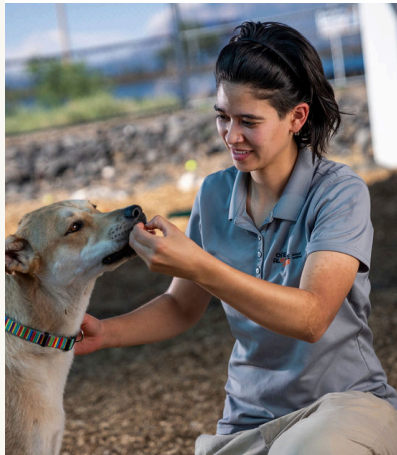


ANIMAL WELFARE

Nurturing Families, One Pet at a Time

At the Animal Welfare Department (AWD), we believe pets are vital members of the family. In 2024, our dedication to improving the well-being of pets and their families drove meaningful change across Albuquerque. This year, AWD focused on innovative programs, community outreach, and expanding access to essential services. Initiatives like spay/neuter blitzes, free pet tags, and microchip scanners strengthened the bond between pets and their families while reducing shelter intakes. Our 2024 accomplishments reflect our mission to keep pets safe, healthy, and loved. Here's how AWD has made a difference this year.



ALBUQUERQUE BY THE NUMBERS

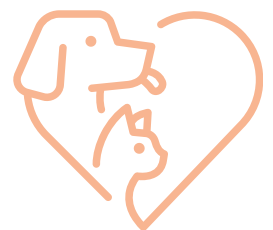


2,998

Vaccinations administered keeping pets healthy and safe.

16,253

Microchips provided, helping reunite lost pets with their owners.



11,677

Spay/Neuter surgeries completed.



100

Civil fines issued to enforce pet laws.





KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

SPAY/NEUTER SUCCESS

- Performed 12,000+ surgeries through programs targeting low to moderate-income households.
- Added 4 no-cost weekend blitzes, reducing unplanned pet populations.

MICROCHIP PROGRAM

- Provided (in partnership with Albuquerque Police Department and Albuquerque Fire and Rescue) 16,253 microchips, a 2.11% increase over 2023, helping reunite lost pets with their owners.

FREE PET TAGS INITIATIVE

- Distributed 5,154 personalized tags, preventing unnecessary shelter intakes.

CIVIL FINES IMPLEMENTATION

- Issued 100 civil fines since the program's launch in spring 2024 under the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to enforce pet laws.

COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORTS

- Reunite Microchip Scanner Program: Installed 34 microchip scanners across Albuquerque to help Good Samaritans reunite lost pets with owners.
- Website Data Dashboard: Introduced real-time shelter statistics to promote transparency and community trust.

IMPROVING THE SHELTER EXPERIENCE

- Westside Shelter Modernization: Added 3,250 sq. ft. of shaded play yards.
- Upgraded HVAC systems, refreshed landscaping, and reduced animal stress.
- Expanded Eastside Hours: Now open 7 days a week to increase accessibility and adoption opportunities.
- Mobile Adoptions: Expanded efforts to bring pets directly to neighborhoods, making adoption more convenient.

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