



ANIMAL SERVICES

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2002 Shelter Statistics Summary

Each month, we gather information about incoming animals and services we provide. The following summary uses that information and our euthanasia study to arrive at some meaningful conclusions for our Commission and the public. The first page provides the numbers of animals received, reclaimed, adopted and euthanized. The second page explains how many animals were actually adoptable and why some were euthanized.

Animal Services received:

- 2,029 stray dogs
- 1,305 owner-released dogs
- 98 doa dogs
- 71 stray misc. animals¹
- 88 owner-released misc. animals
- 4 doa misc. animals
- 2,179 stray & feral cats
- 1,603 owner-released cats
- 96 doa cats

Animal Services placed:

- 1,071 dogs
- 1,473 cats
- 110 misc. animals

Owners reclaimed:

- 922 dogs
- 124 cats
- 13 misc. animals

Animal Services euthanized:

- 985 dogs
- 2,032 cats
- 26 misc. animals

Owners requested euthanasia for:

- 349 dogs
- 121 cats
- 19 misc. animals

Of the 985 dogs euthanized. (not incl. owner-requested euthanasia):

- 648 had behavioral risks (E1, 2, 4T)
- 228 were sick or injured (E3, 4S)

Of the 2,032 cats euthanized. (not incl. owner-requested euthanasia):

- 967 had behavioral risks (E1, 2, 4T, 6)
- 1,014 were sick or injured (E3, 4S)

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¹ Not including wildlife. Wildlife statistics are on a separate report.

Adoptions

- **90% of adoptable dogs were adopted.** (1,071 adopted / (3,334 received alive - 922 reclaimed - 349 owner-requested euthanasia - 876 sick, injured or behavioral risks)) = 1,071 adopted / 1,187 adoptable = 90%.
- **95% of adoptable cats were adopted.** (1,473 adopted / (3,782 received alive - 124 reclaimed - 121 owner-requested euthanasia - 1,981 sick, injured or behavioral risks)) = 1,473 adopted / 1,556 adoptable = 95%.

Reclaims

- 46% of stray dogs were reclaimed (922 reclaimed / 2,029 strays received)
- 6% of stray cats were reclaimed (124 reclaimed / 2,179 stray/feral received)
- 18% of stray miscellaneous animals were reclaimed (13 reclaimed / 71 strays received)

Euthanasia

- **92% of all dog euthanasia** was due to sickness, injury, age or behavioral risk, as determined by Animal Services, veterinarians or the dog's owner. (648 behavioral risks + 228 sick or injured + 349 owner-requested euth.) / 1,334 total dogs euthanized)) = 1,225 / 1,334 = 92%. The remaining 8% of adoptable dogs were euthanized due to lack of space.
- **98% of all cat euthanasia** was due to sickness, injury, age or behavioral risk, as determined by Animal Services, veterinarians or the cat's owner. (967 behavioral risks + 1,014 sick or injured + 121 owner-requested euth.) / 2,153 total cats euthanized) = 2,102 / 2,153 = 98%. The remaining 2% of adoptable cats were euthanized due to lack of space.

Owner statistics

- 39% of dogs were brought to the Shelter by their owners.
- 42% of cats were brought to the Shelter by their owners.
- 55% of rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, etc. were brought to the Shelter by their owners.²

- 27% of owner-released dogs were brought in for euthanasia.
- 8% of owner-released cats were brought in for euthanasia.
- 22% of owner-released rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, etc. were brought in for euthanasia.

² These are live pet animals, such as bunnies, birds, hamsters, etc., not including "doa" pets or wildlife.