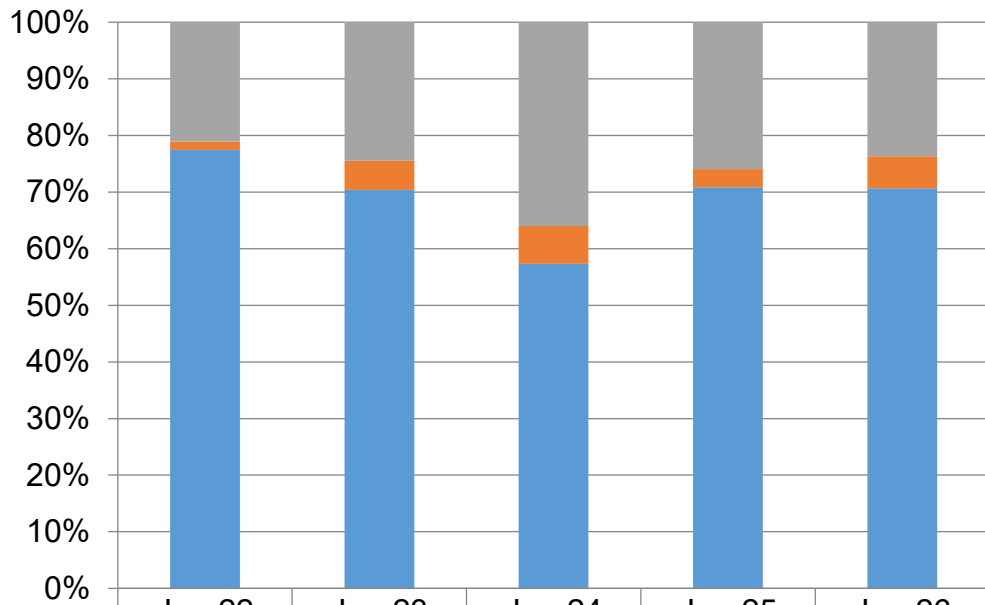


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Rolling Release Rate
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Save Rate
Overview

January 2026

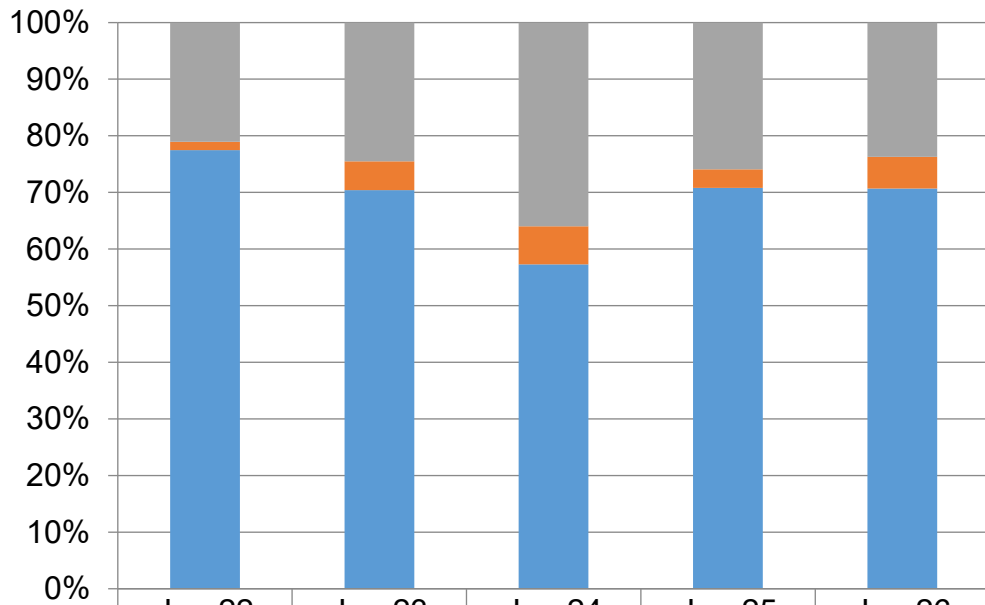
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Cat Rolling Release Rate January



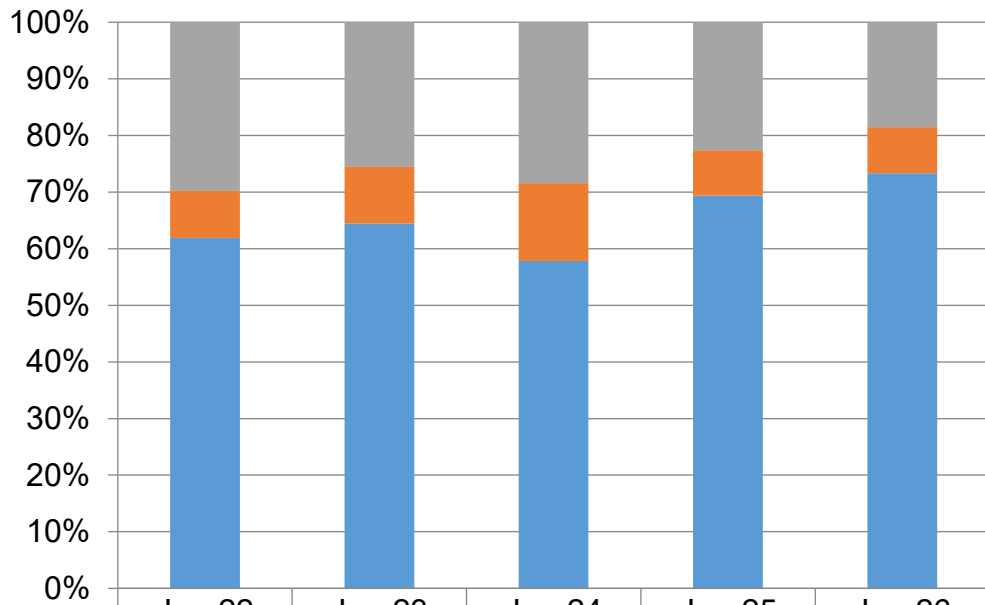
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Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



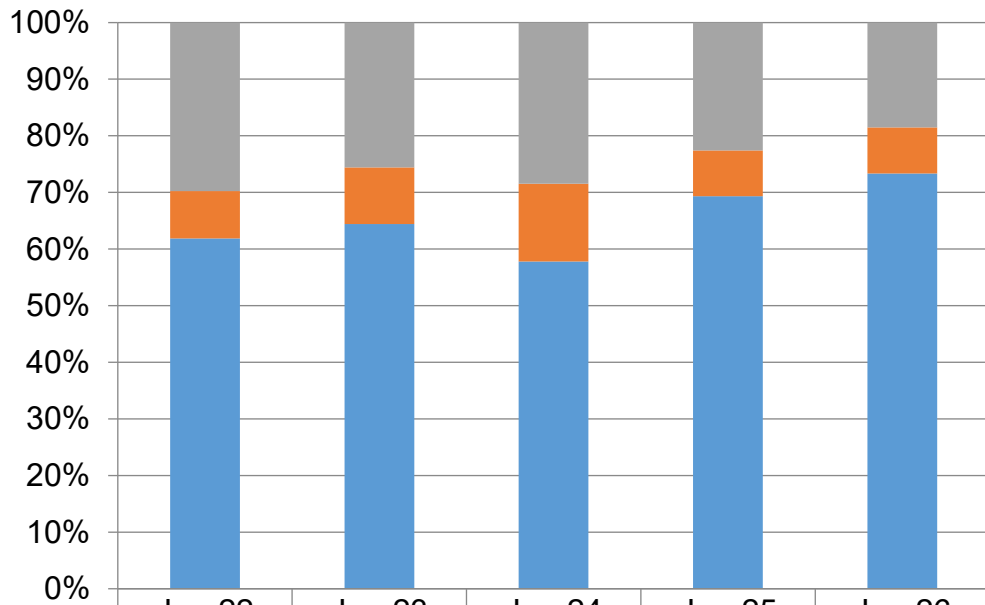
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Dog Rolling Release Rate January



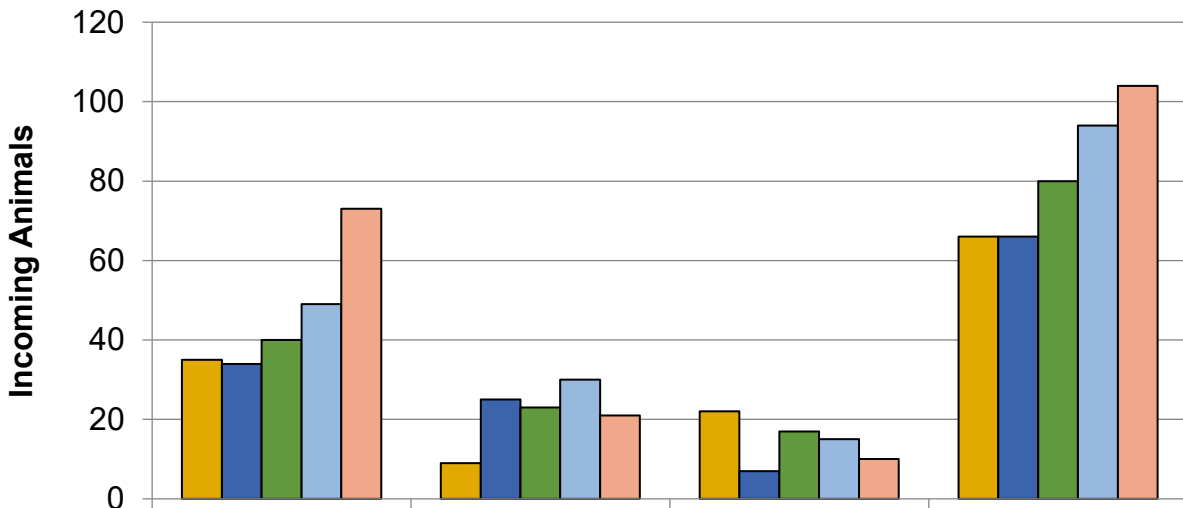
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Sanctuary Rate	29.76%	25.56%	28.44%	22.58%	18.52%
Euthanasia Rate	8.33%	10.00%	13.74%	8.06%	8.15%
Live Release Rate	61.90%	64.44%	57.82%	69.35%	73.33%

Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



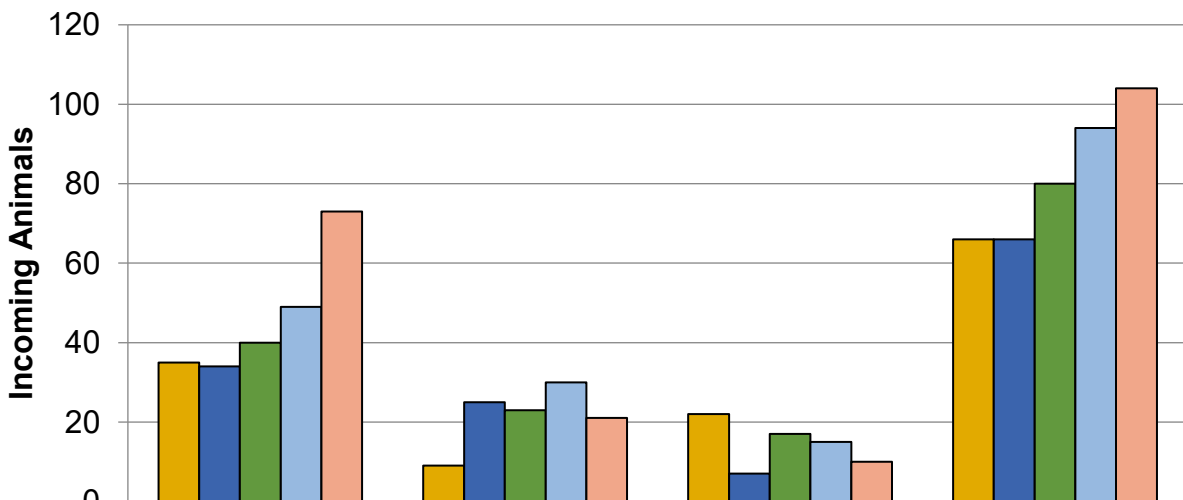
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Surrenders January



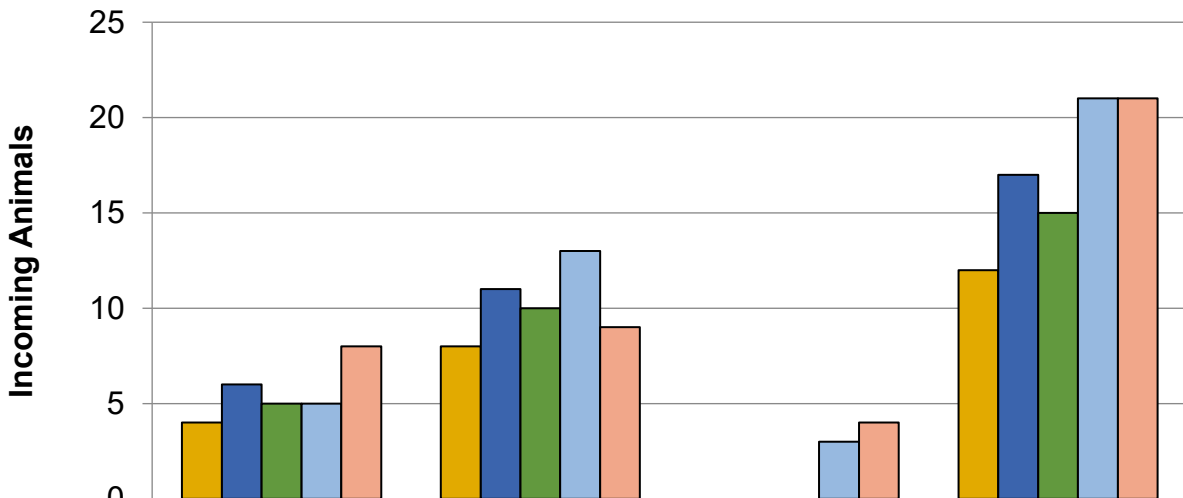
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Jan-22	35	9	22	66
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Jan-26	73	21	10	104

Surrenders Year to Date



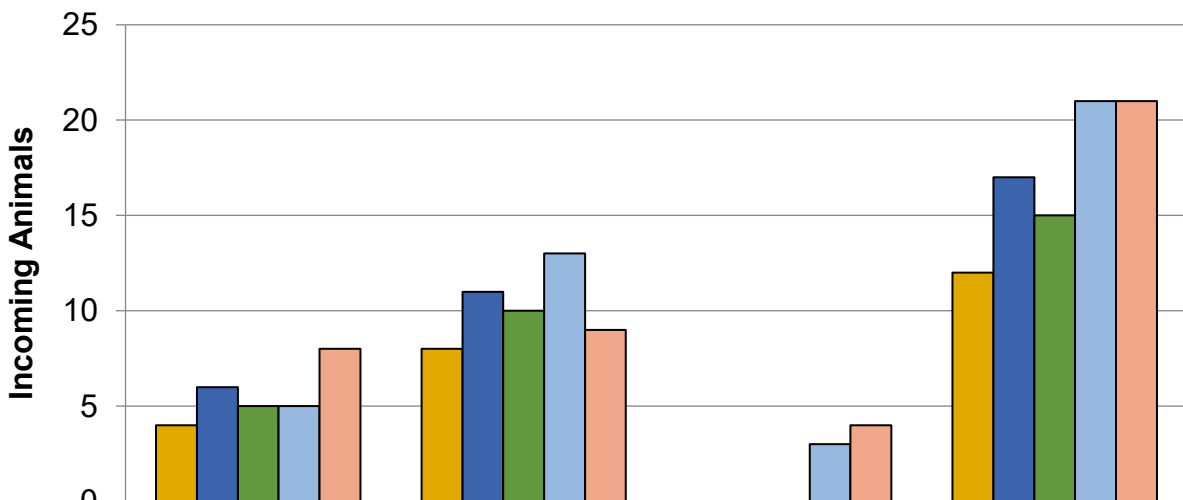
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2025	49	30	15	94
2026	73	21	10	104

Returns January



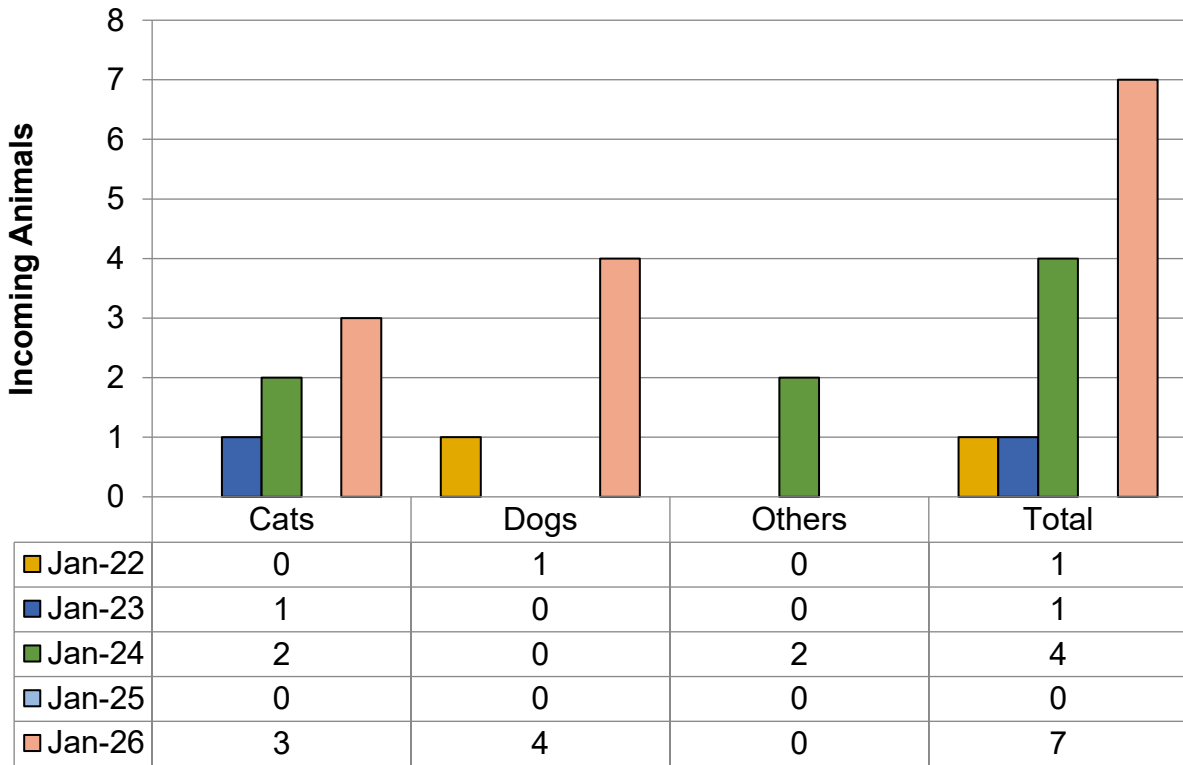
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Jan-22	4	8	0	12
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Jan-25	5	13	3	21
Jan-26	8	9	4	21

Returns Year to Date

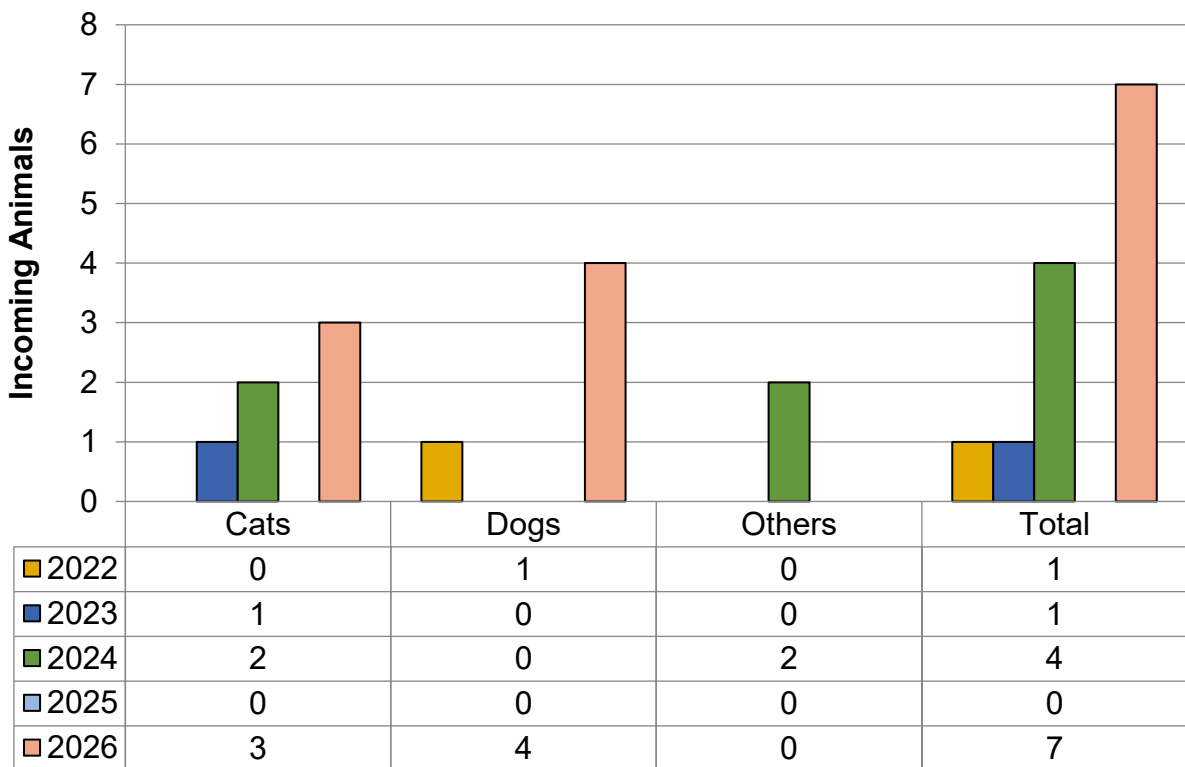


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
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2024	5	10	0	15
2025	5	13	3	21
2026	8	9	4	21

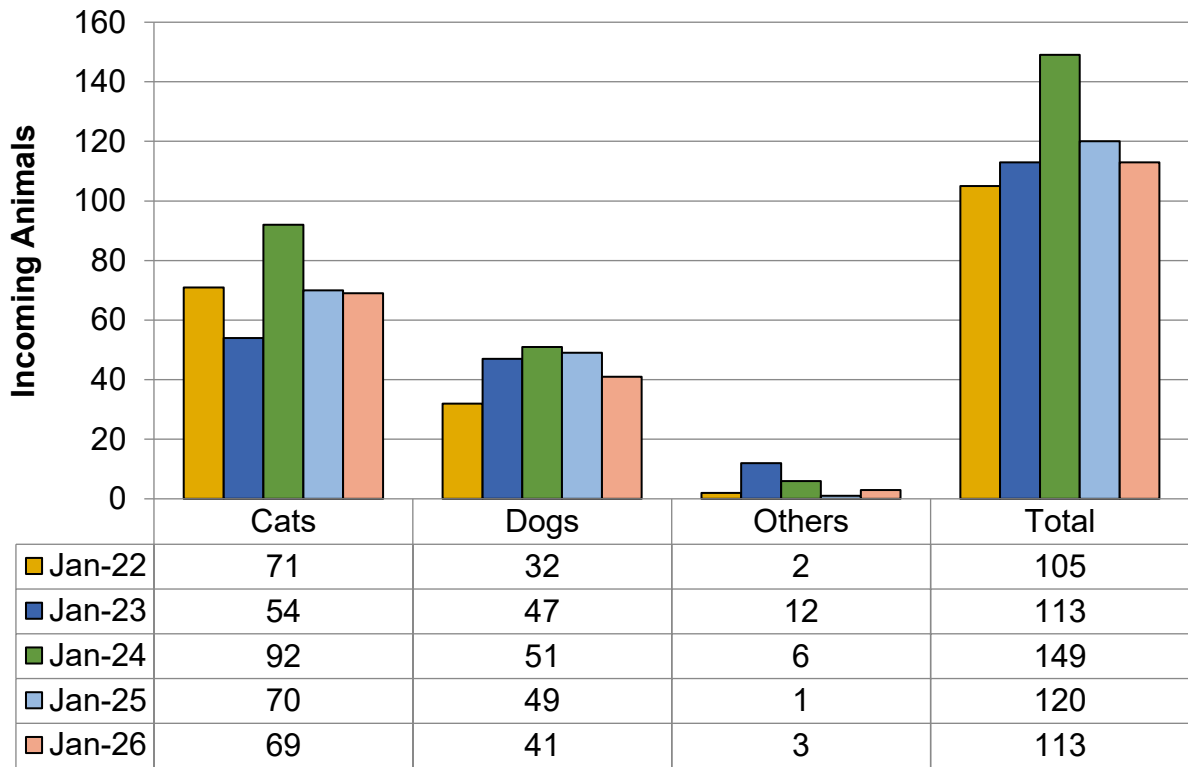
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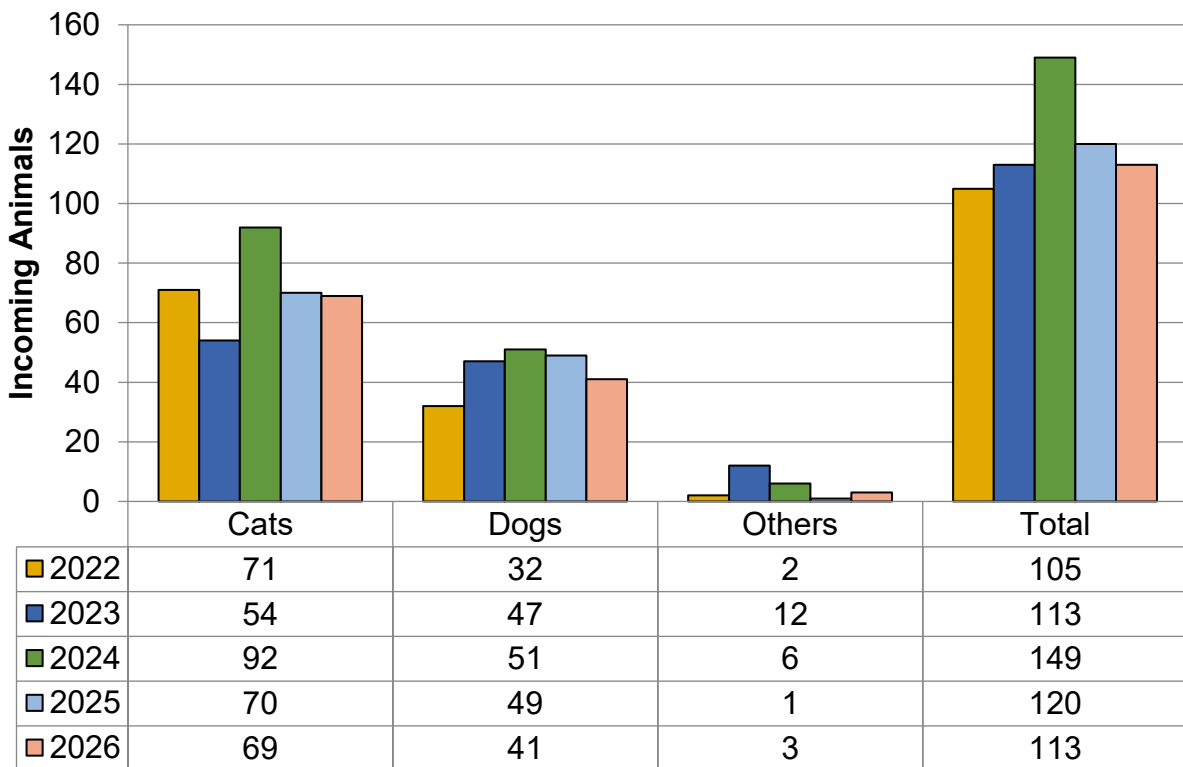
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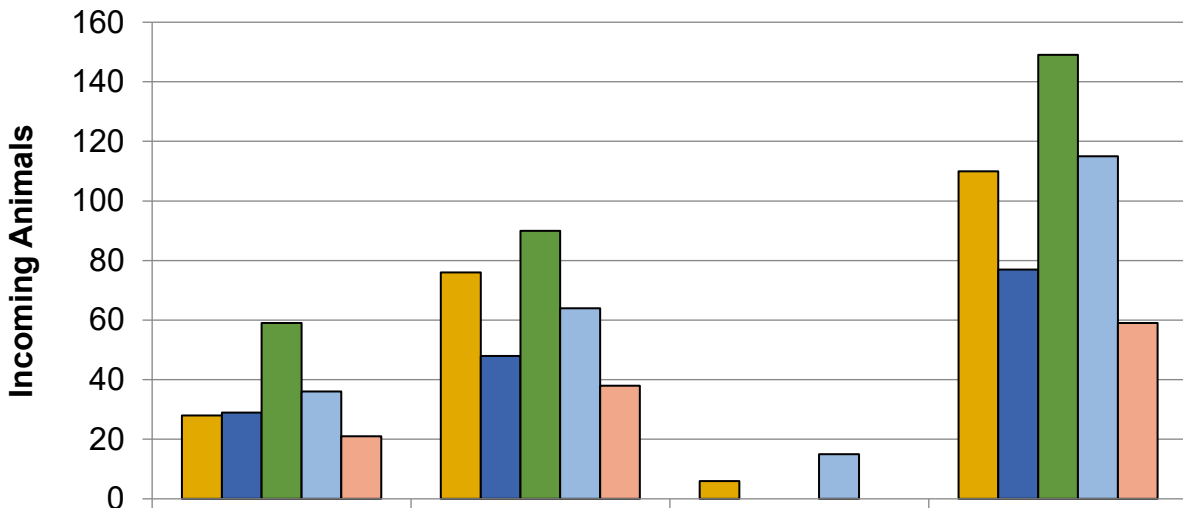
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Stray Year to Date

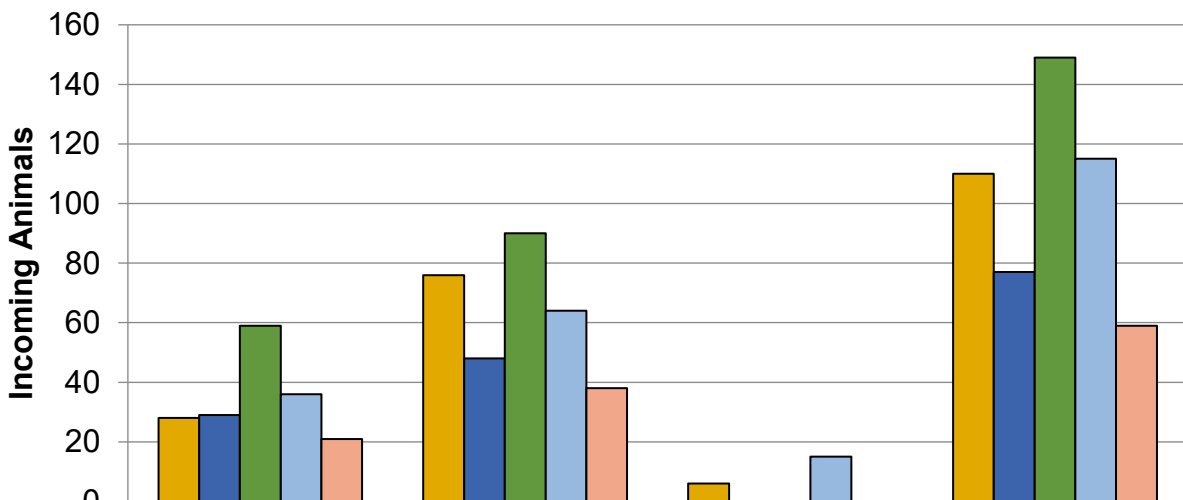


Incoming Transfers January



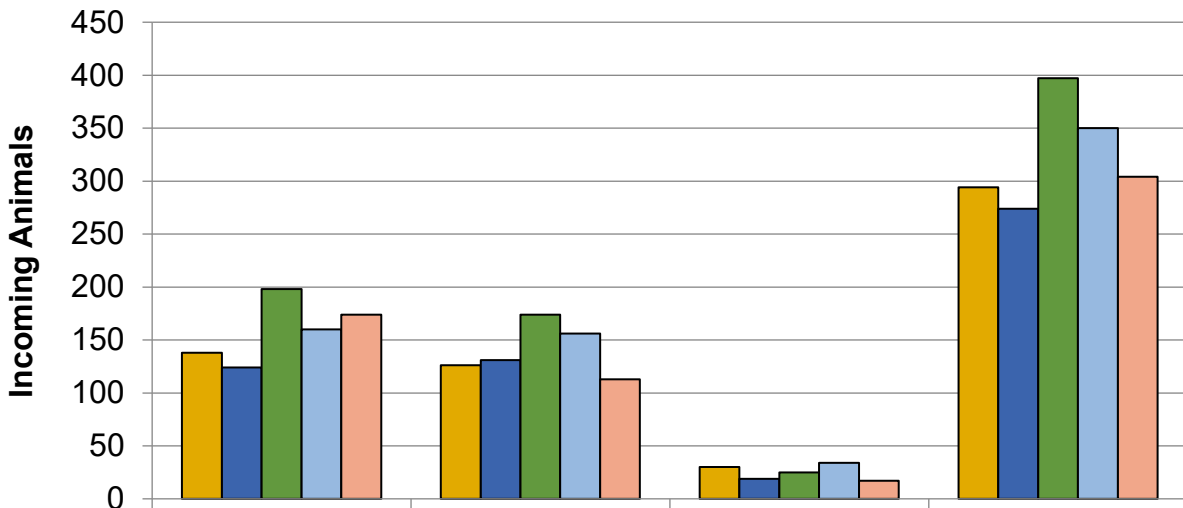
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Jan-22	28	76	6	110
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Jan-25	36	64	15	115
Jan-26	21	38	0	59

Incoming Transfers Year to Date



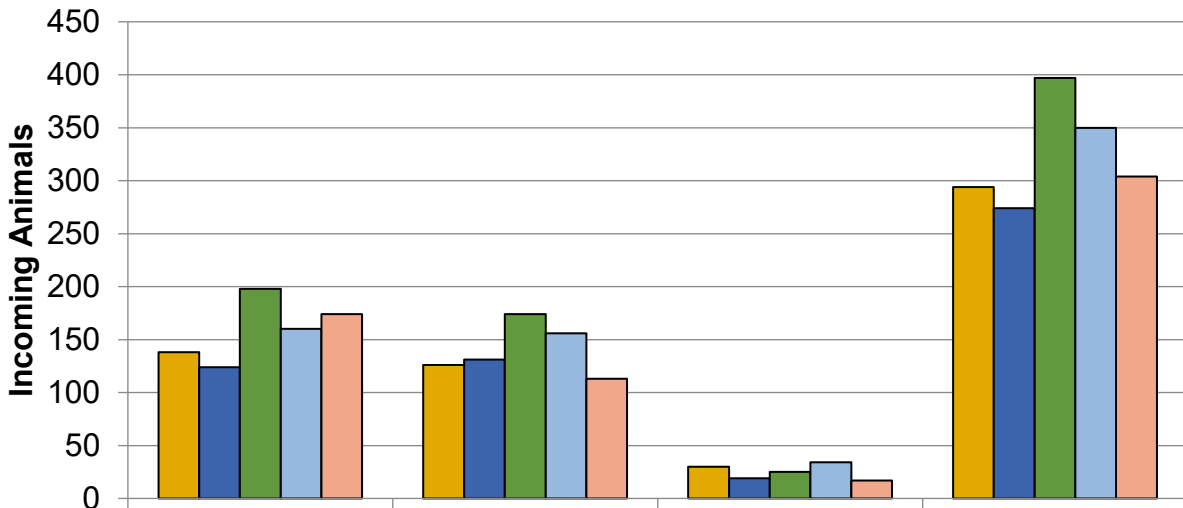
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2025	36	64	15	115
2026	21	38	0	59

Intake January



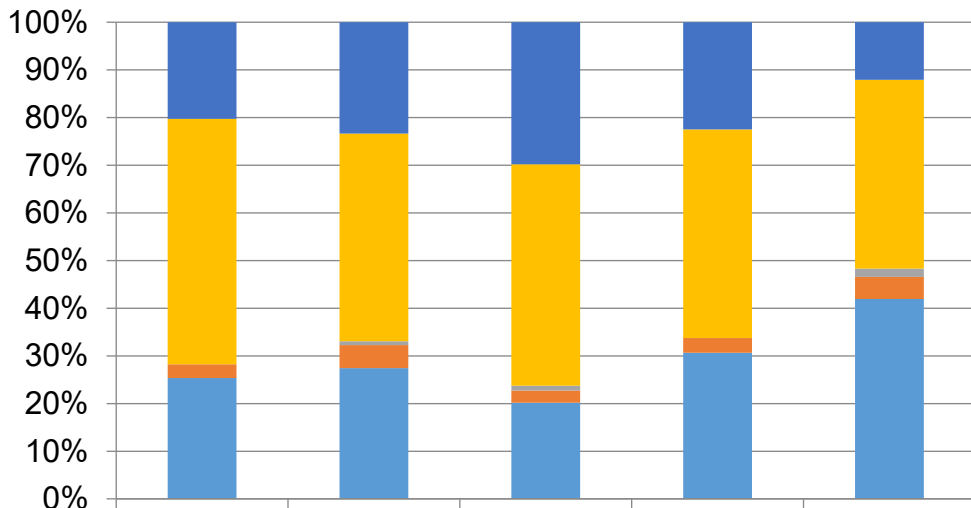
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jan-22	138	126	30	294
Jan-23	124	131	19	274
Jan-24	198	174	25	397
Jan-25	160	156	34	350
Jan-26	174	113	17	304

Intake Year to Date



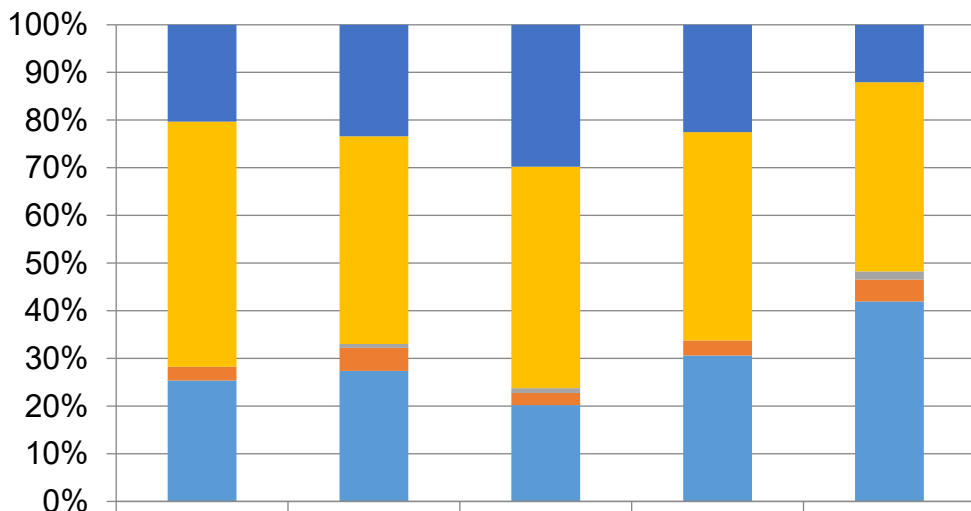
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Intakes by Percentage Cats - January



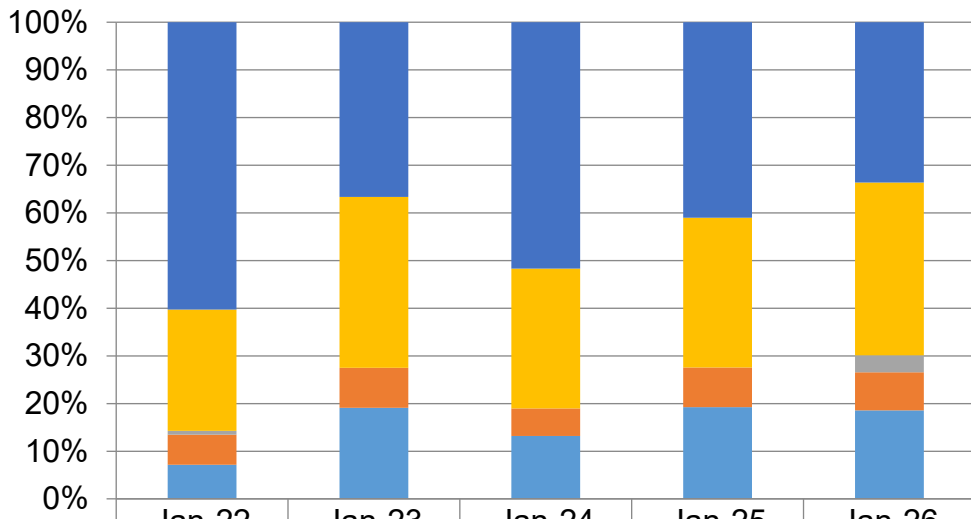
	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jan-25	Jan-26
■ Incoming Transfers	20.29%	23.39%	29.80%	22.50%	12.07%
■ Strays	51.45%	43.55%	46.46%	43.75%	39.66%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.81%	1.01%	0.00%	1.72%
■ Returns	2.90%	4.84%	2.53%	3.13%	4.60%
■ Owner Surrenders	25.36%	27.42%	20.20%	30.63%	41.95%

Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



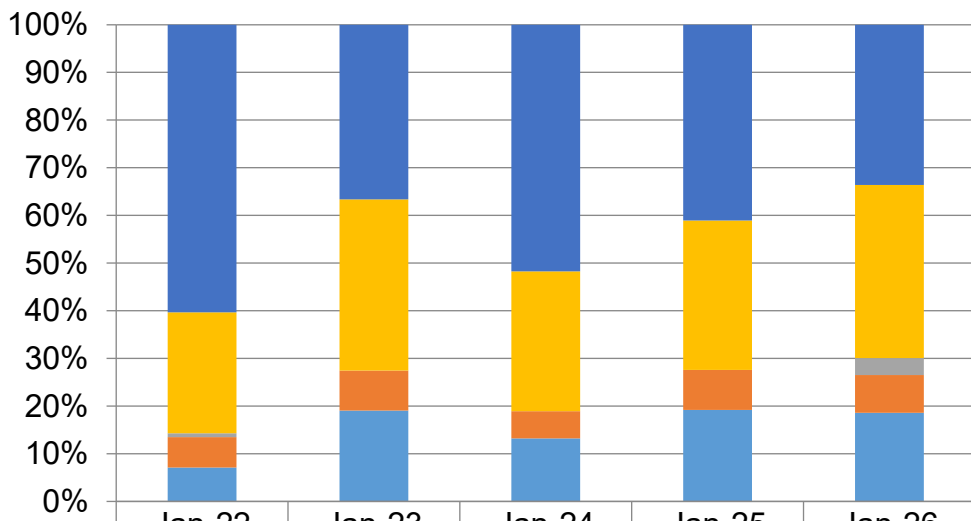
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■ Incoming Transfers	20.29%	23.39%	29.80%	22.50%	12.07%
■ Strays	51.45%	43.55%	46.46%	43.75%	39.66%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.81%	1.01%	0.00%	1.72%
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Intakes by Percentage Dogs - January



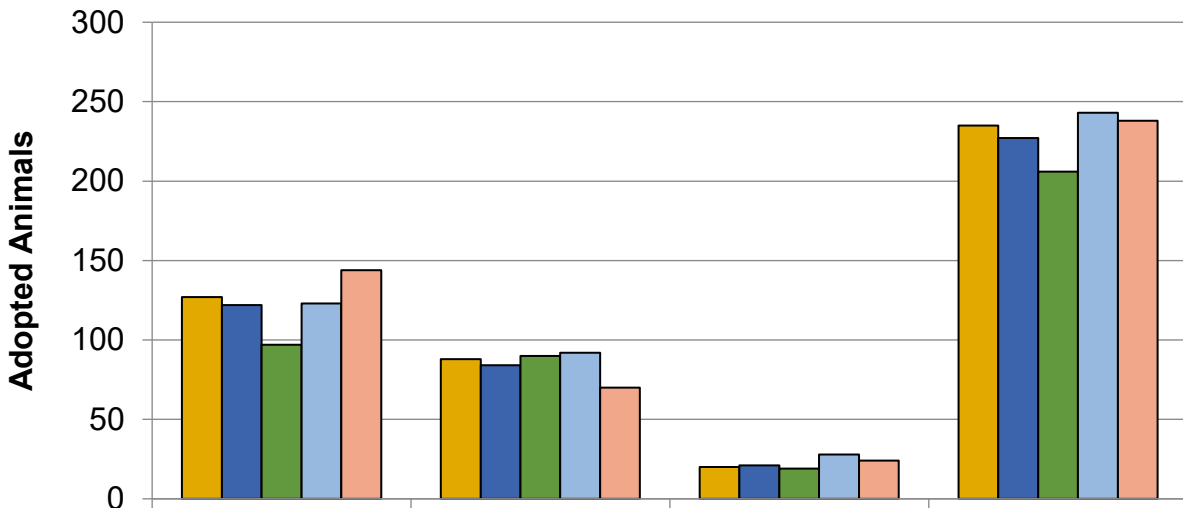
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■ Incoming Transfers	60.32%	36.64%	51.72%	41.03%	33.63%
■ Strays	25.40%	35.88%	29.31%	31.41%	36.28%
■ Seized / Custody	0.79%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.54%
■ Returns	6.35%	8.40%	5.75%	8.33%	7.96%
■ Owner Surrenders	7.14%	19.08%	13.22%	19.23%	18.58%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



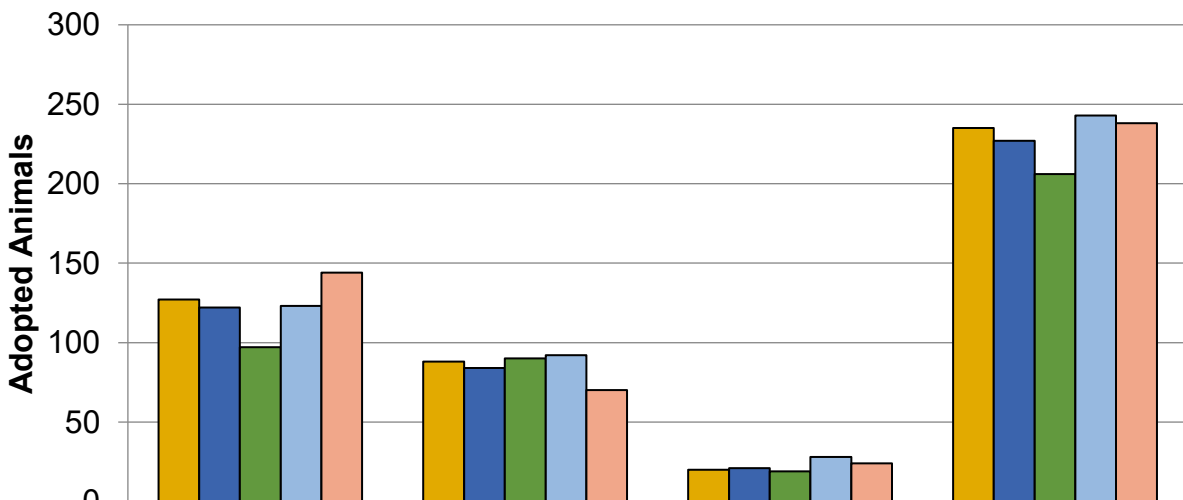
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Adoptions January



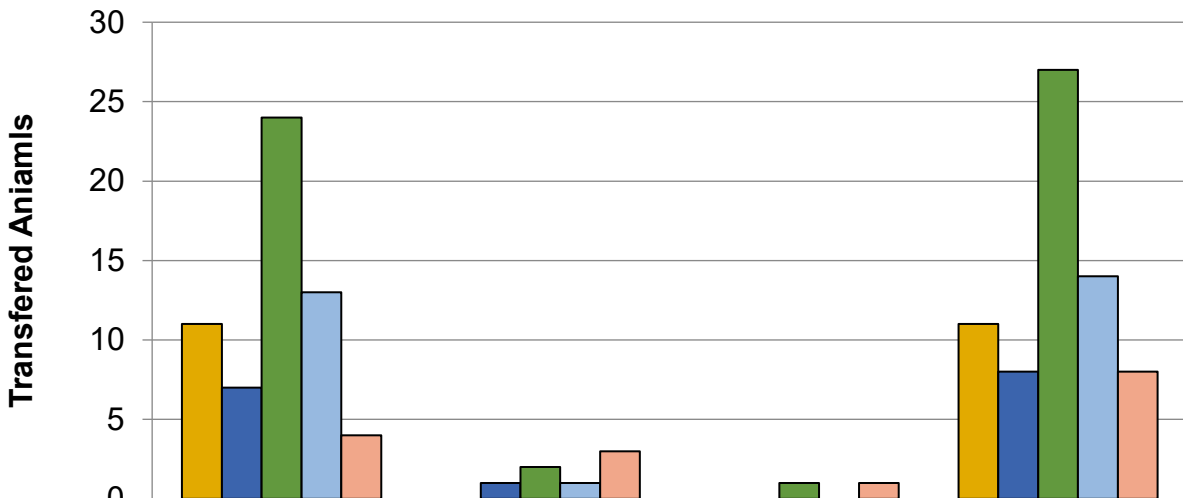
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jan-22	127	88	20	235
Jan-23	122	84	21	227
Jan-24	97	90	19	206
Jan-25	123	92	28	243
Jan-26	144	70	24	238

Adoptions Year to Date



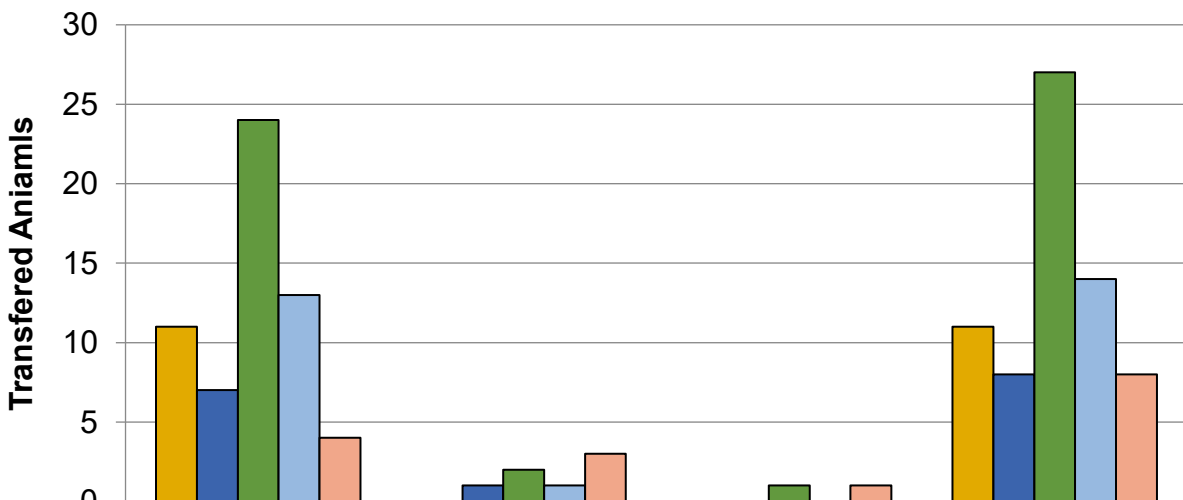
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Outgoing Transfers January



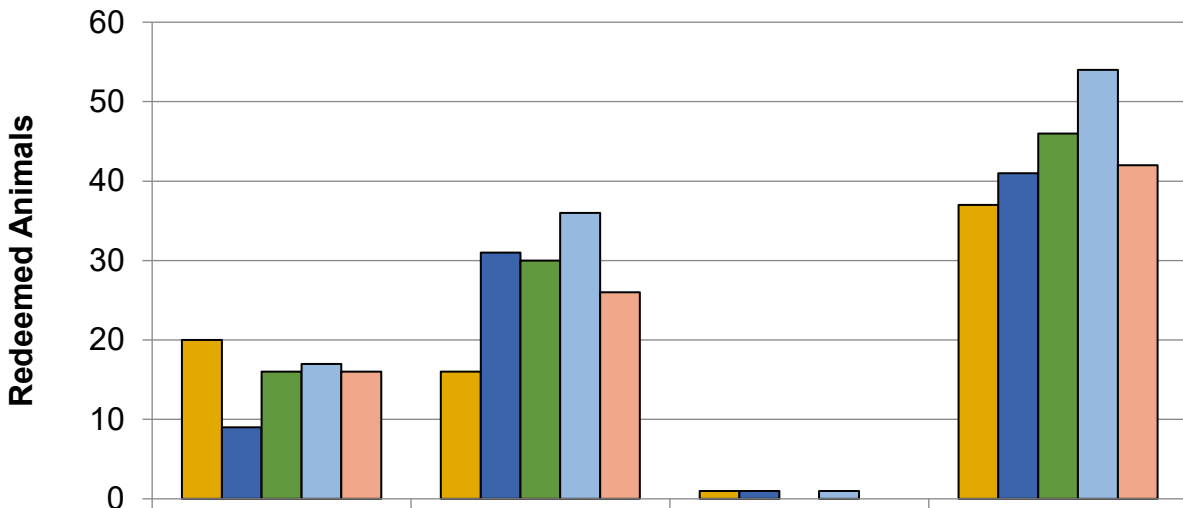
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jan-22	11	0	0	11
Jan-23	7	1	0	8
Jan-24	24	2	1	27
Jan-25	13	1	0	14
Jan-26	4	3	1	8

Outgoing Transfers Year to Date



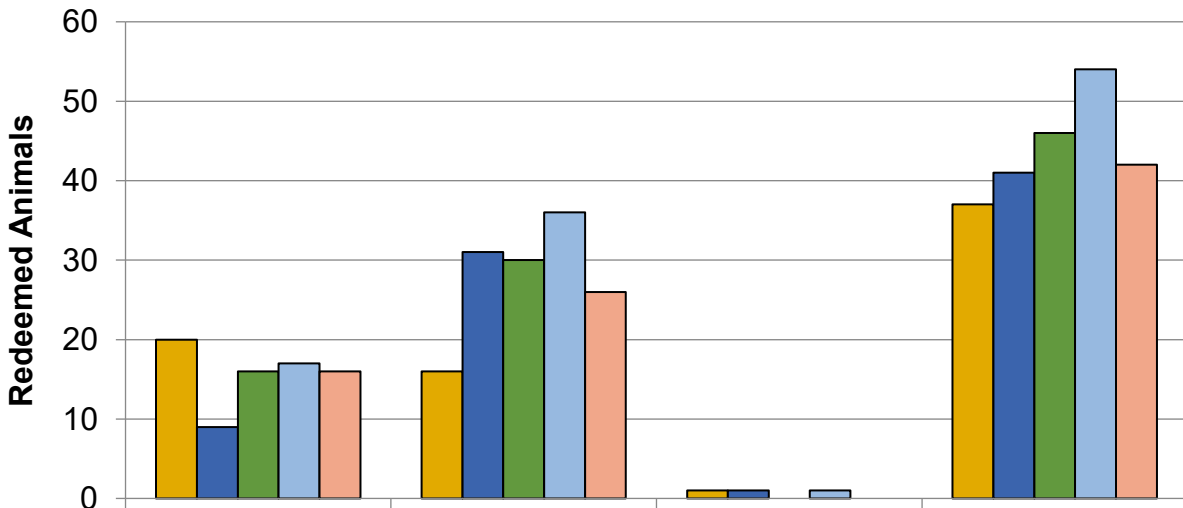
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2026	4	3	1	8

Redemptions January



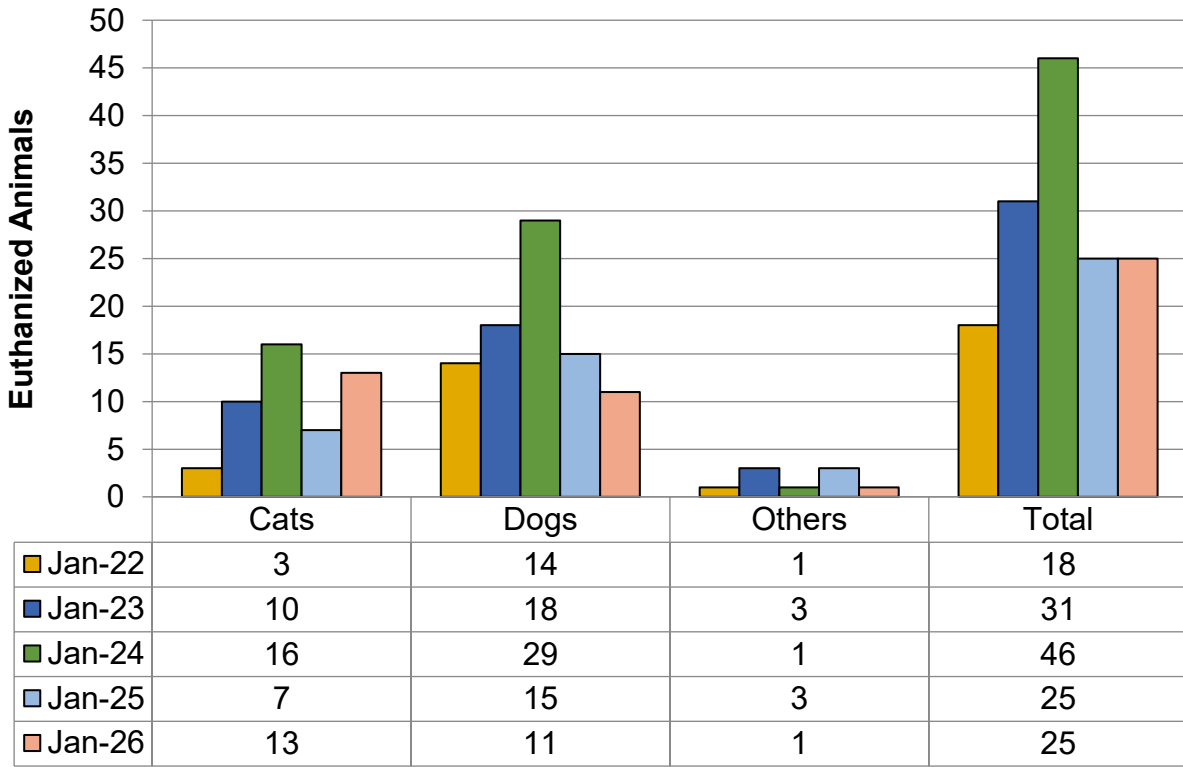
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Jan-25	17	36	1	54
Jan-26	16	26	0	42

Redemptions Year to Date

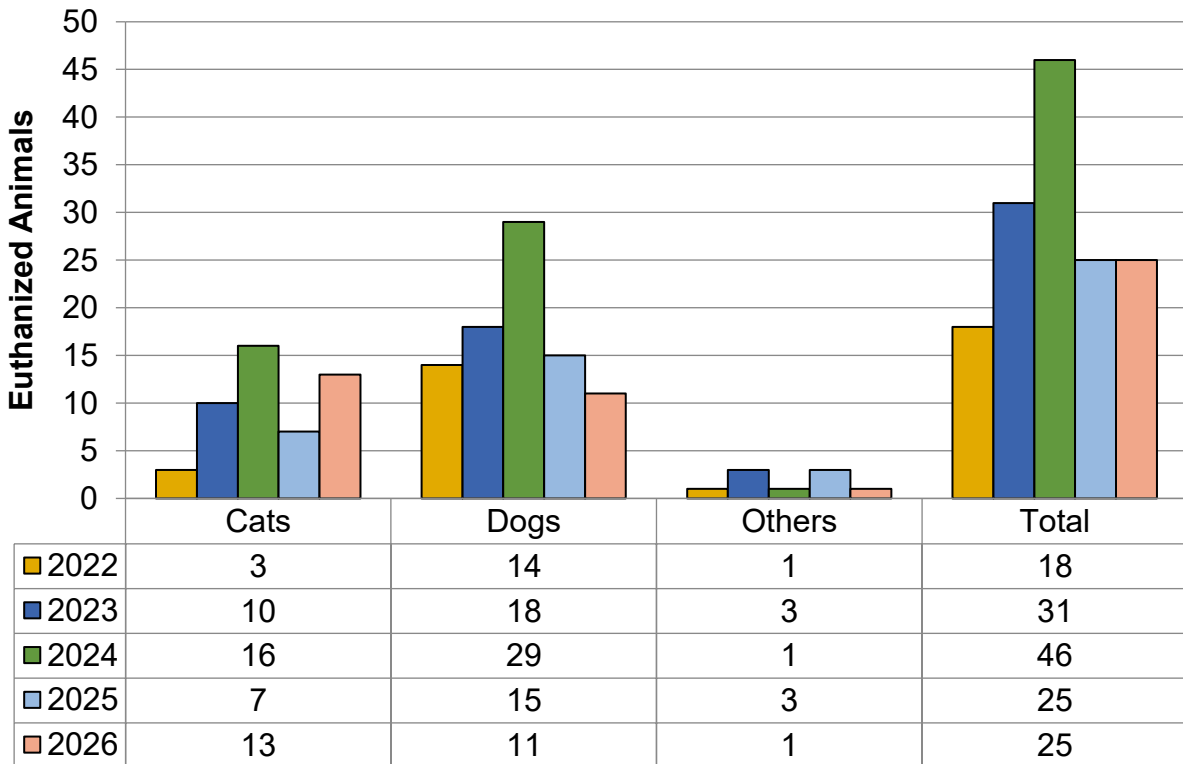


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
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2023	9	31	1	41
2024	16	30	0	46
2025	17	36	1	54
2026	16	26	0	42

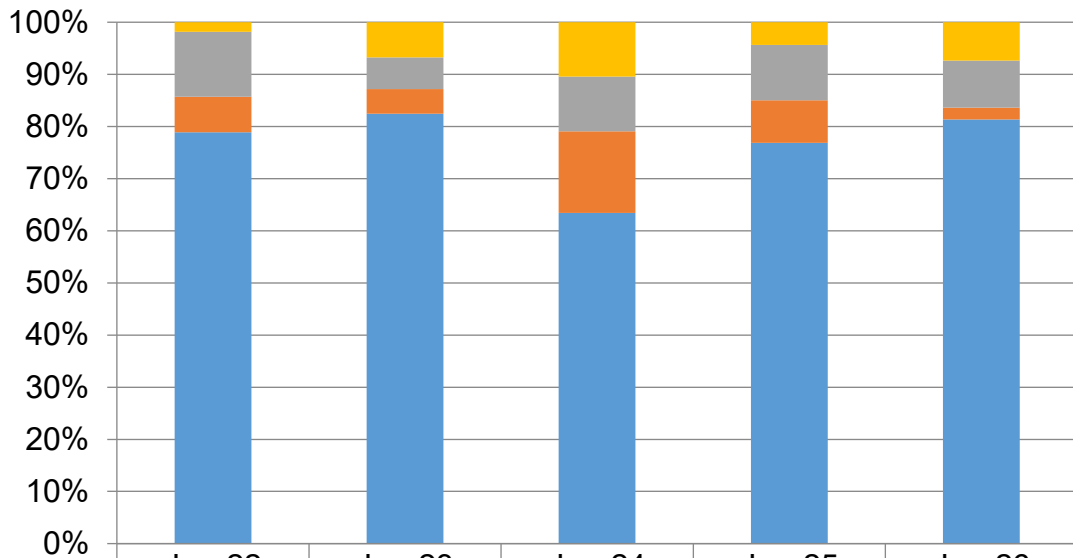
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Euthanasia Year to Date

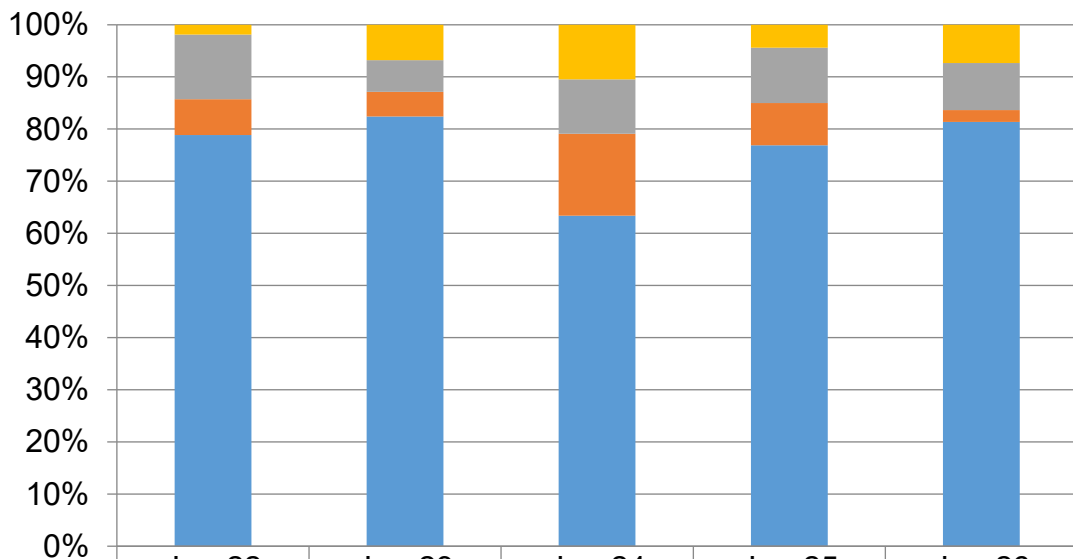


Outcomes by Percentage Cats - January



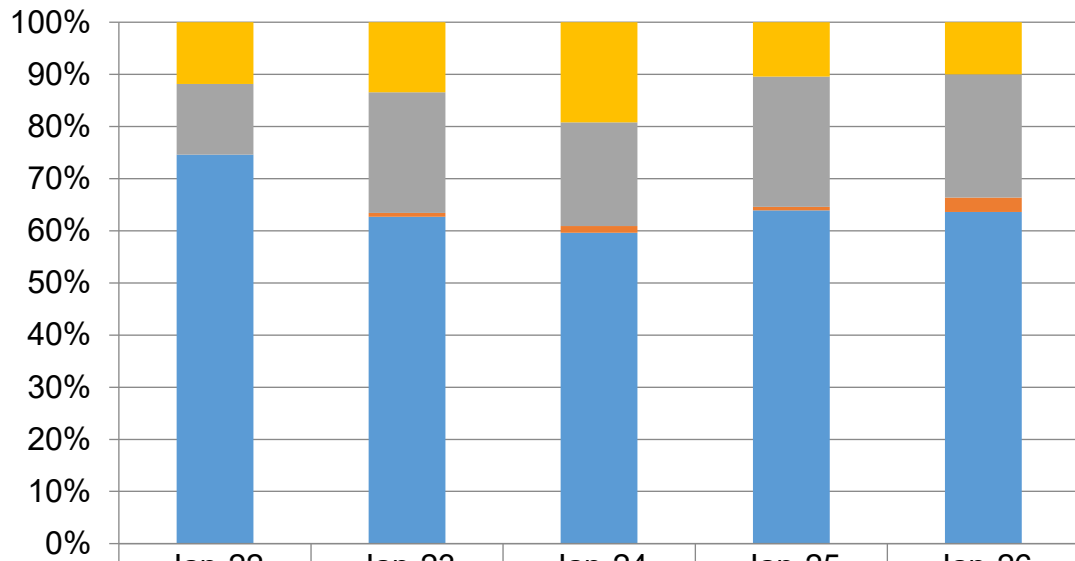
	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jan-25	Jan-26
■ Euthanasia	1.86%	6.76%	10.46%	4.38%	7.34%
■ Redemption	12.42%	6.08%	10.46%	10.63%	9.04%
■ Transfer	6.83%	4.73%	15.69%	8.13%	2.26%
■ Adoption	78.88%	82.43%	63.40%	76.88%	81.36%

Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



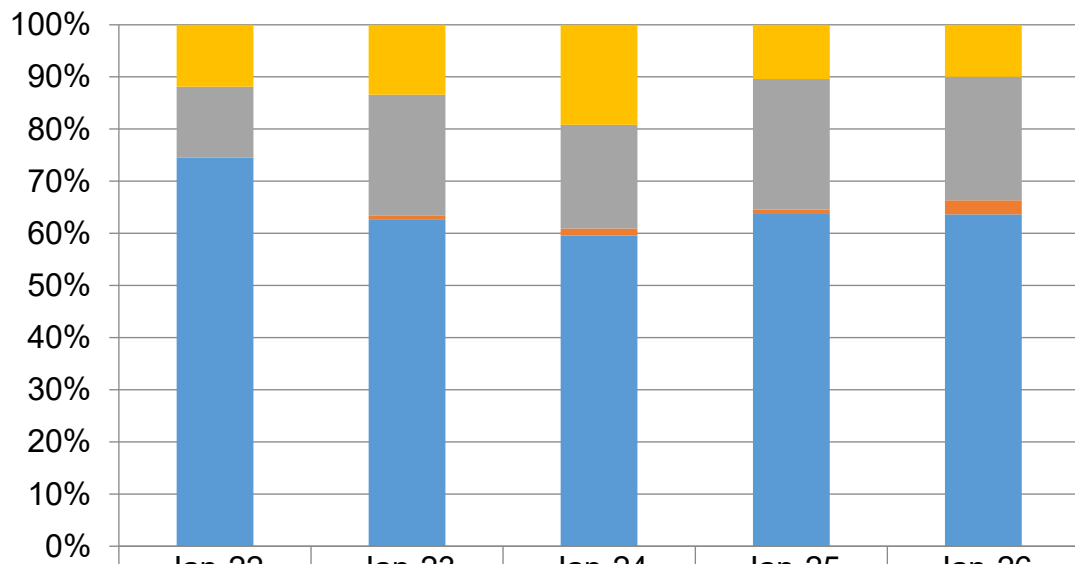
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Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - January



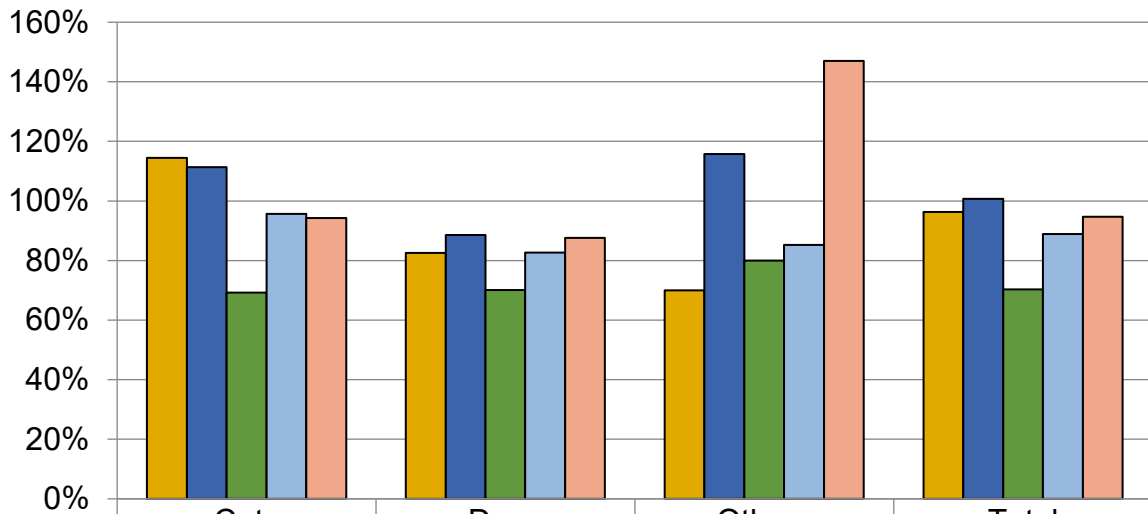
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■ Redemption	13.56%	23.13%	19.87%	25.00%	23.64%
■ Transfer	0.00%	0.75%	1.32%	0.69%	2.73%
■ Adoption	74.58%	62.69%	59.60%	63.89%	63.64%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



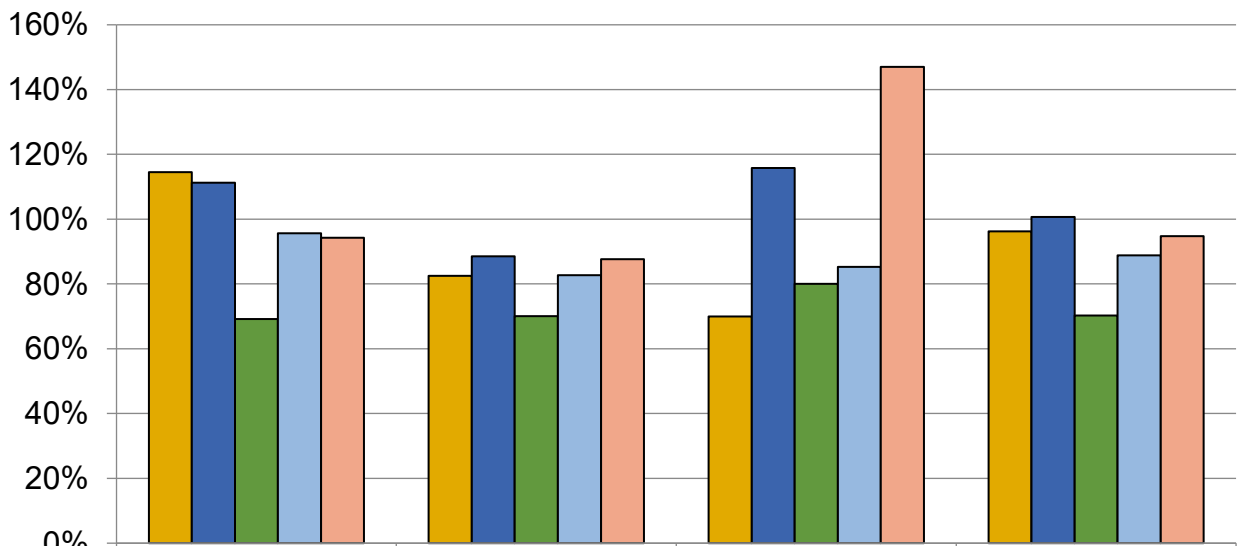
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■ Transfer	0.00%	0.75%	1.32%	0.69%	2.73%
■ Adoption	74.58%	62.69%	59.60%	63.89%	63.64%

Save Rate January



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jan-22	114%	83%	70%	96%
Jan-23	111%	89%	116%	101%
Jan-24	69%	70%	80%	70%
Jan-25	96%	83%	85%	89%
Jan-26	94%	88%	147%	95%

Save Rate Year to Date



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	114%	83%	70%	96%
2023	111%	89%	116%	101%
2024	69%	70%	80%	70%
2025	96%	83%	85%	89%
2026	94%	88%	147%	95%

Terms and Definitions:

Adoption – The placement of an animal with a new owner/family.

Euthanasia – The act of putting an animal to death painlessly.

Euthanasia Rate – The percentage of animals euthanized during a given time period. For statistical purposes, this number does not include animals admitted specifically for euthanasia.

$$\text{Euthanasia Rate} = \text{Euthanasia} / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

Intake – The number of live animals admitted. For statistical purposes, this number does not include animals admitted specifically for euthanasia.

Live Release Rate – The percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. The difference between Live Release Rate and Save Rate (see Save Rate) is that Live Release Rate takes into account the starting animal inventory for the given time period. This results in a more accurate reflection of live release versus population. DCHS started using Live Release Rate in 2008.

$$\text{Live Release Rate} = (\text{Adoptions} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers}) / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

Redemption – The reclaiming of an animal by an existing or previous owner.

Rolling Release Rate – A compilation of Live Release Rate, Euthanasia Rate and Sanctuary Rate.

Sanctuary Rate – The percentage of animals remaining in the shelter's care at the end of a given time period.

$$\text{Sanctuary Rate} = ((\text{Inventory} + \text{Intake}) - (\text{Adoptions} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers} + \text{Euthanasia})) / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

Save Rate – The percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. Save Rate is an older and previously widely used formula for calculating a shelter's success but does not include the starting animal inventory for the given time period. This results in a less accurate reflection of live release versus population and could even generate percentages above 100% (for example if during a given time period 10 animals were adopted but only 5 were admitted, the Save Rate would equal 200% because the existing inventory of 5+ animals are not taken into consideration). Save Rate is still commonly used by shelters and is still calculated at DCHS for the purpose of comparisons to other shelter that still use Save Rate and for comparison to past years before Live Release Rate started to be calculated in 2008.

$$\text{Save Rate} = (\text{Adoption} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers}) / \text{Intake}$$

Transfer – The placement of an animal with another animal welfare organization.