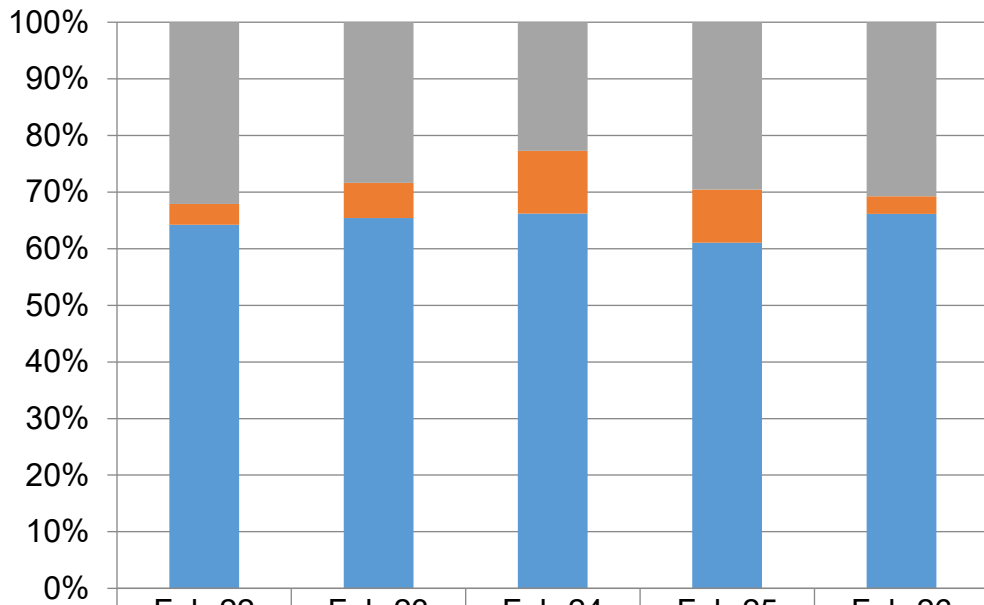


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
Save Rate  
Overview

February 2026

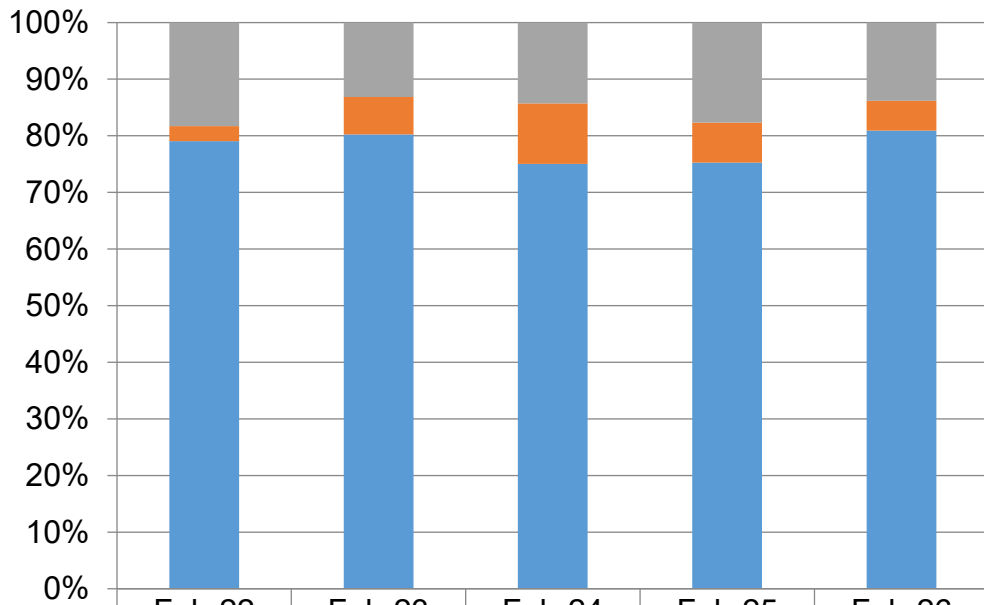
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate February



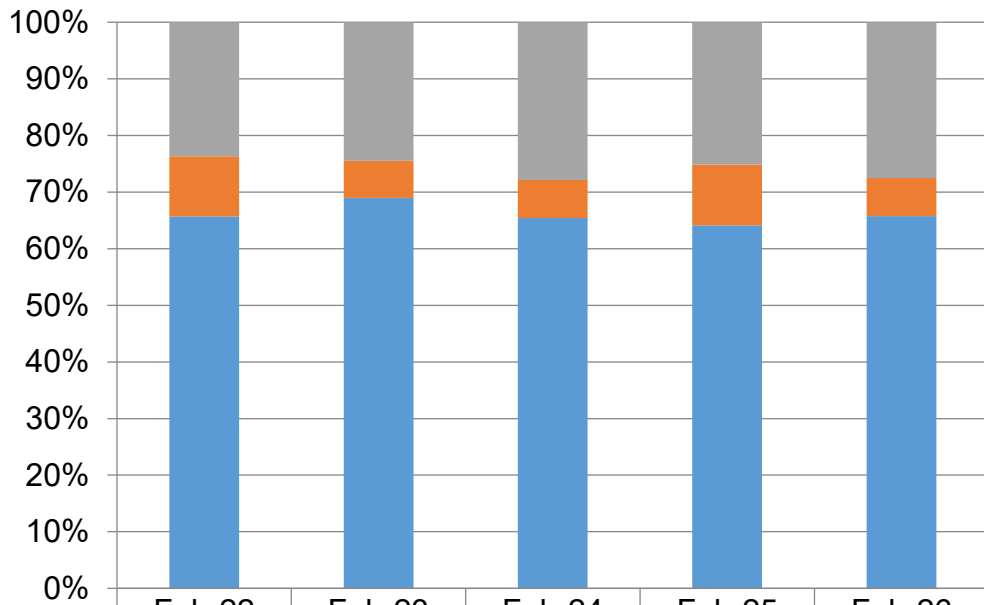
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Sanctuary Rate	32.12%	28.40%	22.71%	29.56%	30.77%
Euthanasia Rate	3.64%	6.17%	11.11%	9.36%	3.08%
Live Release Rate	64.24%	65.43%	66.18%	61.08%	66.15%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



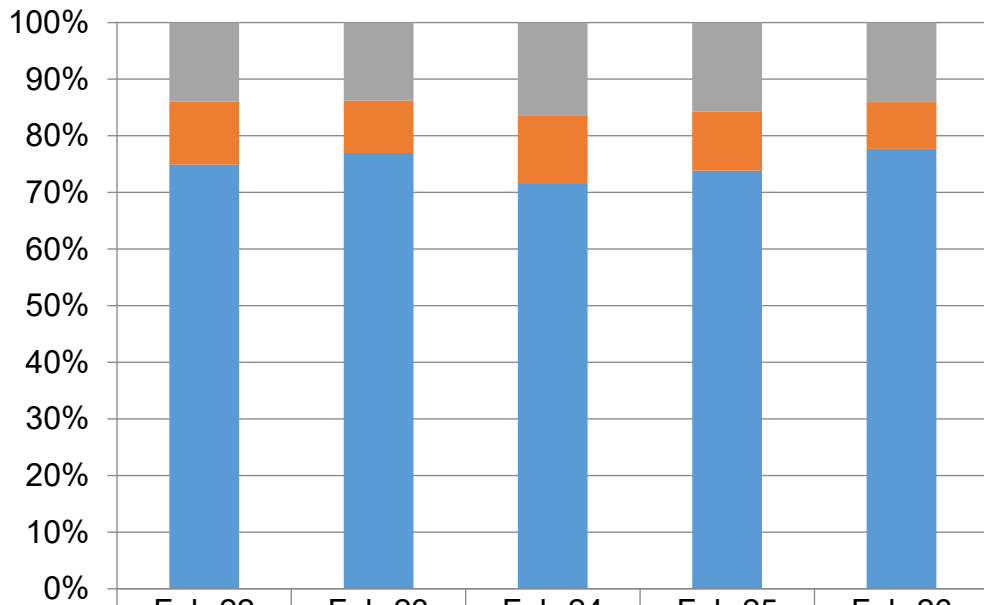
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Sanctuary Rate	18.26%	13.16%	14.25%	17.66%	13.81%
Euthanasia Rate	2.69%	6.58%	10.68%	7.07%	5.25%
Live Release Rate	79.04%	80.26%	75.07%	75.27%	80.94%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate February



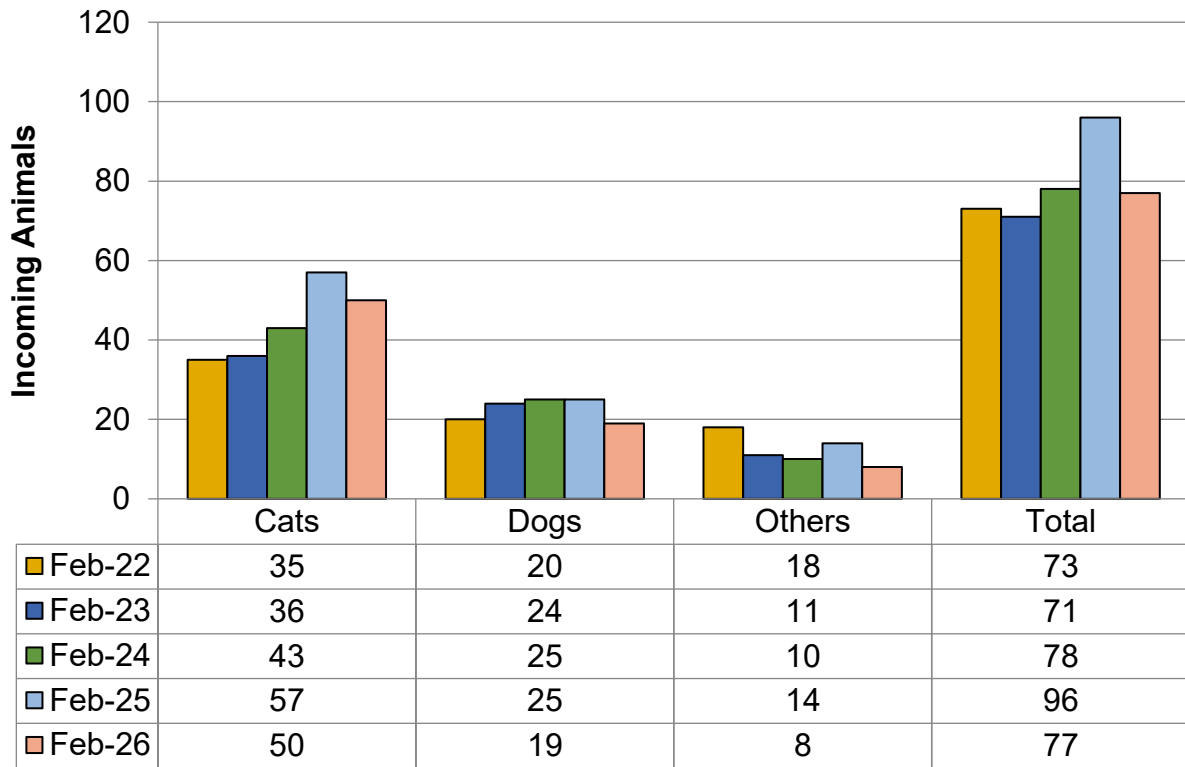
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Sanctuary Rate	23.67%	24.45%	27.88%	25.13%	27.53%
Euthanasia Rate	10.65%	6.55%	6.73%	10.77%	6.74%
Live Release Rate	65.68%	69.00%	65.38%	64.10%	65.73%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

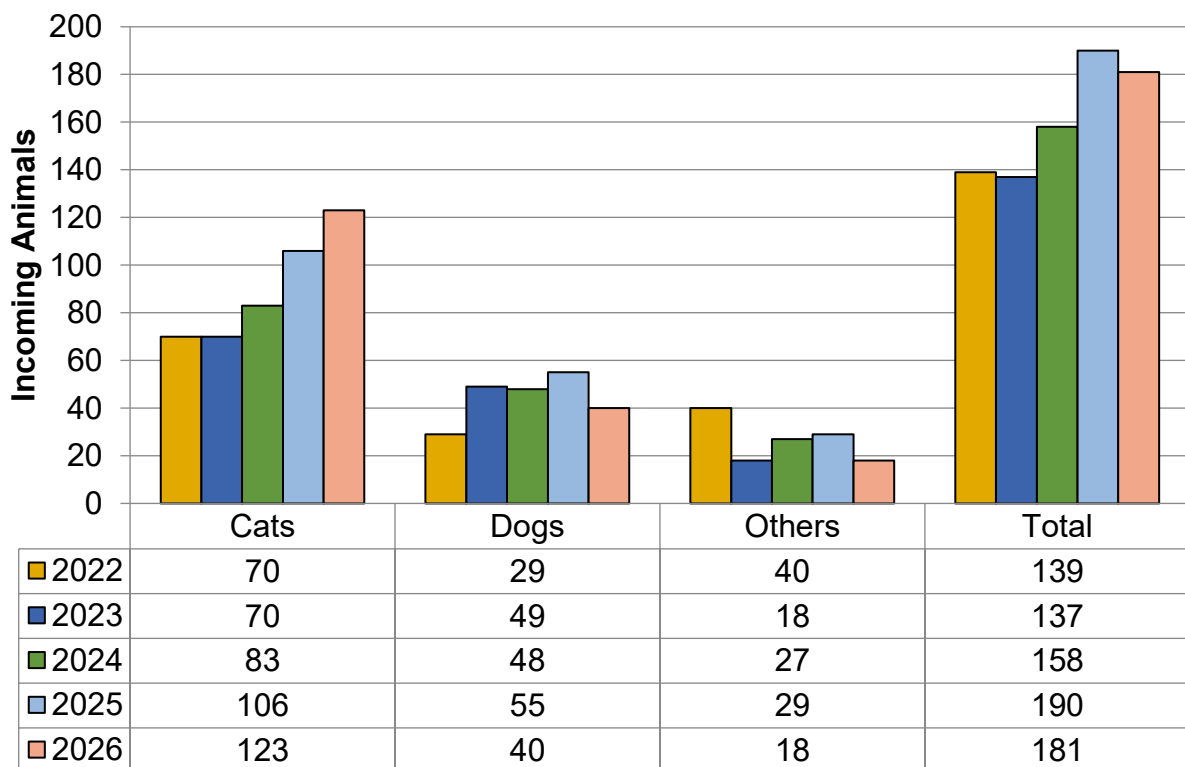


	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-26
Sanctuary Rate	13.94%	13.76%	16.39%	15.70%	14.03%
Euthanasia Rate	11.15%	9.27%	11.94%	10.47%	8.27%
Live Release Rate	74.91%	76.97%	71.67%	73.84%	77.70%

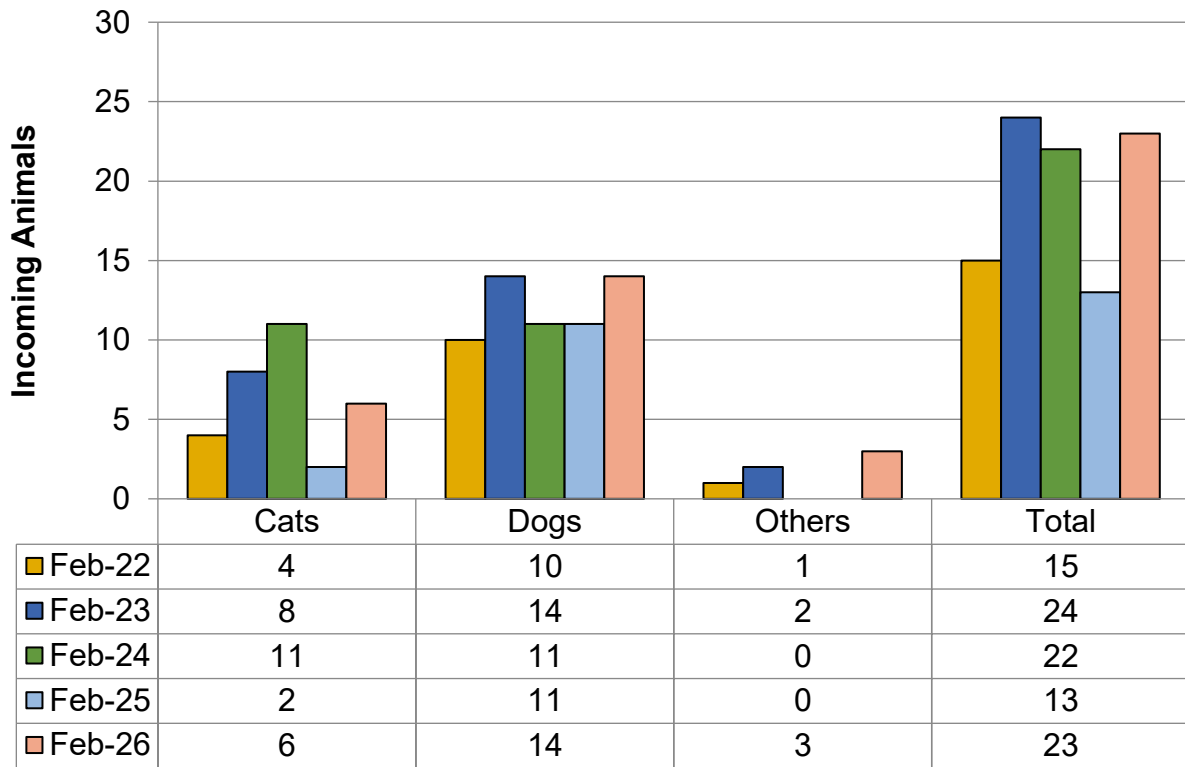
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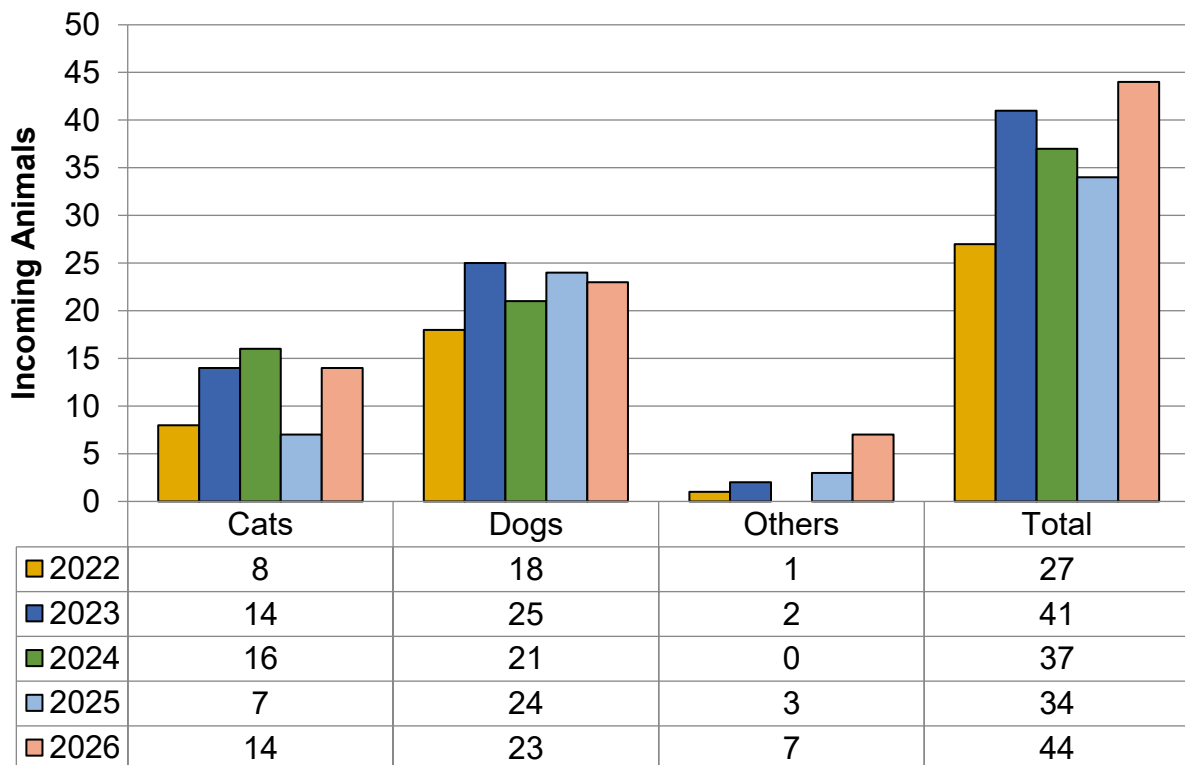
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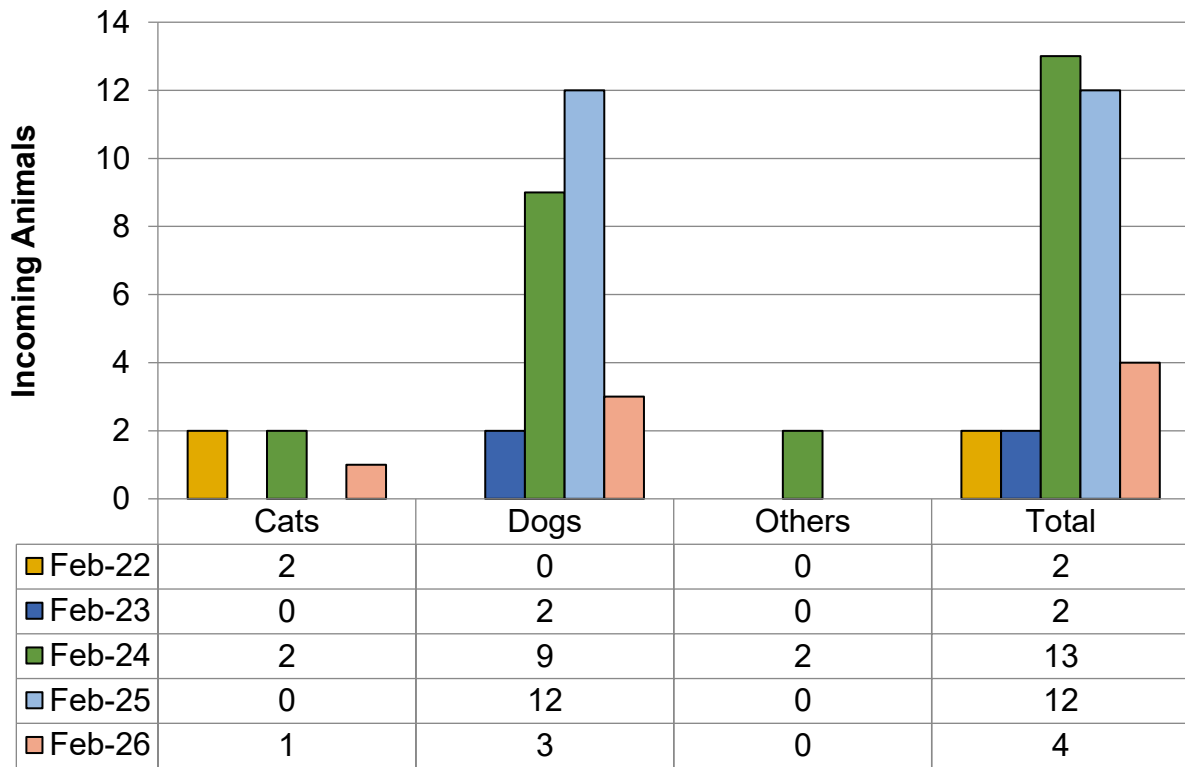
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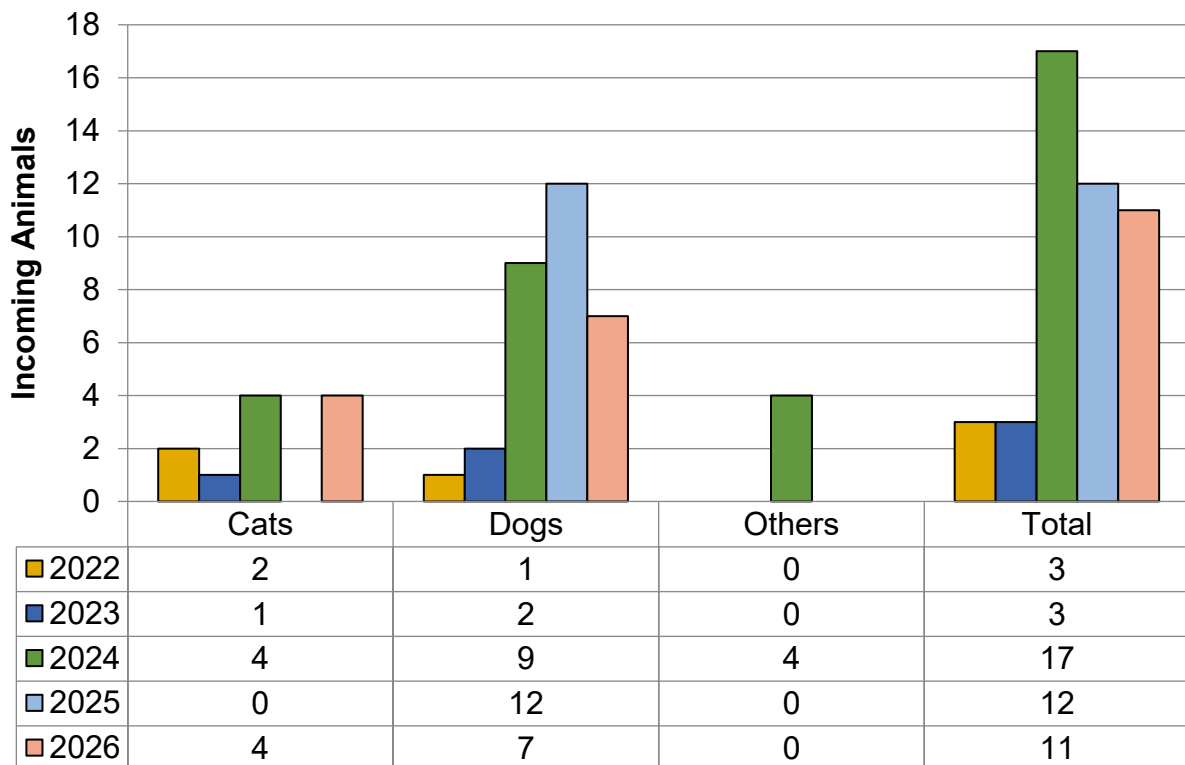
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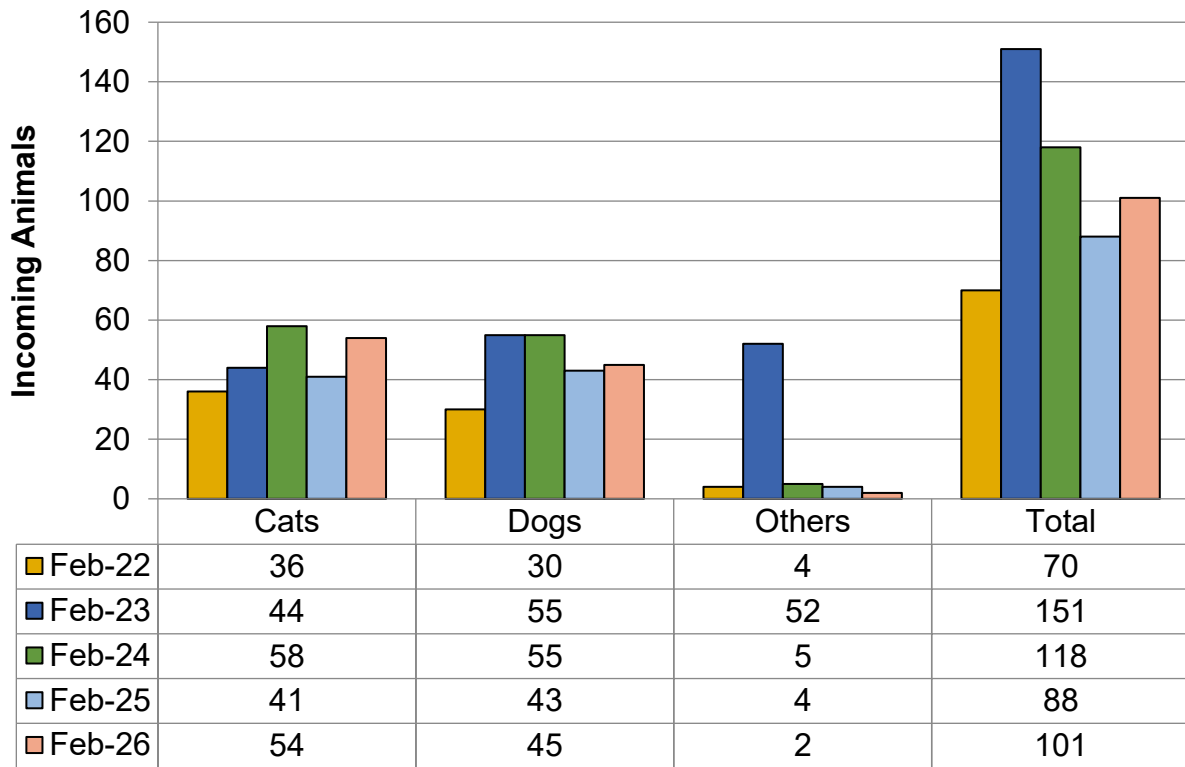
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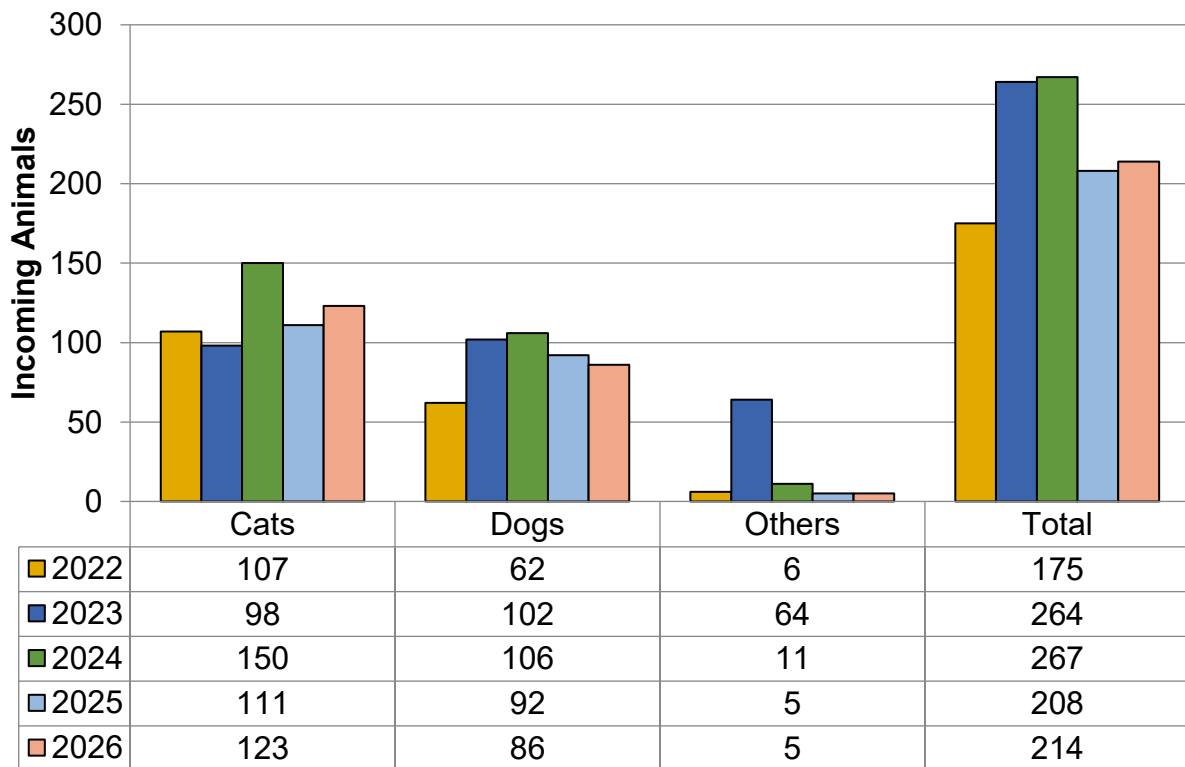
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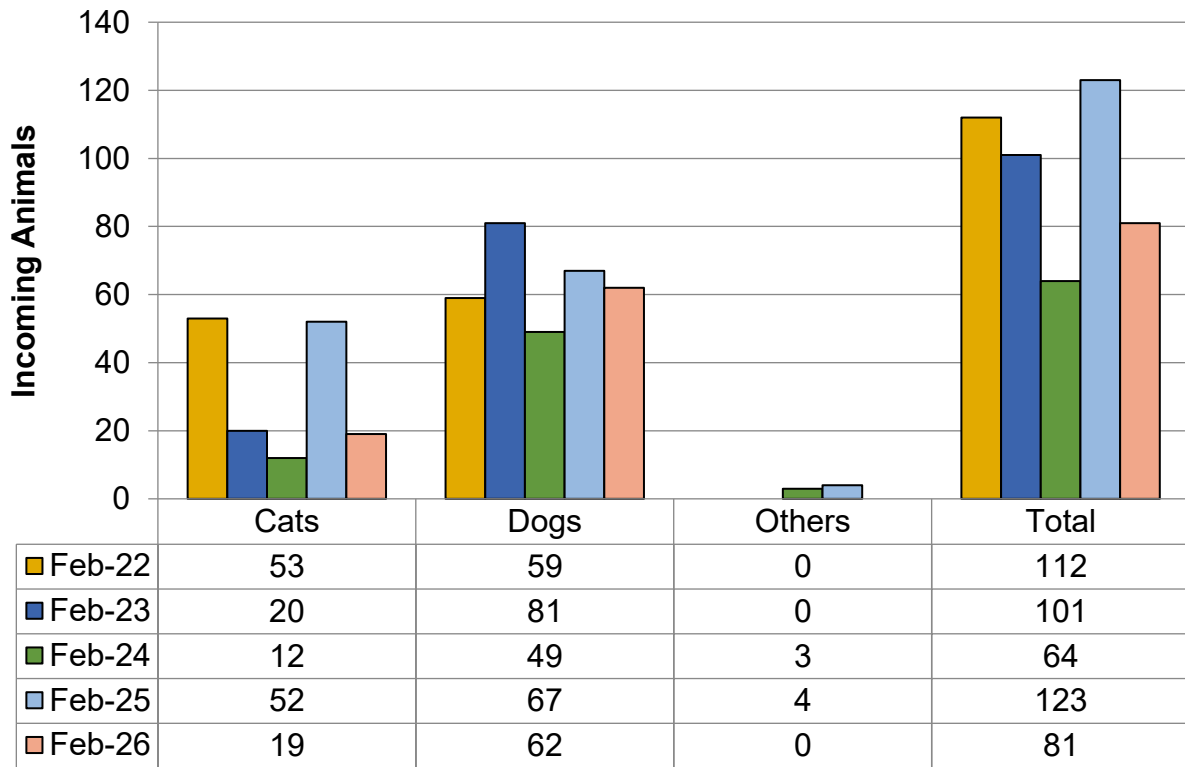
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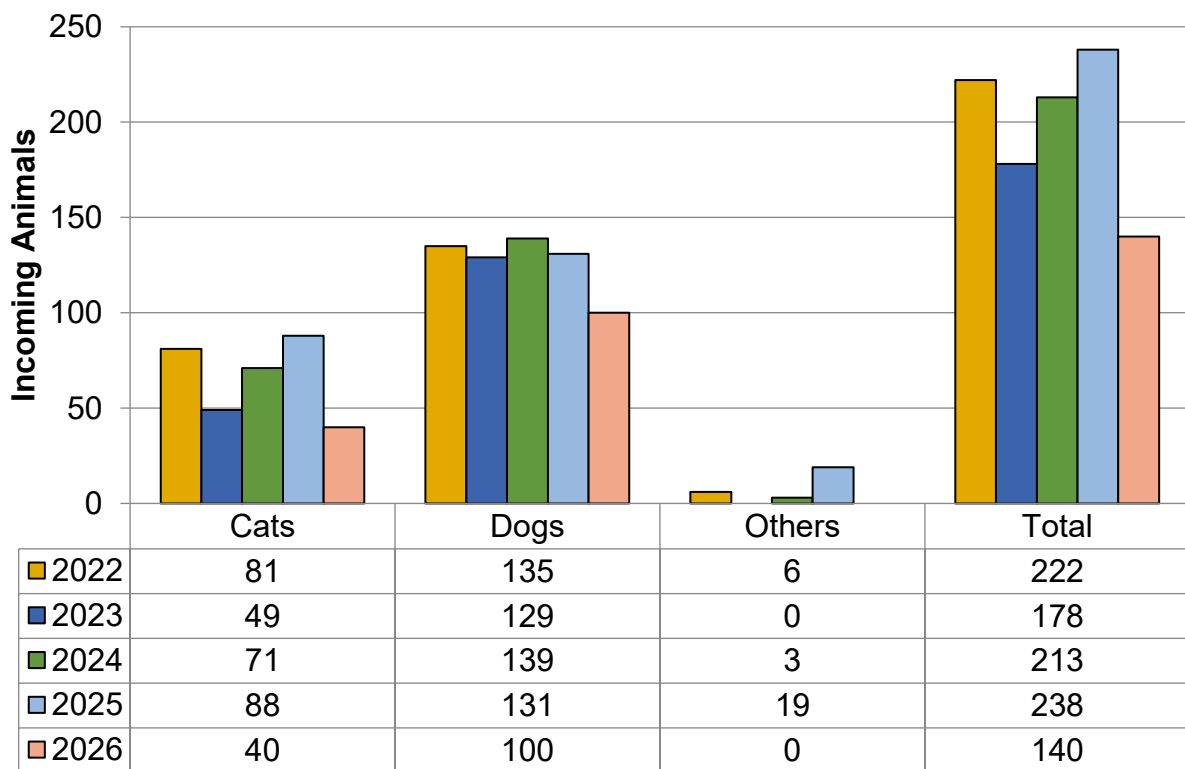
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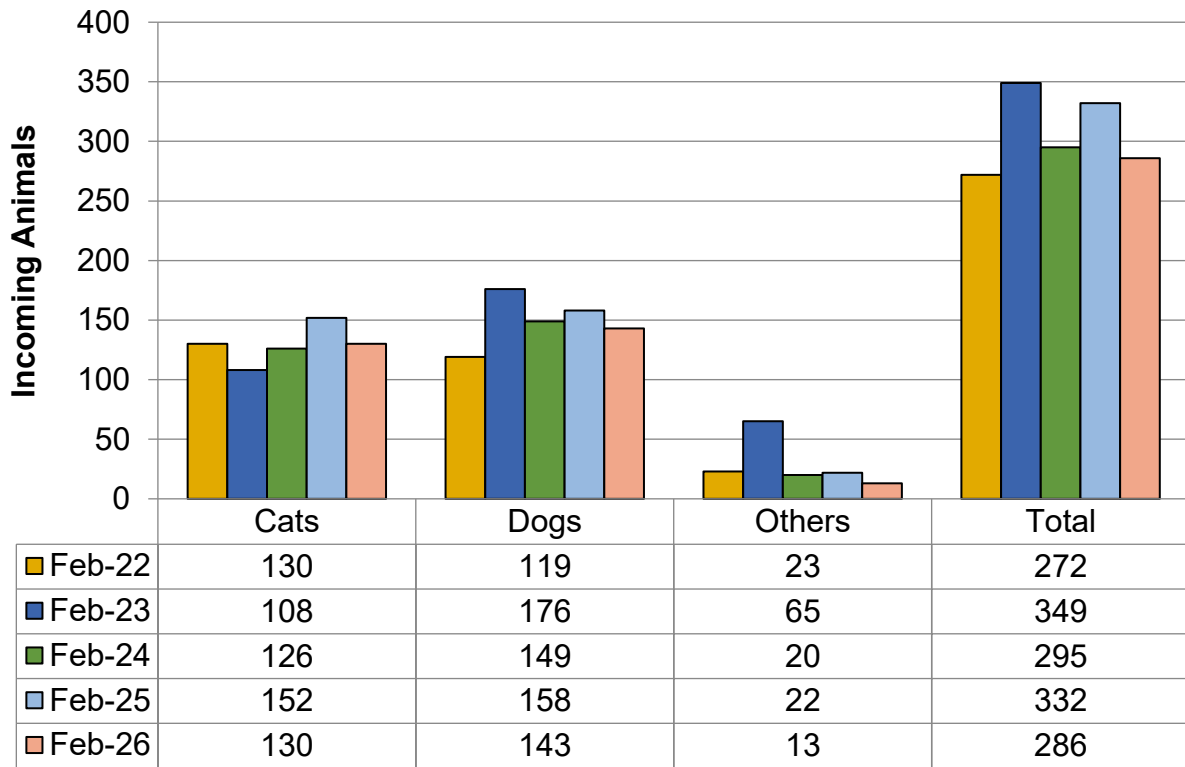
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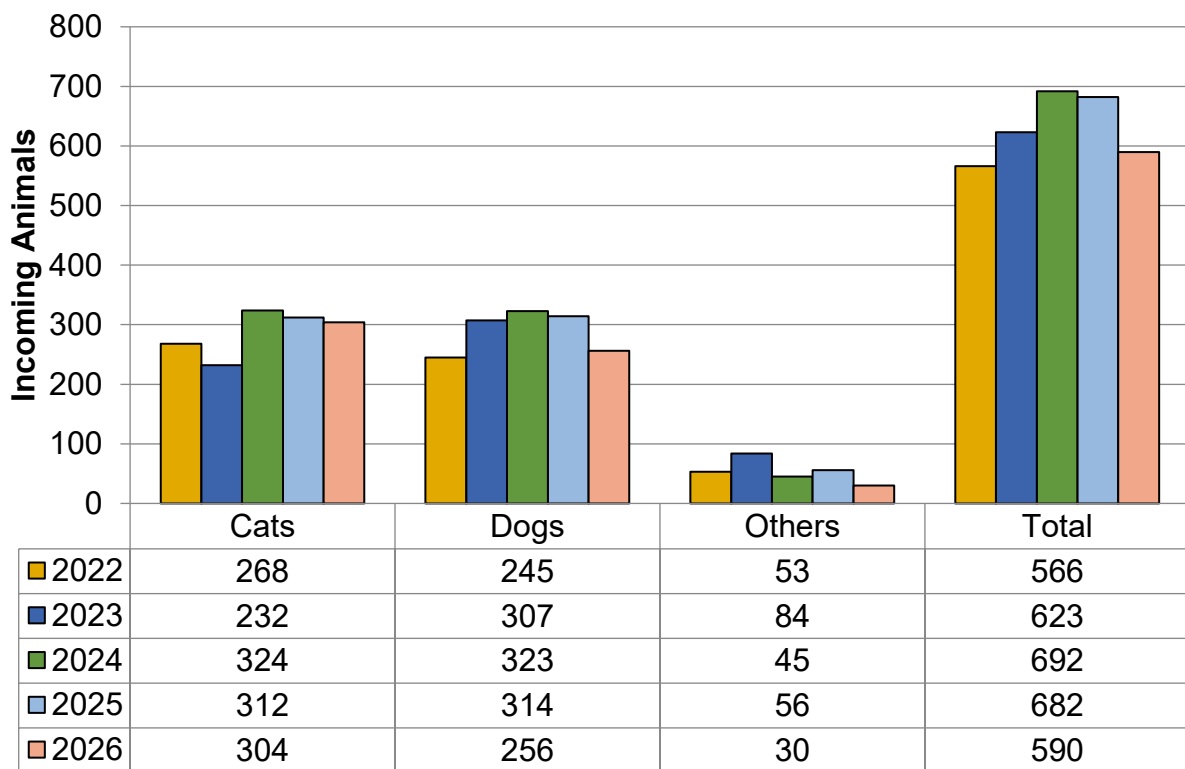
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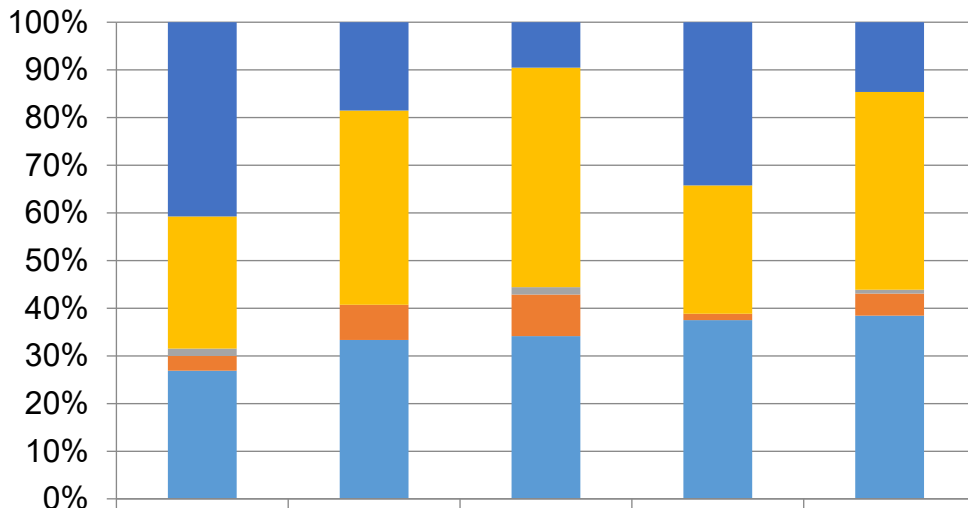
## Intake February



## Intake Year to Date

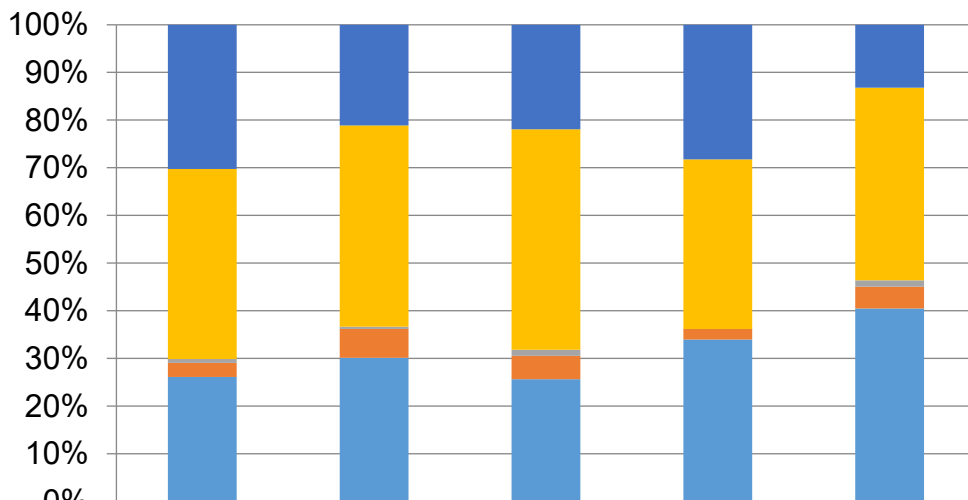


### Intakes by Percentage Cats - February



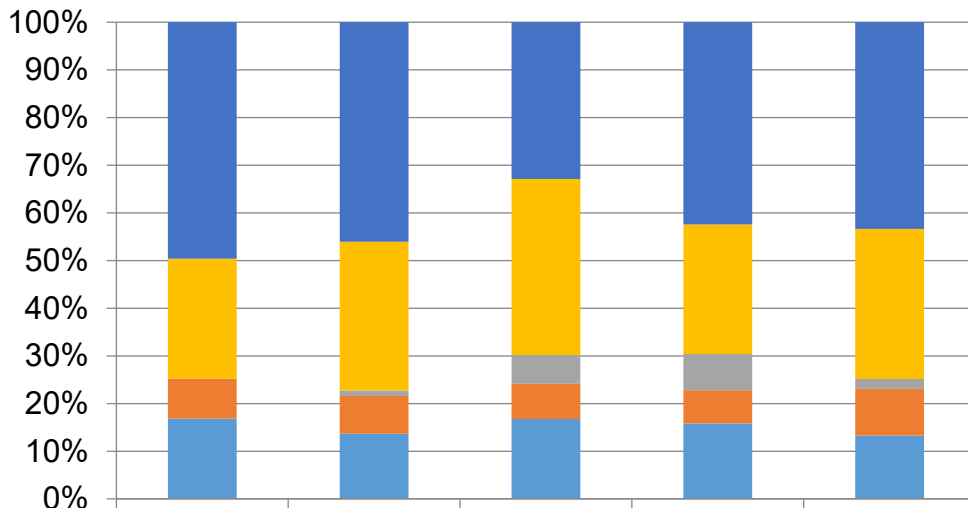
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■ Incoming Transfers	40.77%	18.52%	9.52%	34.21%	14.62%
■ Strays	27.69%	40.74%	46.03%	26.97%	41.54%
■ Seized / Custody	1.54%	0.00%	1.59%	0.00%	0.77%
■ Returns	3.08%	7.41%	8.73%	1.32%	4.62%
■ Owner Surrenders	26.92%	33.33%	34.13%	37.50%	38.46%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



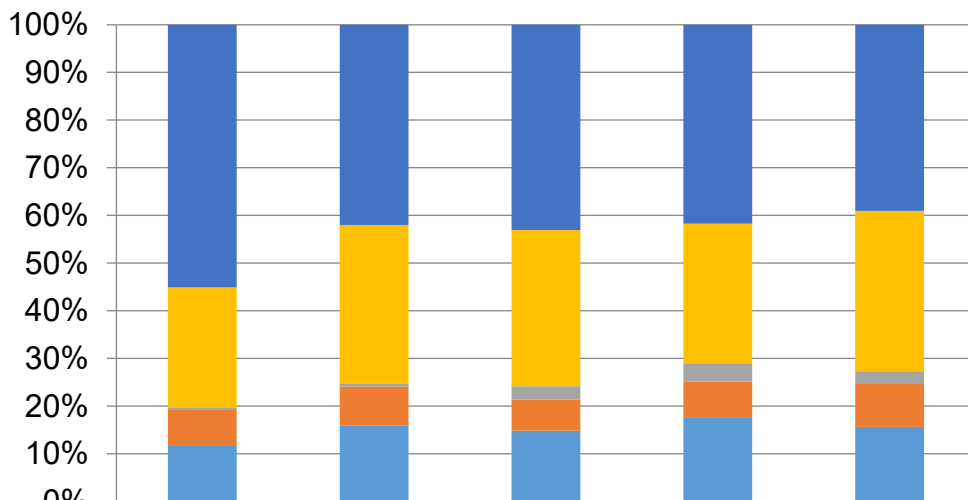
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■ Incoming Transfers	30.22%	21.12%	21.91%	28.21%	13.16%
■ Strays	39.93%	42.24%	46.30%	35.58%	40.46%
■ Seized / Custody	0.75%	0.43%	1.23%	0.00%	1.32%
■ Returns	2.99%	6.03%	4.94%	2.24%	4.61%
■ Owner Surrenders	26.12%	30.17%	25.62%	33.97%	40.46%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - February



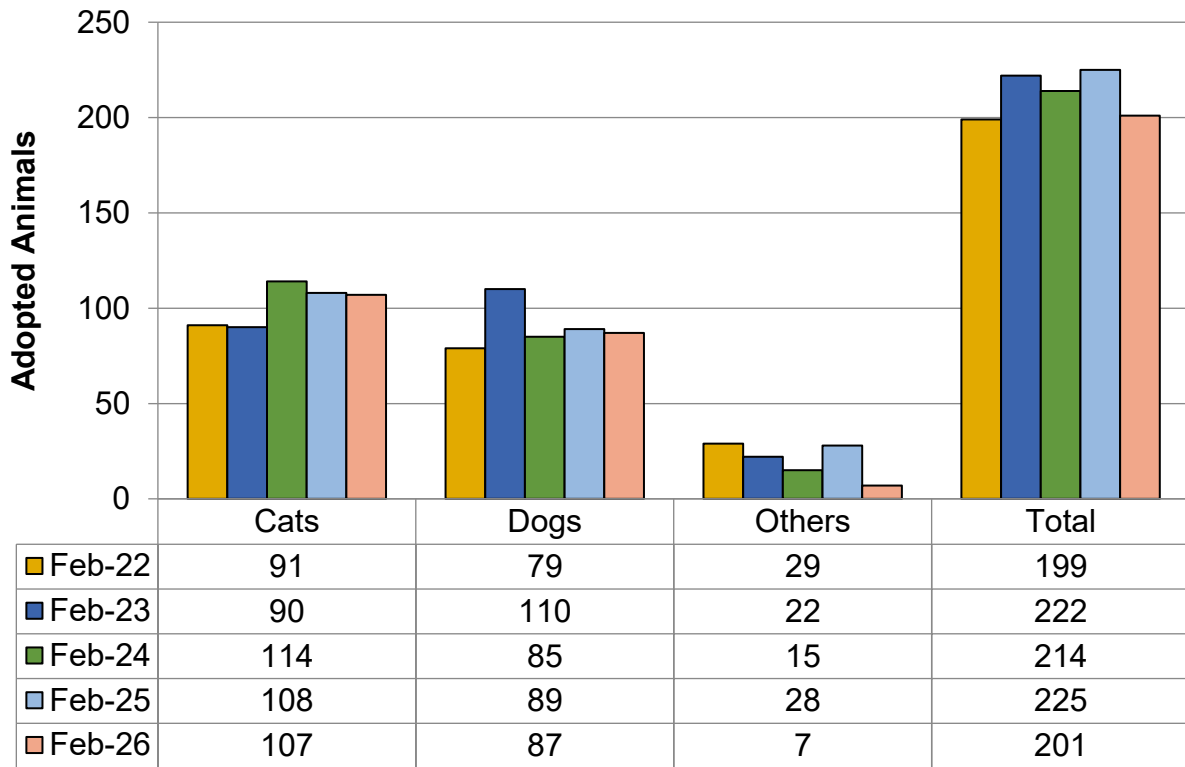
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■ Incoming Transfers	49.58%	46.02%	32.89%	42.41%	43.36%
■ Strays	25.21%	31.25%	36.91%	27.22%	31.47%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	1.14%	6.04%	7.59%	2.10%
■ Returns	8.40%	7.95%	7.38%	6.96%	9.79%
■ Owner Surrenders	16.81%	13.64%	16.78%	15.82%	13.29%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

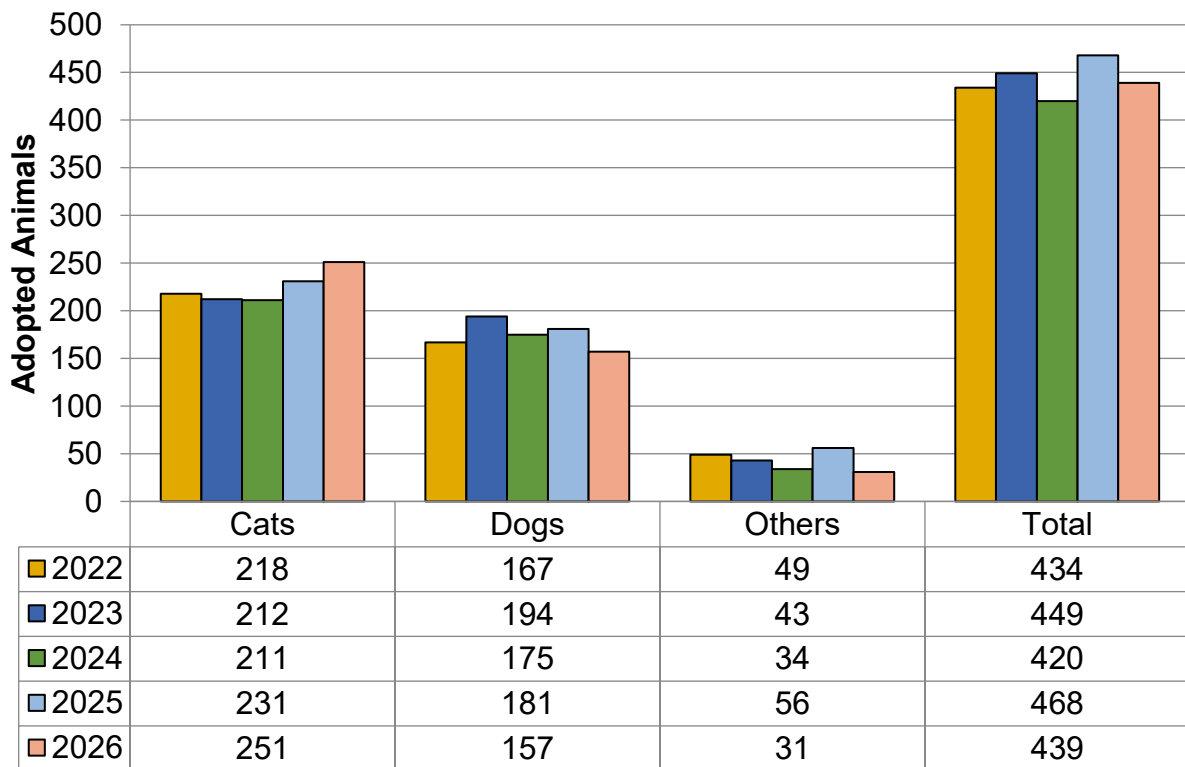


	Feb-22	Feb-23	Feb-24	Feb-25	Feb-26
■ Incoming Transfers	55.10%	42.02%	43.03%	41.72%	39.06%
■ Strays	25.31%	33.22%	32.82%	29.30%	33.59%
■ Seized / Custody	0.41%	0.65%	2.79%	3.82%	2.73%
■ Returns	7.35%	8.14%	6.50%	7.64%	8.98%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.84%	15.96%	14.86%	17.52%	15.63%

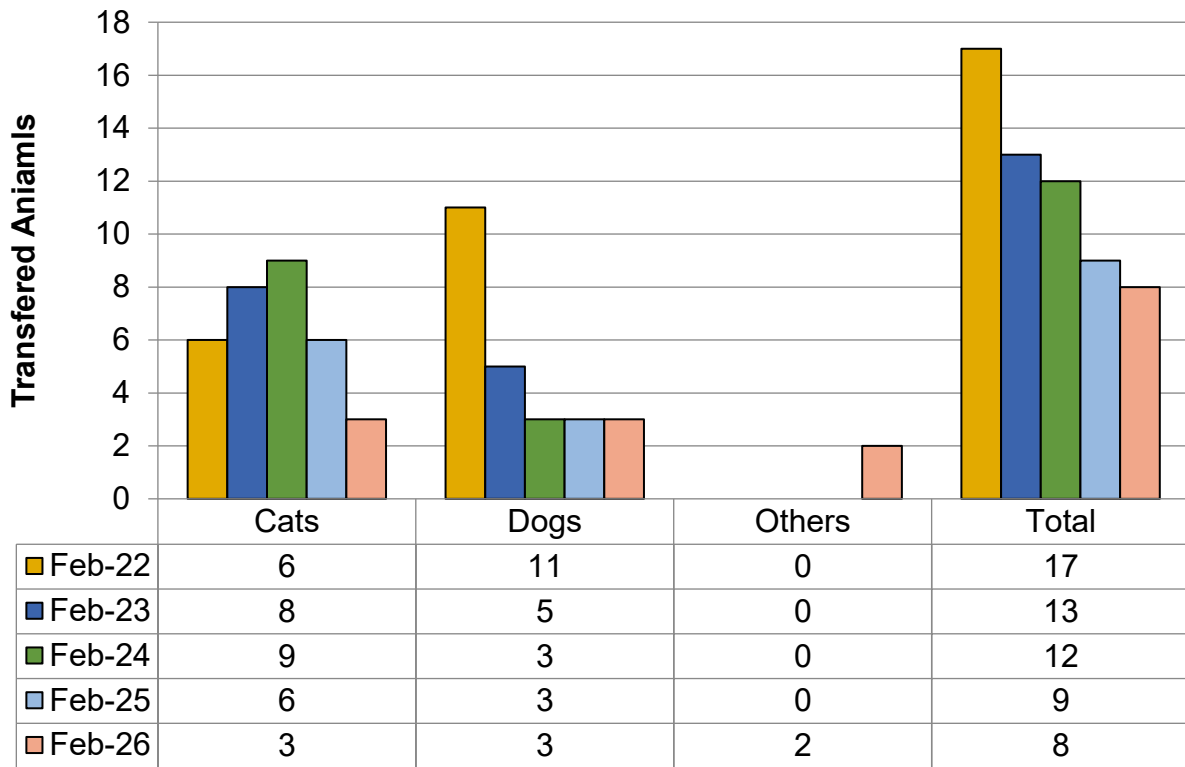
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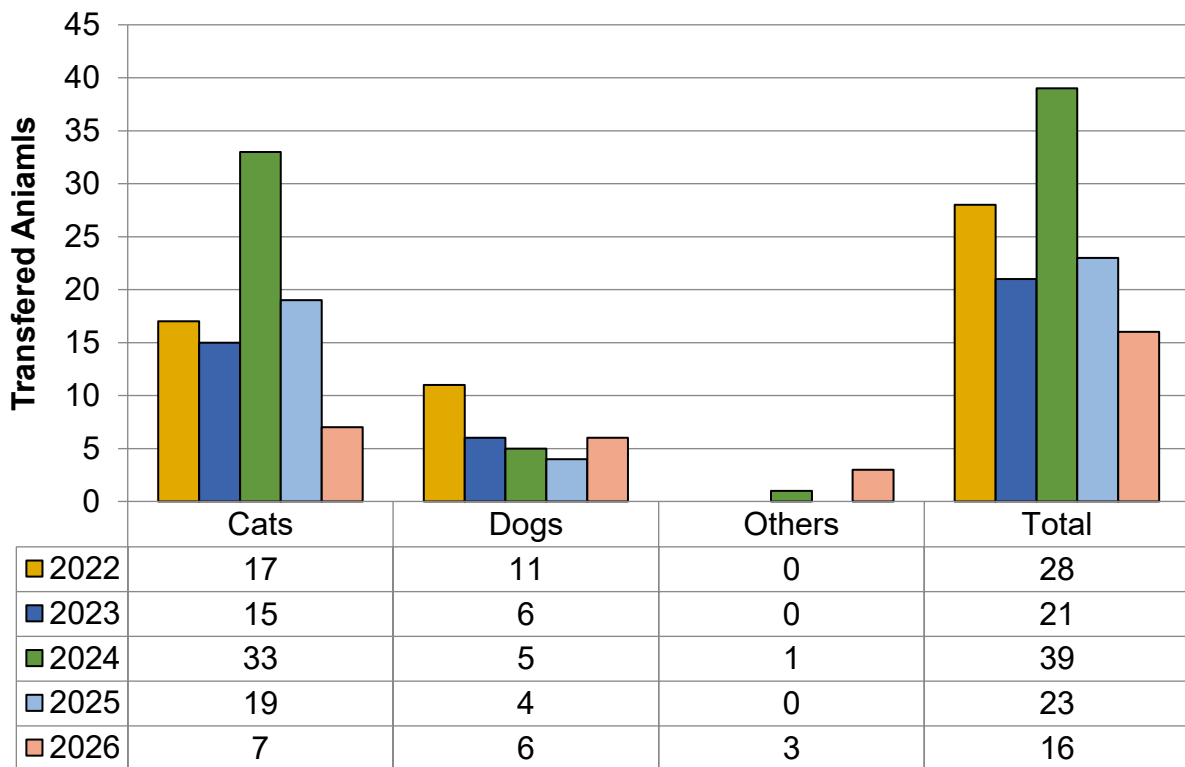
## Adoptions Year to Date



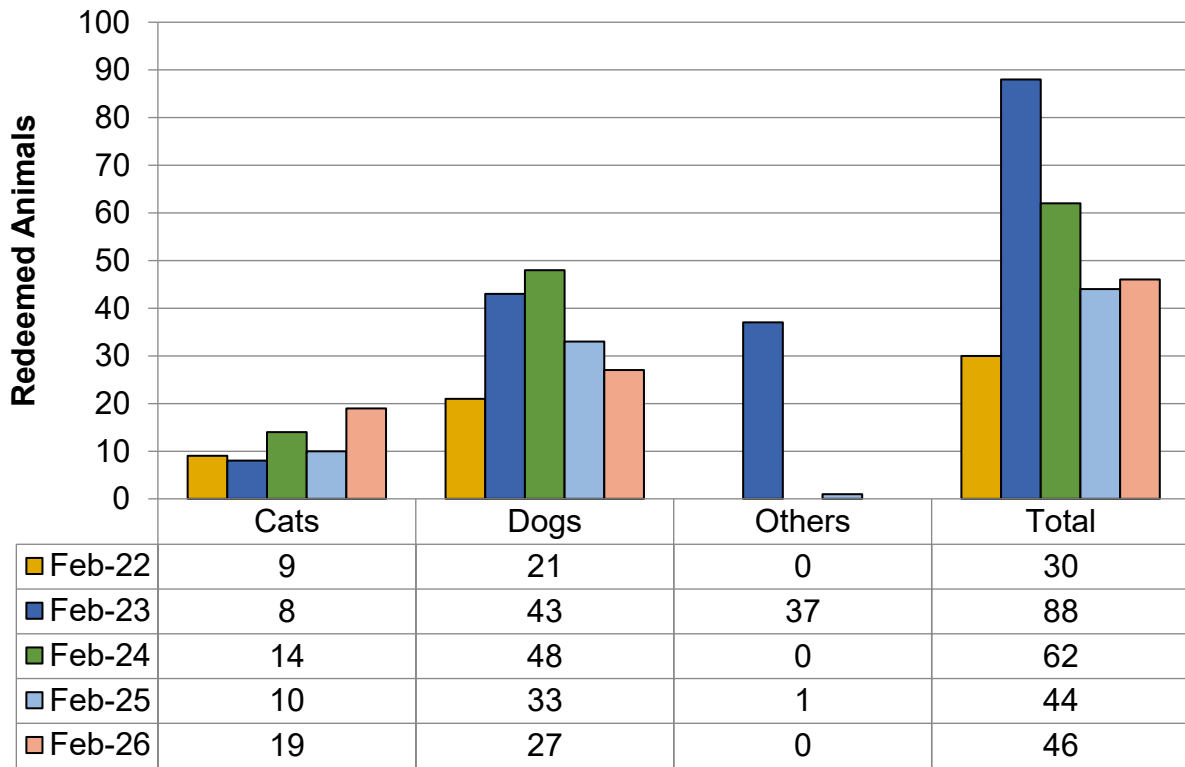
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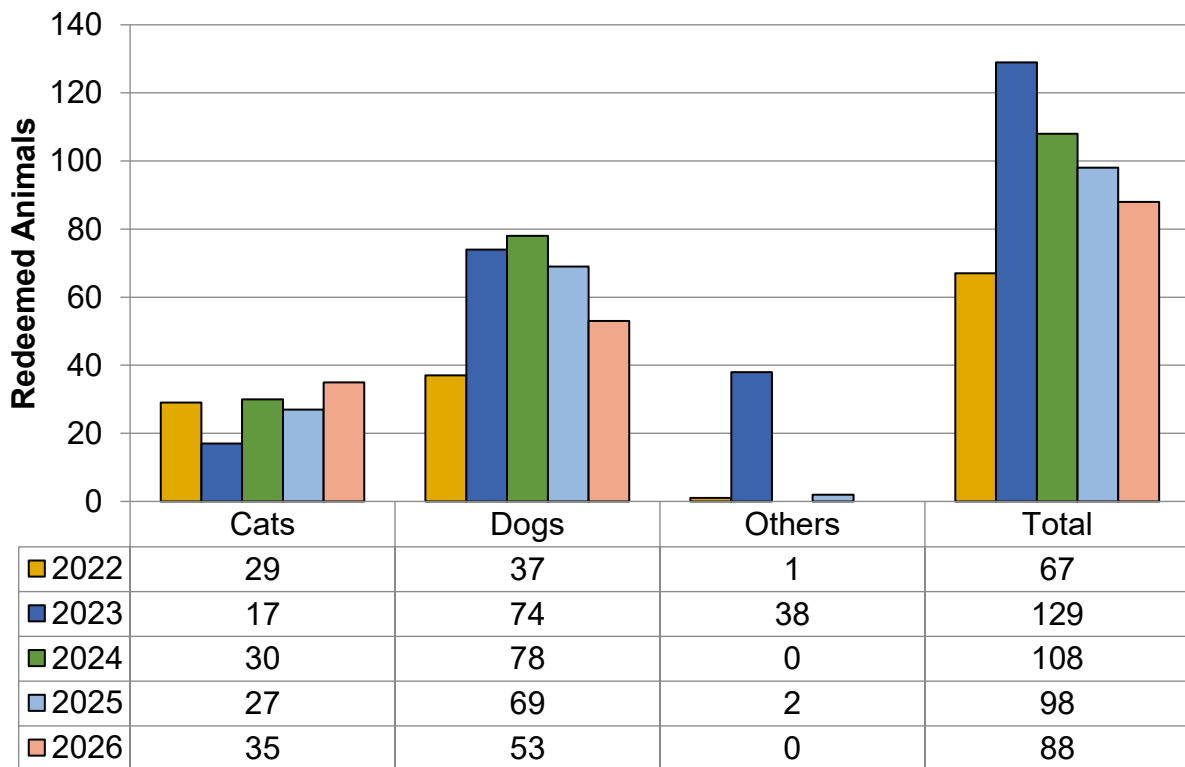
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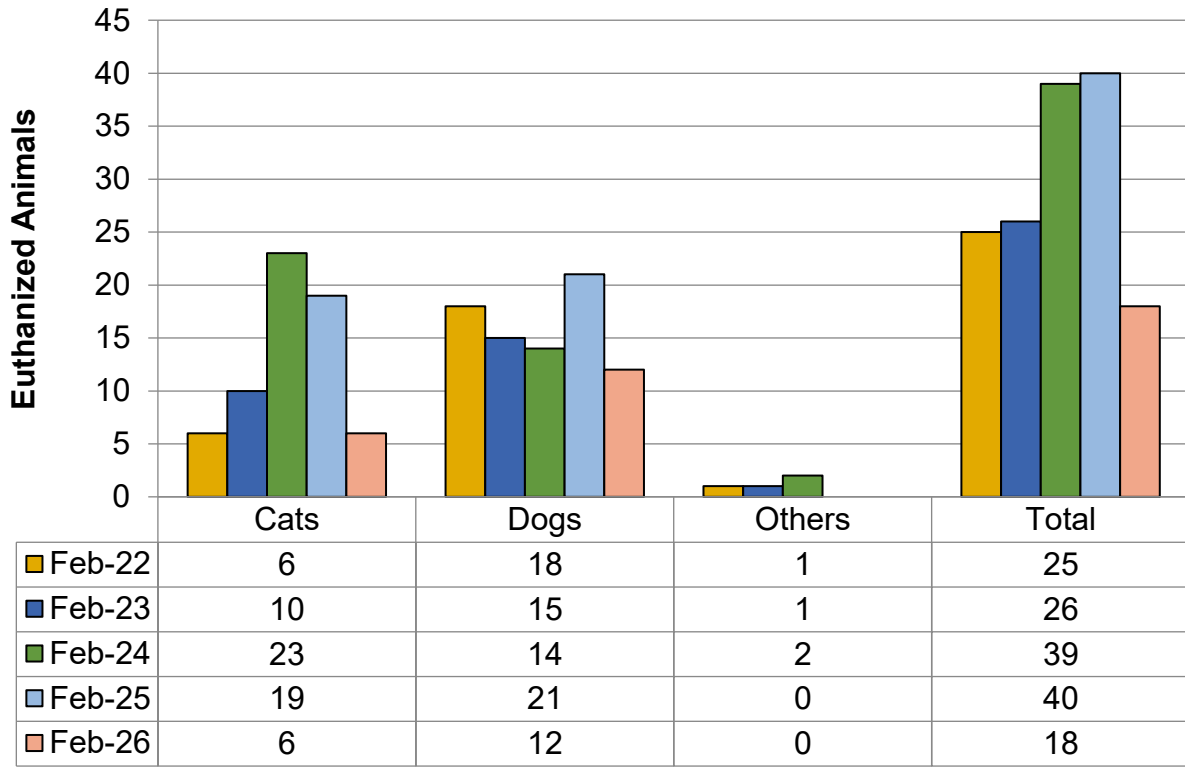
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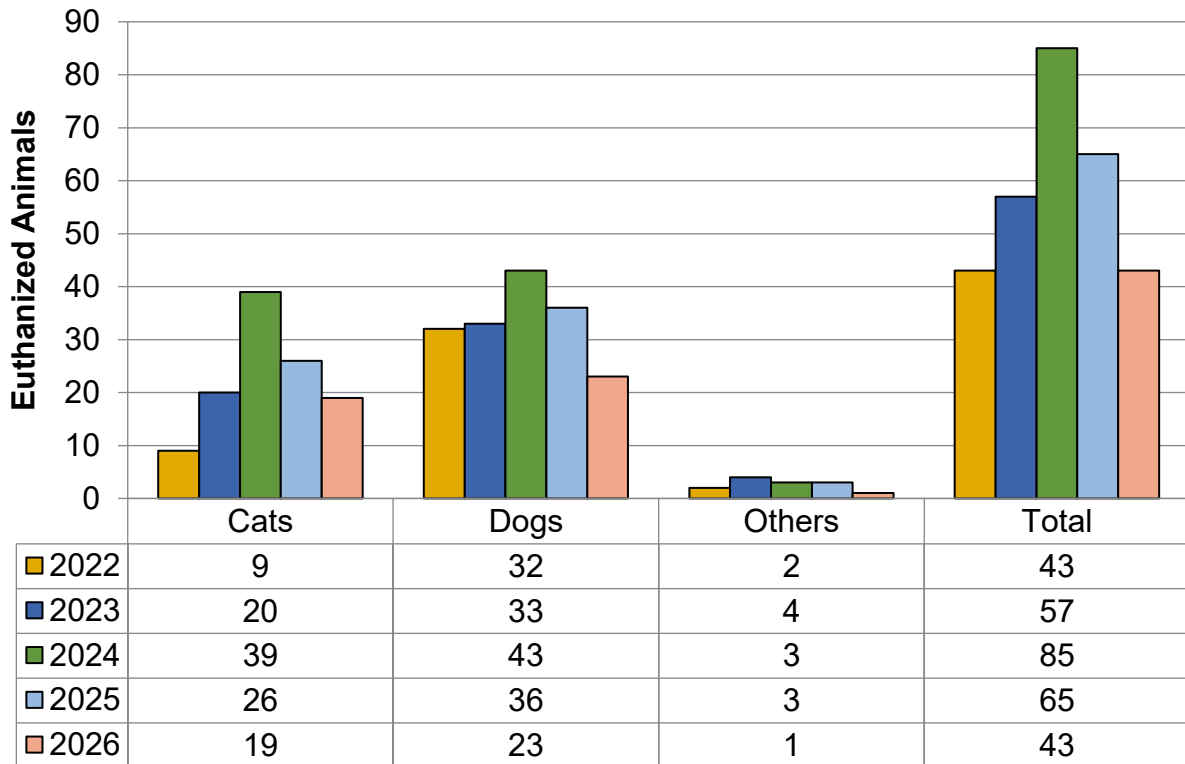
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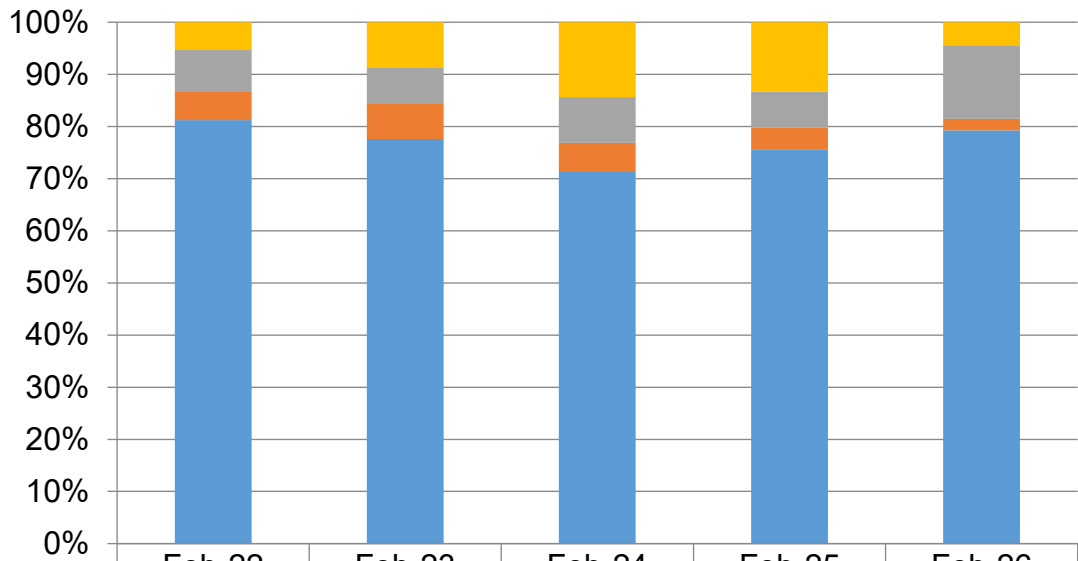
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## Euthanasia Year to Date

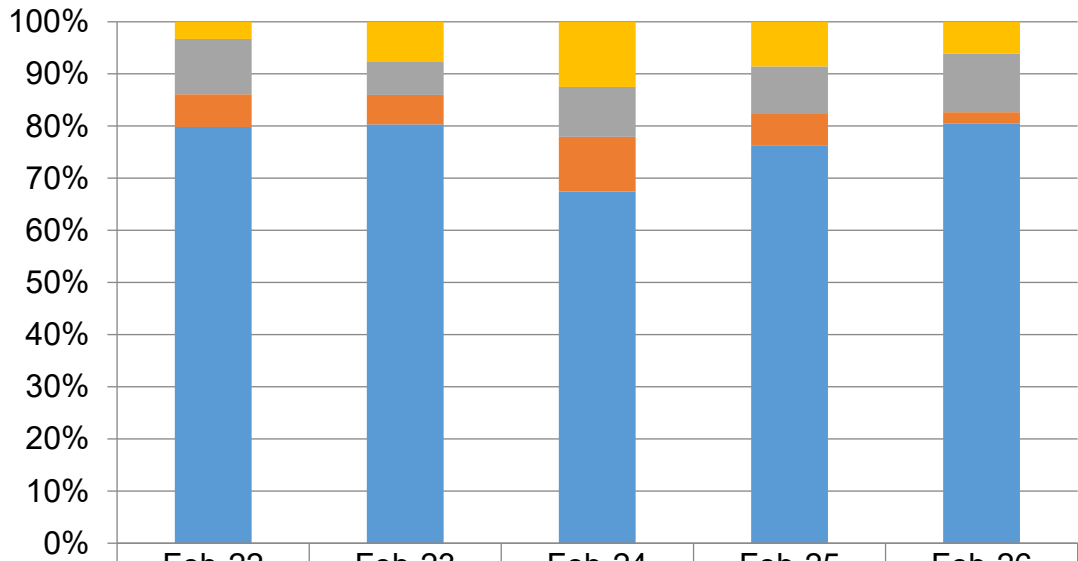


### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - February



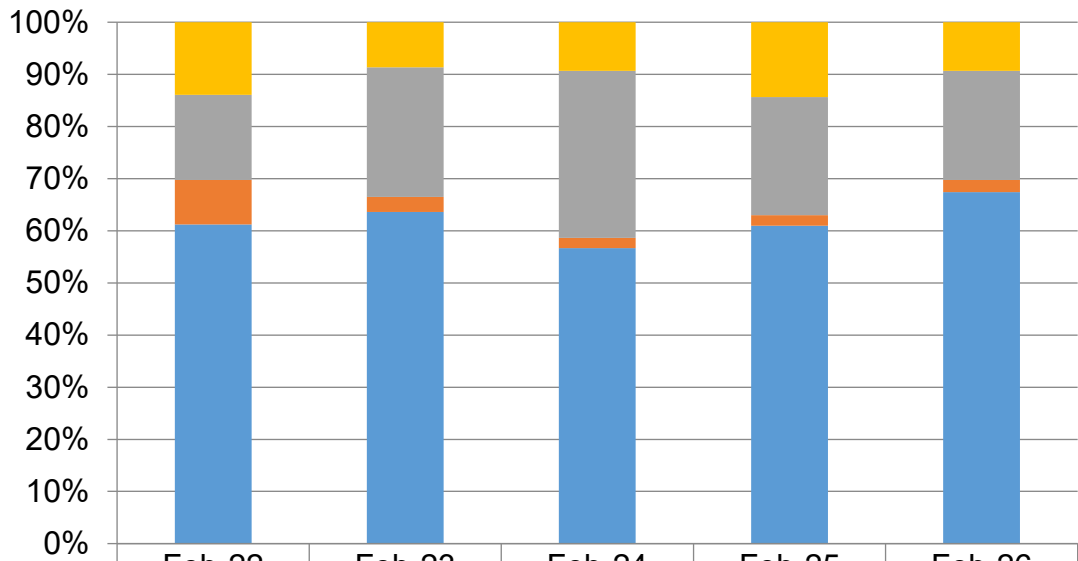
■ Euthanasia	5.36%	8.62%	14.38%	13.29%	4.44%
■ Redemption	8.04%	6.90%	8.75%	6.99%	14.07%
■ Transfer	5.36%	6.90%	5.63%	4.20%	2.22%
■ Adoption	81.25%	77.59%	71.25%	75.52%	79.26%

### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



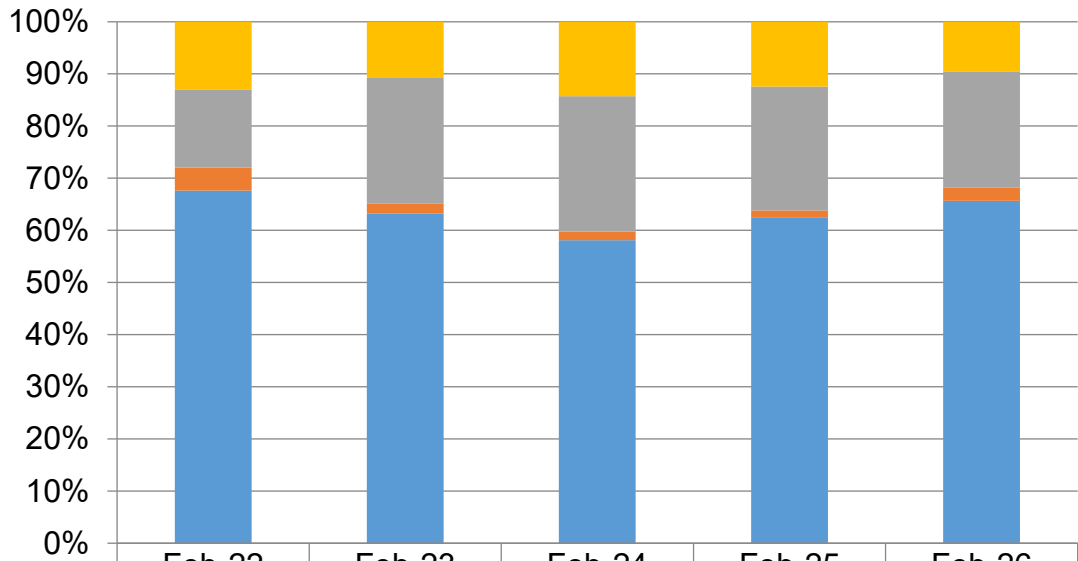
■ Euthanasia	3.30%	7.58%	12.46%	8.58%	6.09%
■ Redemption	10.62%	6.44%	9.58%	8.91%	11.22%
■ Transfer	6.23%	5.68%	10.54%	6.27%	2.24%
■ Adoption	79.85%	80.30%	67.41%	76.24%	80.45%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - February



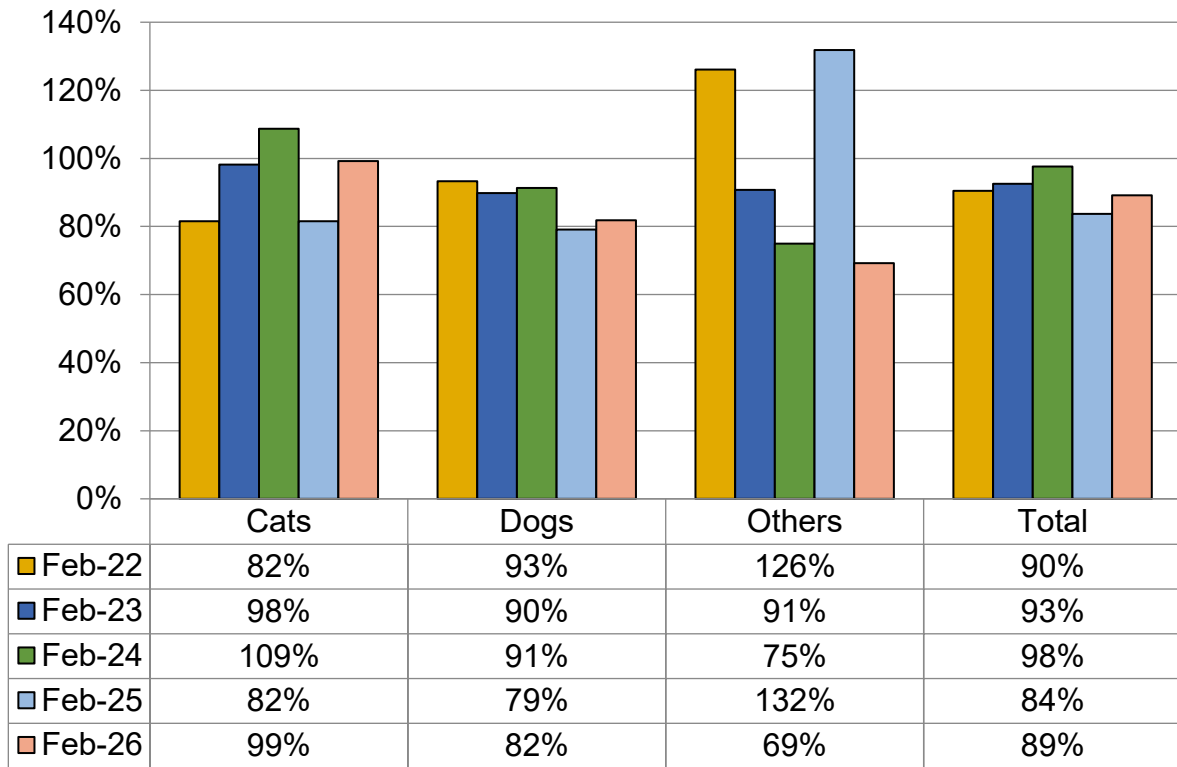
■ Euthanasia	13.95%	8.67%	9.33%	14.38%	9.30%
■ Redemption	16.28%	24.86%	32.00%	22.60%	20.93%
■ Transfer	8.53%	2.89%	2.00%	2.05%	2.33%
■ Adoption	61.24%	63.58%	56.67%	60.96%	67.44%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

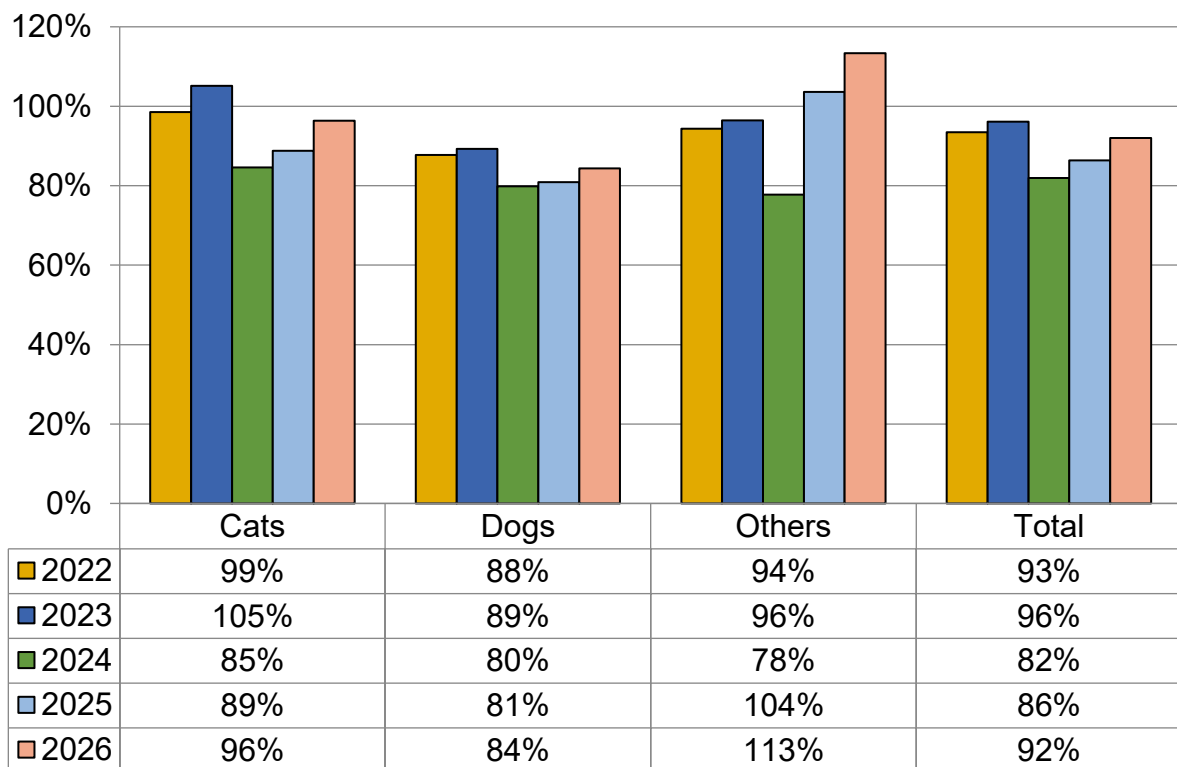


■ Euthanasia	12.96%	10.75%	14.29%	12.41%	9.62%
■ Redemption	14.98%	24.10%	25.91%	23.79%	22.18%
■ Transfer	4.45%	1.95%	1.66%	1.38%	2.51%
■ Adoption	67.61%	63.19%	58.14%	62.41%	65.69%

### Save Rate February



### 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.