

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of September 19, 2024 Commission Meeting
Reviewed and approved at the November 21, 2024, meeting

Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)

Dr. Janna Kerins, Chair, Chicago Health Department Member
Tonette Dugar, Department of Streets & Sanitation - Virtual
Joan Colletta, private citizen
Sandra Alfred, private citizen
Ramona Griffin, private citizen
Richard Rice, Sergeant, Chicago Police Department Member
Megan Carolan, Veterinarian

Commissioners Absent (1 of 9)

Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member

Commissioners Vacant (1 of 9)

VACANT – Private citizen

Also Attending

Susan Cappello, Acting Executive Director, CACC
Angela Rayburn, Operations Manager, CACC
Armando Tejada, Executive Administrative Assistant, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Alexis Fasseas, Paws Chicago
Members of the public – via livestream

Agenda Item #1: Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

J. Kerins performed roll call, determined a quorum, and called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

No public comment. Procedure is to email askcacc@cityofchicago.org to request to make a comment.

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the May 23, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

Dr. Kerins reported that she is the new Chair of the Commission and new members will be introduced during the Executive Director report.

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

S. Cappello, thanked Cynthia Bathurst, Josie Cruz and Thomas Beazley for their years on the Commission and thanked Dr. Kerins for stepping up as Chair of the Commission. S. Cappello introduced Dr. Carolan and Sgt. Rice as new Commission Members. S. Cappello report and statistics are attached.

S. Cappello introduced Alexis Fasseas from PAWS Chicago to report on the 360@CACC Program. Presentation attached.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- J. Kerins (Dept of Public Health) – Bat recently found positive for rabies in Chicago, just a reminder to keep your pets updated on vaccines.
- T. Duggar (Streets & Sanitation) – The Rodent Control division of Streets and Sanitation currently running 3-4 trucks for dead animal pick up. There are 3 chip scanners being used and the fourth truck without the scanner will only pick up non-domestic animals.
- R. Rice (Police) – Sgt Richard Rice, with CPD for 25 years currently working with recruits at the training center and a current Volunteer at CACC. S. Alfred asked about a resource guide through the CAPS programs.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- P. Fasseas – No report.
- R. Griffin – Reported on outreach as an image and getting the word out about CACC to get the community involved. Thanked the department for hosting a meeting with the Volunteers. Still working with Cynthia Bathurst on the report from the Homeward Bound groups.
- Dr. M. Carolan – Veterinarian and current Deputy Administrator with Cook County Animal and Rabies Control. Look forward to our partnership and projects within the Commission.
- S. Alfred – Advised that the department should highlight the clinics that were held that are specific to certain residents like the Veterans.
- J. Colletta – Here to help by working with the team on marketing and on social media. Looking to wrap the programs into cultural events.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

- S. Cappello reported on Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

None

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Dr. Kerins reported that the next meeting is November 21, 2024 when the Commission will vote on 2025 meeting dates. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.



Department of Animal Care and Control
Susan Cappello, Acting Executive Director
September 19, 2024

Good morning.

Thank you for joining us today.

First off, I want to thank Cynthia Bathurst for serving 21 years on the Commission, Josie Cruz from the Department of Streets and Sanitation for serving 14 years on the Commission and Lt Thomas Beazley from the Chicago Police Department for serving the last three and a half years on the Commission. I've had the opportunity to work with all three on the Commission since the beginning of each of their terms and I appreciate everything they've done for the Department and their expertise over the years will be hard to beat.

Secondly, I would like to introduce our newest members/appointments on the Commission:

Dr. Janna Kerins (Commission member since 2020) as the new Chair of the Commission

Dr. Megan Carolan as our State of Illinois Veterinarian Representative

Sgt. Rick Rice as our Chicago Police Department Representative

Lastly, we are looking for one more member of the public to join the Commission. If anyone is interested, please send me an email with your resume and we can set up a time to chat about the role.

As you all may have heard, the city is projecting a budget deficit for 2024 and a projected budget shortfall for 2025. We are actively working with the Budget Department to identify savings and efficiencies within CACC. We should have more information on any changes to staffing and or programming soon.

There is an official overtime and hire freeze that we are affected by at this time.

Current vacancies (11) - The following positions are on hold:

- 1 Executive Director (to be appointed by the Mayor)
- 1 Veterinary Medical Manager
- 2 Certified Veterinary Technician
- 1 Veterinary Technician
- 4 Animal Care Clerk Hourly {part time}
- 1 Supervising Animal Care Clerk
- 1 Supervisor of Animal Control Officers

Recent Hires

- 1 Animal Placement Coordinator (Meghan Quinlan 07/15/2024)
- 2 Animal Care Aide I (Joseph Robinson 08/02/2024, one in the onboarding process)
- 1 Animal Care Clerk {full time} (Romel Miller 08/01/2024)
- 1 Community Services Representative (Sarah Williams 06/16/2024)
- 4 Animal Control Officers (Narcisco Alvarado 09/16/2024, two to start on 10/01/2024)

Our partnership with Paws Chicago continues and is going strong. CACC & Paws staff meet weekly to discuss the program. One thing that has changed is the Parvo programming. I invited Alexis Fasseas to join us to explain that change.

Events / Media: (Armando)

Clinics: 2024 CACC performed 15 clinics serving 1941 dogs.

Adoption event numbers:

- May Event - Bissell's Empty the Shelters
 - 80 Dogs, 123 Cats, 1 Other
- June Event - Furry Friends Fest
 - 107 Dogs, 150 Cats, 1 Other
- July Event - NASCAR
 - 125 Dogs, 176 Cats, 1 Other
- August Events - NBC's Clear the Shelters / The National Pet Convention
 - 114 Dogs, 197 Cats

Coming up:

- October 1-15 Bissell Empty the Shelter.

Media Coverage:

Press releases continue to go out. Ward Offices continue to share our events.

Interviews with every major news station, radio stations and more podcasts. Topics range from high intakes to adoption events, and a peaceful protest at CACC on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Social Media:

We will continue to highlight adoption success stories for potential adopters, focus on volunteer opportunities for community members, and emphasize animal welfare advocacy. Our reach continues to expand. In July, the "Guide to Reuniting Pets" video was posted on our social media. Staff and volunteers took part in the video sharing information on reuniting lost pets with their owners.

News:

OEMC activated the city's Emergency Operations Command during the DNC, CACC was stationed there to help ACO's navigate the city's street closures during that time and to coordinate any animal related emergencies in restricted areas.

CACC took part in several ward events throughout the city to promote pet adoption, where to find lost pets, and responsible pet ownership.

CACC is part of the new city taskforce on homelessness, the Chicago Homelessness Initiative Collaborative. CACC will be a resource for any pets and their owners in unhoused encampments to make sure those pets have the basics including core vaccines and microchips. NASCAR Chicago has agreed to collaborate on adoption promotions with CACC for July 2025.

Field Services: (Angela)

Attached are the field statistics from May, June, July & August 2024.

Please note that all monthly and quarterly stats are posted online at www.Chicago.gov.

Shelter Statistics: (Art)

- Volunteer Program
 - Total of 201 approved volunteers as of today / 40 new volunteers that are in the training or fingerprint process
- Doggie Day Out
 - May - 11 DDO's
 - June - 11 DDO's
 - July - 16 DDO's
 - August - 21 DDO's
 - CACC opened DDO's to the public on May 28th.
- Homeward Bound Rescue Program: / 115 active groups with 2 new groups in the pipeline to become partners
- Attached are the shelter statistics from May, June, July & August 2024 v's 2023.

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FRIENDS OF CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

- Big Night will be held on October 17th. There are fliers on the table with the information regarding the event.
- After Hours Care Program is still going strong.
- FCACC purchased collars and leashes for adoption and redemption dogs at CACC.

Field Stats

Date Field: Date/Time Opened equals Custom (5/1/2024 to 5/31/2024)

Department ↑	Service Request: Type Name ↓	Record Count
Animal Care and Control	Wildlife Assistance in Living Quarters	133
	Vicious Animal Complaint	728
	Trap Pick-Up	5
	Stray Animal Complaint	1195
	Report an Injured Animal	1200
	Pet Wellness Check Request	260
	Nuisance Animal Complaint	709
	Dangerous Dog Investigation	1
	Coyote Interaction Complaint	96
	Animal In Trap Complaint	34
	Animal Business Complaint	1
	Animal Bite Investigation	137
	Animal Abandoned	115
	Agency Assists	142
Subtotal		4756
Total		4756

Field Stats

Date Field: Date/Time Opened equals Custom (6/1/2024 to 6/30/2024)

Department ↑	Service Request: Type Name ↓	Record Count
Animal Care and Control	Wildlife Assistance in Living Quarters	79
	Vicious Animal Complaint	553
	Trap Pick-Up	2
	Stray Animal Complaint	1075
	Report an Injured Animal	896
	Pet Wellness Check Request	312
	Nuisance Animal Complaint	524
	Coyote Interaction Complaint	45
	Animal In Trap Complaint	27
	Animal Fighting Suspicion	1
	Animal Business Complaint	2
	Animal Bite Investigation	122
	Animal Abandoned	98
	Agency Assists	133
Subtotal		3869
Total		3869

Field Stats

Date Field: Date/Time Opened equals Custom (7/1/2024 to 7/31/2024)

Department ↑	Service Request: Type Name ↓	Record Count
Animal Care and Control	Wildlife Assistance in Living Quarters	61
	Vicious Animal Complaint	538
	Trap Pick-Up	9
	Stray Animal Complaint	986
	Report an Injured Animal	946
	Pet Wellness Check Request	236
	Nuisance Animal Complaint	503
	Coyote Interaction Complaint	59
	Animal In Trap Complaint	24
	Animal Fighting Suspicion	1
	Animal Bite Investigation	146
	Animal Abandoned	102
Agency Assists	151	
Subtotal		3762
Total		3762

Field Stats

Date Field: Date/Time Opened equals Custom (8/1/2024 to 8/31/2024)

Department ↑	Service Request: Type Name ↓	Record Count
Animal Care and Control	Wildlife Assistance in Living Quarters	60
	Vicious Animal Complaint	655
	Trap Pick-Up	7
	Stray Animal Complaint	973
	Report an Injured Animal	977
	Pet Wellness Check Request	335
	Nuisance Animal Complaint	530
	Dangerous Dog Investigation	1
	Coyote Interaction Complaint	58
	Animal In Trap Complaint	17
	Animal Fighting Suspicion	1
	Animal Business Complaint	3
	Animal Bite Investigation	133
	Animal Abandoned	152
Agency Assists	120	
Subtotal		4022
Total		4022

Shelter Statistics From 05/01/23 to 05/31/23

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	373	427	10	810
Owner Surrender	40	42	1	83
Confiscate	33	11	3	47
Wildlife	0	0	158	158
Disposal Request	31	9	1	41
Euthanasia Request	96	22	0	118
Returns	2	1	0	3
Quarantine	2	0	0	2
Total	577	512	173	1,262

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	70	96	2	168
Strays Returned to Owner	80	10	2	92
Other Returned to Owner	15	1	0	16
Transfer	198	347	105	650
Euthanasia by Request	85	16	0	101
Other Euthanasia	89	32	37	158
Died in Care	3	7	20	30
Dead on Arrival	36	16	16	68
Total	576	525	182	1,283



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Shelter Statistics From 05/01/24 to 05/31/24

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	483	710	3	1,196
Owner Surrender	44	73	0	117
Confiscate	19	16	0	35
Wildlife	0	0	200	200
Disposal Request	19	14	0	33
Euthanasia Request	85	22	0	107
Returns	6	5	0	11
Quarantine	1	0	0	1
Total	657	840	203	1,700

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	80	123	1	204
Strays Returned to Owner	76	6	0	82
Other Returned to Owner	11	5	1	17
Transfer	256	491	125	872
Euthanasia by Request	81	21	0	102
Other Euthanasia	148	55	39	242
Died in Care	4	12	17	33
Dead on Arrival	18	19	10	47
Relocate	0	0	8	8
Total	674	732	201	1,607

Shelter Statistics From 06/01/23 to 06/30/23

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	440	478	6	924
Owner Surrender	32	39	0	71
Confiscate	60	21	2	83
Wildlife	0	0	76	76
Disposal Request	21	12	0	33
Euthanasia Request	95	15	0	110
Returns	2	1	0	3
Total	650	566	84	1,300

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	64	95	0	159
Strays Returned to Owner	93	9	0	102
Other Returned to Owner	15	3	0	18
Transfer	226	280	44	550
Euthanasia by Request	89	14	0	103
Other Euthanasia	113	35	25	173
Died in Care	1	6	10	17
Dead on Arrival	27	21	7	55
Total	628	463	86	1,177

Shelter Statistics From 06/01/24 to 06/30/24

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	475	590	10	1,075
Owner Surrender	55	77	0	132
Confiscate	28	46	4	78
Wildlife	0	0	96	96
Disposal Request	26	11	2	39
Euthanasia Request	92	17	0	109
Returns	2	1	0	3
Quarantine	3	0	0	3
Total	681	742	112	1,535

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	107	150	1	258
Strays Returned to Owner	83	5	0	88
Other Returned to Owner	16	7	2	25
Transfer	195	480	70	745
Euthanasia by Request	84	16	0	100
Other Euthanasia	143	114	26	283
Died in Care	5	10	7	22
Dead on Arrival	33	14	5	52
Missing	0	1	0	1
Total	666	797	111	1,574



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Shelter Statistics From 07/01/23 to 07/31/23

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	518	506	2	1,026
Owner Surrender	61	40	0	101
Confiscate	66	7	3	76
Wildlife	0	0	90	90
Disposal Request	32	12	2	46
Euthanasia Request	102	37	2	141
Returns	2	1	0	3
Quarantine	2	0	0	2
Total	783	603	99	1,485

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	91	130	0	221
Strays Returned to Owner	107	7	0	114
Other Returned to Owner	23	1	3	27
Transfer	325	340	69	734
Euthanasia by Request	83	34	2	119
Other Euthanasia	126	61	11	198
Died in Care	2	20	5	27
Dead on Arrival	47	18	7	72
Relocate	0	0	2	2
Total	804	611	99	1,514



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Shelter Statistics From 07/01/24 to 07/31/24

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	518	565	10	1,093
Owner Surrender	44	96	2	142
Confiscate	20	13	0	33
Wildlife	0	0	84	84
Disposal Request	39	15	1	55
Euthanasia Request	85	24	2	111
Returns	1	4	0	5
Total	707	717	99	1,523

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	125	176	1	302
Strays Returned to Owner	101	6	1	108
Other Returned to Owner	8	3	0	11
Transfer	259	458	62	779
Euthanasia by Request	79	17	2	98
Other Euthanasia	114	90	13	217
Died in Care	2	17	15	34
Dead on Arrival	43	21	3	67
Total	731	788	97	1,616

Shelter Statistics From 08/01/23 to 08/31/23

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	479	496	6	981
Owner Surrender	30	27	0	57
Confiscate	42	9	2	53
Wildlife	0	0	84	84
Disposal Request	29	12	3	44
Euthanasia Request	89	24	0	113
Returns	4	6	0	10
Total	673	574	95	1,342

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	82	117	1	200
Strays Returned to Owner	89	10	0	99
Other Returned to Owner	13	0	0	13
Transfer	277	444	55	776
Euthanasia by Request	80	18	0	98
Other Euthanasia	115	51	22	188
Died in Care	2	14	8	24
Dead on Arrival	40	25	9	74
Missing	0	1	0	1
Total	698	680	95	1,473

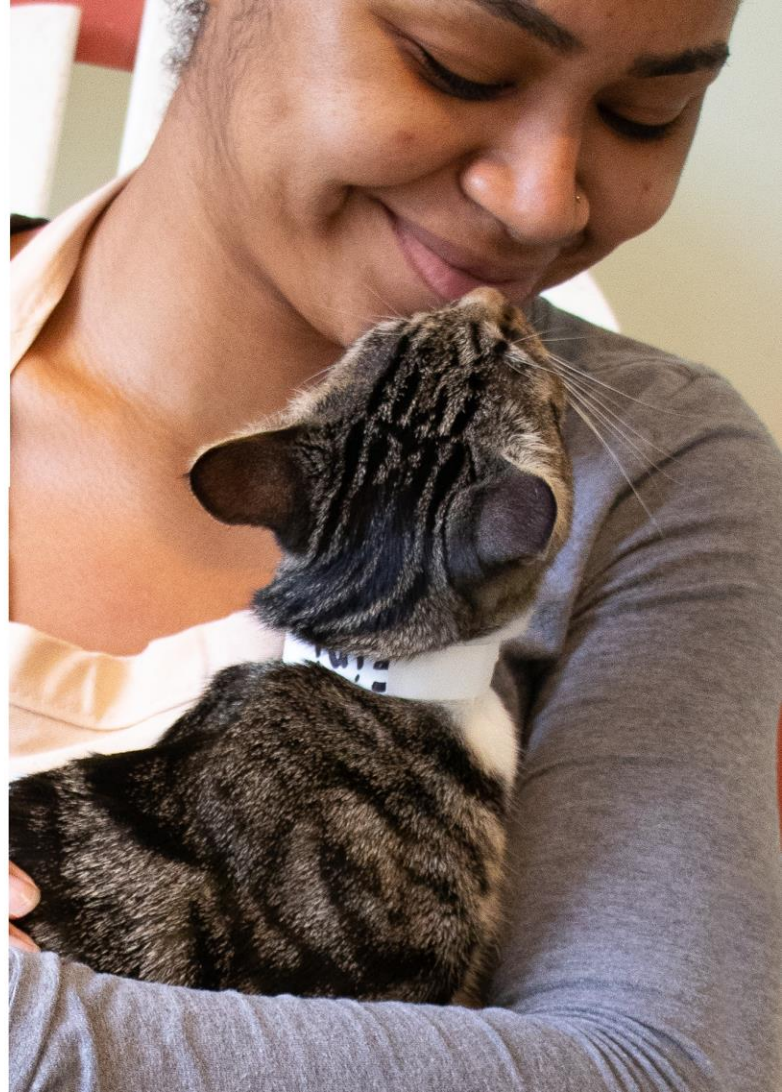
Shelter Statistics From 08/01/24 to 08/31/24

<u>Intakes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Stray	434	620	22	1,076
Owner Surrender	60	83	0	143
Confiscate	35	7	1	43
Wildlife	0	0	86	86
Disposal Request	18	19	4	41
Euthanasia Request	120	30	0	150
Returns	4	2	0	6
Quarantine	1	0	0	1
Total	672	761	113	1,546

<u>Outcomes</u>	Dog	Cat	Other	Total
Adoption	114	197	0	311
Strays Returned to Owner	82	4	1	87
Other Returned to Owner	14	2	0	16
Transfer	237	371	69	677
Euthanasia by Request	108	29	0	137
Other Euthanasia	107	80	24	211
Died in Care	0	13	12	25
Dead on Arrival	23	24	9	56
Total	685	720	115	1,520



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360@CACC Update
September 19, 2024

360@CACC Program

CACC Data Through August

360@CACC Data Through August

Parvovirus(+) Program & Research Project Updates



CACC Data (August)

Ermine - former stray kitten with severe URI



Intake

- 10,022 pets (4,841 cats and 5,181 dogs) entered CACC
- Intake is continuing to increase – 1,582 more pets than in 2023 (up 18.74%)
- Increase is mostly cats
 - 1,224 more cats and 358 more dogs
- Intake would have been higher without PAWS direct diversion of 104 animals met through CACC

Transfers

- 4,823 pets (2,871 cats and 1,952 dogs) were transferred to rescue partners
- Increasing this year by 18.38% (658 more cats and 91 more dogs)

Adoptions

- 1,854 pets (1,065 cats and 789 dogs) were adopted from CACC
- Adoptions are up 29.29% this year!

CACC Data (continued)



Falcon, a 3-month-old stray kitten that was brought into CACC with an open, severe femoral fracture.

Euthanasia

- Euthanasia is increasing at a much slower pace than intake, which means lifesaving initiatives are working
- 2,230 pets (590 cats and 1,640 dogs) have been euthanized YTD
- 317 more pets euthanized than YTD 2023 (16.57% increase)
 - 166 more cats (39.15% increase)
 - 151 more dogs (10.14% increase)
- ***Without increased lifesaving, euthanasia would have been up 58.5%***

Save Rate

- Save Rate is flat at 76.38% (vs. 76.24% YTD 2023)
 - 85.81% Save Rate for cats
 - 67.83% Save Rate for dogs
 - Save Rate calculation used is $[\text{Live Outcomes}] / [\text{Total Outcomes}]$

PAWS 360 @CACC DATA

January - August 2024

PAWS Transfers from CACC

- 1,406 through August (788 cats and 618 dogs)

PAWS Direct Intake from Owners

- 702 Owner Relinquishments (579 from Chicago, 123 from Chicagoland)
- Of these, 104 Owner Relinquishments made contact through CACC and came to PAWS directly instead

PAWS Pet Owner Support Resources Offered (Met through CACC)

- 452 families with 683 pets

Parvovirus Program

- 57 Parvovirus(+) and Direct Exposed from CACC



Akuma arrived at CACC in a lot of pain from a bulging eye.

PAWS 360 @CACC DATA

January - August 2024

Adoption Support Staffing

PAWS Program
Started February 20!



ADOPTIONS	2023 YTD			2024 YTD			% Change vs 2023			# Change vs 2023		
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total
January	111	97	208	114	76	190	2.70%	-21.65%	-8.65%	3	(21)	(18)
February	77	89	166	114	76	190	48.05%	-14.61%	14.46%	37	(13)	24
March	81	83	164	100	88	188	23.46%	6.02%	14.63%	19	5	24
April	77	74	151	91	123	214	18.18%	66.22%	41.72%	14	49	63
May	96	70	166	123	80	203	28.13%	14.29%	22.29%	27	10	37
June	95	64	159	151	107	258	58.95%	67.19%	62.26%	56	43	99
July	130	91	221	176	125	301	35.38%	37.36%	36.20%	46	34	80
August	117	82	199	196	114	310	67.52%	39.02%	55.78%	79	32	111
Grand Total	784	650	1434	1065	789	1854	36%	21%	29%	281	139	420

Big Fix (CACC Spay/Neuter and Vetting)

- 518 Total – 304 Large-Breed Dogs, 7 Small-Breed Dogs, 207 Cats

Rescue Ready (Spay/Neuter and Vetting of Animals Pulled from CACC)

- 183 surgeries/pets from 10 rescues

Parvovirus Program

New Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody (CPMA)

- Parvovirus has no cure; all treatments, including the CPMA, are supportive care
- In July 2023, Elanco launched this innovative new product to treat dogs infected with the deadly parvovirus
- September 28, 2023, PAWS administered its first Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody (CPMA), newly available and in short supply
- PAWS' initial anecdotal experience suggested that parvovirus(+) isolation periods might be shortened from 14 days and parvo mortality might be reduced

Creating a PAWS Parvovirus Program

- PAWS veterinarians, led by Dr. Megan Lee, DVM, MPH, designed a research study to determine the impact of CPMA in a shelter environment with advanced parvovirus treatment
- PAWS entered an MOU with CACC in November 2023 stating that PAWS would take all parvovirus+ puppies and adults as PAWS Medical Center capacity permitted



Mono, our first CPMA pup from CACC

Parvovirus Research

Study Design

- Data Collection period: September 2022 through September 2024
- Prospective and Retrospective Component
 - Prospective – Parvovirus positive cases treated with CPMA
 - Retrospective – Parvovirus positive cases not treated with CPMA
- Subject Selection
 - Parvovirus(+) dogs within PAWS facility (from various transport locations, with CACC being primary source)
 - No selection criteria for large versus small dogs, older versus younger dogs, or severity of illness
 - Most recent retrospective data and prospective data will be collected until similar sample sizes are reached



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Parvovirus Protocol

Standard PAWS Parvovirus Supportive Care Treatment Protocol

- CPMA immediately administered intravenously at a dose of 0.2ml/kg
- Maintain hydration – SQ fluids or IV Fluids +/- KCl and dextrose supplementation
- Oral or IV antibiotics – cefazolin or unasyn, baytril, and metronidazole (DVM discretion)
- Anti-emetics– cerenia, ondansetron, metoclopramide CRI, pantoprazole
- +/- Plasma transfusion for hypoalbuminemia or vetstarch to expand intravascular volume
- Supportive medications for diarrhea such as probiotics, propectalin, empiric deworming (toltrazuril, panacur)
- Pain control – buprenorphine
- Oxygen supplementation if secondary pneumonia suspected
- Nasogastric (or nasoesophageal) feeding tube if syringe feeding is not tolerated or patient status is declining



2024 Parvo Lifesaving



September through August

- 63 parvovirus+ and direct-exposed dogs and puppies from CACC transfer or CACC direct diversion from owners
 - 40 treated exclusively at PAWS Chicago Medical Center (97% survival)
 - 23 required overnight care at non-PAWS emergency veterinary hospitals, in addition to receiving treatment at the PAWS Chicago Medical Center (78% survival)



For Lifesaving, Early vs. Late-Stage Treatment is Imperative

- Unlike in a lab, shelters rarely know how long a pet has been sick, so it can be difficult to gauge how advanced the disease is
- CPMA is best used early in the virus's progression to successfully treat and save pets
- Prolonged end-stage treatments create quality of life issues for suffering pets. Despite blood and plasma transfusions and other advanced care, many of these animals do not recover
- For animals with end-stage disease symptoms, their blood work reveals low red blood cells, low-to-no white blood cells, low blood sugar, and low protein. These are signs of a patient being septic and not able to fight off the disease, despite aggressive supportive care

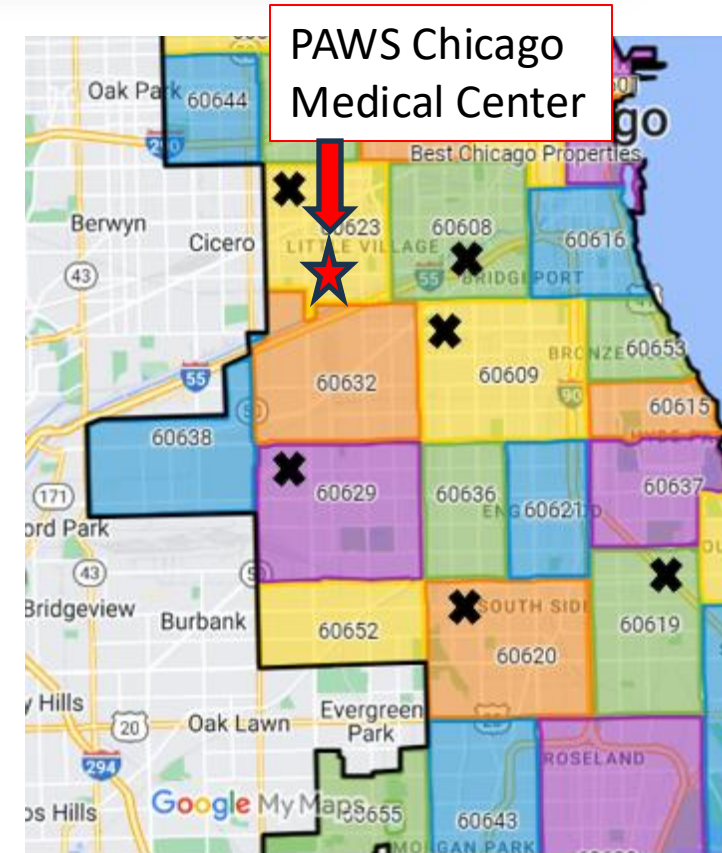
Research Findings

Research Next Steps

- PAWS veterinarians to complete data analysis and preparing to publish research
- PAWS vets will host a Parvovirus Learnings webinar for Homeward Bound transfer partners in Q4 2024

Parvovirus Origins

- Based on CACC data, we have learned that 50% of parvovirus(+) cases at CACC originated in 6 zip codes:
 - 60608
 - 60609
 - 60620
 - 60619
 - 60629
 - 60623



Next Steps

PAWS Parvovirus Program

- Based on completion of research and the findings, PAWS veterinarians have revised the program and will now:
 - Visually assess each parvo case for prognosis of recovery prior to being taken to the PAWS Medical Center for treatment; and
 - Utilize a Capacity-for-Care model in determining intake of critical diseases such as parvovirus/panleukopenia-positive, directly exposed and indirectly exposed populations
- **Prevention is the best treatment!** Expanding vaccination is the best way to save lives from parvo. In addition to 5 day/week low-cost vaccine clinic, PAWS is planning a large-scale vaccine event this fall with Banfield at the PAWS Chicago Nan & Wayne Koucereck Medical Center – located in the 60623 zip code

