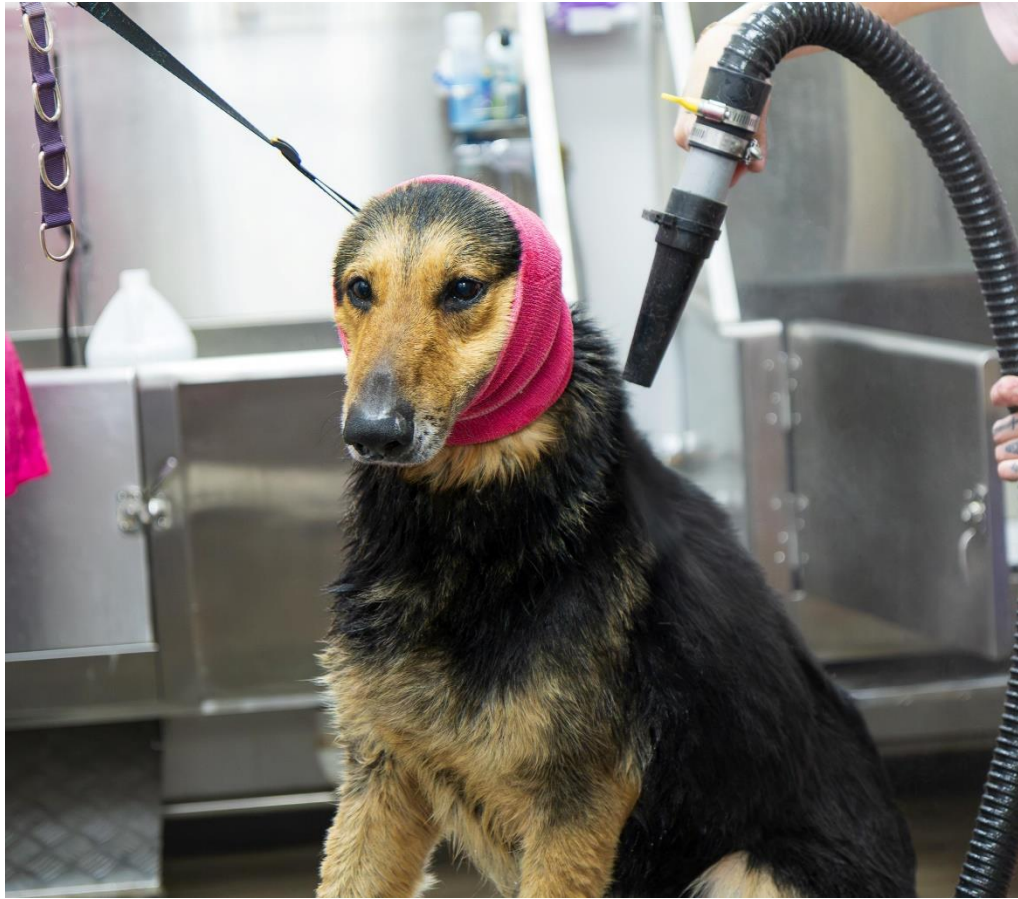




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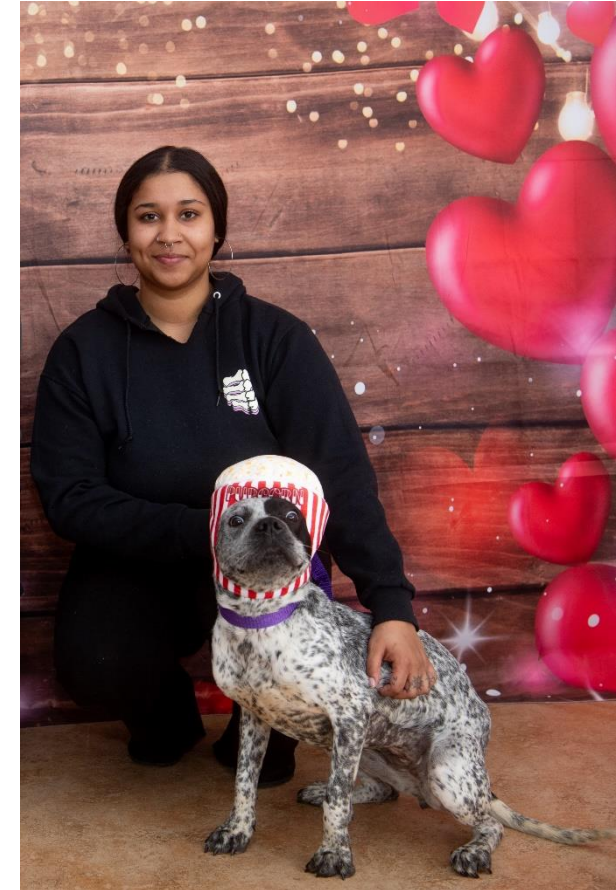


# Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming





# 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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