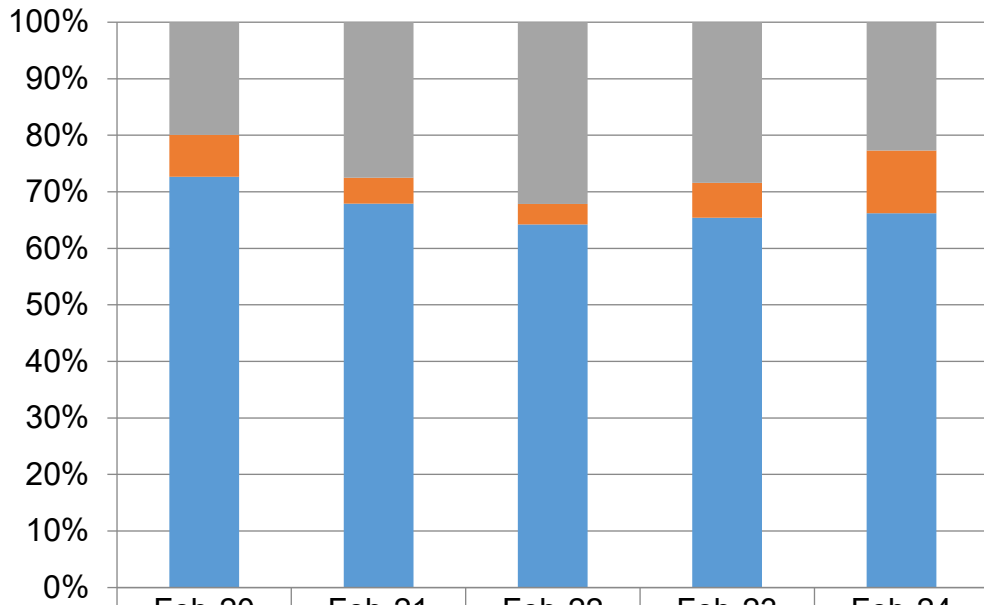


Dane County Humane Society  
Rolling Release Rate  
&  
Save Rate  
Overview

February 2024

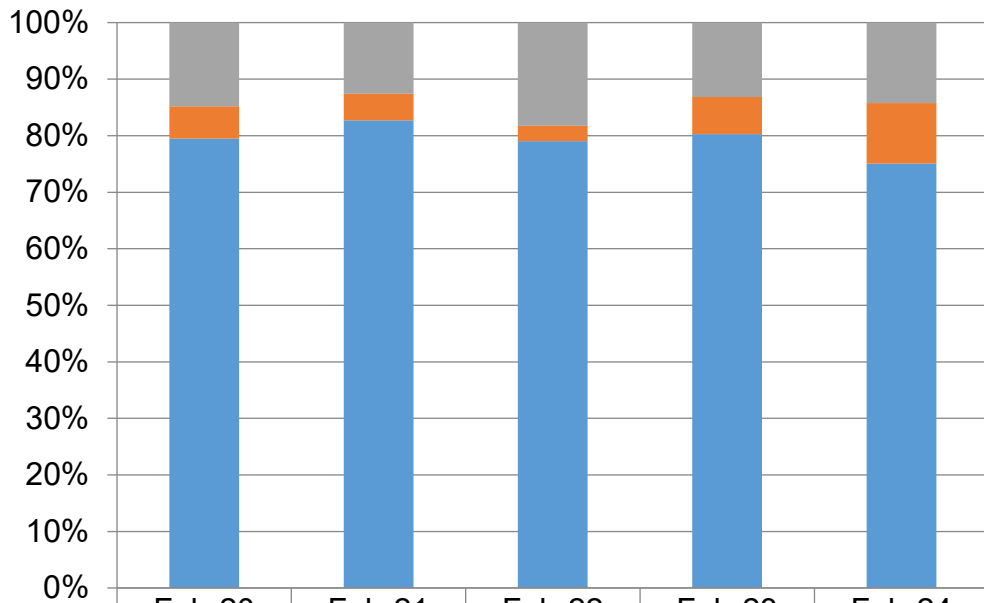
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate February



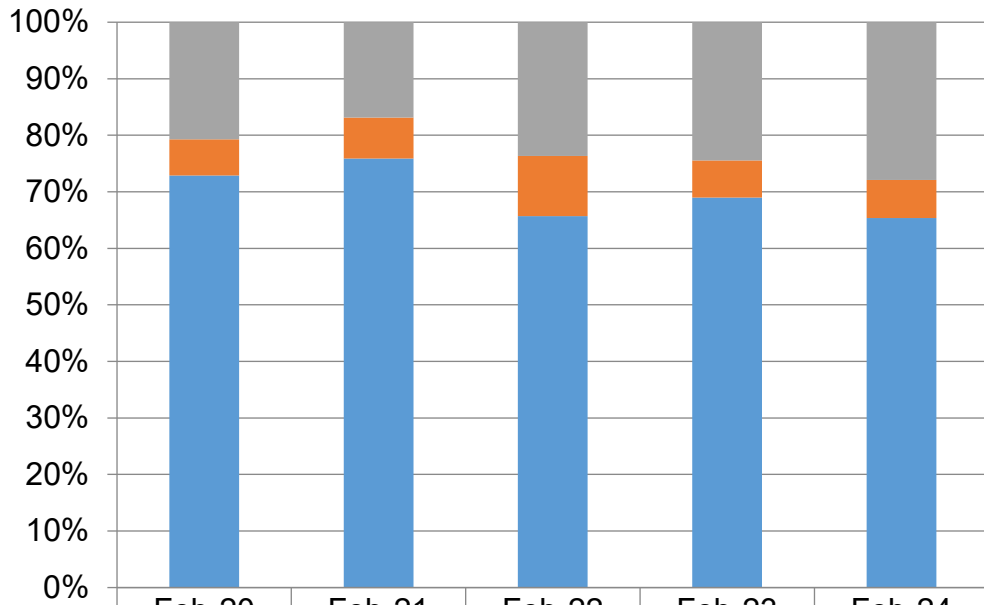
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Sanctuary Rate	19.91%	27.52%	32.12%	28.40%	22.71%
Euthanasia Rate	7.41%	4.59%	3.64%	6.17%	11.11%
Live Release Rate	72.69%	67.89%	64.24%	65.43%	66.18%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



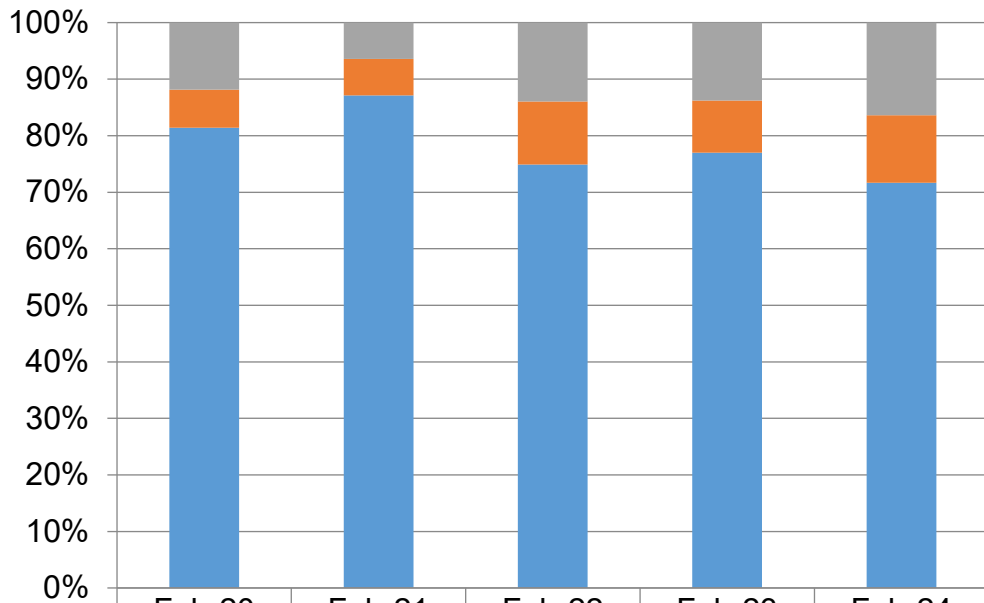
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Sanctuary Rate	14.80%	12.57%	18.26%	13.16%	14.25%
Euthanasia Rate	5.73%	4.71%	2.69%	6.58%	10.68%
Live Release Rate	79.47%	82.72%	79.04%	80.26%	75.07%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate February



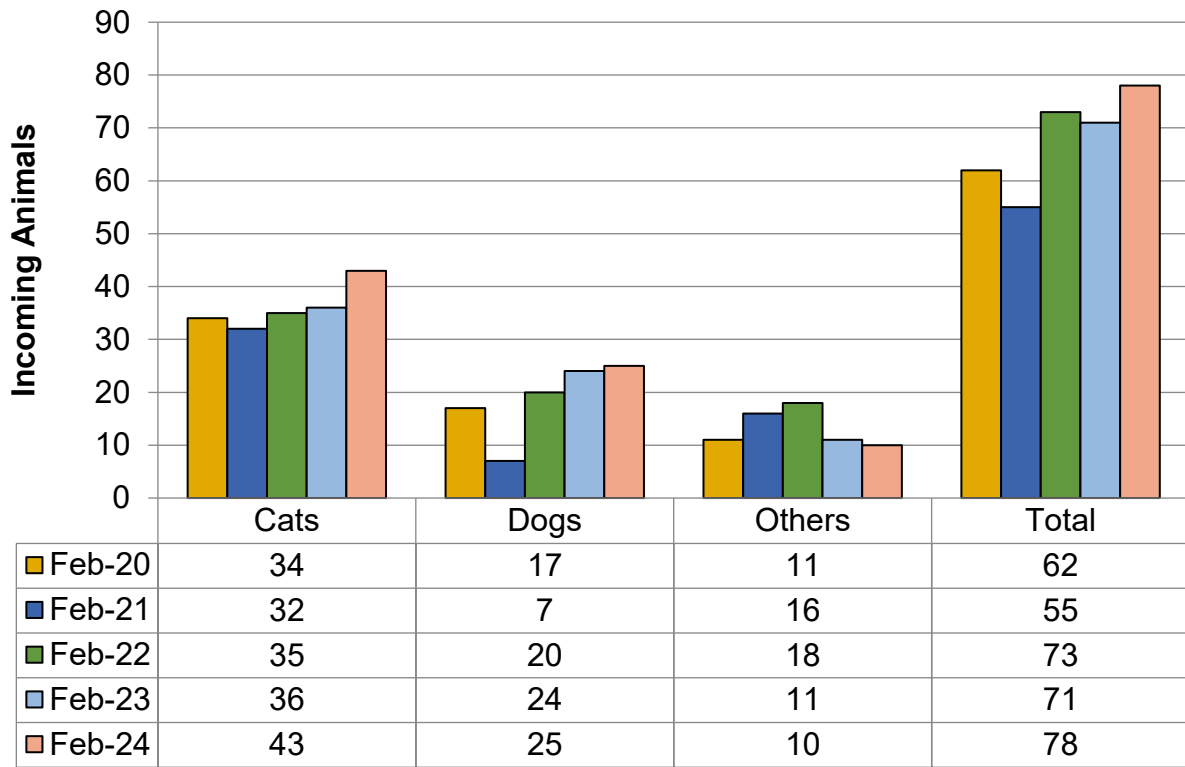
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
Sanctuary Rate	20.69%	16.87%	23.67%	24.45%	27.88%
Euthanasia Rate	6.40%	7.23%	10.65%	6.55%	6.73%
Live Release Rate	72.91%	75.90%	65.68%	69.00%	65.38%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

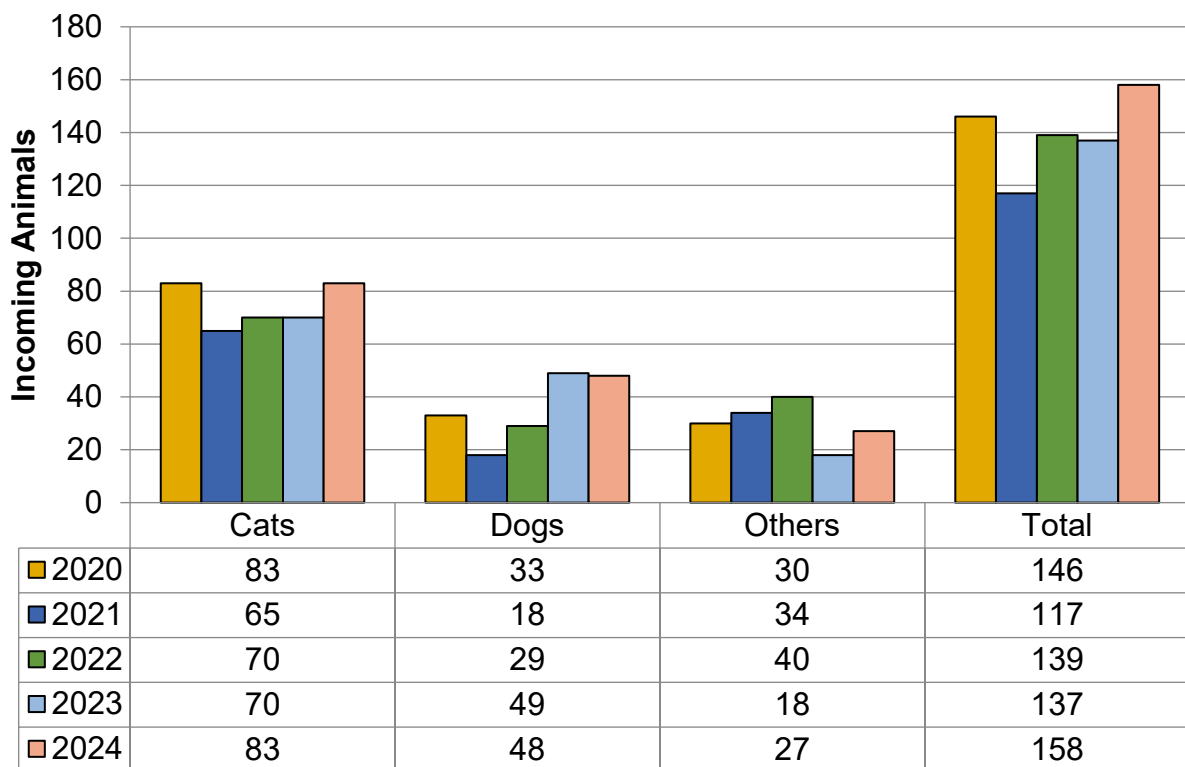


	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
Sanctuary Rate	11.86%	6.45%	13.94%	13.76%	16.39%
Euthanasia Rate	6.74%	6.45%	11.15%	9.27%	11.94%
Live Release Rate	81.40%	87.10%	74.91%	76.97%	71.67%

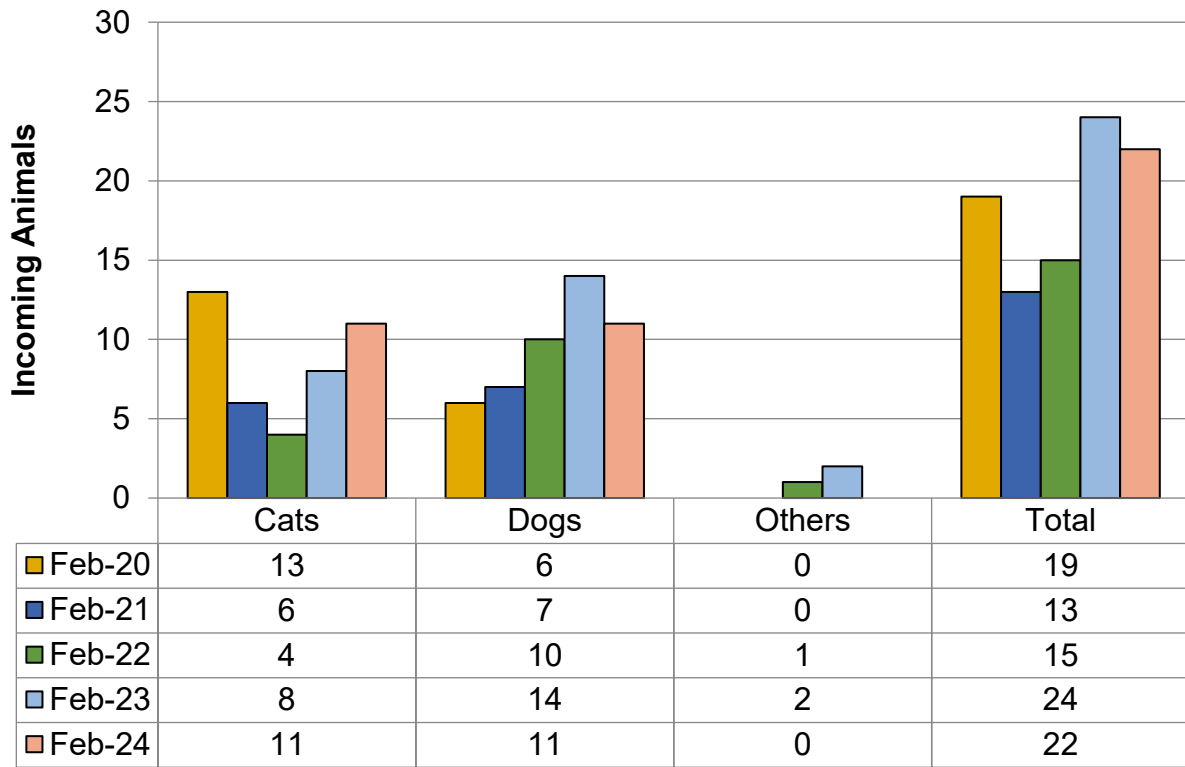
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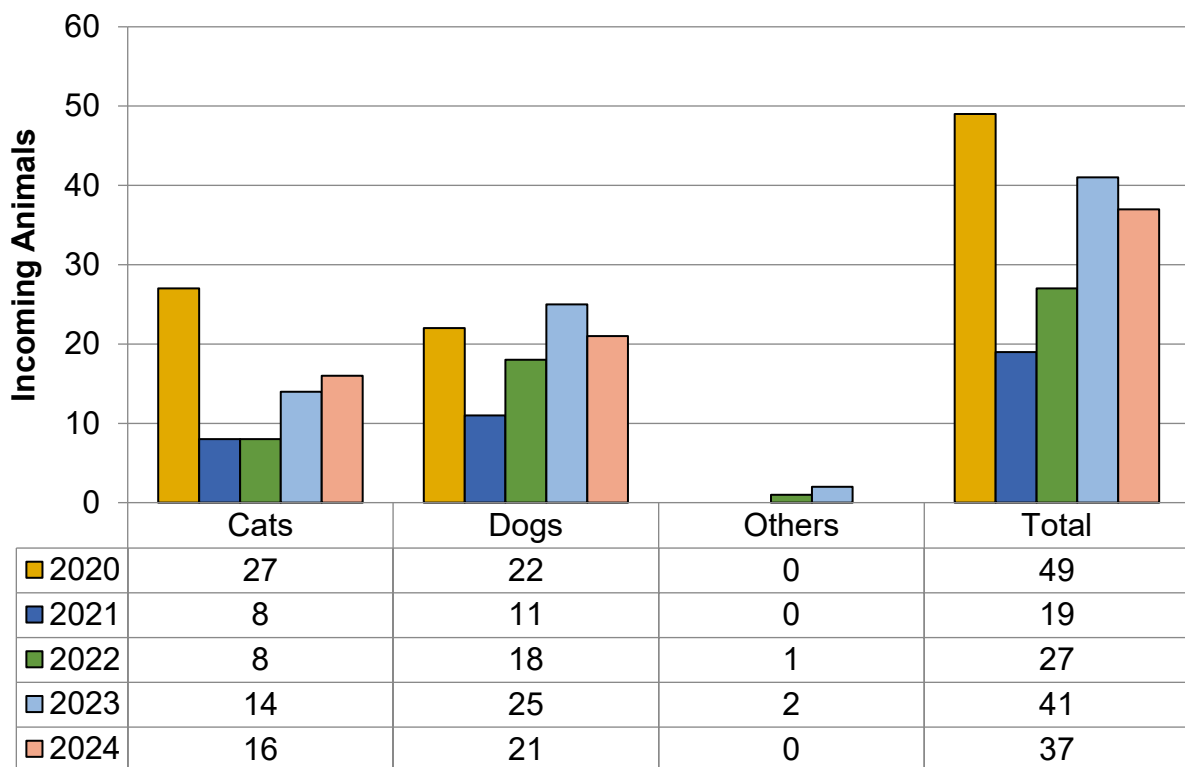
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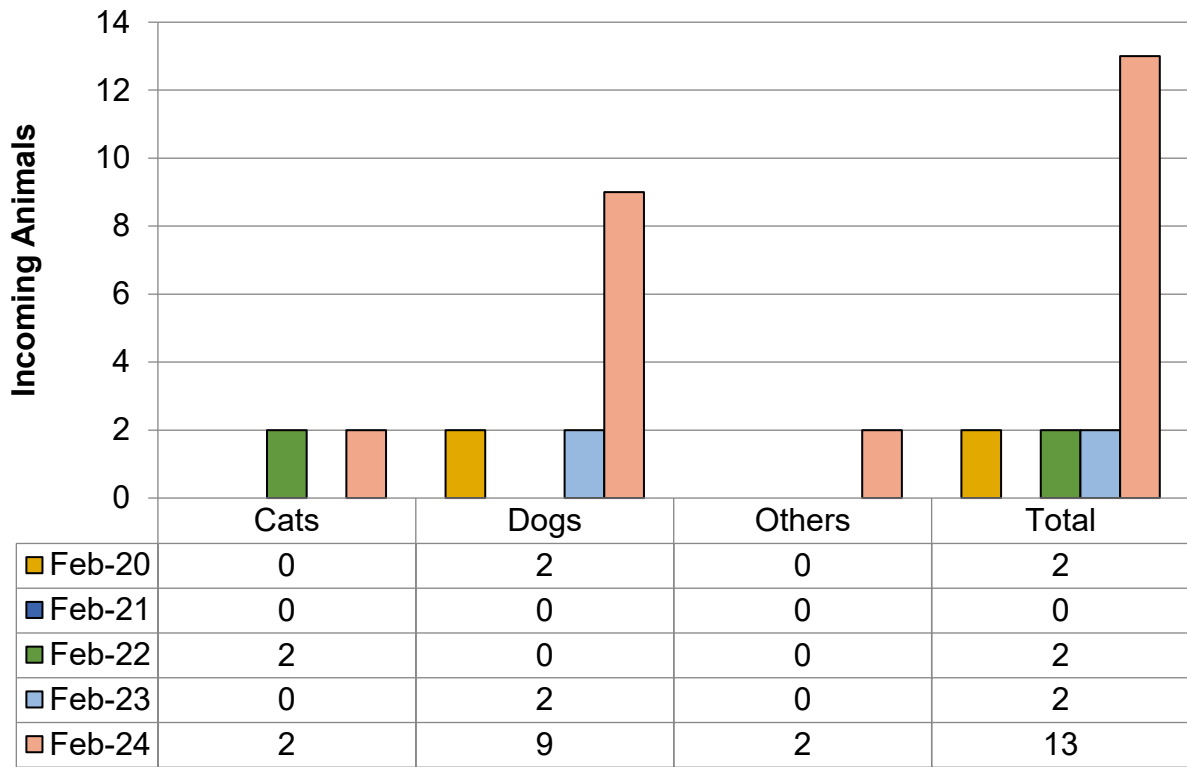
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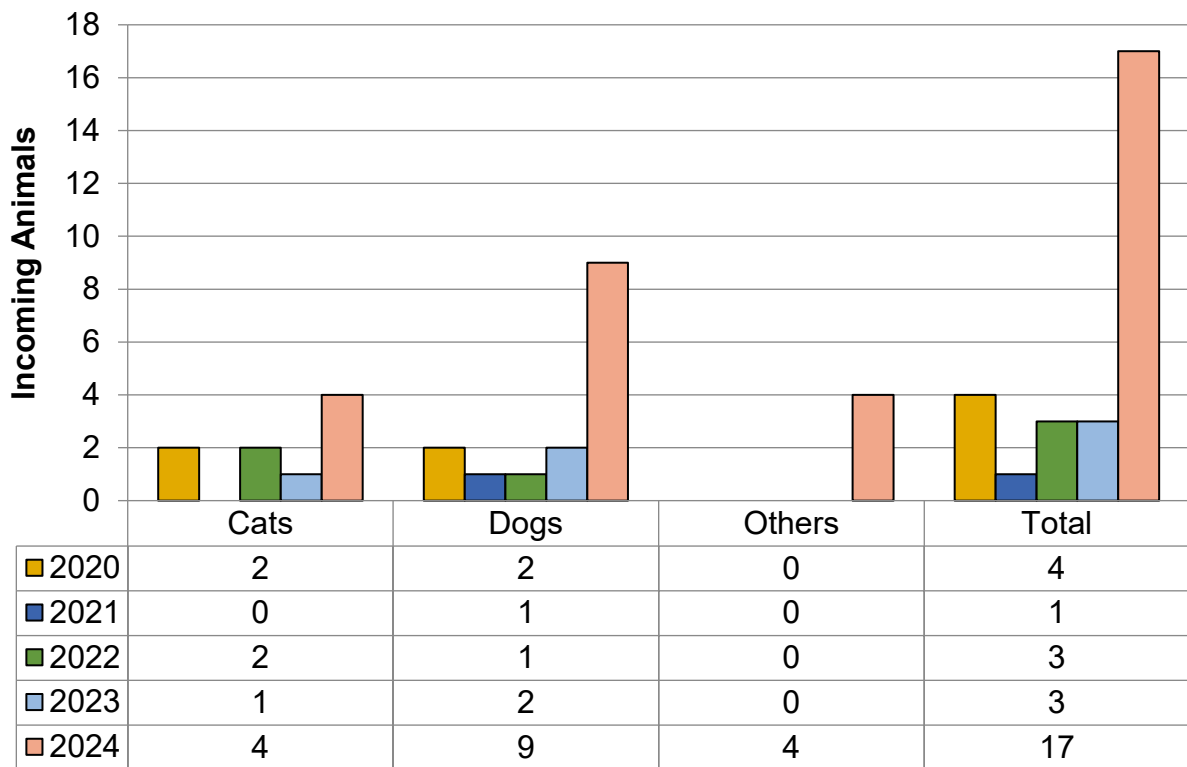
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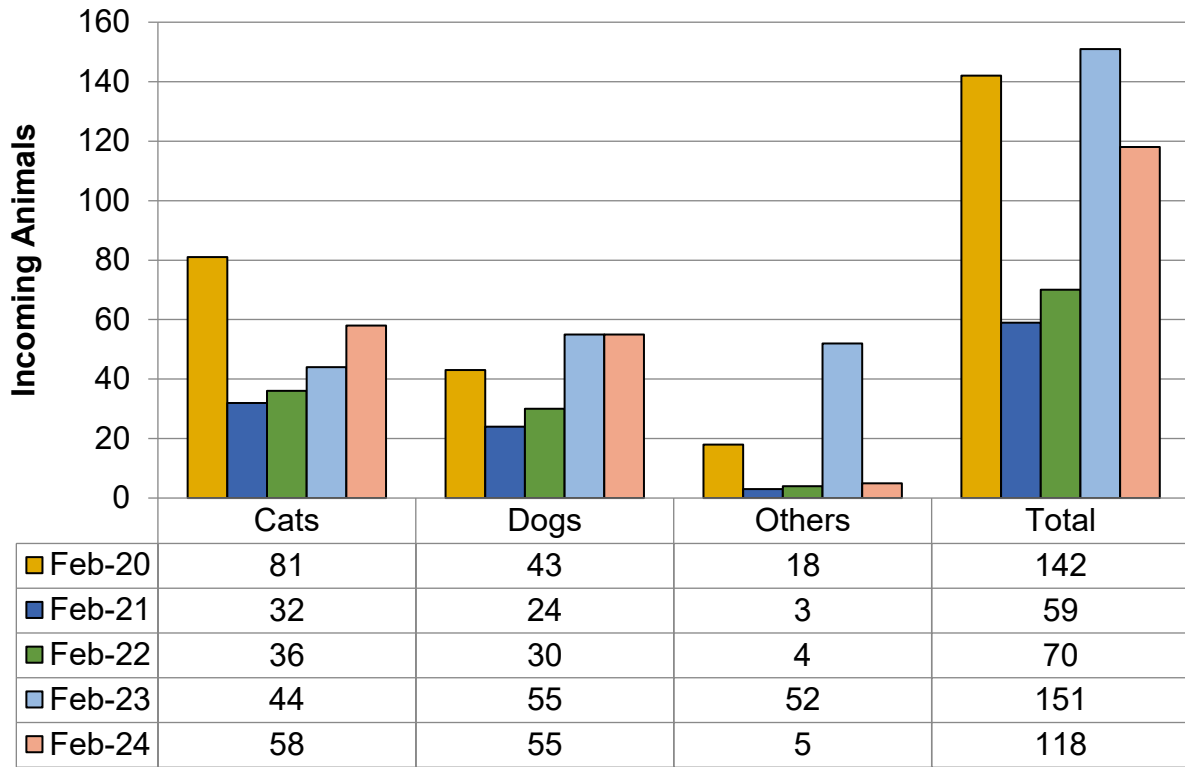
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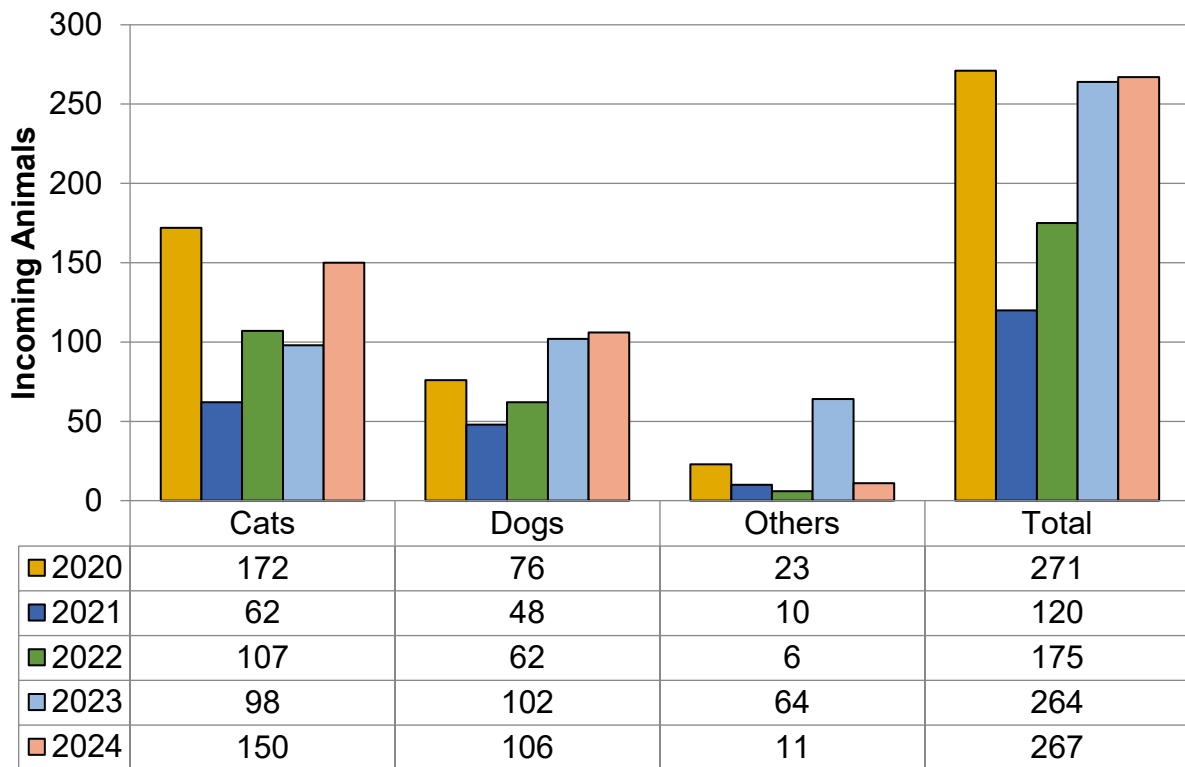
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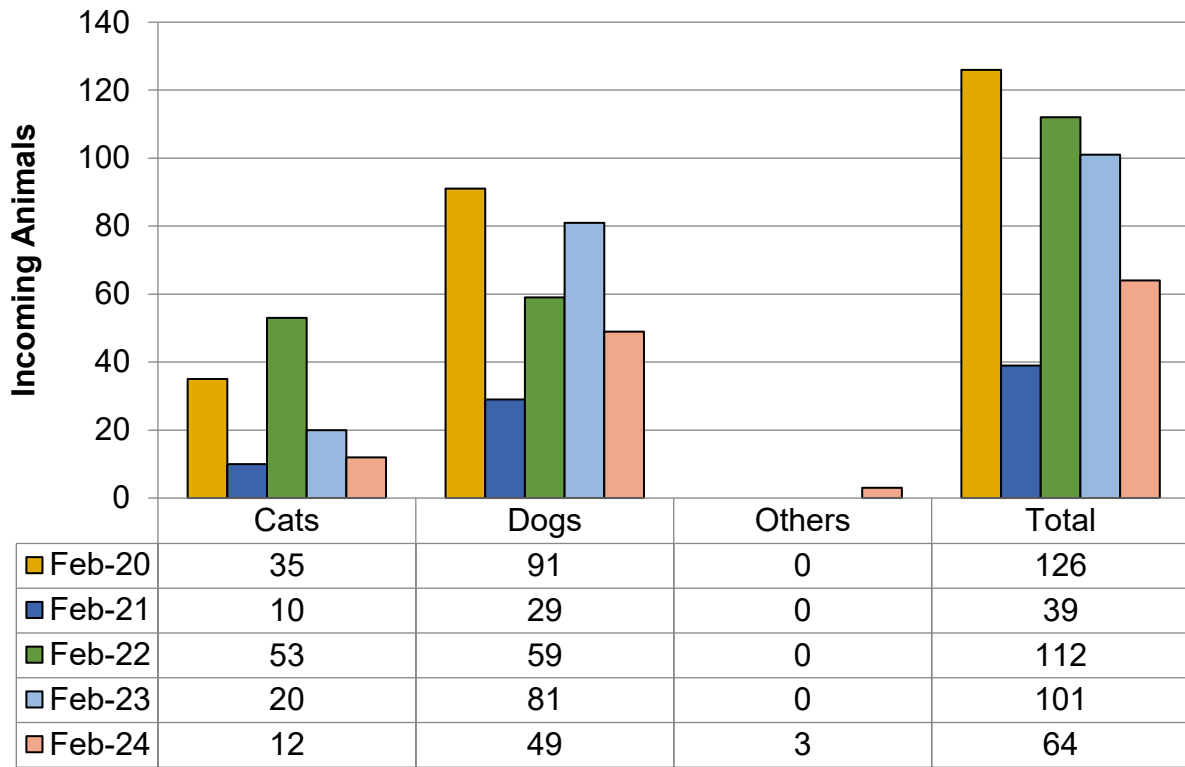
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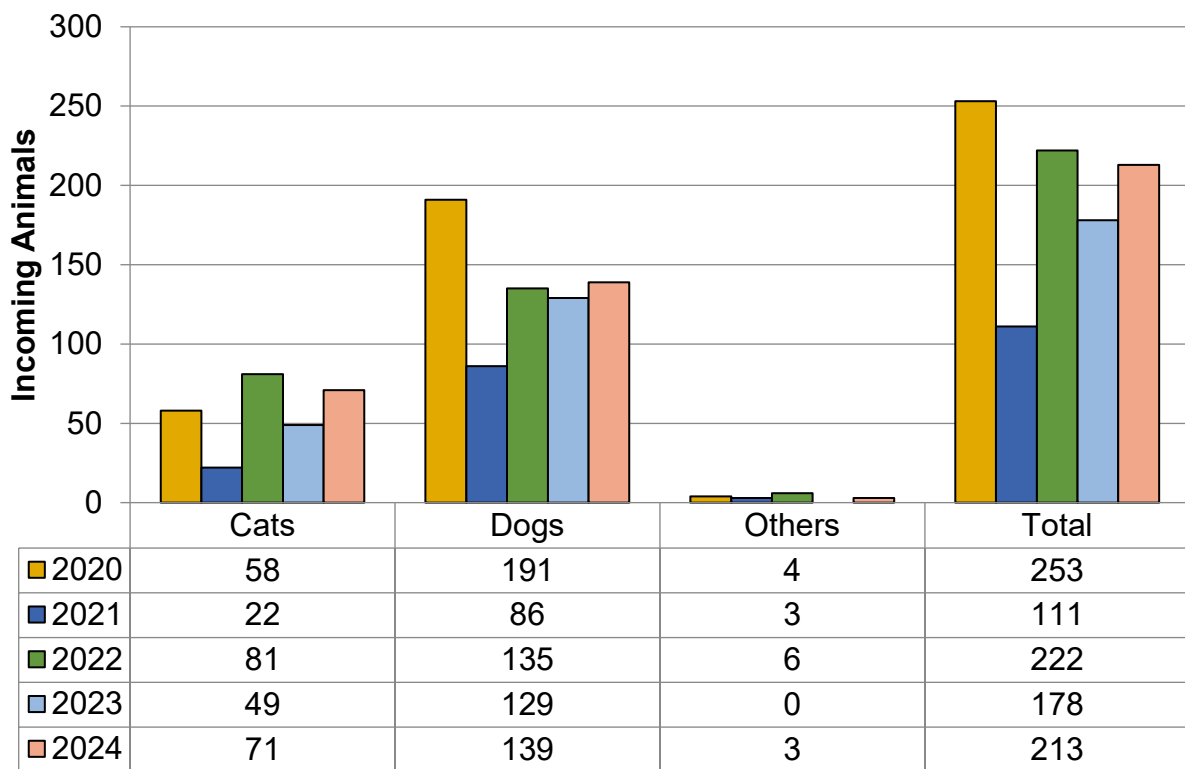
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### Incoming Transfers February

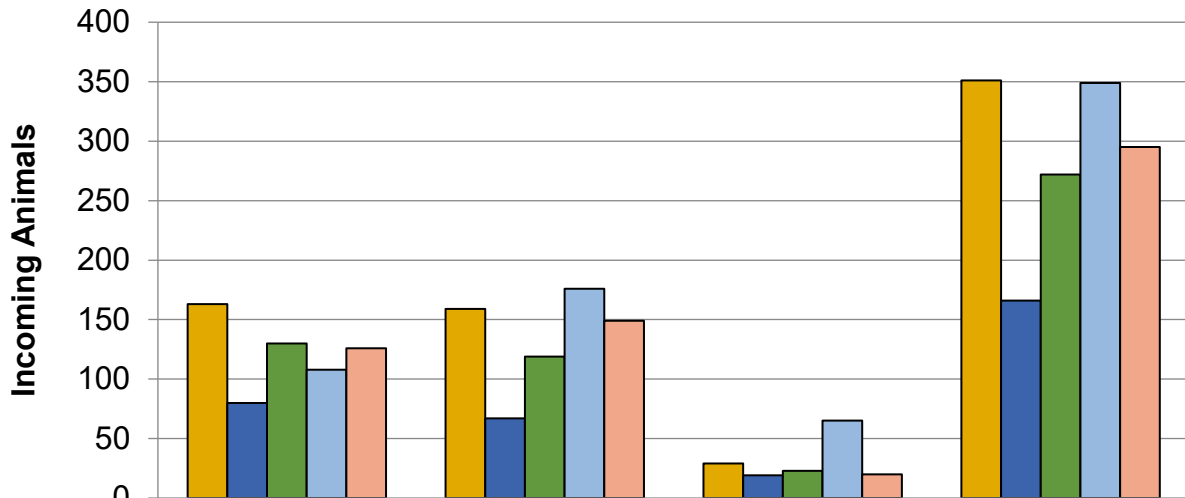


### Incoming Transfers Year to Date



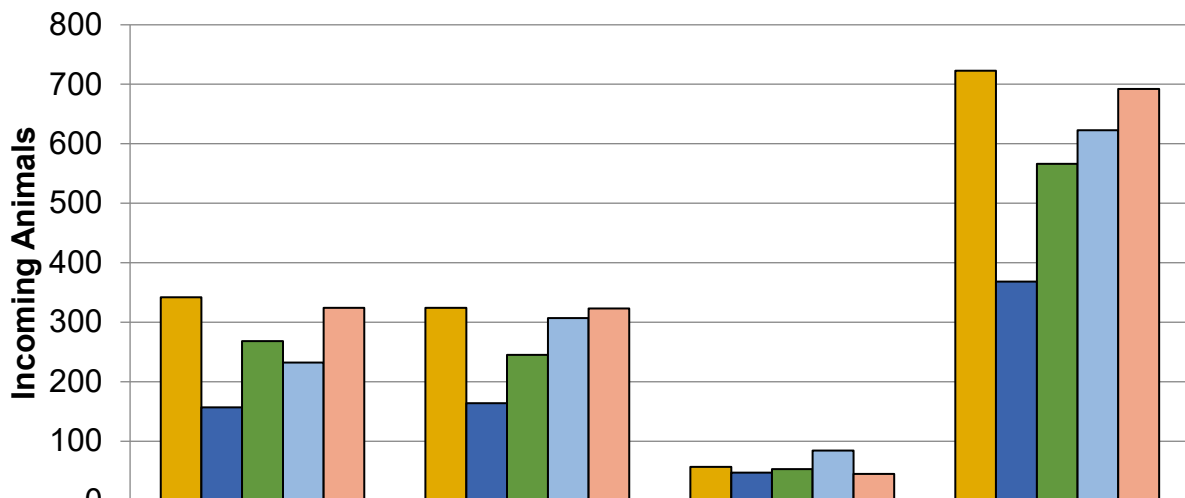


## Intake February



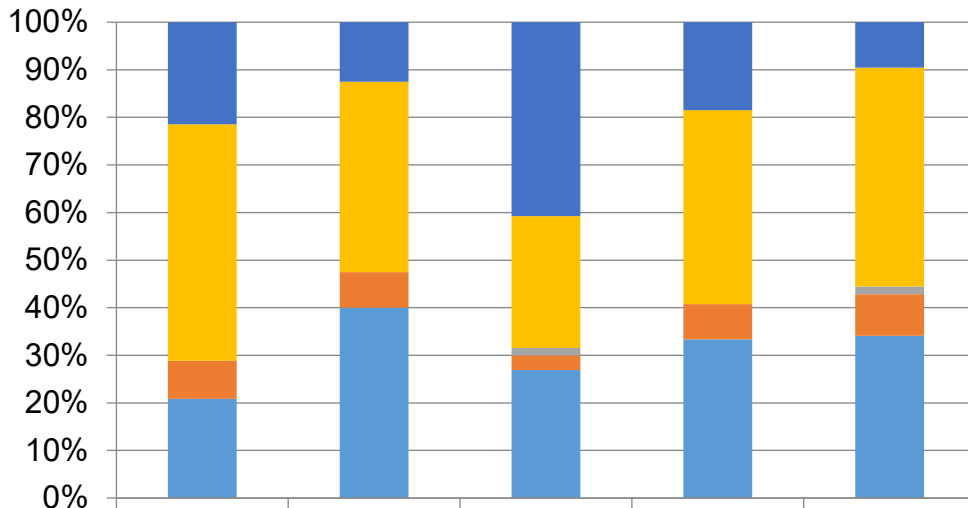
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Feb-20	163	159	29	351
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Feb-22	130	119	23	272
Feb-23	108	176	65	349
Feb-24	126	149	20	295

## Intake Year to Date



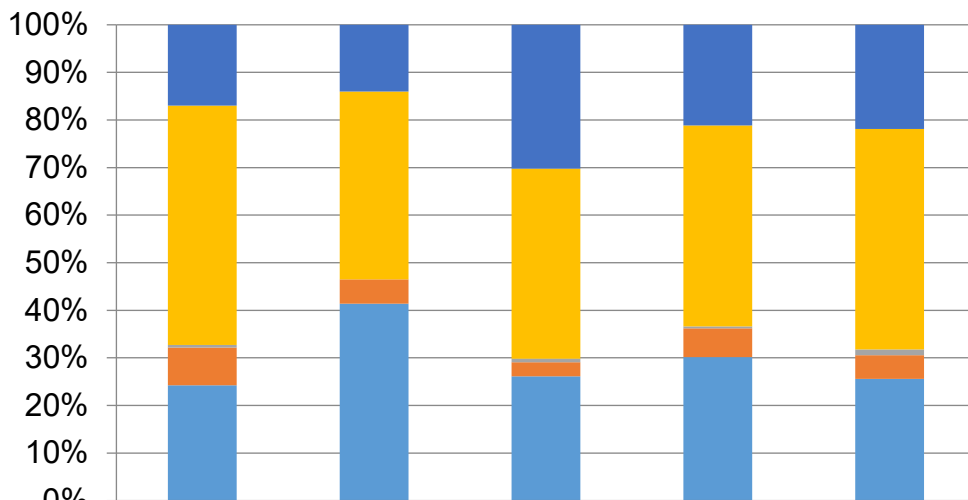
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	342	324	57	723
2021	157	164	47	368
2022	268	245	53	566
2023	232	307	84	623
2024	324	323	45	692

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - February



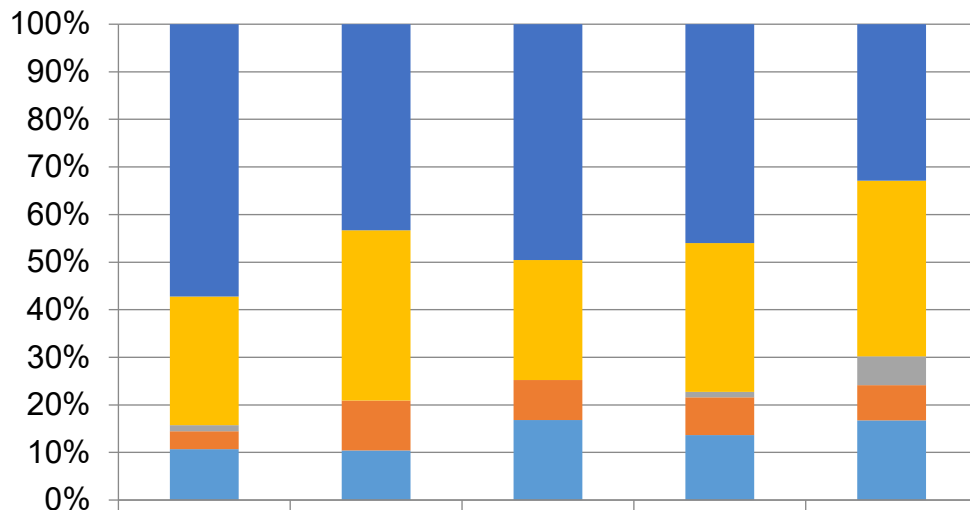
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
■ Incoming Transfers	21.47%	12.50%	40.77%	18.52%	9.52%
■ Strays	49.69%	40.00%	27.69%	40.74%	46.03%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	1.54%	0.00%	1.59%
■ Returns	7.98%	7.50%	3.08%	7.41%	8.73%
■ Owner Surrenders	20.86%	40.00%	26.92%	33.33%	34.13%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



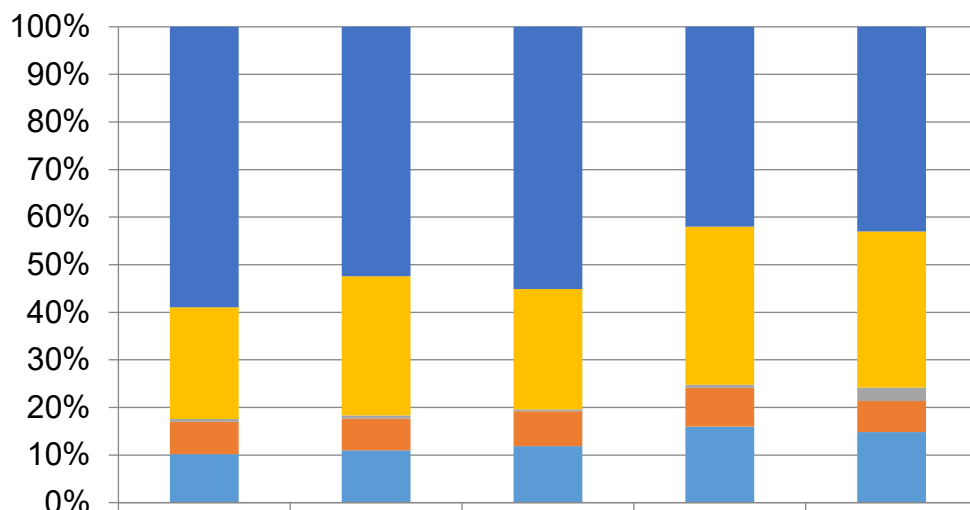
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
■ Incoming Transfers	16.96%	14.01%	30.22%	21.12%	21.91%
■ Strays	50.29%	39.49%	39.93%	42.24%	46.30%
■ Seized / Custody	0.58%	0.00%	0.75%	0.43%	1.23%
■ Returns	7.89%	5.10%	2.99%	6.03%	4.94%
■ Owner Surrenders	24.27%	41.40%	26.12%	30.17%	25.62%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - February



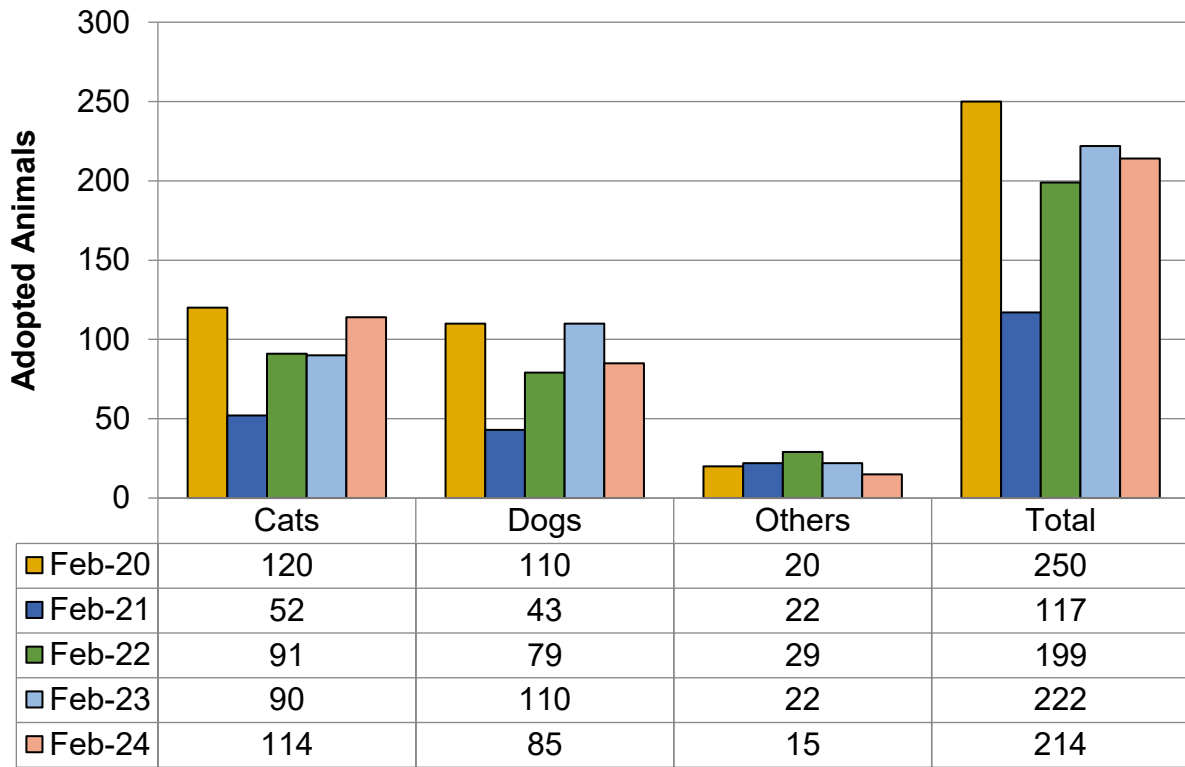
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
■ Incoming Transfers	57.23%	43.28%	49.58%	46.02%	32.89%
■ Strays	27.04%	35.82%	25.21%	31.25%	36.91%
■ Seized / Custody	1.26%	0.00%	0.00%	1.14%	6.04%
■ Returns	3.77%	10.45%	8.40%	7.95%	7.38%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.69%	10.45%	16.81%	13.64%	16.78%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

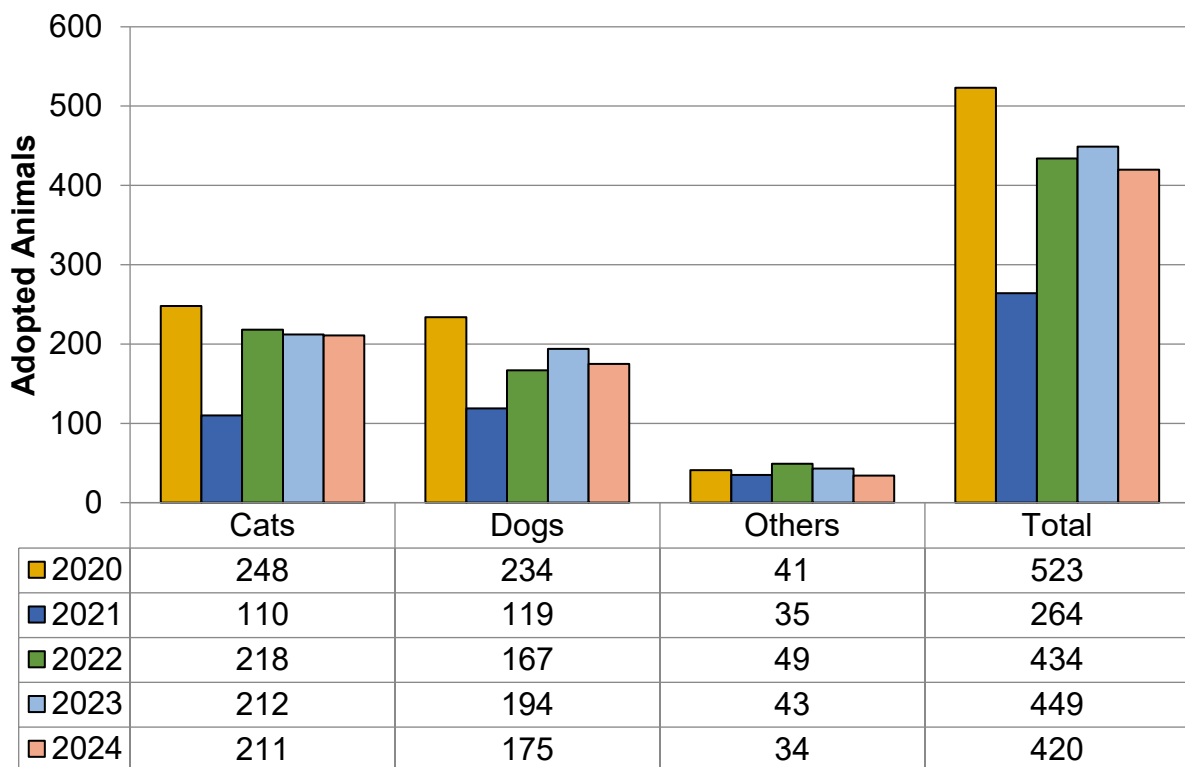


	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
■ Incoming Transfers	58.95%	52.44%	55.10%	42.02%	43.03%
■ Strays	23.46%	29.27%	25.31%	33.22%	32.82%
■ Seized / Custody	0.62%	0.61%	0.41%	0.65%	2.79%
■ Returns	6.79%	6.71%	7.35%	8.14%	6.50%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.19%	10.98%	11.84%	15.96%	14.86%

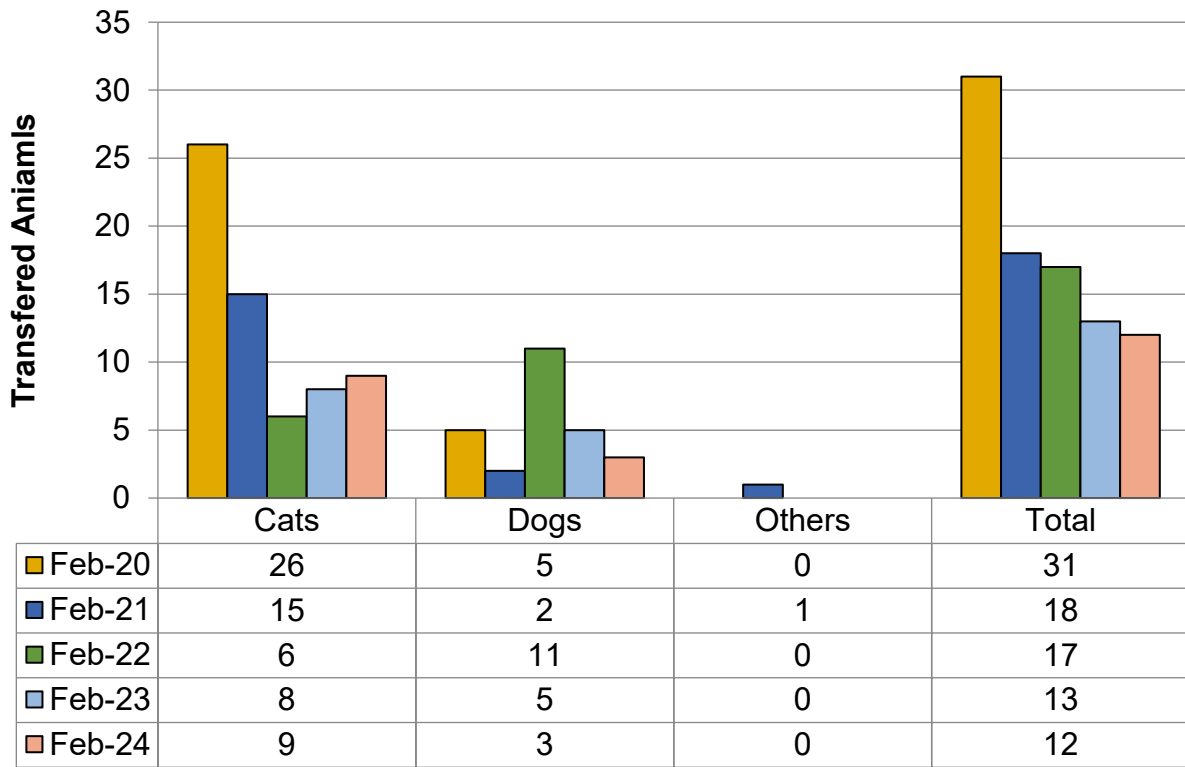
## Adoptions February



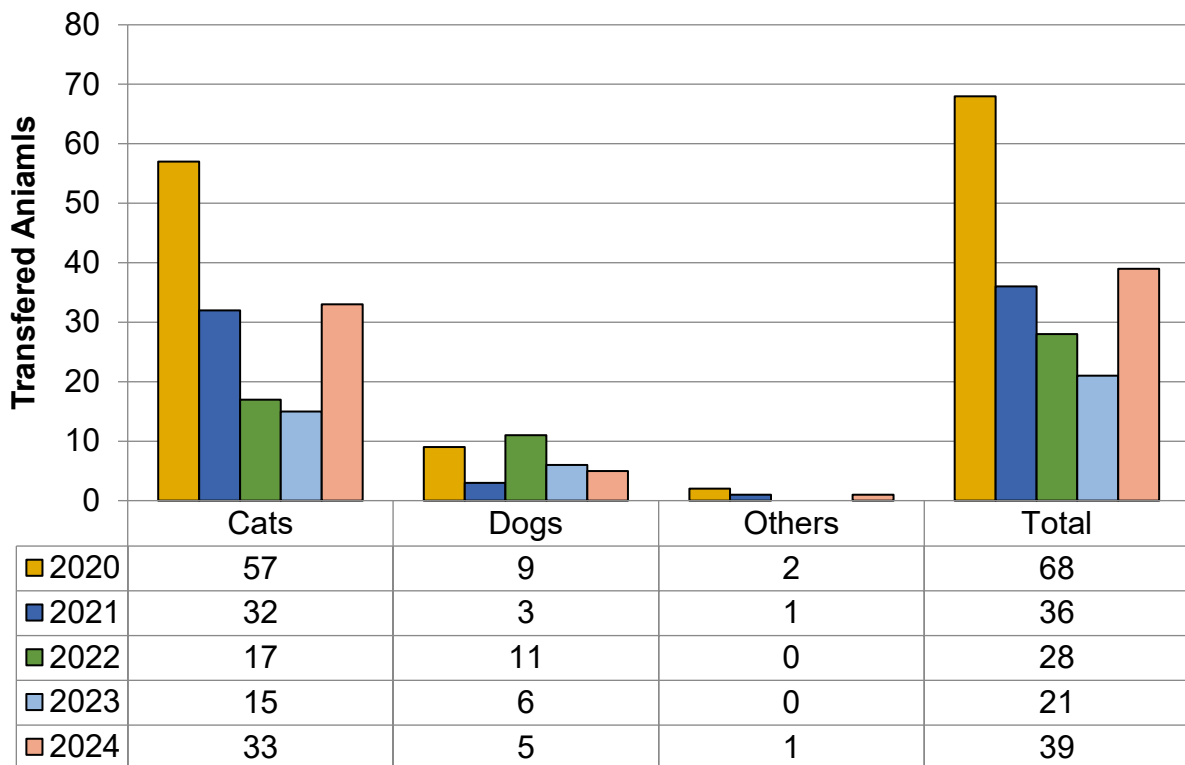
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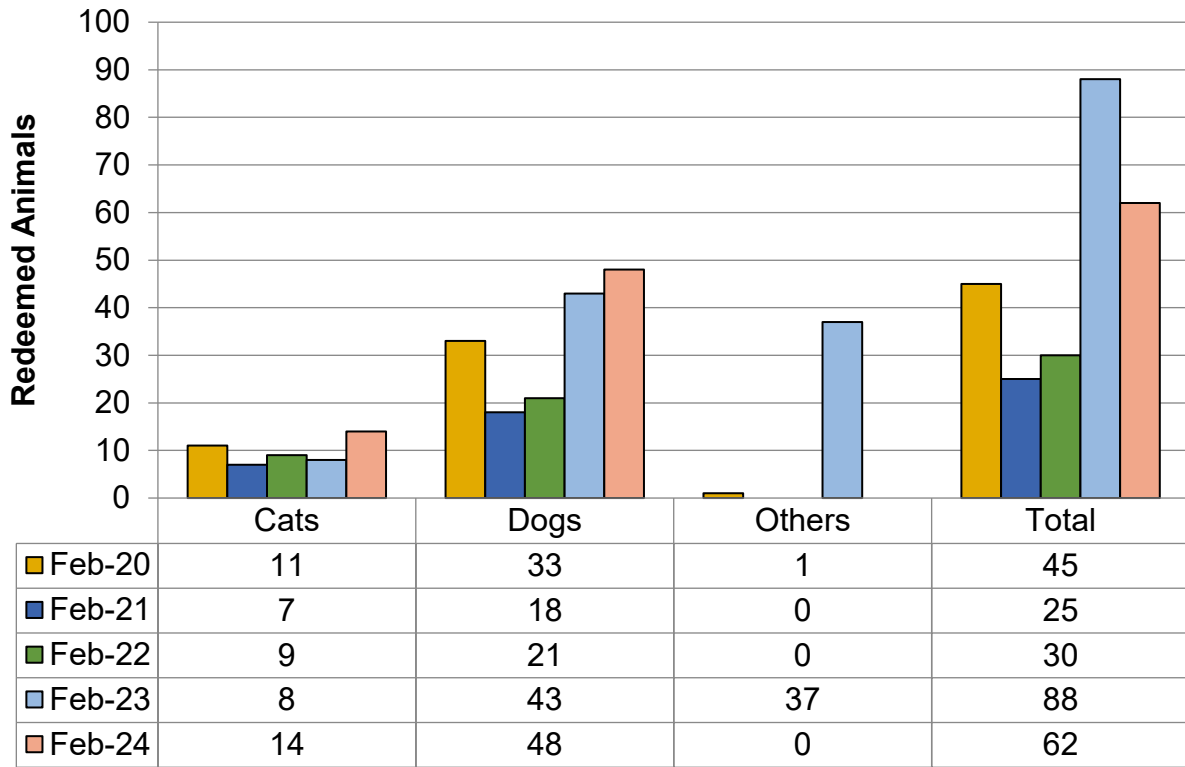
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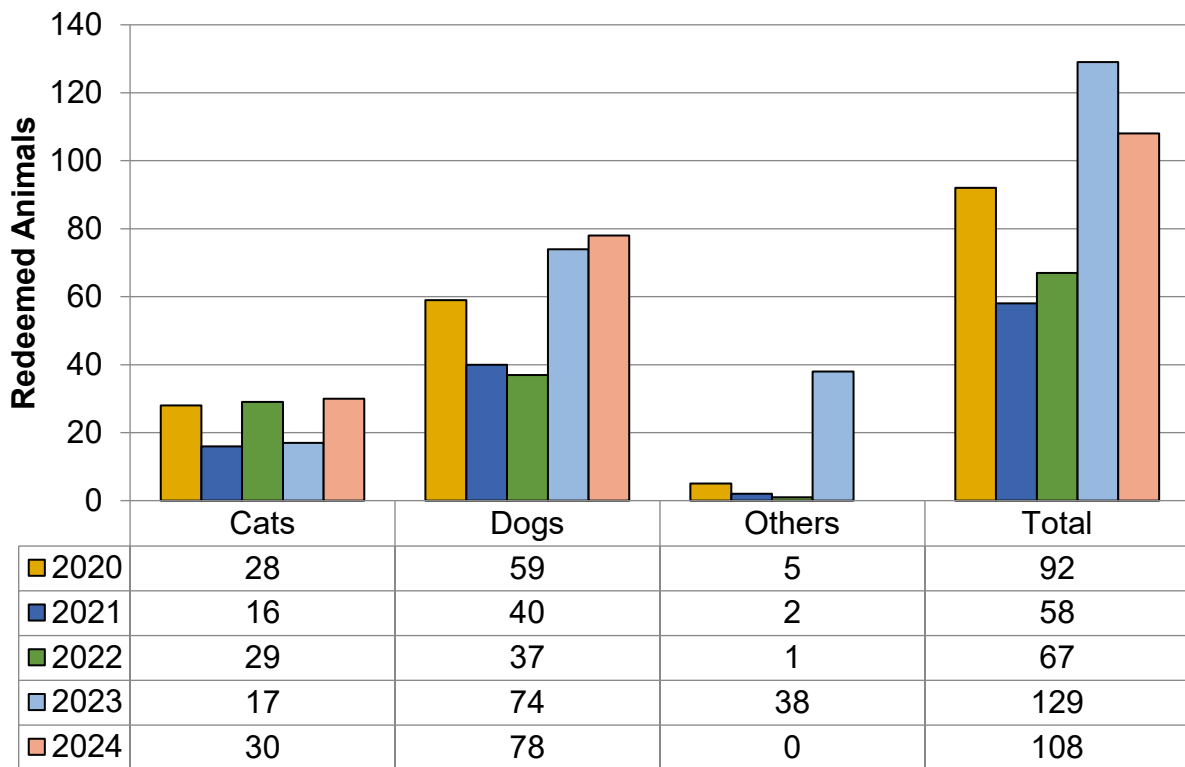
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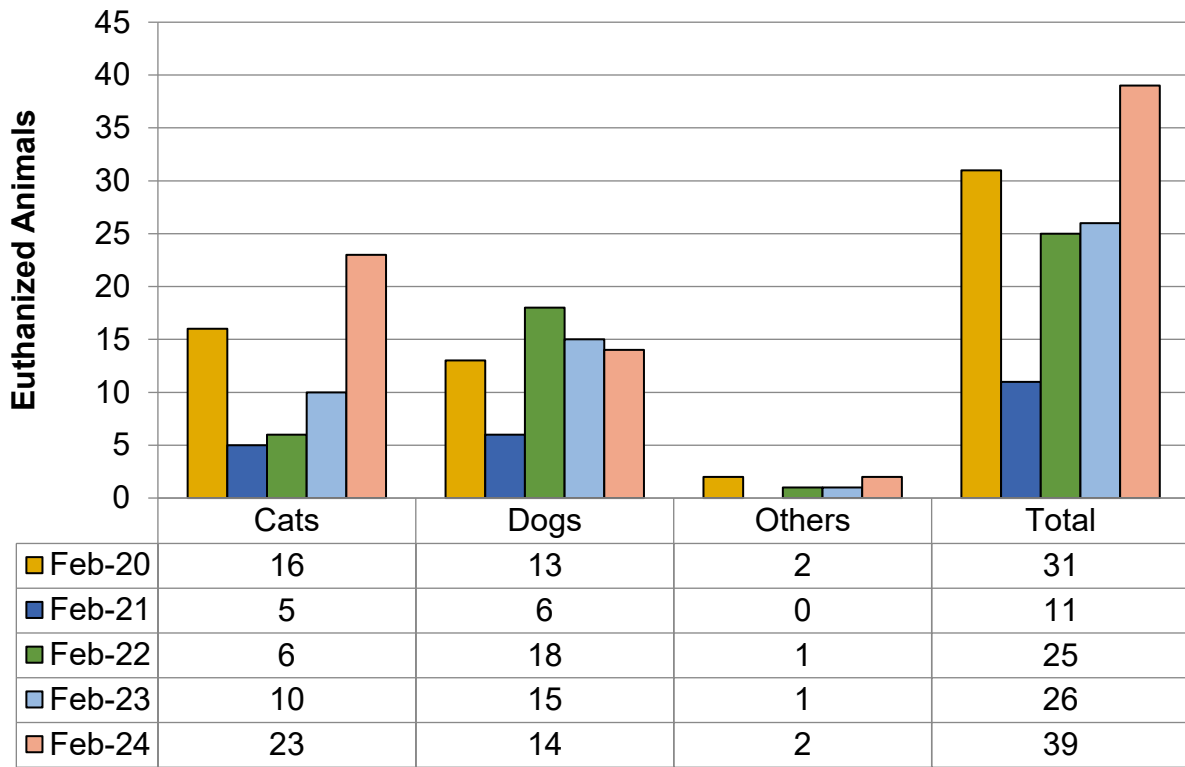
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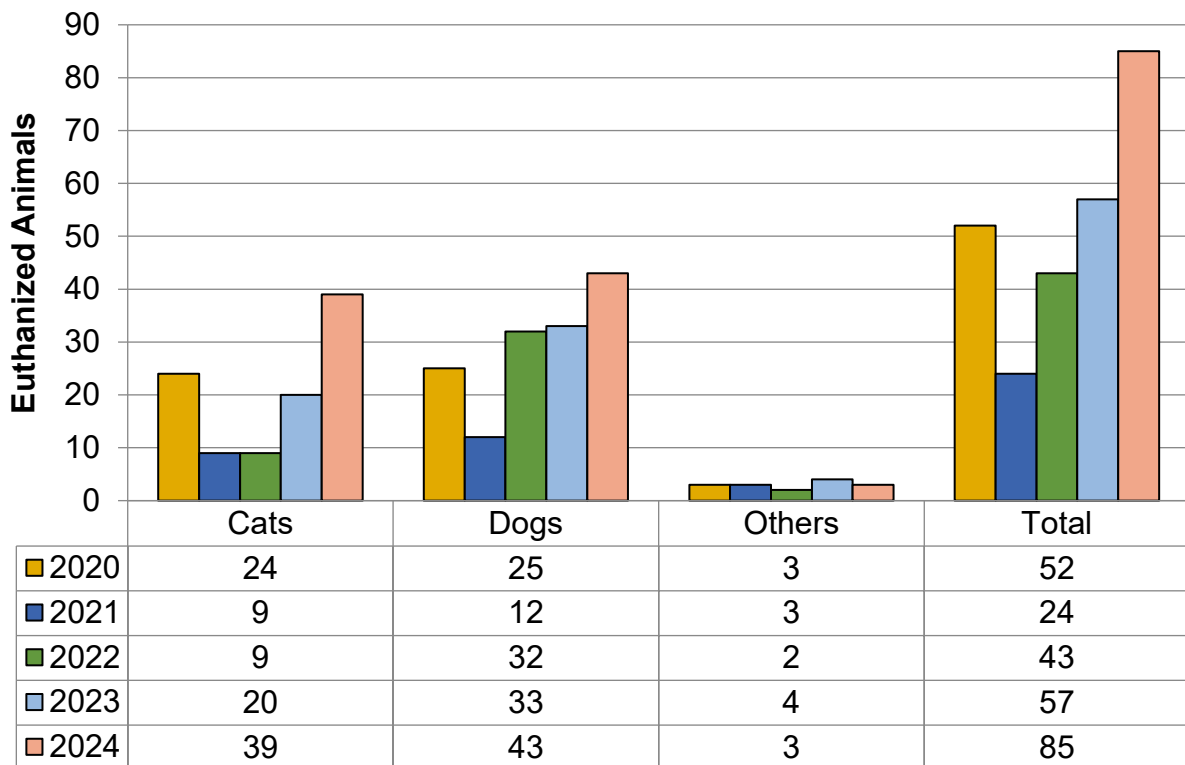
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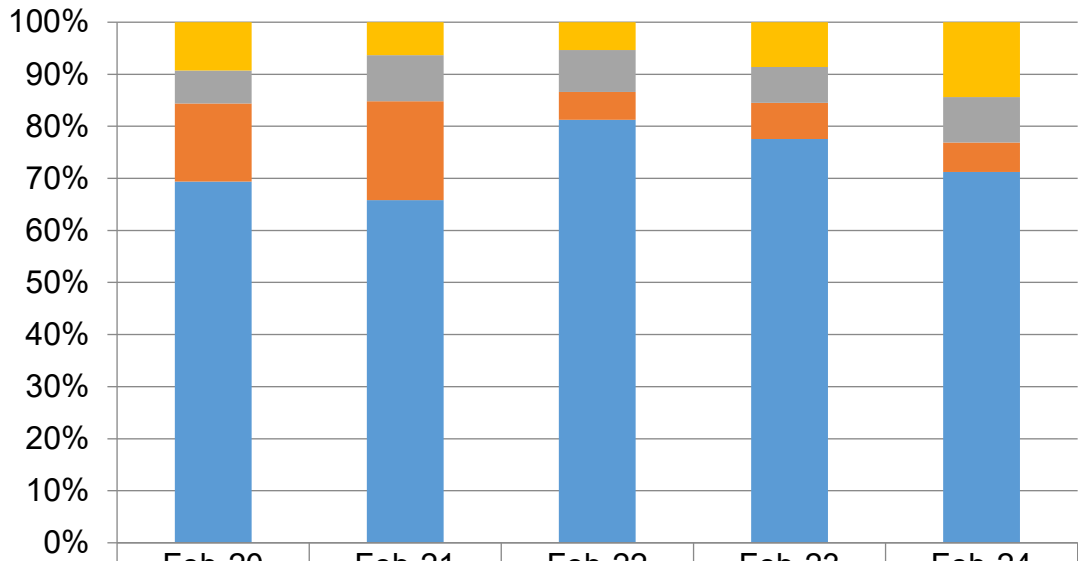
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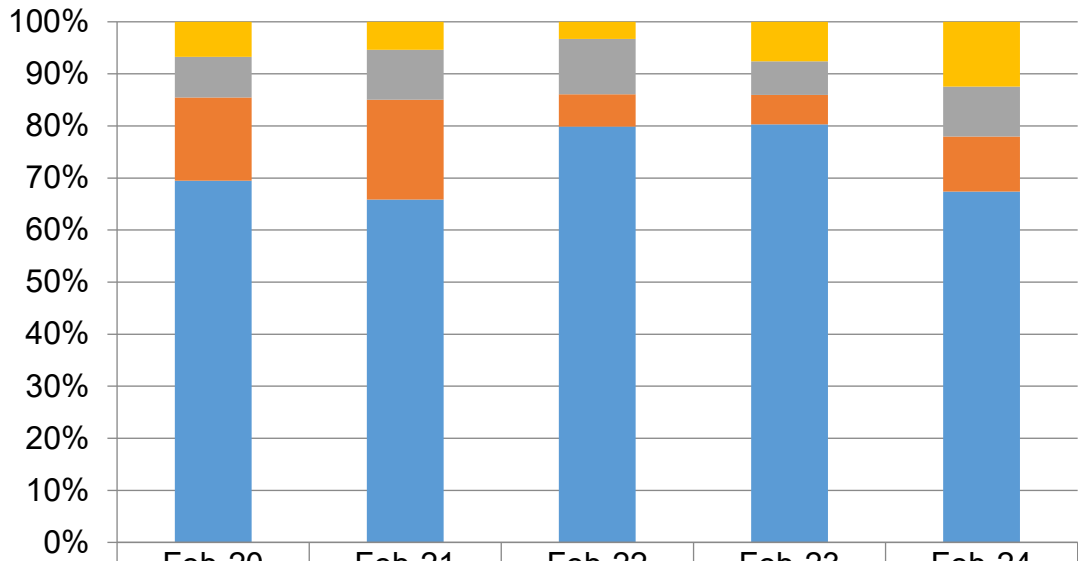


### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - February



	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
Euthanasia	9.25%	6.33%	5.36%	8.62%	14.38%
Redemption	6.36%	8.86%	8.04%	6.90%	8.75%
Transfer	15.03%	18.99%	5.36%	6.90%	5.63%
Adoption	69.36%	65.82%	81.25%	77.59%	71.25%

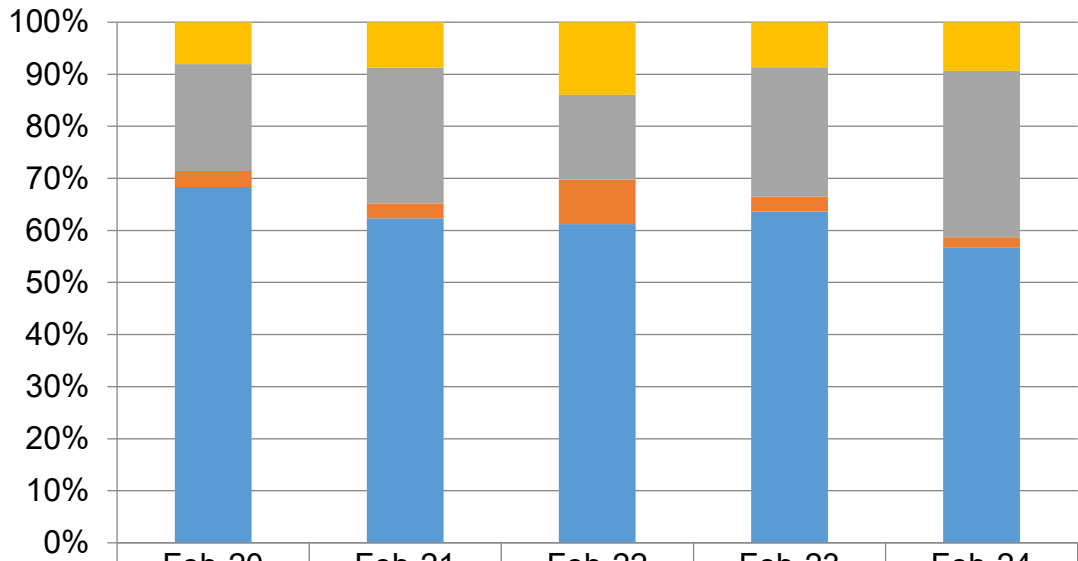
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



	Feb-20	Feb-21	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24
Euthanasia	6.72%	5.39%	3.30%	7.58%	12.46%
Redemption	7.84%	9.58%	10.62%	6.44%	9.58%
Transfer	15.97%	19.16%	6.23%	5.68%	10.54%
Adoption	69.47%	65.87%	79.85%	80.30%	67.41%

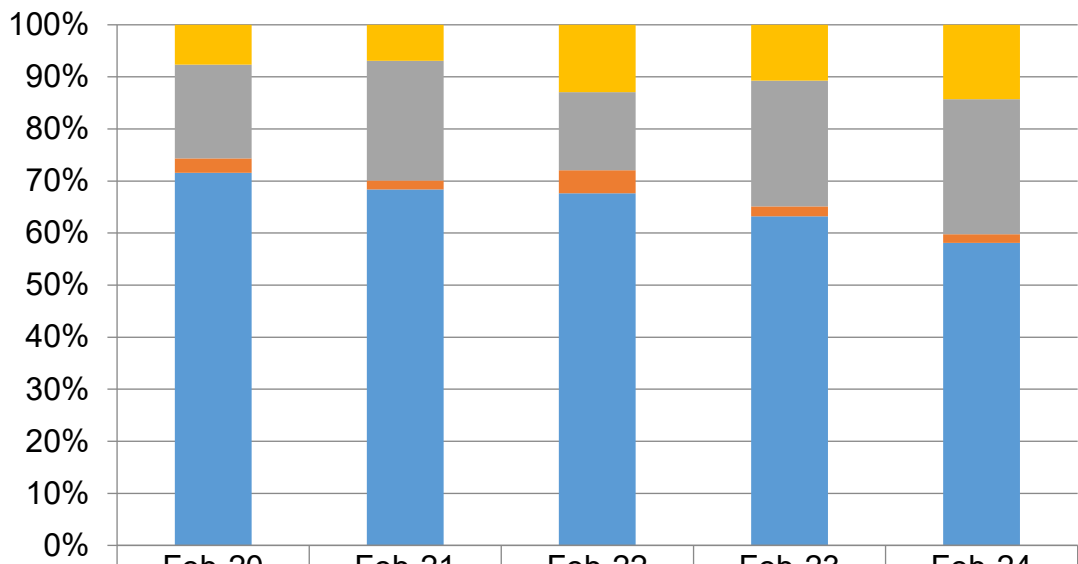


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - February



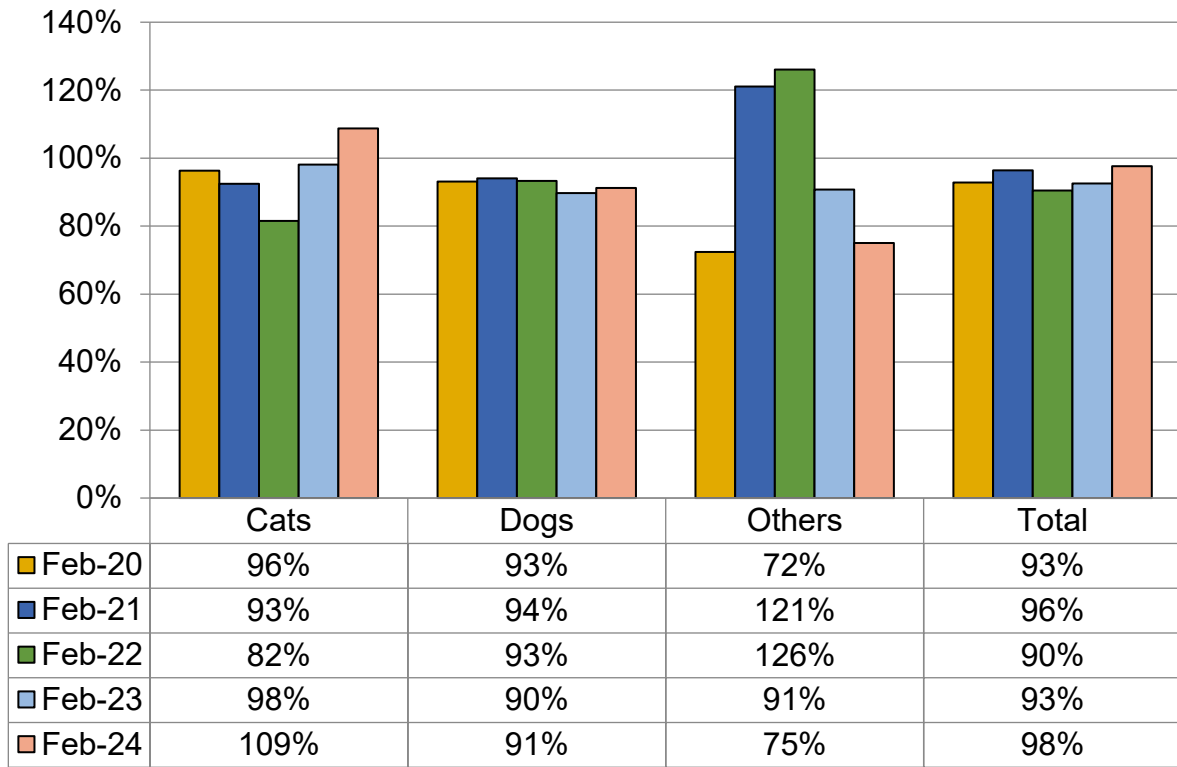
■ Euthanasia	8.07%	8.70%	13.95%	8.67%	9.33%
■ Redemption	20.50%	26.09%	16.28%	24.86%	32.00%
■ Transfer	3.11%	2.90%	8.53%	2.89%	2.00%
■ Adoption	68.32%	62.32%	61.24%	63.58%	56.67%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

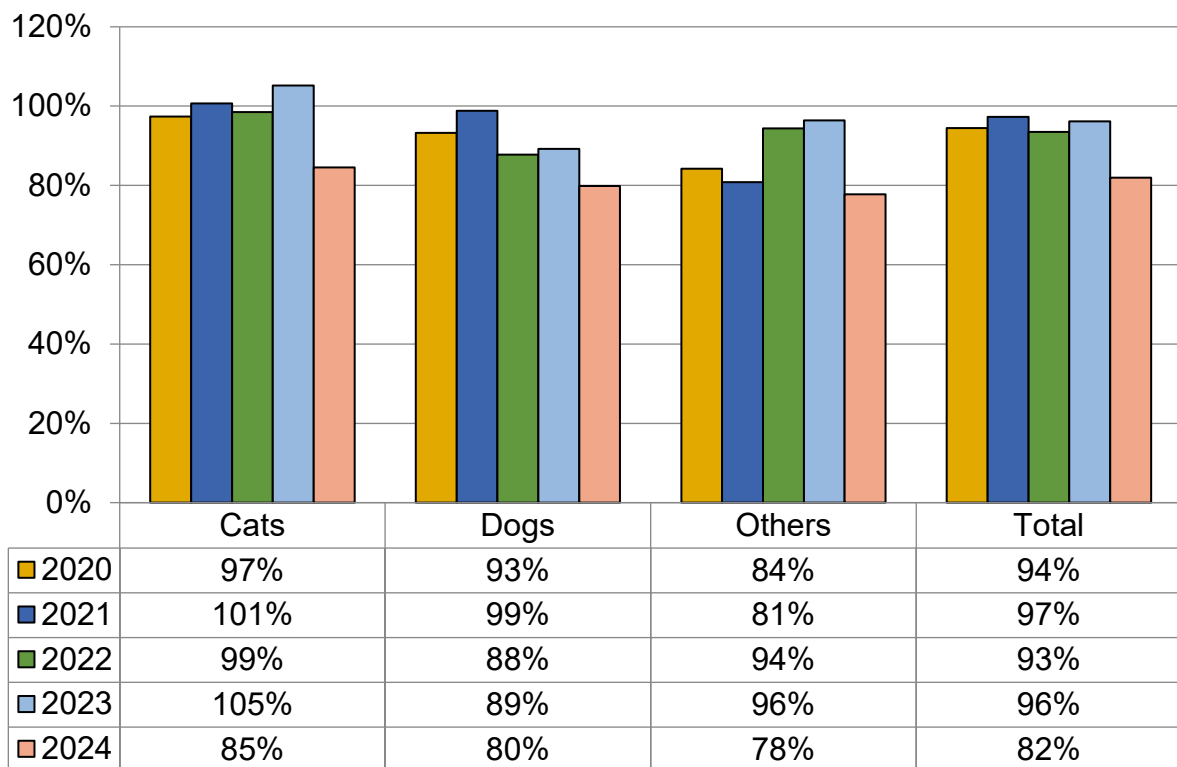


■ Euthanasia	7.65%	6.90%	12.96%	10.75%	14.29%
■ Redemption	18.04%	22.99%	14.98%	24.10%	25.91%
■ Transfer	2.75%	1.72%	4.45%	1.95%	1.66%
■ Adoption	71.56%	68.39%	67.61%	63.19%	58.14%

### Save Rate Febraury



### Save Rate Year to Date



## 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.