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**Information
& Resources
for Austin
Pet Owners**



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Animal Rescue

When you adopt a pet from a shelter or other rescue organization, you save a life. Austin has been one of the largest no kill cities in the country and we are setting an example for other cities to follow.

Visit [PetFinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) to search your area for adoptable animals.

Shelters

Austin Animal Center

7201 Levander Loop, Austin
(512) 978-0500 | ci.austin.tx.us

Bastrop County Animal Control

589 Coolwater Dr, Bastrop
(512) 581-4080

Central Texas SPCA

909 Bagdad Rd, Leander
(512) 260-SPCA | centraltexasspca.org

City of Georgetown

Animal Services Shelter

WL Walden Dr, Georgetown
(512) 930-3592 | georgetown.org

Humane Society - SPCA Austin

124 W. Anderson Ln, Austin
(512) 646-PETS | austinhumanesociety.org

Hutto Animal Control

401 W. Front St, Hutto
(512) 759-5985 | huttotx.gov

Lockhart Animal Shelter

547 Old McMahan Rd, Lockhart
(512) 376-3336

PAWS Shelter

500 Hwy. 150 E, Kyle
(512) 268-1611 | pawsshelter.org

Pflugerville Animal Shelter

1600 Waterbrook Dr, Pflugerville
(512) 990-PETS

San Marcos

Regional Animal Shelter

750 River Rd, San Marcos
(512) 805-2650 | sanmarcostx.gov

Thundering Paws

(512) 402-9725 | thunderingpaws.org

Williamson Co. Regional Animal Shelter

1855 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown
(512) 943-3322

Rescues

Addicus Legacy Dog Rescue

addicuslegacy.org

Animal Referral Friends - Wimberley

(512) 847-2878 | wimberleyarf.org

Animal Rescue Foundation

(830) 433-2458 | arf-texas.org

Austin Dog Rescue

austindog.org

Austin Pets Alive!

1156 West Cesar Chavez, Austin
(512) 961-6519 | austinpetsalive.org

Charlyne's Pound Puppies - Thorndale

(512) 832-4101 | poundpups.org

Dog Alliance

1321 W. New Hope Drive, Cedar Park
(512) 335-7100 | austindogalliance.org

Forgotten Friends - Leander

(512) 515-0722 | forgottenfriendstx.org

Gold Ribbon Rescue

1101 W 34th St, Austin
(512) 659-4653 | grr-tx.com

Hand-Me Down Hounds

(920) 306-4607
handmedownhounds.weebly.com

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions

20803 FM 1431, Lago Vista
(512) 267-6876 | lifelongfriends.org

Long Way Home Adoptables

longwayhomeadoptables.org

LOVE-A-BULL

love-a-bull.org

Midnight's Journey, Inc

117 E Avenue H, Jarrell
(512) 876-7081 | midnightsjourney.org

New Hope Animal Rescue

(512) 489-7210 | nhanimalrescue.org

Pflugerville Pets Alive !

(512) 900-1772 | pflugervillepetsalive.org

Safe Haven Animal Rescue

(512) 576-7769 | safehavenanimalrescue.com

Small Chance Rescue

(512) 797-2076 | smallchancerescue.com

Texas Humane Heroes

10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway, Leander
(512) 260-3602 | humaneheroes.org

SAFE Refuge of Central Texas

3315 W. William Cannon #A, Austin
saferefugeofcentraltexas.weebly.com
(512) 350-6995

Vision Hills Sanctuary

(512) 716-0039 | visionhills.org

Wee Rescue

(512) 533-9360 | weerescue.org





Did you know there are lots of ways to be of great help to a shelter of your choice that don't involve spending money, using a lot of time or physically going to the shelter facility? Here is an abbreviated list of ways to help that you may not be aware of. Reach out to your Independence Title rep if you would like more details/ideas.

Research

- Find local rescue organizations that will pull animals from the shelter into their program and adopt them out.
- Find local businesses who will donate food and supplies.

Social Media

- Promote an Amazon Wishlist.
- Champion specific shelter animals to get them adopted quicker.
- Share the shelter's posts to keep them in the public's eye.
- Make connections with local news media for better exposure for the shelter's needs.

Fundraising

- Create, promote and support fundraising events.
- Apply for grants.
- Champion companies that match employee's donations.

Foster

- Short term for Moms and their litters until the kittens/puppies are old enough to adopt.
- Medical foster to allow an animal to recover from injury/surgery.
- Short term (2 weeks) for shelters that are transporting dogs to other states that require a 14 day quarantine away from the shelter before going on transport. Foster and champion an animal to the public so they get adopted quickly – then foster another!
- Weekend getaways so a dog can take a break from the stress of the shelter.
- Relieve a foster who needs coverage for vacations, etc.

Community Involvement

- Transport an animal from the shelter to a local rescue organization.
- Photographer – animals need great photos so people can see their true personalities!
- Children to read to shelter dogs – wonderful benefit for both child and dog.
- Walking/bathing/socializing dogs and cuddling cats.
- Promote company workdays to perform repairs and spend quality time with the animals.
- Connect with local school service groups so students can obtain their required service hours by volunteering at the shelter.
- Coordinate a food/supply drive.



Dog Parks

When your pal gets “the zoomies”, it’s time to hit the dog park! Here are some parks where your dog can work off his energy and make some friends too!

Auditorium Shores

920 W. Riverside Dr, Austin

On the banks of Town Lake, just west of the First Street Bridge. Auditorium Shores is an outdoor concert venue with an especially busy summer schedule, a place to catch the fireworks on the Fourth of July and the hub of Austin’s most popular hike-and-bike trail. Leash free area from South First to Bouldin Avenue.

Barton Creek Greenbelt Preserve

3755 B Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin

This popular greenbelt follows a creek and offers about 7 miles of walking, hiking and mountain biking trails. There are also several popular swimming holes along the creek. Dogs are allowed, but must be on a leash. Some of the more popular access points to the trails are Zilker Metropolitan Park, and Loop 360 (south of MoPac/Loop 1).

Bob Wentz Park

Bob Wentz Park Rd, Austin

This 211 acre park is located in the wild basin area of Lake Travis in the scenic Hill Country of Central Texas. Bob Wentz Park is a favorite location for water sports. The park’s facilities and close proximity to Austin (approximately one-half hour’s drive from downtown) make it attractive for picnicking, swimming, windsurfing, sailing, and scuba diving. The park includes a boat dock, two sand volleyball courts, a shoreline walking path, and a pavilion available for rent. Pets are allowed in the park, but must be kept on a leash and are not permitted on The Point.

Bull Creek District Dog Park

6701 Lakewood Dr, Austin

This dog park is not fenced. It has access to the creek for water-loving pooches.

Dog House Drinkery and Dog Park

3800 CR 175, Leander

20,000 sq foot off leash dog area —and multiple places for dog owners to hang out and watch their dogs be dogs.

Emma Long Metropolitan Park

1600 City Park Rd, Austin

Emma Long Metropolitan Park is the largest city-owned park at almost 1,200 acres. Just a few minutes’ drive from downtown Austin, and easy to get to from RR 2222. Follow scenic City Park Road down to the shores of Lake Austin, and spend the day swimming, water-skiing, picnicking, or camping. Leash free area is between City Park Drive, and the west park boundary fence, Turkey Creek and the top ridge of the bluff line overlooking Lake Austin.

Great Northern Off-Leash Area

between Great Northern Blvd & Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin

Relatively unknown and a bit difficult to find it offers a small leash free area from Far West Boulevard right of way between Great Northern Boulevard and Shoal Creek Boulevard.

Northeast District Park

5909 Crystalbrook Dr, Austin

Located east of HWY 183 at the corner of Loyola and Crystalbrook the park has a lighted basketball court, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits and playground. One large shelter is available for reservations. It will seat 84, and accommodate 100. Electricity is available at an additional cost payable in advance of the reservation. There are BBQ grills adjacent to the shelter. Leash free area between Crystal Brook Drive, the railroad right of way and Decker Lake Road.

Norwood Estate Dog Park

I-35/Riverside Dr, Austin

This is a fully fenced dog park. Well-behaved dogs can roam and play off-leash, but must be under verbal control and within your sight.

Onion Creek District Park

6900 Onion Creek Dr

Leash free area located at the North end of the greenbelt.

Red Bud Isle

3401 Redbud Trl, Austin

This park is on Lady Bird Lake, just below Tom Miller Dam, and is the entry point for Redbud Trail. A peninsula surrounded by lake it is a great place for water dogs. The whole park is leash free! Great park, and a must see.

Shoal Creek Greenbelt

2600-2799 Lamar Blvd.

This three-mile trail extends from Ladybird Lake to 38th Street. As you walk along the crushed limestone, gravel and concrete trail, you will enjoy the trees and green spaces. You are sure to find the perfect spot for a picnic or leisurely stroll. The portion of the trail from 24th Street to 29th Street is designated as a no-leash zone, and hundreds of dog owners flock to the area.

Town Lake

2100 Barton Springs

This is a popular walking and swimming spot for people and dogs. Dogs must be on a leash no more than 6 feet long. The park offers 10 miles of walking, hiking and bicycling trails. There are many beaches located along the lake. Playgrounds, picnic tables, and restrooms are available at Ladybird Lake. There are many access points to this park, including Zilker Metropolitan Park at 2100 Barton Springs Road. To get there from I-35, take the Riverside exit. Go west on Riverside towards downtown. After you pass Congress Avenue, turn left onto Barton Springs. Go about 2 miles to the park. The entrance will be on the left.

Walnut Creek District Park

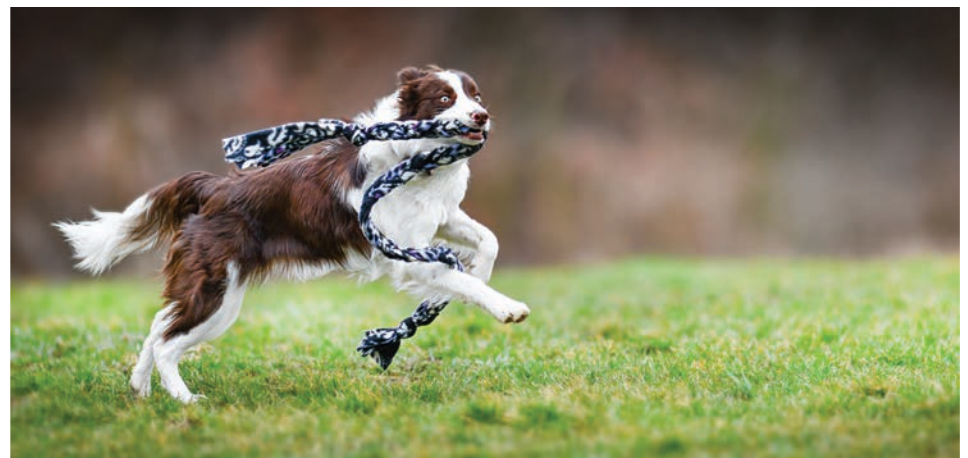
12138 N. Lamar Blvd.

Walnut Creek Metropolitan park is located in far north Austin, a little to the west of IH-35. There are two entrances to the park. The east park entrance is on Lamar Blvd., north of Braker Lane, south of Yager Lane. The north entrance is from Willow Wild Drive, a neighborhood side street that connects with Parmer Lane. Whichever entrance you choose, park in the lot near the swimming pool. Leash free area is between Old Cedar Lane, Walnut Creek & the east and west park fences.

Zilker Dog Park

2100 Barton Springs Road

This dog park is not fenced. Well-behaved dogs can roam and play off-leash, but must be under verbal control and within your sight.



Dog Friendly Restaurants

Most restaurants in the Austin area with a patio welcome leashed well behaved dogs*. Just call ahead if you aren't sure. They'll even bring 'Fido' a bowl of H2O. Here's a few of our favorites:

* Always call ahead to verify the restaurant's policy.

600 Degrees Pizzeria

124 E 8th St, Georgetown
(512) 943-9272
600degreespizzeria.com

Austin Terrier

3435 Greystone Dr, Austin
(512) 369-3751
austinterrier.com

BB Rover's Cafe and Pub

12636 Research Blvd, Austin
(512) 335-9504
facebook.com/rovers.pub

Brass Tap

204 E Main St, Round Rock
(512) 341-2337
brasstapbeerbar.com

The Cavalier

2400 Webberville Rd Ste. A, Austin
thecavalieratx.com

Cosmic Coffee

121 Pickle Rd, Austin
(512) 481-0694
cosmiccoffeebeer.com

El Mercado South

1302 S 1st St, Austin
(512) 447-7445
elmercadorestarant.com

Fresa's

Round Rock, TX 78664
(512) 428-5077 | fresaschicken.com

Homeslice

Multiple Locations
(512) 707-7437 | homeslicepizza.com

Mozart's

3825 Lake Austin Blvd, Austin
(512) 477-2900 | mozartscoffee.com

Opal Divines

2200 S. Interstate 35
Austin | (512) 733-5353

Yard Bar

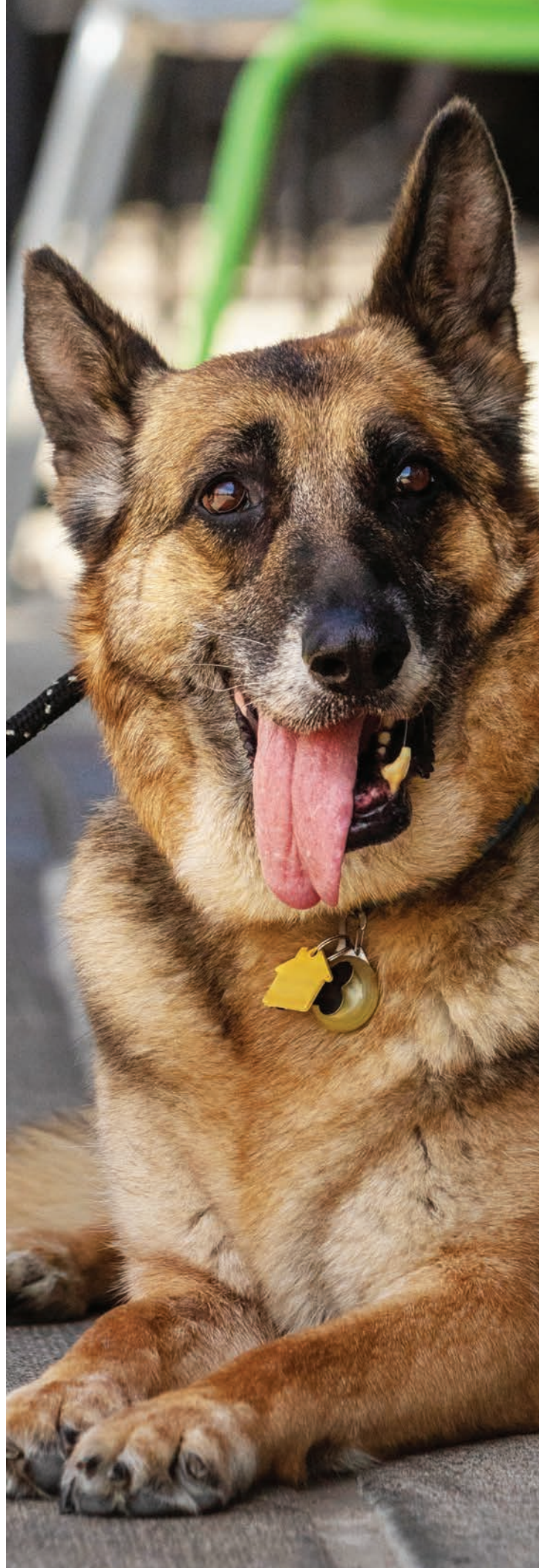
6700 Burnet Rd, Austin
(512) 900-3773 | yardbar.com

Wildfire Café

812 S Austin Ave, Georgetown
(512) 869-3473 | wildfiretexas.com

Points to remember at Restaurants:

- While you may allow your dog to eat human food, don't allow your dog to eat other people's food.
- No one wants to eat next to a stinky dog. Make sure yours is reasonably clean.
- Only bring well-behaved human and dog-friendly dogs with you.
- Your dog should be up to date on all shots (carry your rabies certificate in your car.)
- Please only let your dog potty away from busy visible areas and clean up after your dog!
- Not everyone loves dogs (gasp!)
- Not everyone has common sense. Don't be afraid to correct people for the sake of your dog if they are yanking on, touching, or feeding your dog against your wishes.



Pet-Safe Foods

Tempted to share your dinner with your furry friend? Before you feed your pet “people food”, make sure it’s safe with this cheat-sheet!

Safe

These foods are generally safe for pets.

- Bananas
- Beans
- Blueberries
- Carrots
- Kiwi
- Peas
- Pineapple
- Raspberries
- Rice
- Strawberries
- Sweet potatoes
- Turkey

Caution

Be sure to remove any seeds, stems, bones, or other choking hazards. Feed in moderation.

- Apples
- Bread
- Bell Peppers
- Chicken
- Cucumbers
- Lemons
- Oranges
- Peaches
- Peanut Butter
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Watermelon

DO NOT Feed

These foods can cause serious harm or illness, or are generally unhealthy for pets.

- Alcohol
- Avocados
- Cherries
- Chocolate
- Garlic
- Grapes/Raisins
- Ice Cream
- Milk/Dairy
- Mushrooms
- Nuts
- Onions
- Pomegranate
- Xylitol
(Artificial Sweetener)



Moving with Pets

Moving can be stressful for people, so just imagine how anxious it can make your pets. They can easily get stressed out when there's unexpected activity in their home or when they're introduced to a new environment. Here are some tips that should make the experience a bit calmer for your beloved companion.

Pre-Move

Make sure collars are snug. Update ID tags and microchips with new contact information.

Get vet records and prescriptions from your current doctor. Ask for vet recommendation in new neighborhood.

Your pet may need additional vaccinations depending on where you move. A local animal control facility should answer your questions.

Make sure there are no open pathways in the backyard. For the safety of your pets, put a lock on the fence.

Prepare an overnight kit with items to keep your pet comfortable during the move.

During Move

For long-distance moves, be sure to identify pet-friendly hotels along your route and reserve rooms ahead of time.

Consider boarding your pets on the day of the move or confine them to their favorite room in the house.

Move the house before you move the pet. Set up as much as you can before you introduce your animal to the new home.

On moving day, make sure your pets are secured in a crate or closed room of your house until you are ready to load them into your vehicle.

Post-Move

Find a new vet right away so you know where to go for any emergencies.

When you reach your final destination, immediately remove your animal(s) from the vehicle and segregate them in a single room.

Before unpacking your own stuff, lay out pet essentials so that they have some familiar items in the strange new house.

Start your new routine (such as morning walks, meal time, etc.) immediately so your pet feels comfortable in your new place quickly.

Boarding/Vets

Austin Dogtown Boarding & Daycare
537 Woodward St, Ste D, Austin
(512) 535-4244
dogtownaustin.com

Action Pack Dog Center - Round Rock
4 Lake Dr, Round Rock
(512) 341-0229
actionpackdogs.com

Bobbi Colorado's Canine Camp
8929 Hwy 290 W,
coloradoscaninecamp.com Austin
(512) 288-6928

Cedar Park Animal Clinic
119 N Bell Blvd, Cedar Park
(512) 258-2221
cedarparkanimalclinic.com

Dog Wash Spa Cedar Park
601 E Whitestone Blvd, Ste 238, Cedar Park
(512) 772-4668
dogwashspa.com

Austin Urban Veterinary Center
710 W 5th St, Austin
(512) 476-2882
austinurbanvet.com

Camp Bow Wow Austin
13900 IH-35, Ste D7-8, Austin
(512) 670-2275
campbowwow.com

Dogtopia
13945 N Hwy 183, Austin
(512) 766-3649
dogtopia.com

Hip Hounds
1912 Picadilly Dr, Round Rock
(512) 989-6767
hiphounds.com

K&A Grooming
616 Fm 685, Ste 210 B, Pflugerville
(512) 551-2025
kagrooming.com

Lakeway Veterinary Clinic
1003 Ranch Rd 620 S, Austin
(512) 263-2134
lakewayvet.com

Northwest Veterinary Hospital
3817 Dry Creek Dr, Austin
(512) 453-7776
nvwhaustin.com

Spicewood Springs Animal Hospital
4606 Spicewood Springs Rd, Austin
(512) 345-2727
spicewoodanimalhospital.com

Travis Country Veterinary Hospital
5318 W US Highway 290 Service Rd, Austin
(737) 295-3159
traviscountryvet.com

VCA Arbor Animal Hospital
5114 Balcones Woods Dr, Ste 312, Austin
(512) 643-5981
vcahospitals.com/arbor

VCA Hometown Animal Hospital
1001 Fm 685, Pflugerville
(512) 236-5808
vcahospitals.com/hometown

VCA Lakeline Animal Hospital
12010 Ranch Road 620 N, Austin
(512) 596-4205
vcahospitals.com/lakeline

Zoot Pet Hospital & Luxury Boarding
3981 W State Hwy 29, Georgetown
(512) 864-9668
zootpets.com

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