

TCSO NEW HERDING DOGS



Photos by Sean McCormick

We're excited to welcome two new K-9s Sam and Zeke, herding dogs in our Estray Unit. They are mixed border collies (a breed with heightened herding instincts) who were recently trained in Granbury, TX by [Diamond J Stock-Dogs](#). Training typically begins when the dogs hit their first birthday and can take up to a year, depending on the dog.

As of 2017, there are over [1,000 farms](#) in Travis County, many of which have a good deal of livestock. Occasionally, these animals escape their boundaries, which can cause all sorts of problems. Herding dogs are trained to gather up these strays and can get to places that are difficult for humans to access. Sam and Zeke have already had two successful deployments.