



IF ANIMALS COULD SPEAK, THEY'D INSIST UPON HUMAN OBEDIENCE TRAINING. SINCE THEY CAN'T, WE PUT WORDS IN THEIR MOUTHS. CHANNELING FIDO AND FLUFFY, WE TRACKED DOWN AUSTIN'S TOP RESCUES, PET BAKERIES, DOG PARKS, SITTERS, VETS, BOUTIQUES AND MORE, SO THEY CAN TRAIN THE MASTERS OF THEIR DREAMS.

## RESCUES & SHELTERS

### AUSTIN AVIAN RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

Formerly known as J&M Aviaries, this sanctuary specializes in caring for and increasing the population of companion and endangered birds. *Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 8647 Hwy. 290 W., 288-2199, austinavianr.org*

### AUSTIN DOG RESCUE

While searching for a dog's forever home, this network of foster homes teaches dogs manners, housetraining, crate training and appropriate behavior around people and other dogs. Adoptions cost \$165. *827-9787, austingdog.org*

### AUSTIN GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE

The volunteers rescue and rehabilitate German shepherds in the area by fostering and placing them in permanent homes. *austingerman shepherdrescue.org*

### AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY

Now featuring a newly redesigned website with photos and descriptions capturing the personalities of all dogs and cats up for adoption, the Austin Humane Society is the largest no-kill, nonprofit pet adoption center in Austin. *Monday and Wednesday through*

*Saturday, noon to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 124 W. Anderson Lane, 646-PETS (7387), austin humanesociety.org*

### AUSTIN PETS ALIVE!

APA, which played a pivotal role in getting the city's no-kill ordinance approved (see page 94), works tirelessly to find foster and adoptive families for homeless animals. All APA pets are microchipped, spayed or neutered and come with a 30-day health insurance plan, and most are rescued from kill shelters. *961-6519, austinpetsalive.org*

### BLUE DOG RESCUE

Volunteers of this group take in dogs in danger of being euthanized and give them second chances through foster homes and adoption. It has a low adoption fee due to fundraisers, donations and sponsorships. *bdr@bluedogrescue.com, 689-6328, bluedogrescue.com*

### CENTRAL TEXAS SPCA

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a no-kill facility that often takes pets at risk of euthanasia from other shelters and finds them homes or foster families. It has a low cat adoption fee of \$49. *Monday and Friday, 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 909 S. Bagdad Road, Leander, 260-SPCA (7722), centraltexasppca.org*

### FORGOTTEN FRIENDS—MIXED BREED RESCUE

Sustained solely by volunteers and donations, this Austin-based rescue group focuses on finding foster and permanent homes for pure- and mixed-breed dogs. *515-0722, mixbreedrescue.com*

### FRIENDS OF MRS. P

Gretchen Pachlhofer, the creator of Mrs. P's Pet Sitting Inc., founded this organization, which works with local shelters to find homes for pets and funding for food and veterinary care. All donations go straight to the pets, and the staff does not take salaries or other payments. *261-5055, friendsofmrsp.org*

### LIFELONG FRIENDS

This no-kill facility carefully observes its animals so it can describe their needs and behaviors in great detail to potential adopters. Weekday adoption meetings are available by appointment only. *Open Saturdays, 2 to 6 p.m., for cat adoptions only and Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m., for dogs and cats. 20803 FM 1431, Lago Vista, 267-6876, lifelongfriends.org*

### LIL' PAWS MALTESE RESCUE

Lil' Paws rescues homeless Maltese and other small-breed dogs, fosters them, provides health care and places them in homes. *853-2575, lilpawsmalteserescue.org*



### LOPE TEXAS

LoneStar Outreach to Place Ex-racers (LOPE) specializes in finding homes for injured or retired racehorses through its 26-acre rehab and adoption ranch (see page 104). *1551 Hwy. 21 W., Cedar Creek, 565-1824, lopetx.org*

### LUCKY MUTTS

"Good used dogs for lucky people" are placed in foster and forever homes by this network's volunteers. There is no office or staff, so all donations go to the care and training of rescued dogs. Lucky Mutts also rescues dogs in danger of being euthanized. *luckymutts.com*

### PAWS OF AUSTIN

Protection of Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) is a rescue that specializes in Great Danes but helps other breeds

as well. It rehabilitates dogs that have suffered abuse and/or neglect and strives to place them in great homes, where they can happily live out their remaining years. *pawsofaustin.org*

### RESCUE GORDON'S AUSTIN RESCUE

An online resource concentrating on Austin and surrounding Texas areas, this group provides links to many of the area rescues to easily connect people looking for pets with the many dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals that need homes. *austinrescue.com*

### SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE

The foster families that work with Safe Haven take in mixed-breed dogs and cats from kill shelters and help find them homes. Those

who want to help can sponsor animals, which helps cover the costs of health care, supplies and food. The group works to educate the public about population control and responsible pet ownership. *576-7769, safehavenanimalrescue.com*

### SHADOW CATS

This group (see page 130) focuses on improving the lives of abused, abandoned, feral, stray and injured cats in Round Rock, Austin and surrounding areas. It has a sanctuary for feline leukemia-positive cats, and its website features a "kitty cam." Adoption fee \$125. *shadowcats.net*

### STREET CAT RESCUE

Volunteers are at the core of this homeless-feline rescue, which traps, neuters and returns feral cats that are not adoptable and fos- →

ters adoptable cats until they find them homes. Each animal is socialized, fed an all-natural diet and fully vetted, including getting tests for feline leukemia and feline HIV, microchips, spayed or neutered, deflea/dewormed and vaccinated. 762-3597, [streetcatrescue.com](http://streetcatrescue.com)

**TOWN LAKE ANIMAL CENTER**

Sheltering more than 23,000 animals a year, the city animal shelter offers adoption and foster programs (see page 94). Potential adopters can view animals on the center's website. While TLAC is working toward becoming a no-kill facility, it is not there yet, so adopting a pet there could save a life. Monday through Friday,

11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1156 W. Cesar Chavez St., 972-4738, [www.ci.austin.tx.us/tlac](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/tlac)

**FISH STORES**

**AMAZONIA AQUARIUMS**

Sunday is an all-day happy hour with 20 percent off from noon to 6 p.m. Also open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 4701 N. I-35, 358-1241

**AQUATEK TROPICAL FISH**

Check the website of this popular fish store for specials. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 8023 Burnet Road, Ste. 1, 450-0182, [aquatektropical.com](http://aquatektropical.com)

**AUSTIN AQUADOME**

Housed in a dome-shaped building, this store looks like something you might find in a fish tank. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1604 Fortview Road, 442-1400, [austinaquadome.com](http://austinaquadome.com)

**FISHY BUSINESS**

This shop focuses solely on saltwater aquariums. Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. 11005 Burnet Road, Ste. 116, 284-8090, [fishybusinessstx.com](http://fishybusinessstx.com)

**RIVERS & REEFS PET CENTER**

All fish at Rivers & Reefs are quarantined for at least one week before being sold to ensure

they're healthy. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2008 S. First St., 445-5101, [riversandreefsaustin.com](http://riversandreefsaustin.com)

**RIVER CITY AQUATICS**

This store breeds 30 varieties of cichlids in an on-site 8,000-gallon hatchery. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 12108 Roxie Drive, Ste. A, 219-7200, [rivercityaquatics.com](http://rivercityaquatics.com)

**EXOTIC PET STORES**

**GALLERY OF PETS**

In addition to fish and small animals such as hamsters, gerbils and rabbits, this store sells hermit crabs, fire-bellied

toads, sandfish and bearded dragons. It also has an in-home pet-sitting service and holds informative events. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. 11689 Research Blvd., Ste. 107, 345-8920, [galleryofpets.com](http://galleryofpets.com)

**HERPETON EXOTIC PETS**

For almost 20 years, Herpeton has been providing hedgehogs, iguanas, scorpions and even giant salmon birdeater tarantulas to adventuresome Austinites. Snakes are among the most popular pets, and the staff can guide a novice reptile owner to the right creature. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 8820

Burnet Road, 419-0077; 4211 S. Lamar Blvd., 916-9177; [herpeton.com](http://herpeton.com)

**OLD WORLD AVIARIES**

Specializing in parrots native to Africa and Australasia, the owners of this store can provide expert advice on caring for birds. By appointment only. 928-1200, [oldworldaviaries.com](http://oldworldaviaries.com)

**ZOOKEEPER**

ZooKeeper, which has been in business for more than 20 years, has a full range of animals, from tree frogs to lizards, opossums to scorpions. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 9012 Research Blvd., 453-8800, [zookeeperexotics.com](http://zookeeperexotics.com)

MAKE ME THE PERFECT HOME

BUILDING A GREAT AQUARIUM

**1** Decide if you want to go with a freshwater or saltwater tank. "Saltwater requires more equipment up front, making it more expensive initially, but it's not as difficult as people think," says Craig Borowski, a saltwater enthusiast and associate at AquaTek Tropical Fish (8023 Burnet Road, 450-0182, [aquatektropical.com](http://aquatektropical.com)).

**2** Set up the tank with water and the filter and let it run before the fish move in. "This allows bacteria to colonize the tank, which breaks down the waste," Borowski says. "Fish will die if they swim in ammonia because that's toxic stuff." For a freshwater tank, this process takes one to three weeks, and for saltwater, the filter should run for two weeks to a month.



**3** Research which kinds of fish you want. Many stores separate them geographically due to differences in water quality, pH levels and behavior issues. For instance, larger African fish might eat smaller Asian fish if put in the same tank, while South American fish eat lots of organic matter, which affects pH levels,

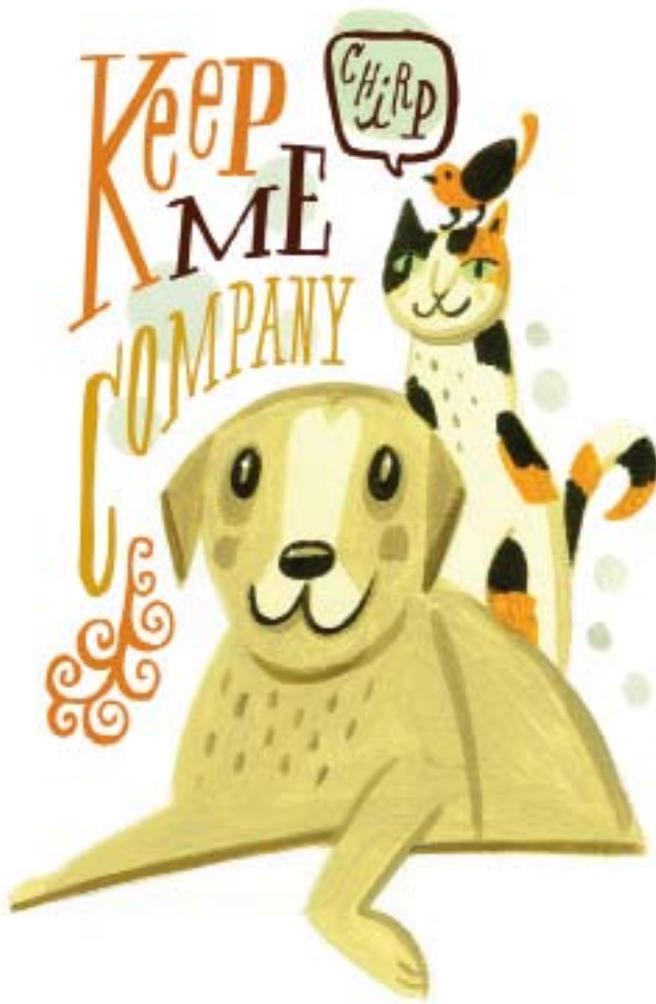
according to Borowski. A beta fish (\$5 to \$15) needs only a glass and some protein-based food to thrive, whereas the Mbuna puffer, an African freshwater species that eats only crustaceans and grows to be three feet long, carries a hefty price tag of approximately \$600. High-end tanks with full reefs can cost upward of

\$10,000, since coral can run hundreds of dollars per inch.

**4** Determine what level of investment you want to make. Most aquarium design companies offer free consultations in which they go over various options, such as standard- vs. custom-sized tanks, built-ins vs. freestanding.

"We meet with clients and hear their ideas, whether they are simple or more elaborate, and then talk about the feasibility and the pros and cons of the options," said Michael Menghini, co-founder and co-owner of Aquatic Features and Landscapes Inc. (6611 Burnet Lane, 301-3199, [aquaticfeaturesinc.com](http://aquaticfeaturesinc.com)).

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**SITTERS & WALKERS**

**ACE PET CARE**

Ace offers in-home sitting for domestic and exotic pets but specializes in canines. Its sitters take dogs to pet bakeries, dog-friendly restaurants, even an ice cream parlor selling doggy ice cream. Rates start at \$18. 484-5840, [acepetcare.net](http://acepetcare.net)

**AMORÉ ALWAYS PROFESSIONAL PETSITTER AND DOG TRAINER**

Roberta Maleski provides in-home care for pets, starting at \$20, and also offers obedience training starting at \$35 an hour. Her obedience training includes teaching dogs to sit, stay, lie down, heel and halt. 302-5196 or 296-5196, [amorealways.com](http://amorealways.com)

**APPLE A DAY PERSONAL PET CARE**

Pet sitter Hilary Apple started this in-home service, which has expanded to four sitters available 365 days a year. They will even escort your pets to your wedding so you can share your big day with furry family members. Rates start at \$17. 585-1772, [appleadaypets.com](http://appleadaypets.com)

**AUSTIN DOG WALKER**

This company takes dogs to leash-free parks and picks up and drops off dogs at no additional cost. Group dog park trips, dog walks and in-home 30-minute dog sitting all start at \$20. 517-6933, [austindogwalker.com](http://austindogwalker.com)

**AUSTIN PET LOVE**

Voted Most Awesome-ist Pet Sitters in 2009 and Best Dog Walker for 2008 and 2009 by the

Austin Pets Directory, this company offers in-home pet sitting (\$20), trips to Lady Bird Lake (transportation included), dog sleepovers and \$20 stroller rides for older or physically challenged pets. 3300 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 650, #1113, 413-6592, [austinpetslove.com](http://austinpetslove.com)

**AUSTIN PET SITTERS ORGANIZATION**

Pet owners can find sitters through this website's ZIP code-based search engine listing services in Austin and surrounding areas. It also advises what to ask when interviewing potential pet sitters and offers links for pet services around town. [austinpetsitters.org](http://austinpetsitters.org)

**COMPANION CARE**

Operating since 1994, this company provides daily dog walking,

in-home pet sitting, overnight visits, house-sitting services, yard clean-up and a dog taxi. Its sitters are trained in Pet First Aid and CPR, and the company is a member of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. Dog walking starts at \$16; pet sitting is \$17. 459-CARE (2273), [companioncareaustin.com](http://companioncareaustin.com)

**FETCH! PET CARE**

With multiple locations in Austin, this company offers unique services such as a pet taxi and pet fitness coaching. Help your dogs fight obesity through a fetch-customized exercise regimen to keep them active and in shape. Private boarding at one of the staff members' homes is \$45 a night, or they'll stay at your home for rates starting at \$54. 879-4174, [fetchpetcare.com](http://fetchpetcare.com)

**THE FURRY GODMOTHERS PET SITTING & HOME CARE**

These godmothers believe in "furred things first," and their services include walking, a pet taxi, minor housekeeping and even lawn-watering and running minor errands. Costs are \$17 to \$18 per 30-minute visit for up to two pets and \$1 for each additional pet. Overnight in-house stays are \$50. 203-0753, [thefurrygodmothers.com](http://thefurrygodmothers.com)

**HARLEQUIN PET SERVICES**

Content Love Knowles is an actress at the VORTEX Repertory Theater Company who turned her love of animals into a profession. Services include in-home sitting, daily walks and a pet taxi, each starting at \$20. In-house overnight stays are \$75. 442-7657, [austindogwalk.com](http://austindogwalk.com)

**PAWS2PAWS**

This company offers pet sitting for \$24 a visit and pooper-scooper services starting at \$9.50 a week for the first dog and \$2

for each additional dog. Also available are dog walking, dog bathing and a pet taxi service starting at \$25. 619-9679, [paws2paws.com](http://paws2paws.com)

**ROBYN'S NEST PETSITTING**

Robyn Carter is a practicing veterinary technician with more than 14 years of experience. Her company serves North Austin, focusing on cats but also offering overnight stays, single visits, dog walking and a pet taxi service. All services are performed in-home, and prices vary. [myspace.com/robynsnepts](http://myspace.com/robynsnepts)

**THE SMILING DOG PET SITTERS & DOG WALKERS**

This in-home pet care company offers pet sitting, dog walking, poop scooping, minor home services and a pet taxi. Its staff is insured, bonded and trained in Pet First Aid and CPR, and they have experience caring for cats, dogs, fish, rabbits, reptiles, hamsters, horses, chickens and cows. Packages start at \$18 per visit. 299-0235, [yoursmilingdog.com](http://yoursmilingdog.com)

**TAILS OF AUSTIN PET & HOUSE SITTING**

Daily dog walks, overnight in-home pet sitting (\$60) and trips to the dog park are offered by this service. The staff will even water your plants and add chlorine to your pool while you're away. The pet-sitting base rate is \$15 per visit or \$40 for a series of three visits. No extra cost for additional pets. 626-5440, [tailsofaustin.com](http://tailsofaustin.com)

**TAILS WAGGING DOG WALKING AND PET SITTING**

Pet CPR/First Aid-certified, insured and bonded, these pet professionals offer 30-minute walks for \$18.50, one-hour outings for \$35, home sleepovers for \$55 and boarding for \$40. 832-1320, [tails-wagging.com](http://tails-wagging.com)

**VIP PET SITTING AND DOG WALKING**

All VIP professionals are bonded and insured and will often leave a daily pet journal describing the more unique aspects of your animal's personality. In-house pet sitting starts at \$20 a visit, and dog walking starts at \$19. 275-6701, [vippets.net](http://vippets.net)

**WAGG 'N PURR PET SITTERS**

Serving north Round Rock, this company offers quick daily dog walks for \$11.50, potty break walks for \$13.50, 30-minute visits for \$18.50 and an extended multiple pet visit for \$23.50. 484-5570, [waggnpurr.com](http://waggnpurr.com)

**DOGGIE DAYCARE/ KENNELS/ BOARDING**

**A TO Z DOG RANCH**

With 2.5 fenced-in acres, this dog playground has wood-chip, dirt and rock piles, a creek bed for swimming and plenty of room to run. Daycare is \$15 a day; boarding is \$25 a night. Services also include transportation and grooming. 264-2224, [atozdogranch.vpweb.com](http://atozdogranch.vpweb.com)

**AUSTIN DOGTOWN**

Dogtown offers more than 5,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor dog fun. Dogs can play games and learn tricks. Full-service grooming, basic behavior training, lake visits and playtime in leash-free areas are also available. Crate boarding is \$33 a night; day care is \$22. 537 Woodward St., 535-4244, [dogtownaustin.com](http://dogtownaustin.com)

**AUSTIN PET RANCH**

This facility offers walks by the creek, couch time and baths before pickup. Boarding prices start at \$25 and include outside playtime five to six times a day. Daycare is \$15, and grooming ranges from \$20 to \$40. 14425 FM 1826, 301-2279, [austinpetranch.com](http://austinpetranch.com) →

**BARKING HOUND VILLAGE**

With funky doggie art on the walls, this all-suite dog hotel offers everything from baths to assisted-living services for older or special-needs dogs. Private suites are \$35 a night. Daycare starts at \$20 a day. 412 Josephine St., 477-DOGS (3647), [barkinghoundvillage.texas.com](http://barkinghoundvillage.texas.com)

**BED & BISCUIT KENNEL**

This kennel boards cats, dogs and exotic animals, offering training, full-service grooming and one-on-one petting and play time. Dogs get frequent visits outdoors, and all cats stay in their own "kitty condos" for \$14 a night. Dog daycare starts at \$17 a day; boarding is \$23 a

night. 6004 City Park Road, 343-0723, [bedandbiscuit.com](http://bedandbiscuit.com)

**BOBBI COLORADO CANINE CAMP**

Bobbi Colorado and The Wild Bunch provide animals for TV shows and movies such as the 2003 *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *Furry Vengeance* (see page 48). Bring your pet to this \$25-a-night dog camp (\$20 for daycare), and maybe it'll end up on the big screen. 8929 Hwy. 290 W., 288-6928, [bobbicolorado.com](http://bobbicolorado.com)

**CACTUS PRYOR'S CANINE HILTON KENNEL**

Radio legend Cactus Pryor and his daughter and son-in-law own this facility, which features a 15,000-square-foot yard, piped-in classical

music, organic foods and air-conditioned and heated suites starting at \$21 a night. The new cat suites are \$14 a night. 7509 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 926-8905, [caninehilton.com](http://caninehilton.com)

**CAMMIE'S CRITTER CARE**

Cammie began her pet care service in 1986 in New York City and now does her work here in Texas. For \$15, your pet gets a 45-minute visit including exercise and feeding. Cammie will also water your plants and bring in the mail. 250-8768

**CAMP BOW WOW**

Your dogs can be cared for or boarded at this camp, and you can monitor them from your computer or iPhone with Camper Cams. Campers

get a climate-controlled cabin with a bed. Dog day camp is \$24 a day; boarding starts at \$34 a night. 13900 N. I-35, Ste. D, 670-BARK (2275), [campbowwowusa.com](http://campbowwowusa.com)

**CRACKERDOG**

At this boarding and daycare facility, dogs are given at least one trail walk a day and can be picked up and dropped off for an additional fee. There are even herbal fragrances emitted into the air to calm visiting pooches. Daycare starts at \$20; boarding starts at \$30. 8907 Bee Caves Road, Bldg. F, 263-1114, [crackerdogcare.com](http://crackerdogcare.com)

**DOG CAMP**

Near the original Salt Lick in Driftwood, this 16-acre Hill Country facility offers grooming, daycare (\$15 per day),

standard (\$25 a night) and luxury (\$32 a night) boarding for dogs and cat condos starting at \$12 per night. 20200 W. FM 150, Driftwood, 858-9227, [dogcamp.net](http://dogcamp.net)

**DOGBOY'S DOG RANCH**

DogBoy, aka Bart Emken, is a certified trainer. His kennel delivers unique services such as photo shoots, massages and even a charm school. Dog pickups/drop-offs start at \$15, even after hours. Daycare is \$24; boarding is \$38 a night. 2615 Crystal Bend Drive, Pflugerville, 251-7600, [dogboys.com](http://dogboys.com)

**DOGGY DAY OUT KENNEL & DAYCARE**

This Pflugerville daycare and boarding facility has covered shelters, kiddie pools, 12 play yards and noise-absorbing tiles to

minimize barking sounds and reduce stress. Training and grooming are also available. Daycare is \$18; boarding is \$28 a day. 20113 Keilman Lane, Pflugerville, 251-3009, [doggydayout.com](http://doggydayout.com)

**DOGTOPIA OF AUSTIN**

A 6,700-square-foot facility with three climate-controlled playrooms with padded flooring and webcams so owners can check on their pups. Day spa package also available. Dog daycare is \$30; boarding is \$17 a night. 2105 RR 620 S., Bldg. 1, Ste. 101, 369-DOGS (3647), [doggdaycare.com/austin](http://doggdaycare.com/austin)

**GREAT OAKS PET RESORT**

Formerly 620 Pet Resort, this pet hotel boards cats, dogs and exotics. Dog suites



**TRAINERS**

**ARF-A REAL FRIEND DOG TRAINING**

Janice Patton, founder of ARF, is a behavioral specialist who assists dogs with problems such as separation anxiety and phobias. Prices vary. 9116 Yucca Mountain Road, 372-9273, [arfdogtraining.com](http://arfdogtraining.com)

**AUSTIN CANINE CENTRAL**

Home of Joyce Morgan Dog Training, this facility also offers grooming, daycare and products for sale. Classes are available for dogs of all ages and include agility sports. Eight-week basic obedience class is \$175; daycare is \$18. 5402 Middle Fiskville Road, 458-8800, [austincaninecentral.com](http://austincaninecentral.com)

**AUSTIN DOG ALLIANCE**

This nonprofit sends therapy dogs to hospitals, nursing homes, libraries and schools. It also offers camps, including those geared toward kids with high-functioning autism and Asperger's syndrome, and offers private and

group training. Training is \$135 to \$175 per six-week class. [info@austindogalliance.org](mailto:info@austindogalliance.org), 12129 RR 620, Ste. 401, 335-7100, [austindogalliance.org](http://austindogalliance.org)

**BUDDY'S CHANCE**

Buddy's Chance offers training for everything from basic obedience to aggression. Board-and-train services are also available. Private training is \$125 an hour; weeklong group training starts at \$200. 5501 N. Lamar Blvd., 636-3793, [buddyschance.com](http://buddyschance.com)

**CANINE HEADQUARTERS**

This facility helps owners communicate with their pets to achieve desired behavior. It also trains police, military and homeland security dogs. Private lessons are \$450 for six hours; group classes are \$175 for seven 45-minute classes. 1350 CR 130, Hutto, 868-5870, [canineheadquarters.com](http://canineheadquarters.com)

**EXMOOR PET CARE**

With more than 30 years experience, the trainers at Exmoor have monthly classes for dogs of all ages and cover a variety

of subjects, even nutrition. Group basic obedience classes are \$89 for six sessions; private lessons are \$60 an hour. Cat and dog daycare and boarding available. 7107 Brodie Lane (one block south of William Cannon), 891-9393

**FIDELIO DOG WORKS**

Steve Haynes is a dog specialist who believes that through patience, compassion and love he can help dogs of any age, breed or personality. His focus is on individual in-home training. Prices vary. 231-8095, [fideliodogs.com](http://fideliodogs.com)

**HAVE A GREAT DOG!**

In-home boarding and training as well as FunDog Day Camp are available. Trainers pick up your pooch and take it to a dog park for swimming, hiking or other activities. Basic obedience training from \$50 to \$125; play and FunDog Day Camp from \$40 to \$75. 608-8311, [haveagreatdogaustin.net](http://haveagreatdogaustin.net)

**HEARTS AND PAWS**

For more than 25 years, these training professionals have taught

feature windows as well as televisions. Playtime and yogurt treats are administered throughout the day. Bathing is also available. Boarding for dogs starts at \$25.08; daycare packages start at \$18.28. Cat condos and exotic boarding are \$21.14. 15940 S. Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock, 341-2600

**HAPPY MAILMAN**

The staff at this boarding, daycare, dog wash and training facility believe in providing an open and spacious play area for dogs as well as group socialization. Daycare is \$20; boarding starts at \$30 a night. Self-serve dog washing starts at \$10. 8850 Hwy. 290 W., 301-2359, happymailmandogs.com

**STAY-N-PLAY PET RANCH**

This eco-friendly daycare and boarding facility has climate-controlled indoor/outdoor dog runs, freshly laundered bedding, training and even soothing classical music. The ranch also accommodates birds, ferrets, rabbits and fish. Kitty daycare is \$10; dog boarding is \$30 a night. 2500 Hwy. 290 E., Dripping Springs, 894-7387, staynplaypetranch.com

**TRIPLE CROWN DOG ACADEMY**

At this kennel, dogs can participate in personal or group training by certified instructors or swim in a bone-shaped pool. Boarding starts at \$25 a night. 200 CR 197, Hutto, 759-2275, triplecrowndogs.com

**XTREME K-9**

Serving Pflugerville, Round Rock, Hutto and Austin, this kennel-free daycare and boarding facility keeps dogs active most of the day, either through training classes, snuggling up on a couch or playing on agility equipment. Daycare is \$16; boarding starts at \$22. 4617 Priem Lane, Pflugerville, 626-2081, xtremek-9.com

**ZOOT PET HOSPITAL + LUXURY BOARDING**

This cage-free facility has air-conditioned suites that include fleece-covered cots, doggy doors to private covered patios, webcam access and deluxe suites. Dog suites start at \$46 a night; cat condos are \$22 a night. 3981 Hwy 29 W., Georgetown, 864-ZOOT (9668), zootpets.com

starter classes for dogs of all ages as well as classes that teach owners how their dogs learn. They also offer problem-behavior counseling, board-and-train options and daycare. Private lessons start at \$75 for in-home sessions; \$60 for training at the facility. 13033 FM 2769, 249-7255, heartsandpaws.snappages.com

**THE HUMANER TRAINER**

Training dogs since 1993, Margaret Johnson and her team specialize in positive, gentle ways to address house-training, puppy socialization, aggression and more. Private training is \$540 for five lessons. 8618 McMeans Trail., 301-6886, humanetrainer.com

**LEE MANNIX CENTER FOR CANINE BEHAVIOR**

This center offers classes including dog basics, tricks and agility. It specializes in dog aggression and separation issues. Private training starts at \$100 per lesson. 6901 Old Bee Caves Road, 371-DOGS (3647), lmccb.com

**PAWSITIVELY DOGS**

Becky Saltwick teaches agility activities at all levels to help dogs build confidence, get exercise and have fun. Eight-week beginner's agility class is \$180; private agility lessons are \$70 an hour, with in-home obedience training also available. 347-9808, pawsitivelydogsagility.com

**POTTY TALK BY TOAST**

Trisha Yeager Menke is the trainer of Kit Casanova, a wonder cat made famous for using a toilet and jumping through hoops. Menke's cat-training book is available on her website. She teaches group lessons starting at \$6 an hour per person and private lessons starting at \$30. 892-3346, pottytalkbytoast.com

**PUP TO DOG TRAINING**

These trainers offer a new program featuring a collar that gives a dog a gentle small tap (not a shock) to get them to comply. Train-and-board and private in-home training are available. Prices vary. 921-2683, puptodog.com

**SOUTHPAWS PLAY SCHOOL**

This indoor facility offers crate training, obedience classes and socialization. Daycare is \$17. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2324 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. B, 440-PLAY (7529), southpawsplayschool.com

**TAURUS TRAINING AND DOGGIE PLAY DAY**

Taurus groups dogs for play time based on age, size and personality. Adult dog consultations are \$120 an hour; puppy consults are \$75. 715 S. Lamar Blvd., 442-3416; 6917 McNeil Drive, 258-5588; 12419 Metric Blvd., 832-1012; 3807 RR 620 N., 266-6282, taurusdogtraining.com

**WAGGIN' TAILS DOG TRAINING**

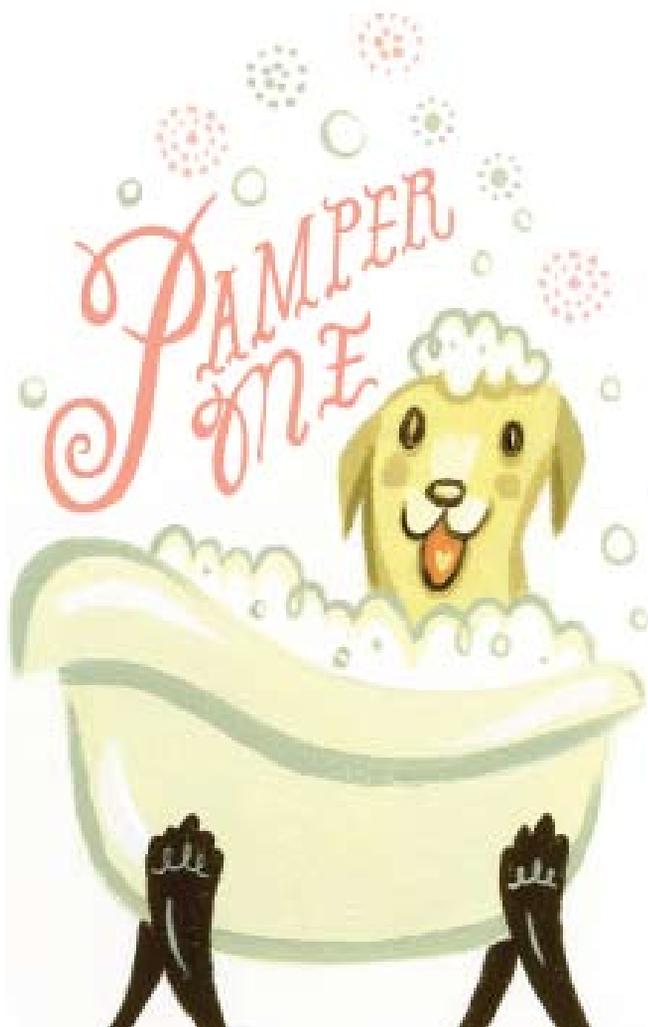
Kim Donnell, Brenda Kouri and Tamara Pigeon teach dogs with positive motivation. Basic and rally obedience available. Agility classes are four for \$60. Private lessons are \$30 per half-hour. 2016 Rowe Loop, Pflugerville, 990-2016, waggin-tails.com

MAKE ME SAY CHEESE

ARTISTS WHO SPECIALIZE IN PET PORTRAITS



1. Abercrombie & Bitch Photography abercrombieandbitch.com 2. Animal Image animalimage.com 3. Nicole Miakar Photography nicolemiakarphotography.com 4. Kaitlin Robinson Photography kbrphotography.com 5. Painted Pups paintedpups.com 6. Patty Mora Photography pattymorphoto.com 7. Brian O'Neill Photography brianoneillphotography.com 8. Austin Animal Art austinanimalart.com 9. Busted Crayons Art bustedcrayons.com



**BOUTIQUES & SUPPLIES**

**BARK 'N PURR PET CENTER**

The popular independent pet store in town caters to organic-obsessed Austinites with a selection brimming with natural and raw foods in addition to all the standard supplies and fun toys. 4604 Burnet Road, 452-3883, barknpurr.com

**BUCK MOORE FEED & SUPPLY**

This garden supply store opened in 1972 and has become a one-stop shop for all pet lovers. Closed Sunday. 5237 N. Lamar Blvd., 451-3469, buckmoorefeed.com

**CAIN & ABLE COLLECTION**

Order all-natural bath, spa and dental products for dogs from this local

line. Its dog spa robes, toothpaste, canine-relaxing candles and more can also be found at boutiques around the world. (866) 364-7720, cainandablecollection.com

**CALLAHAN'S GENERAL STORE**

Be your favorite four-legged friend a dog, cat, horse or cow, this landmark general store offers everything you

need, from treats and leashes to saddles and feed. 501 Bastrop Hwy., 385-3452, callahansgeneralstore.com

**DOGADILLO**

Stop by this Hill Country Galleria boutique for high-quality food, fancy collars, fresh-baked treats for dogs and even some goodies for cats. Once a month, pooches party during Yappy Hour. 12912 Hill Country Blvd., 402-WOOF (9663), dogadillo.com

**DOGGIE DELI BOUTIQUE**

This boutique offers more than just food; it has an extensive selection of beds, clothes, collars, bath products, toys and treats. Closed Sunday. 2051 Cypress Creek Road, Ste. G, Cedar Park, 249-8300, doggedeliboutique.com

**DOGSTUFF**

An Austin-based site that peddles everything from toys and supplies for your pooch to dog-decorated art, clothing, stationery and home furnishings for you. 452-2756, dogstuff.com

**FETCH**

Fetch focuses on fun dog supplies, from frilly poochwear to colorful dinnerware. It also carries kitty offerings like catnip-stuffed fruits. 3636 Bee Caves Road, Ste. 107, (800) 286-1620, yourdogwilldigit.com

**JUST FOR PETS**

A shop that peddles everything from holistic health aides to heated dog beds. 3616 Far West Blvd., 342-2220, justforpetsaustin.com

**LOFTY DOG**

Hip downtown dogs and cats need a place to shop, and this boutique in the 2nd Street District supplies all the food, clothing and carriers they could want. It also offers an area pet food delivery service. 403 W. Second St., 476-5050, austinloftydogs.com

**OLIVE**

Founded in Cedar Park, this online shop now ships its eco-friendly dog lifestyle and travel gear products around the world. 1-877-OLIVE-55 (654-8355), olivegreendog.com

**TOMLINSON'S**

What opened in 1946 as a chick hatchery has blossomed into an Austin institution. Its full-service offerings of goods and services, including a wholesale bird operation, are available in five locations. Central, South, Westlake, Cedar Park and Lakeway. tomlinsons.com

**WETNOZ**

Wetnoz's designs distinguish it from the pack. It offers a sleek, modern line of dinnerware and toys for pets. The site is based in Pflugerville, but its goods are sold in stores around the globe. (888) 893-8669, wetnoz.com

**GROOMERS**

**BARK 'N BUBBLES DOGWASH & BOUTIQUE**

Let the pros make your pup pretty (grooming starts at \$50), or do it yourself in one of the self-serve baths (\$19.95). Tuesday, 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 13343 Hwy. 183 N., Ste. 275, 257-0026, barknbubblestx.com

**BEST DRESSED DOG**

Dogs and cats of all breeds are welcome at Best Dressed Dog. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Prices vary. 13497 Research Blvd., Ste. 500, 258-9195, pets-austin.com

**DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF GROOMING**

This place specializes in small-dog grooming. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, appointment only. Prices vary. 12505 Rampart St., 821-2422

**DIRTY DOG GROOMING & SELF-SERVE DOG WASH**

Why bother with the mess at home? Go to one of Dirty Dog's five self-serve washes, three of which are open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Full-service grooming also available. Downtown, West Campus, Northwest, South, 476-3647, dirty-dog.com

**GROOMINGDALE'S**

This popular spot offers full-service cat and dog grooming. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 to 5 p.m. Prices vary. 1108 W. Koenig Lane, 524-1484, groomingdalesofaustin.com

**LUCKY DOG GROOMING**

Don't let the name fool you. Cats are also welcome at this full-service groomer. Monday through Wednesday,

**MAKE ME PRETTY**

**GROOMING MADE EASIER**

Tired of luring your dog to the yard with a hose and battling the bouncing excitement and barking? You can take your pet to a groomer or you can groom him yourself at a facility that provides all the snazzy professional tools you need to make grooming easy. A DIY bath

costs less than a professional groomer, and it could even be a bonding experience.

You don't need an appointment at most self-serve facilities like Dirty Dog. Instead, when you get there, you're given an apron and guided to a raised tub surrounded by a

dog tie-in, brushes, cologne, tearless shampoo, conditioner, ear wash, towels, hair dryers, a hose that dispenses warm water and even a set of stairs for larger dogs. Then you clean your dog and, perhaps the best part, you leave behind the mess when you're done. You

can also rent grooming tables and clippers.

For more complicated maneuvers such as nail-clipping, gland expression or teeth brushing, Dirty Dog asks that you call ahead so that a groomer may assist you—these things can be tricky!

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prices start at \$45. 9414 Anderson Mill Road, 331-7222

**MIDTOWN GROOMING**

Open since 1970, this Clarksville salon welcomes cats and dogs. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Prices vary. 1207 Baylor St., 477-8079, midtowngrooming.com

**MUD PUPPIES SELF-SERVICE DOG WASH**

Offering self-serve baths and full-service grooming for dogs. Weekdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Self-wash starts at \$10. 12233 FM 620 N., Ste. 110-A, 249-2498, mud-puppies.com

**PERFECT POOCH MOBILE GROOMING**

This full-service grooming salon on wheels will come to your home and lather, snip and comb your pup. Prices vary. 709-8969, perfectpoochgrooming.com

**THE PLUSH PAD**

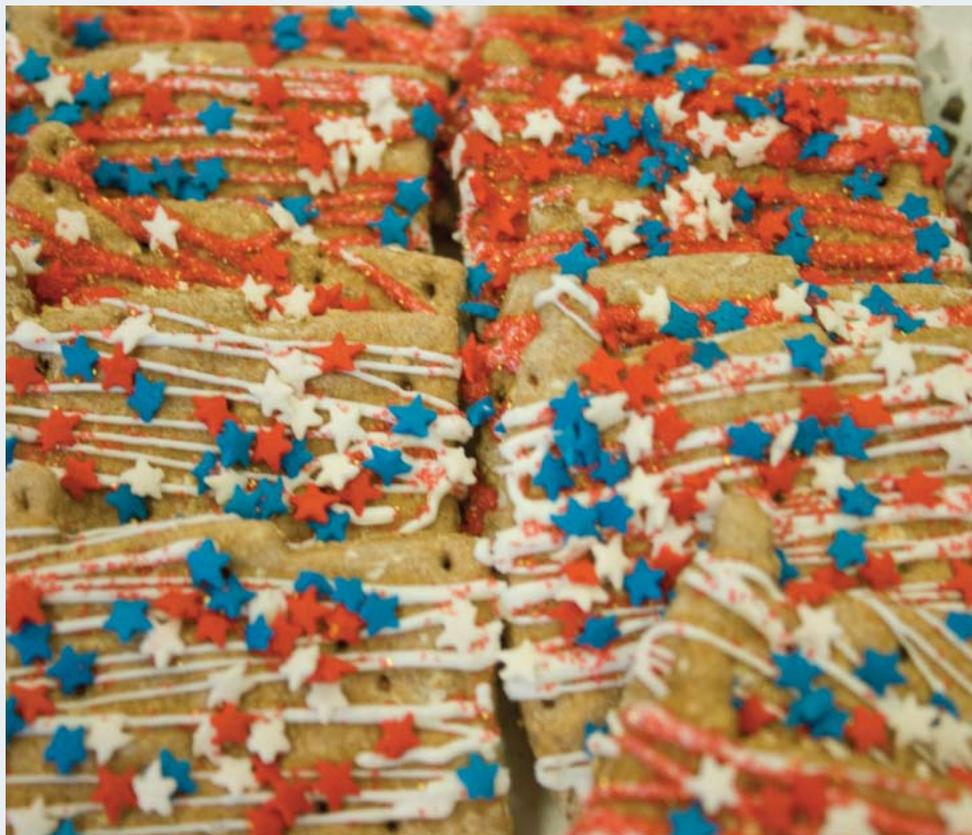
The Plush Pad has been making cats and dogs beautiful since 1973. Prices vary. Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; every other Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2935 W. Anderson Lane, 452-7145, theplushpad.com

**SHAMPOOCH**

Full-service dog and cat grooming. Open weekdays at 7:30 a.m., Saturday at 8 a.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Prices vary. 306 W. Oltorf St., 912-8966

**WEST END GROOMING**

Serving dogs for more than 15 years, West End Grooming can now be found at its new location at 34th and Guadalupe streets. Prices vary. Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3405 Guadalupe St., 478-1007, westendgrooming.com



FEED ME SOMETHING SPECIAL

EVEN PETS CRAVE SOME YUMMY TREATS NOW AND THEN

**Apple Crunch Pupcakes**

- 2 ¾ cups water
- ¼ cup applesauce, unsweetened
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup fresh apple (cut into bite sized pieces)
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray muffin tin with cooking spray. Mix all wet ingredients thoroughly. Combine dry ingredients in separate bowl. Add wet to dry slowly, scraping well to make sure no dry mixture is left. Pour into muffin tins. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out dry. Store in a sealed container. Makes 12 to 14 pupcakes.

From Cardinal Ridge Bakery, a Round Rock-based

company that ships treats nationwide. (866) 461-0253 or 576-5838, cardinalridgebakery.com

**Liver Biscotti**

- ½ cup peanut oil
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup molasses
- 5 cups whole wheat flour
- ¼ cup desiccated liver
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ cup water

Blend all ingredients. Form into two logs approximately six to seven inches long by one inch high. Place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees. Place on wire rack and cool completely. Slice into half-inch thick pieces. Serve immediately. Store remaining cookies in fridge or freeze until ready to use.

From Tail Waggin's Dog Bakery, open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to

4 p.m., 2102 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown, 868-0047, tailwagginbakery.com

**Banana and Peanut Butter Yogurt Treat**

- 32 ounces plain yogurt
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 2 bananas
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Spoon mixture into small ice cube trays and freeze. After mixture has hardened in the ice cube trays, remove them and put them in airtight containers. Banana and peanut butter yogurt treats will stay fresh for a couple of months if stored in the freezer.

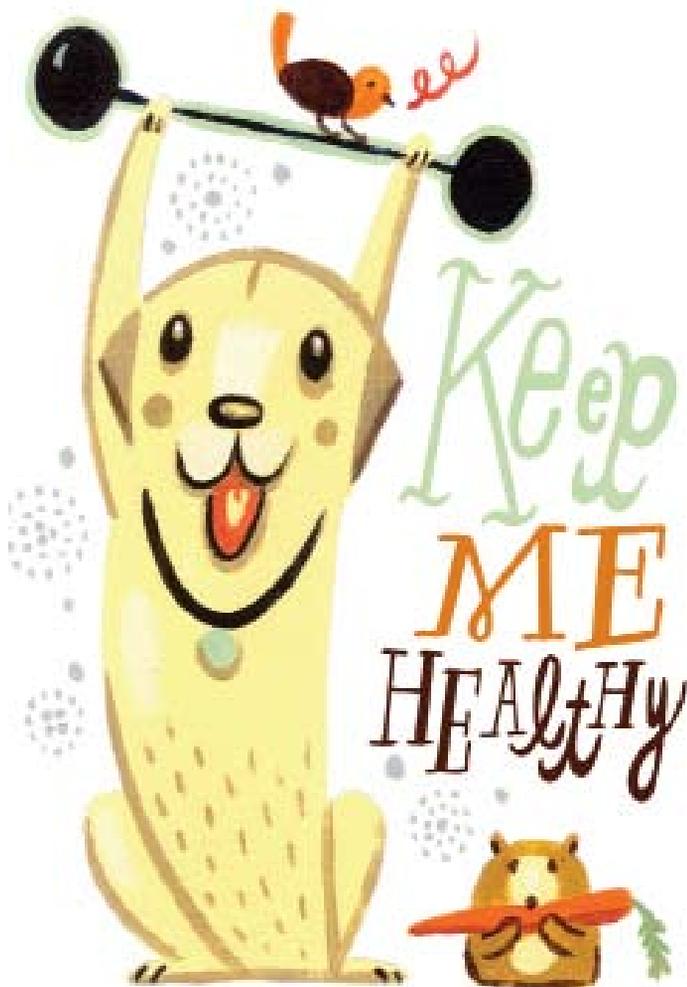
From Paw Bakery, open Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Austin Farmers Market at Fourth Street and Guadalupe Street. 825-9596, pawbakery.com

**Turkey 'N' Taters**

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup turkey broth (recommended: low sodium turkey paste)
- 9 cups potato flour
- 1 cup tapioca
- 12 cups water
- ¾ cup canola oil

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix all ingredients together. Once combined, the batch can be spooned into biscuits, which is the easiest method, or rolled out. Each biscuit should be approximately a quarter-inch thick. Use your favorite cookie cutter to create fun shapes. Bake 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the thickness of the treat you cut out.

From Groovy Dog Bakery, open daily, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., 891-7333, 4477 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 580, groovydog.com



### EMERGENCY PET CLINICS

#### AM/PM ANIMAL HOSPITAL

This facility is truly full service, offering routine and emergency care, boarding and internal medicine expertise. Patients are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week for pet-owner peace of mind. 2239 Lamar Blvd., 448-AMPM (2676), [ampmanimalhospital.com](http://ampmanimalhospital.com)

#### ANIMAL EMERGENCY CLINIC OF CENTRAL TEXAS

In its newly remodeled building, the Animal Emergency Clinic of Central Texas sees patients every hour of every day and offers round-the-clock monitoring, an in-house laboratory, a pharmacy and a complete surgery

suite. 2000 N. Mays St., Ste. 112, Round Rock, 671-6252, [aectx.com](http://aectx.com)

#### AUSTIN VET CARE CENTRAL

The central location of Austin Vet Care offers 24-hour emergency care, including holidays and weekends, in addition to the top-notch general care and boarding it also offers at its two locations. 4106 N. Lamar Blvd., 459-4336, [austinvetcare.com](http://austinvetcare.com)

#### EMERGENCY ANIMAL HOSPITAL

With locations in North and South Austin, the Emergency Animal Hospital treats injured and critically ill animals during evening, holiday and weekend hours with a complete range of services, such as soft tissue surgery and transfusion therapy. 12034 Research Blvd., 331-6121; 4434

Frontier Trail, 899-0955; [eahnw.com](http://eahnw.com)

#### HEART OF TEXAS VETERINARY SPECIALTY CENTER

In addition to 24-hour emergency care, this clinic offers services in oncology, surgery, stem cell therapy, transfusion medicine, an in-house laboratory and more. 115 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Round Rock, 744-4644, [heartoftexasvets.com](http://heartoftexasvets.com)

#### ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

#### CANINE REHABILITATION & CONDITIONING CENTER

A referral from your veterinarian can get your pup access to a personalized rehabilitation program at this center, where therapies such as gait training,

aquatic exercises and electrical muscle stimulation can help get dogs back on their feet. 12419 Metric Blvd., 835-0300, [caninesportsrehab.com](http://caninesportsrehab.com)

#### LAKELINE ANIMAL CARE

The veterinarians at Lakeline treat cats, dogs and other companion animals. This clinic also provides wellness, critical care, surgery and dentistry services. 12010 RR 620 N., 258-1155, [lakelineanimalcare.com](http://lakelineanimalcare.com)

#### LOVE PET HOSPITAL

Dogs, cats, hedgehogs and chinchillas can all take advantage of the alternative therapies, such as acupuncture, chiropractics and herbal treatments, on the menu at this animal hospital. 8106 Brodie Lane, Ste. 102, 282-0221, [lovethehospital.com](http://lovethehospital.com)

#### SKILLFUL PAWS

Skillful Paws comes to your home to improve your pet's well-being through therapeutic massage and acupuncture treatments for dogs and acupressure services for dogs and horses. 922-1664, [skillfulpaws.net](http://skillfulpaws.net)

#### THE WHOLE HORSE

Dr. Lu Ann Groves, who has practiced equine medicine for nearly three decades, offers holistic help for horses with pain, back problems and other disorders. She also performs acupuncture and aquatic and ozone therapies. 3330 Harris Hill Road, San Marcos, (512) 396-2234, [thewholehorse.com](http://thewholehorse.com)

#### MOBILE VETS

#### MOBILE CAT & DOG VET

Dr. Libby Hays offers preventative medicine services as well as diagnostic testing, microchipping and prescriptions in the comfort of her clients' homes through her mobile veterinary service. 502-1000, [mobilecatanddogvet.com](http://mobilecatanddogvet.com)

#### MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES

All animals benefit from the convenience of Dr. Carol-Lynne Meissner's house calls, which include nutrition counseling, dental and dermatology and geriatric care. 476-4938, [mobilevetaustin.com](http://mobilevetaustin.com)

#### MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC OF AUSTIN

Dr. Jan Allen makes house calls for cats and dogs around Austin to keep pets up to date on their wellness checks in the comfort of their own homes. 263-3711

#### REHABILITATION AND CONDITIONING FOR ANIMALS

Deborah Carroll stops by clinics and homes to offer dogs, cats and horses rehabilitation and conditioning after injury or surgery. Patients must be referred by veterinarians to take advantage of the ultrasound, laser, heat and ice therapies. 448-7838, [rehabilitationandconditioningforanimals.com](http://rehabilitationandconditioningforanimals.com)

#### THE VISITING VET

For two decades, Dr. Michael Mullen has practiced veterinary medicine in the homes of his dog and cat patients, administering vaccinations and treating illnesses. 479-7282

#### SPECIALTY VETS

#### ANIMAL ALLERGY & DERMATOLOGY CENTER

Austin's allergens aren't a problem just for humans. Sneezing dogs and cats can find relief at this center, where Dr. Patrick R. Nichols does extensive allergy tests for pets. 1612 W. Fifth St., 477-ITCH (4824)

#### CAPITAL AREA VETERINARY SPECIALISTS/TEXAS VETERINARY ONCOLOGY

Under one roof, you'll find veterinarians who specialize in surgery,

oncology, radiology, neurology, cardiology, acupuncture and chiropractic services. 7958 Shoal Creek Blvd., 388-0944, [capitalareavetspecialists.com](http://capitalareavetspecialists.com)

#### EYE CARE FOR ANIMALS

With more than 30 years of experience, Dr. Nicholas Millichamp treats and diagnoses diseases of the eye in all kinds of pets. 12419 Metric Blvd., Ste. 100, 820-3937, [animaleyeseite.com](http://animaleyeseite.com)

#### CENTRAL TEXAS VETERINARY SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

Specialists in internal medicine, surgery, rehabilitation, conditioning and dermatology serve Austin at this hospital, which is also home to extensive diagnostic technology, including a CT scan and nuclear imaging. 4434 Frontier Trail, 892-9038, [ctvsh.com](http://ctvsh.com)

#### VETERINARY EYE CENTER

Your vet can refer you to this specialty practice, which offers ophthalmology services including exams, diagnostic testing, surgery and pharmaceuticals. 3908A Far West Blvd., 255-8700, [veteyecenter.com](http://veteyecenter.com)

#### EXOTIC BIRD AND FISH CLINICS

#### CAPITAL VETERINARY CLINIC

You'll never need an appointment at this three-decade-old clinic, where horses, chinchillas, hedgehogs and sugar gliders are given the same degree of care as cats and dogs. 4917 S. Congress Ave., 442-1496, [capitalvet.com](http://capitalvet.com)

#### RESEARCH PET AND BIRD HOSPITAL

The three doctors at this facility offer medical services for all species of birds, rats, bearded dragons, tortoises, snakes and more. 11679 Research Blvd., 258-2577, [researchpet.com](http://researchpet.com)

**PET AND BIRD CLINIC**

With north and south branches, this clinic sees cats and dogs but also offers treatment for exotics, including small mammals, birds, lizards and snakes. *South Branch, 403 E. Ben White Blvd., Ste. F, 462-0002; 12202 MoPac Expy., 339-8472; petandbirdclinic.com*

**WESTGATE PET & BIRD HOSPITAL**

For nearly 25 years, this facility has given comprehensive surgical, medical and diagnostic treatment to all animal companions, from cats and dogs to snakes and birds. *4534 Westgate Blvd., Ste. 100, 892-4463, westgatepetandbird.com*

**CAT-ONLY CLINICS**

**CATS LOVE HOUSECALLS**

Because many cats get nervous going to see the veterinarian, Dr. Cecilia Burnside comes to the cats. Her house calls include preventative medicine, behavior counseling, microchipping and specialist referrals. *343-9200, catslovehousecalls.com*

**CAT HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN**

In 2000, Dr. Kim Percival opened the Cat Hospital of Austin to give cats a calm, comfortable clinic experience specializing in their care and free of the noise of

barking dogs. *13264 Pond Springs Road, 258-2024, cathospitalofaustin.com*

**CENTRAL TEXAS CAT HOSPITAL**

The team of vets at Central Texas Cat Hospital offer surgical, radiological and dental services for cats. *2111 Sam Bass Road, Ste. A-700, Round Rock, 388-1299, centraltexascathospital.com*

**WESTLAKE ANIMAL HOSPITAL AND BOARDING KENNEL**

This clinic serves dogs and cats, but feline friends are treated in a dog-free wing of the hospital to help put them at ease. Luxury cat boarding, complete with

a window, ledge and fish tank, is also available. *3930 Bee Caves Road, 327-1703, westlakeanimalhospital.com*

**NONPROFIT/LOW-COST CLINICS**

**ANIMAL TRUSTEES OF AUSTIN**

Owners who may not otherwise be able to afford pet care can go to Animal Trustees of Austin, which operates low-cost spay/neuter and wellness/vaccination clinics. *Spay/neuter clinic open Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and wellness clinic open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5129 Cameron Road,*

*450-0111, 451-9355, animaltrustees.org*

**EMANCIPET**

Emancipet (see page 94) offers low-cost and free wellness and spay/neuter programs, as well as microchipping and rabies and parvo vaccinations. The organization has a clinic in East Austin and a mobile clinic that travels throughout the area. *Walk-in wellness services at the stationary clinic Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at the mobile clinic Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spay/neuters require appointments. Clinic, 7201 Levander Loop, Bldgs. I and K, 587-SPAY (7729); emancipet.org*

**PHARMACIES**

The following pharmacies offer prescription compounding for pets.

**LIVE OAK PHARMACY**  
*1611 W. Fifth St., 476-8979, liveoakrx.com*

**APOTHECARY SHOP**  
*11645 Angus Road, Ste. 1, 345-1444, apothecaryshopaustin.com*

**DRIPPING SPRINGS PHARMACY**  
*100 Commons Road, Ste. 1, Dripping Springs, (512) 858-7935, dripping-springspharmacy.com*

**LAMAR PLAZA DRUG**  
*1132 S. Lamar Blvd., 442-6777, lamarplaza-drug.com*



**DON'T FORGET...**

**OTHER USEFUL PET SERVICES**

**Dog Duty**

The pros at Dog Duty will handle the cumbersome chore of scooping poop in your yard on a weekly basis. Starts at \$9.50 a week. *423-3889, wescoopoop.com*

**Hill Country Fence Inc.**

Home is where the heart is, but plenty of dogs' hearts are in the chase. If you want to keep them close to the home front, have a fence installed. *Austin, 288-7555; Spicewood, (830) 798-9883; hillcountryfence.com*

**Lost or found a pet in Austin? Try using these sites:** *austinlostpets.com; fidofinder.com; lostadog.com; foundadog.com*

**Pet Food Bank of Austin and Travis County**

Help make a difference by donating food and supplies to this organization, which provides for pets in need. Drops are available at Bark 'n Purr, Southpaws Playschool and Taurus Training and Doggy Play Day. *288-4480, greyhoundrescueaustin.com/gra*

**Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory**

Nothing is as hard as losing a beloved family member, and the professionals at Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory understand. They offer communal cremation or the option of having your love one's ashes returned to you. *312-1596, rainbowbridgepet.com*

**Pet psychics**

Ever wish you could know what was going through your pet's head? Perhaps a pet psychic can offer some insight. *Animal Instinct Animal Communication. 440-1931, animalinstinct.biz; or Marti Miller, Pet Psychologist, 740-3750, marti2heal.com*

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# CALENDAR

## PETCASSO

**FEBRUARY/MARCH**

Check out the work of animal artists and their owners at this fundraiser for Animal Trustees of Austin, which offers low-cost wellness and spay/neuter clinics. The event includes dinner, music and silent and live auctions of the featured paintings. 371-1965, [animaltrustees.org/petcasso](http://animaltrustees.org/petcasso)

## MIGHTY TEXAS DOG WALK

**APRIL**

While this springtime event no longer holds the Guinness World Record for largest dog walk, it still draws thousands of Austin pups and their owners for a three-mile stroll through downtown. Proceeds benefit Texas Hearing and Service Dogs. 891-9090, [servicedogs.org](http://servicedogs.org)



## BUDA WIENER DOG RACES

**APRIL**

Head to "the Wiener Dog Capital of Texas," also known as Buda, each spring to watch dachshunds race for bragging rights and prizes at this famous event, which also includes cook-offs, bake-offs, craft booths and a pet parade. 565-0303, [budalionsclub.com](http://budalionsclub.com)

## WOOFSTOCK AT WATERLOO

**APRIL 30**

Billed as "a day of peace and pups," this festival brings together owners and their four-legged best friends for agility demonstrations, product booths and live music, benefiting the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation and other nonprofits. 452-4224, [woofstockatwaterloo.org](http://woofstockatwaterloo.org)



## SNOUT BY SNOUTWEST

**JUNE 13**

This festival for dogs and their people features contests for pet/owner look-alikes, ugliest mug and best trick as well as a doggie water park. Shelters and rescues will have dogs available for adoption, and attendees can participate in agility workshops and watch police dog demonstrations. Proceeds benefit Town Lake Animal Center and the Austin Humane Society. \$5 for adults, free for kids and dogs. Dell Jewish Community Campus, 7300 Hart Lane, 735-8098, [shalomaustin.org/dog](http://shalomaustin.org/dog)

## SAN ANTONIO PET EXPO

**JULY 31**

Beasts of all shapes and sizes are welcome to this free expo featuring spa treatments from groomers, fashions for cats and dogs and yummy treats. Trainers

and animal welfare organizations will be on hand. Pets can also participate in an agility course, talent and costume shows and a pet/owner look-alike contest. [sanantoniopetexpo.com](http://sanantoniopetexpo.com)

## BARKITECTURE

**OCTOBER**

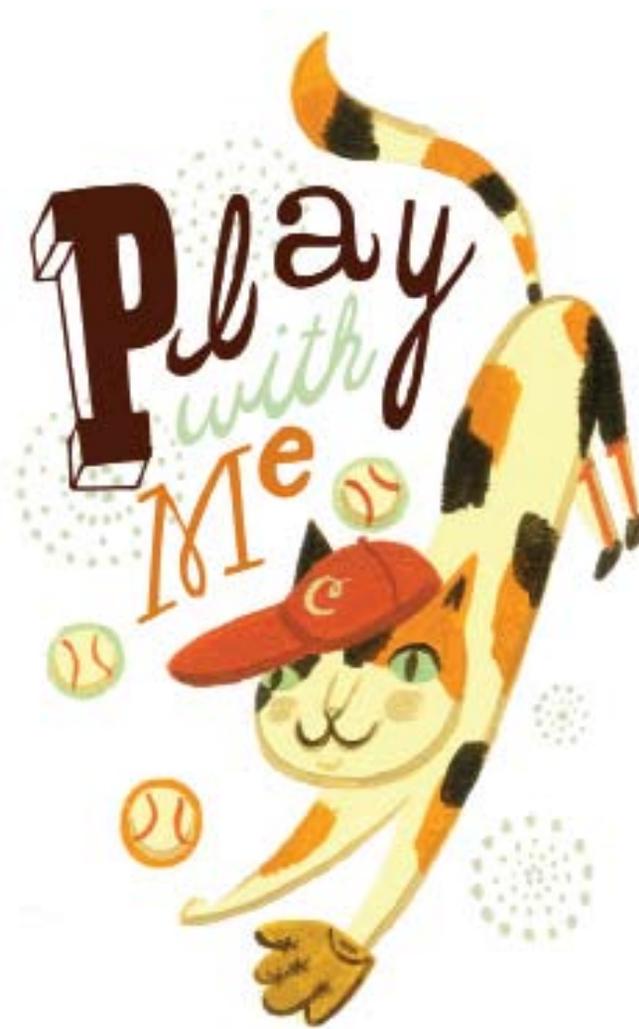
Home ownership is the American dream, but not just for humans. At Barkitecture, dogs can get their own dream homes, designed by the top architects and designers in the city. The houses are auctioned off and proceeds go to Blue Dog Rescue, Austin Pets Alive!, Austin Dog Rescue and Forgotten Friends. [austinbarkitecture.com](http://austinbarkitecture.com)

## AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY RAGS TO WAGS GALA

**NOVEMBER**

Watch cats and dogs parade down the runway in their fashionista finery at the annual Rags to Wags Gala, held every November to benefit the Austin Humane Society. 646-PETS (7387), [austinhumanesociety.org](http://austinhumanesociety.org)





**DOG PARKS**

**AUDITORIUM SHORES**

Within this 81-acre park is a leash-free area that runs from South First Street to Bouldin Avenue. Dogs can play Frisbee, swim in Lady Bird Lake or just run

around. Owners can also enjoy a great view of the Austin skyline. 920 W. Riverside Drive

**BARK PARK**

With six acres features large shady areas, this spot is great for running. It also has separate

areas for small dogs. 151 Holly St., Georgetown, 930-3695, parks.georgetown.org/bark-park

**DAVIS WHITE NORTHEAST DISTRICT PARK**

Among the 110 acres of parkland are wide-open

grassy areas, perfect for running. The leash-free area is near Decker Lake. 5909 Crystalbrook Drive

**EMMA LONG METROPOLITAN PARK**

Though most of the 1,147-acre Emma Long Park requires leashes, Turkey Creek Trail is off-leash and crosses a creek where dogs can swim. The creek empties into Lake Austin, where leashed dogs can play. 1600 City Park Road

**FAR WEST**

The leash-free area of this lesser-known park offers grassy areas and paved paths. Find it between Great Northern and Shoal Creek boulevards.

**NORWOOD ESTATE**

Part of the Lady Bird Lake trail, this 508-acre park is kept green by volunteers. The off-leash area is large and shaded, with a special spot for puppies and small dogs. 1009 Edgecliff Terrace

**ONION CREEK DISTRICT PARK**

Most of this 179-acre park is off-leash with the exception of the playgrounds. Dogs have plenty of room to run and play before cooling off in Onion Creek. 7001 Onion Creek Drive

**RED BUD ISLE**

Located on Lady Bird Lake just below the Lake Austin Dam, this 13-acre leash-free island

is a great place for dogs to swim, hike and play. 3401 Redbud Trail

**SHOAL CREEK GREENBELT**

This 76-acre area stretches from the north end of Pease Park to Sieders Springs at 34th Street with an off-leash area from 24th to 29th streets. There are plenty of places to run, and the creek is leash-free. Due to snake sightings, caution is encouraged. 2637 Shoal Creek Blvd.

**WALNUT CREEK DISTRICT PARK**

The 293 acres in this park feature a large off-leash area with trails and fields for dogs to run through. There are also off-leash areas that cross a creek, great for pups who love to swim. 12138 N. Lamar Blvd.

**WEST AUSTIN PARK**

One of the few fenced off-leash areas in town, this three-acre park recently revamped its dog park to include rock work, terracing and seats for onlooking owners. 1317 W. 10th St.

**ZILKER PARK**

Though only the soccer fields of this 351-acre park are leash-free, that leaves about 40 acres that are ideal for Frisbee or fetch. The Barton Creek Greenbelt Preserve also runs through this park and provides many access points for dog swimming, but keep

in mind that these areas do require leashes. 2100 Barton Springs Road

For more information about dog parks, visit [austinparks.org](http://austinparks.org) or call 477-1566

**GAMES**

**AUSTIN K9 XPRESS**

Volunteers run this non-profit group, which offers agility training at its South Austin location. It also teaches classes covering the basics up through show preparation, and it puts on demonstrations at events and collects donations of food and money for charity. [k9x.org](http://k9x.org)

**DOGZ RULE! FLYBALL**

Flyball is a relay sport in which dogs jump hurdles to catch tennis balls and then return them to their handlers. Dogs of all sizes can play, with the hurdle height set to accommodate the smallest dog on the team. It hosts beginner and intermediate classes at Austin Canine Central. [flyball.com/dogzrule](http://flyball.com/dogzrule)

**TRAVIS AGILITY GROUP**

This nonprofit promotes dog agility as a way to help dogs gain confidence and forge stronger bonds with their owners. A typical agility obstacle course can include hurdles, tunnels, seesaws and poles. Owners guide their dogs through these courses and get exercise as well. 302-6712, [austintag.org](http://austintag.org)

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**ONLINE ANIMAL RESOURCES**

**[theanimalrescuesite.com](http://theanimalrescuesite.com)**  
Do your part for petkind by visiting this site each day. Every click on the site's purple button funds food and care

at shelters, all courtesy of sponsors and advertisers.

**[dogbreedinfo.com](http://dogbreedinfo.com)**  
Before getting a dog, visit this site to learn about its breed, personality, health issues and how it will fit in your home.

**[dogster.com/catster.com](http://dogster.com/catster.com)**  
Dog dudes and cat chicks will find everything they need to know about their favorite pets, from health info to training tips and rescue listings.

**[equestrian-Network.com](http://equestrian-Network.com)**  
This network hosts various communities for horse lovers: [equestriansingles.com](http://equestriansingles.com), [equestrianfriends.com](http://equestrianfriends.com), [countrywesternsingles.com](http://countrywesternsingles.com) and [equestrianchat.com](http://equestrianchat.com). It also partners with various horse rescue groups.

**[friendsoftlac.com](http://friendsoftlac.com)**  
Friends of Town Lake Animal Center is a nonprofit that raises funds to help bridge the gap between funds budgeted

by the city and the needs of Austin's homeless animals.

**[mypetmove.com](http://mypetmove.com)**  
One of the most challenging parts of a move can be relocating pets. This social networking site created by Austin-based petrelocation.com offers information and advice about the process.

**[petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com)**  
Find your new best friend by breed, age, size and/or

gender using [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com), which compiles adoption listings for shelters and rescues. Download the Petfinder app to research on the go.

**[petsitusa.com](http://petsitusa.com)**  
Sometimes life gets in the way of our time with our pets, so use this site to locate dog walkers, doggie daycare and pet sitters to keep your pet company while you're away. All listings are based on your ZIP code.