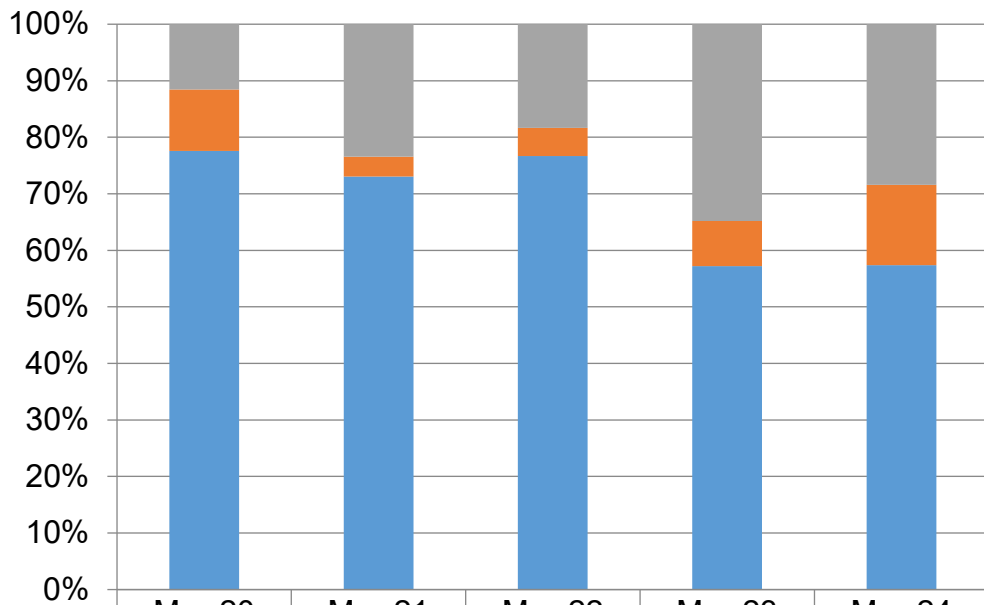


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
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Overview

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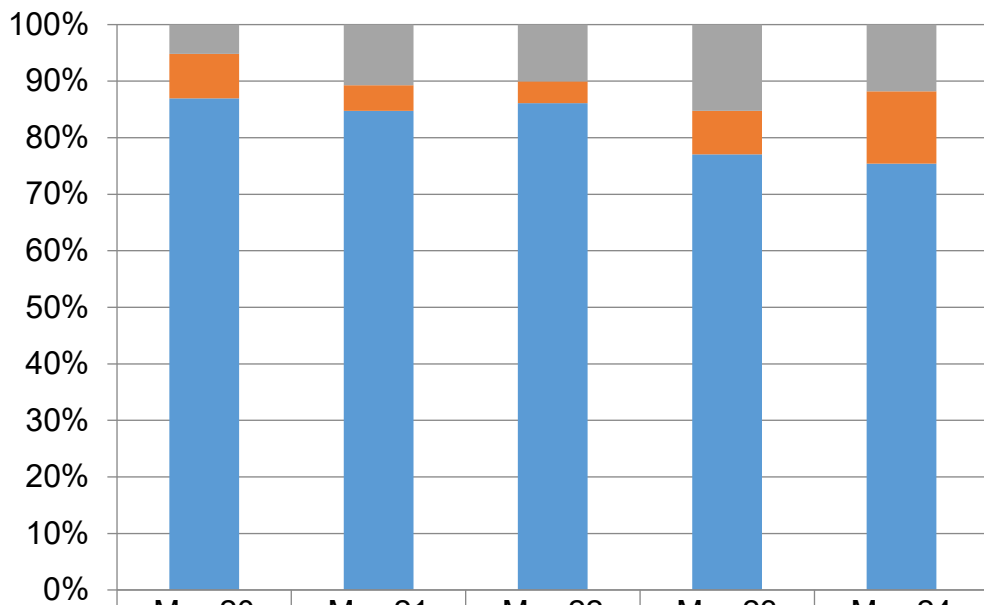
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate March



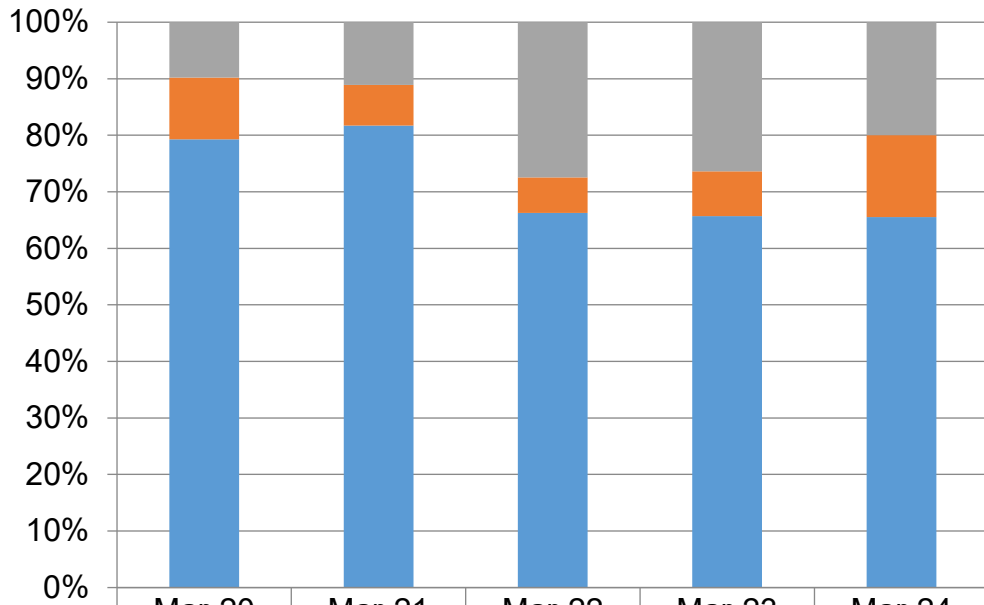
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
Sanctuary Rate	11.54%	23.40%	18.33%	34.83%	28.40%
Euthanasia Rate	10.90%	3.55%	5.00%	7.96%	14.20%
Live Release Rate	77.56%	73.05%	76.67%	57.21%	57.40%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



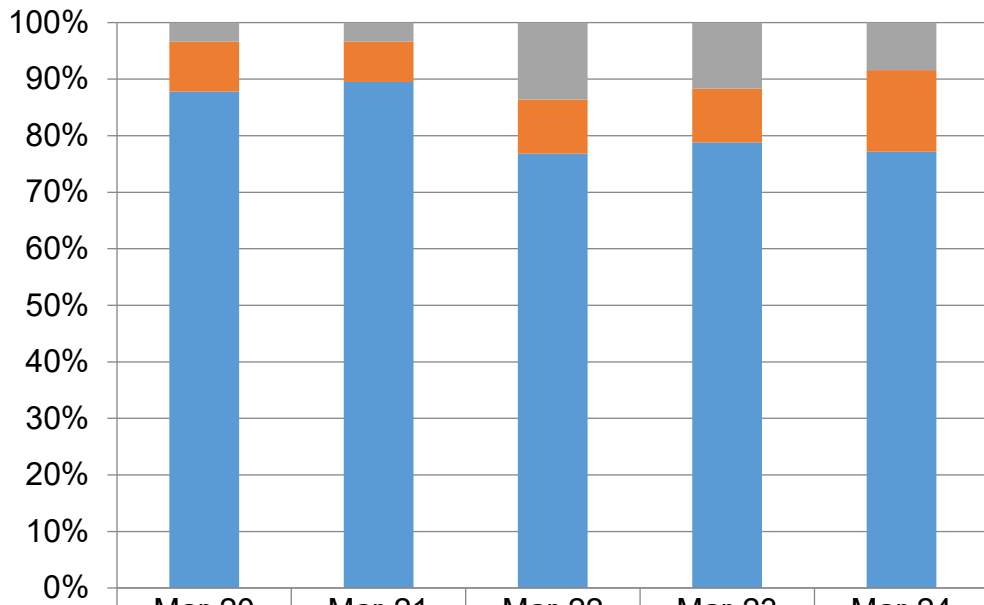
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Sanctuary Rate	5.17%	10.71%	10.06%	15.24%	11.79%
Euthanasia Rate	7.85%	4.55%	3.85%	7.73%	12.80%
Live Release Rate	86.97%	84.74%	86.08%	77.04%	75.41%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate March



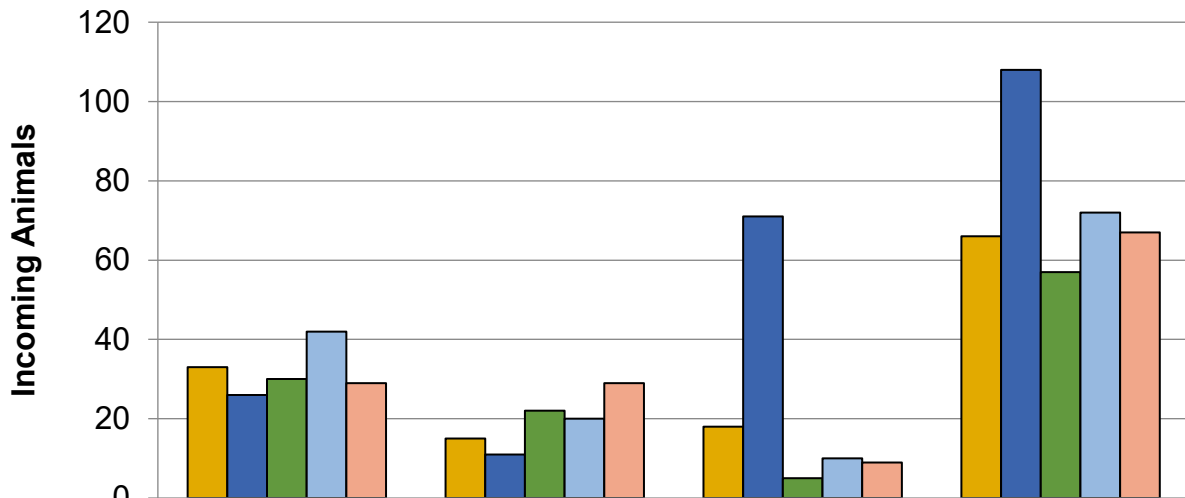
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Sanctuary Rate	9.77%	11.11%	27.45%	26.36%	20.00%
Euthanasia Rate	10.92%	7.14%	6.27%	7.95%	14.47%
Live Release Rate	79.31%	81.75%	66.27%	65.69%	65.53%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



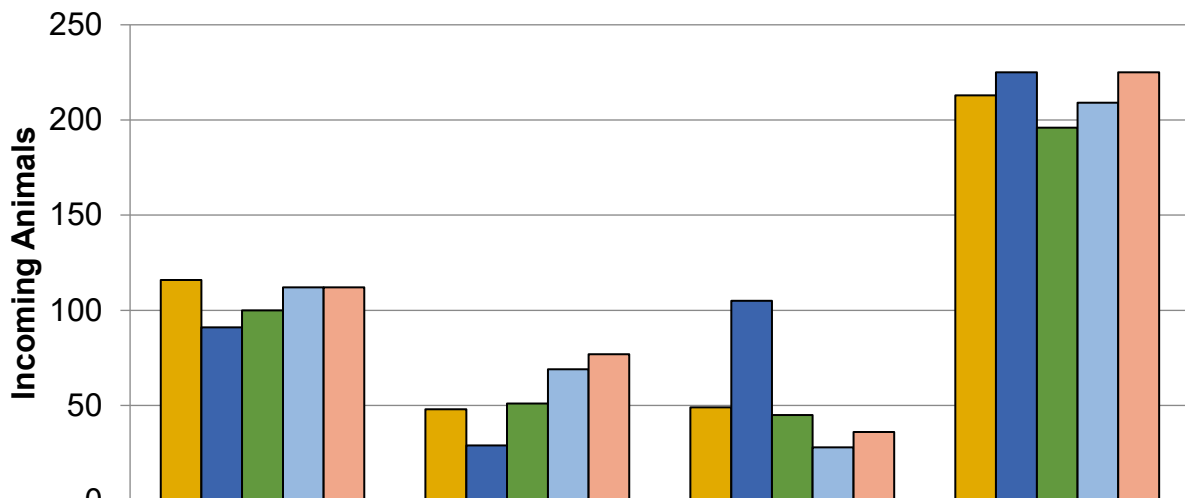
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
Sanctuary Rate	3.39%	3.38%	13.60%	11.70%	8.43%
Euthanasia Rate	8.78%	7.09%	9.60%	9.51%	14.42%
Live Release Rate	87.82%	89.53%	76.80%	78.79%	77.15%

### Surrenders March



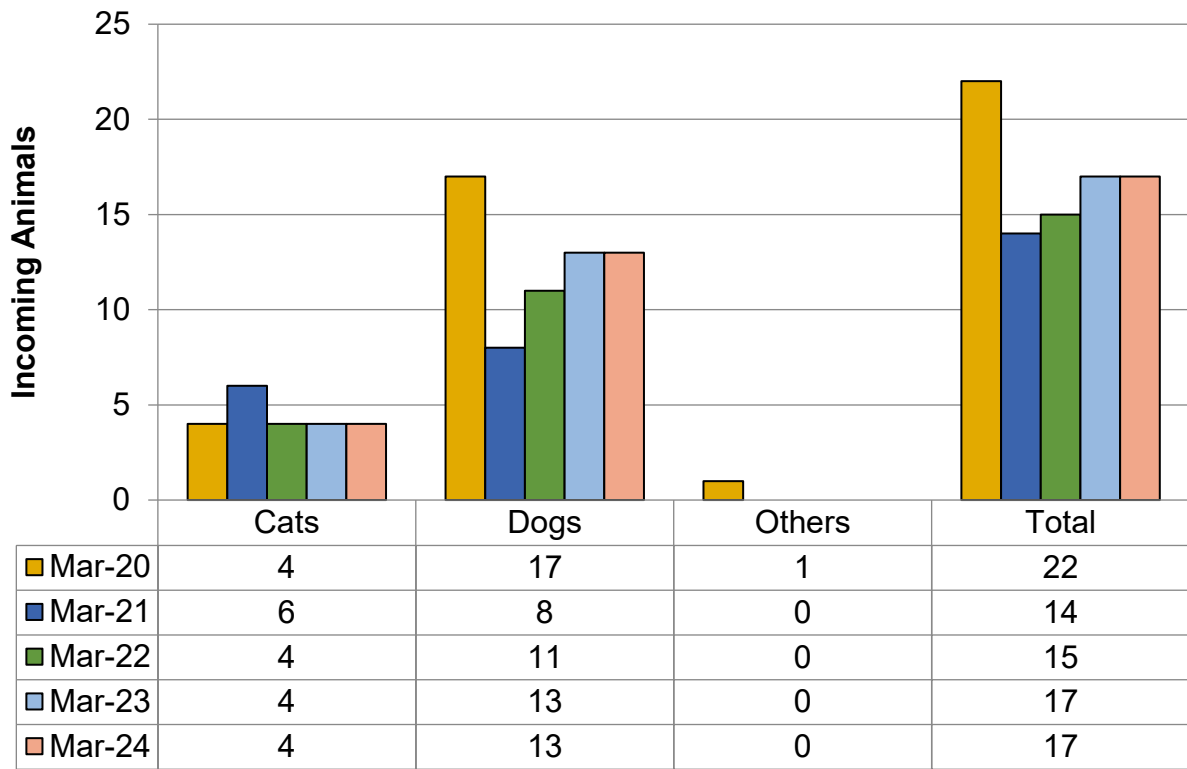
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	33	15	18	66
Mar-21	26	11	71	108
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Mar-23	42	20	10	72
Mar-24	29	29	9	67

### Surrenders Year to Date

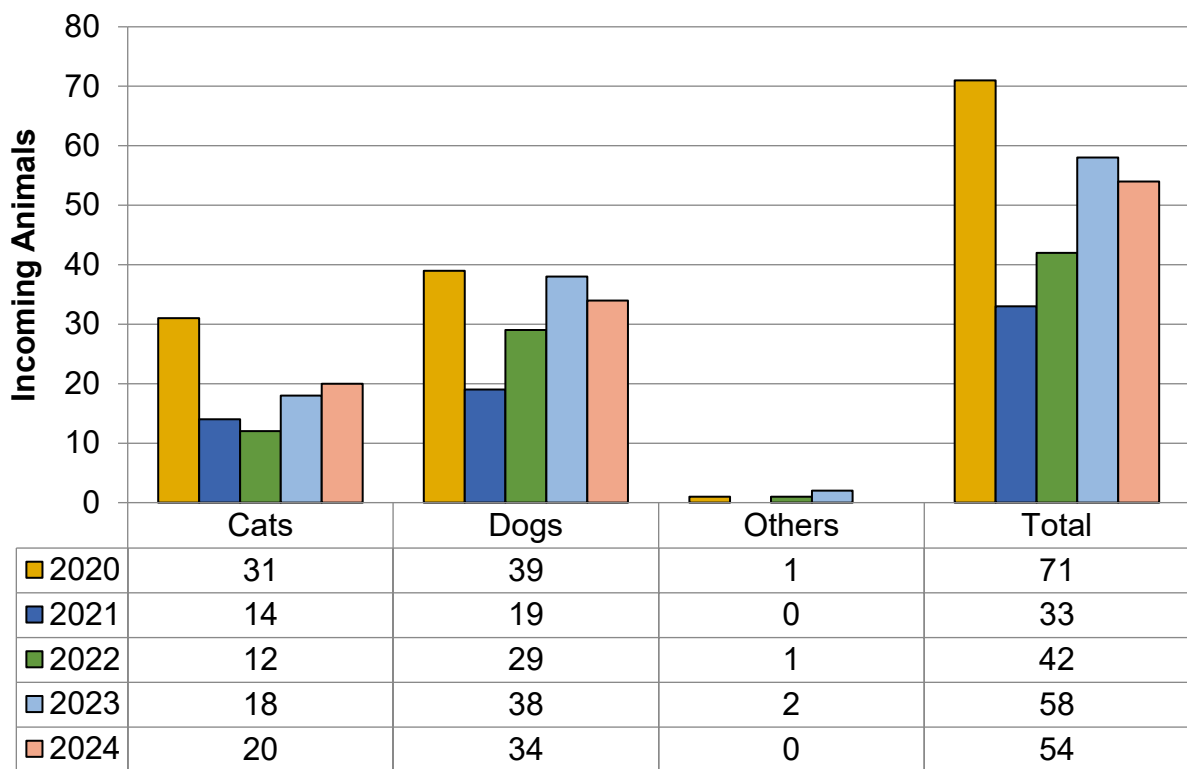


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	116	48	49	213
2021	91	29	105	225
2022	100	51	45	196
2023	112	69	28	209
2024	112	77	36	225

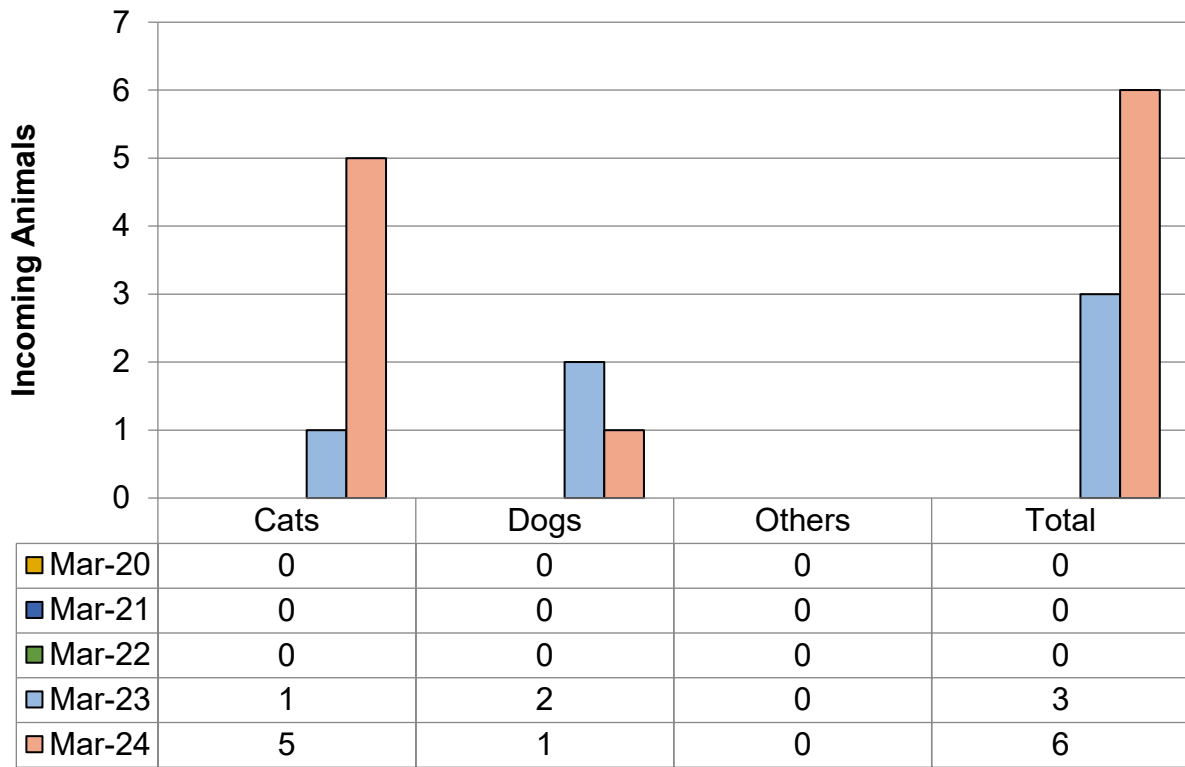
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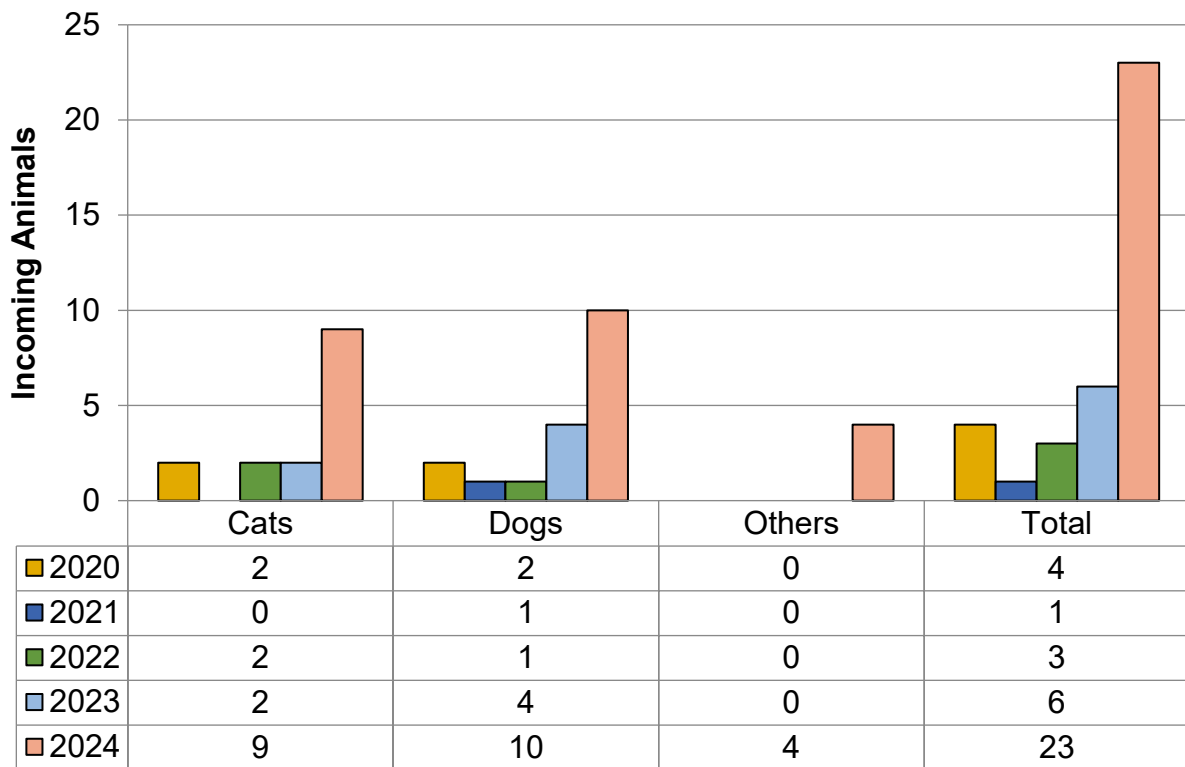
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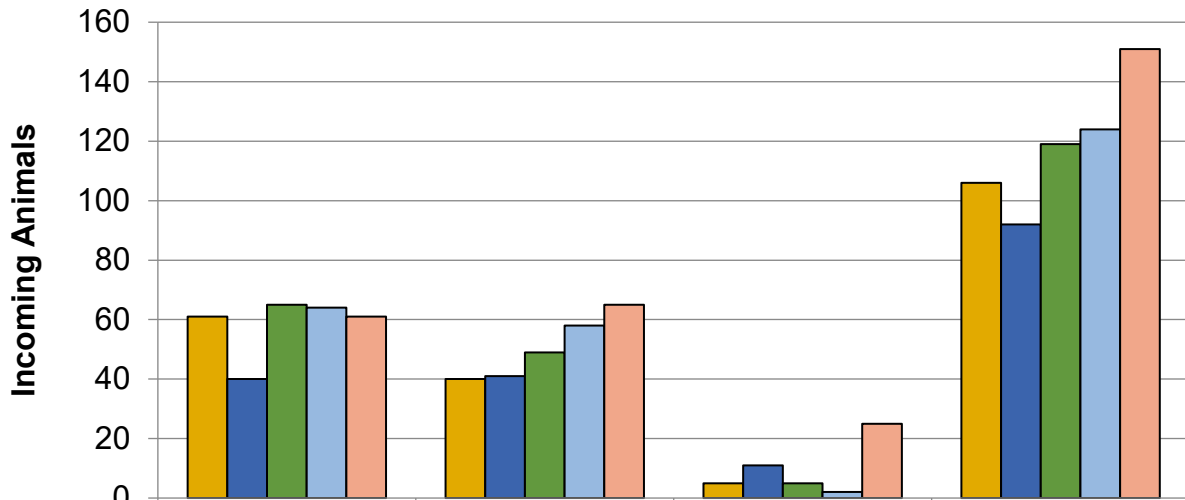
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### Seized / Custody Year to Date

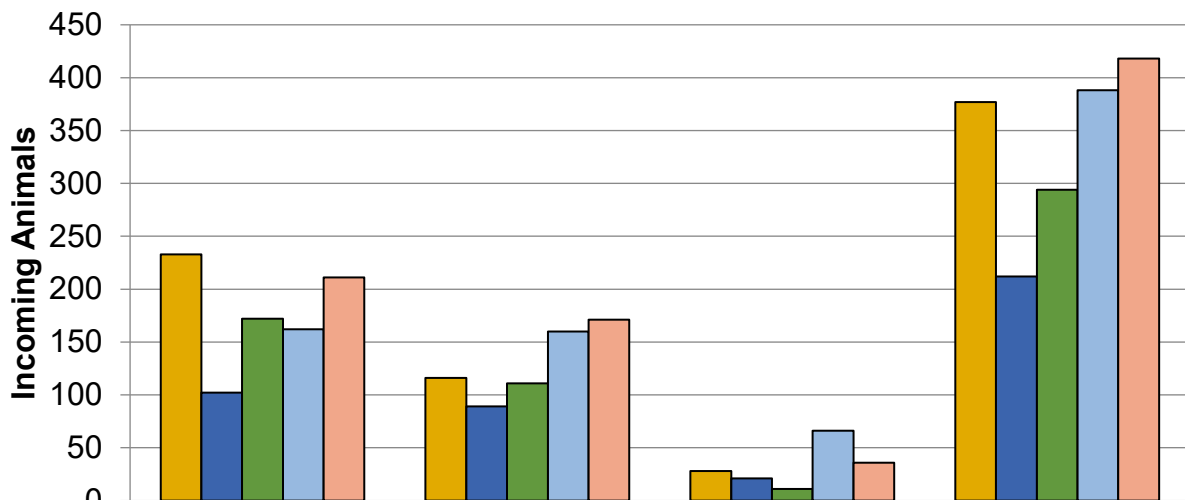


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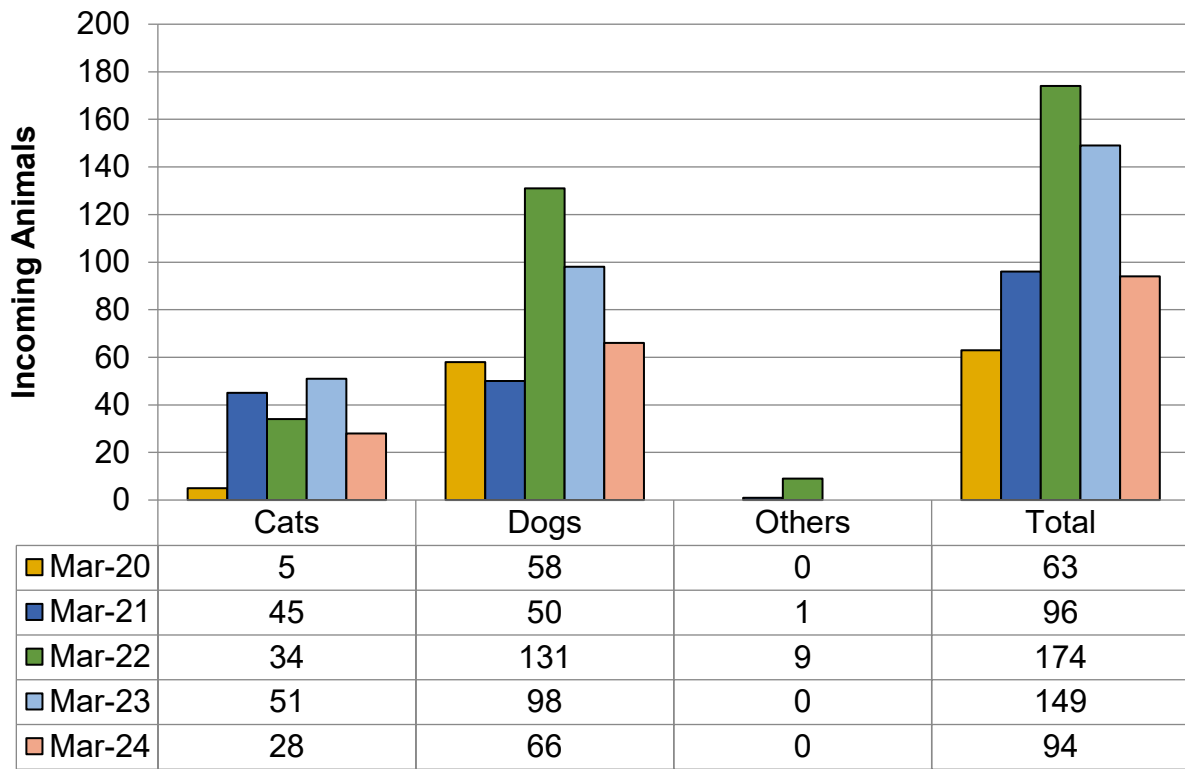
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	61	40	5	106
Mar-21	40	41	11	92
Mar-22	65	49	5	119
Mar-23	64	58	2	124
Mar-24	61	65	25	151

### Stray Year to Date

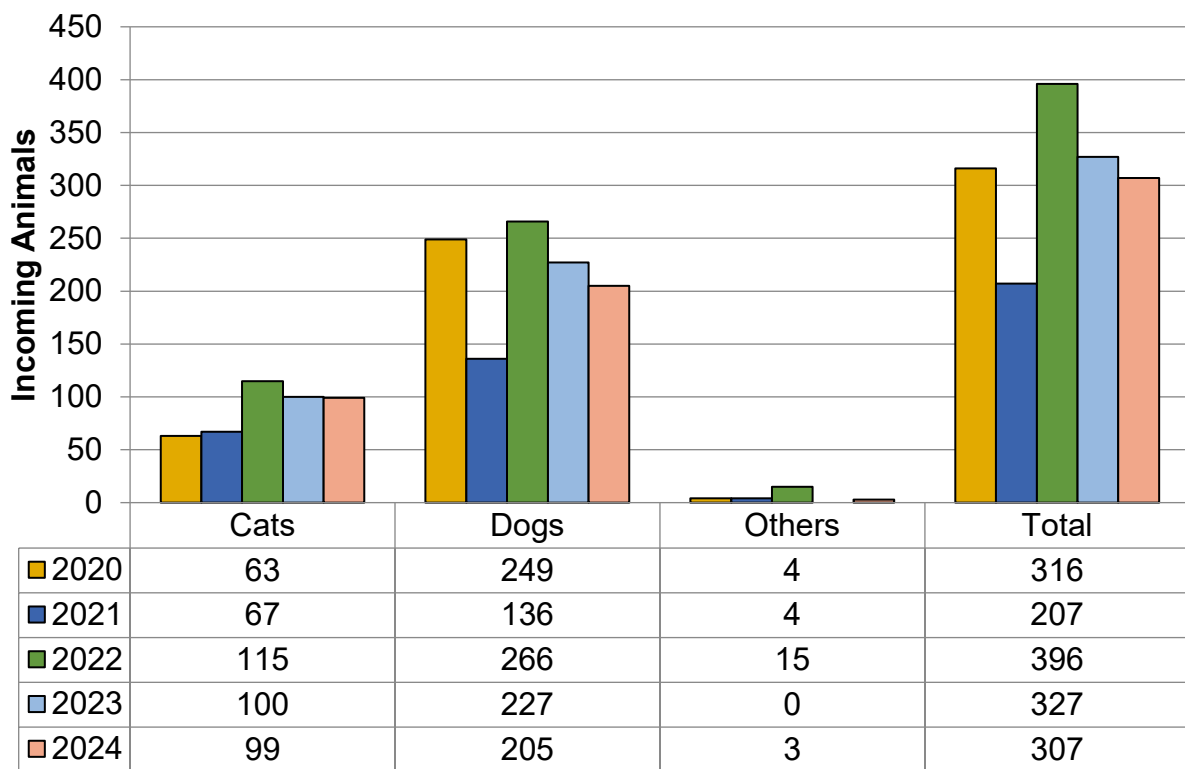


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	233	116	28	377
2021	102	89	21	212
2022	172	111	11	294
2023	162	160	66	388
2024	211	171	36	418

### Incoming Transfers March

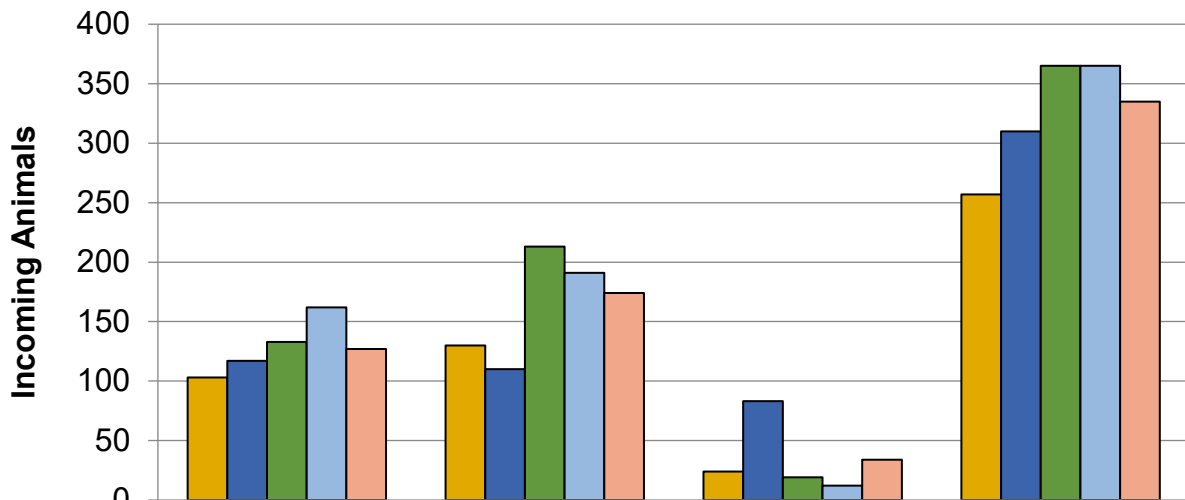


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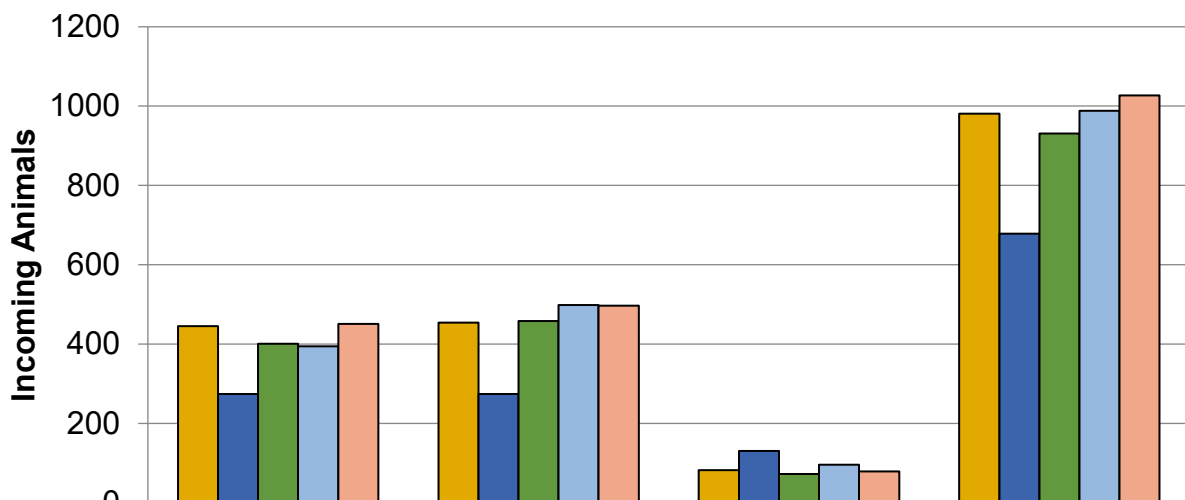


### Intake March



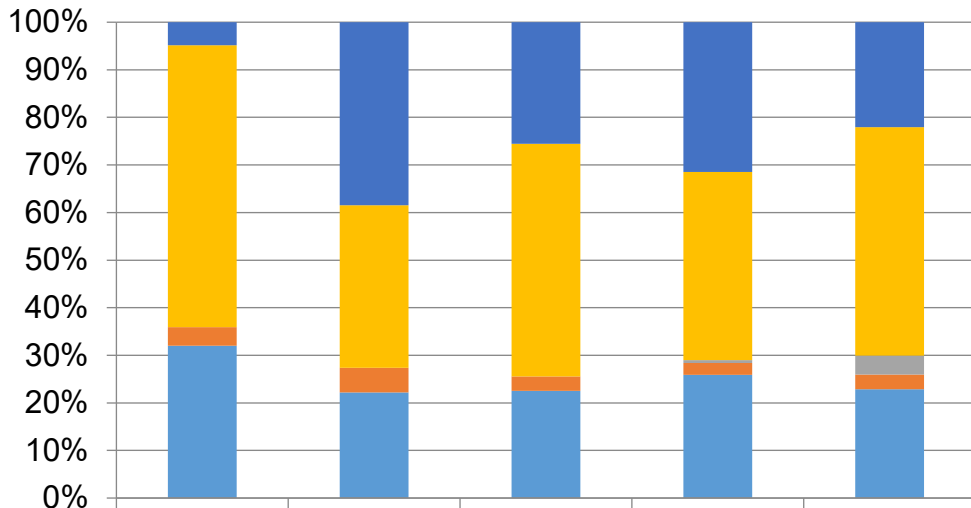
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	103	130	24	257
Mar-21	117	110	83	310
Mar-22	133	213	19	365
Mar-23	162	191	12	365
Mar-24	127	174	34	335

### Intake Year to Date



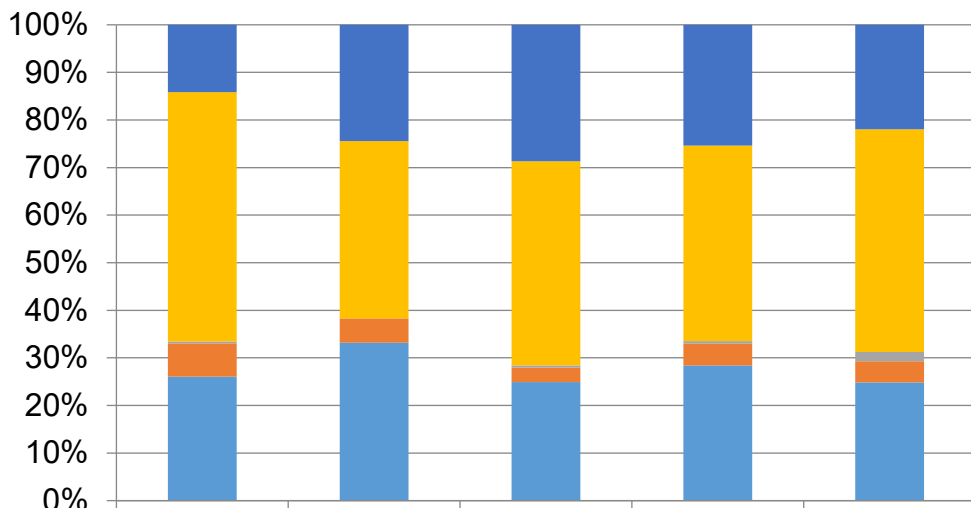
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	445	454	82	981
2021	274	274	130	678
2022	401	458	72	931
2023	394	498	96	988
2024	451	497	79	1027

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - March



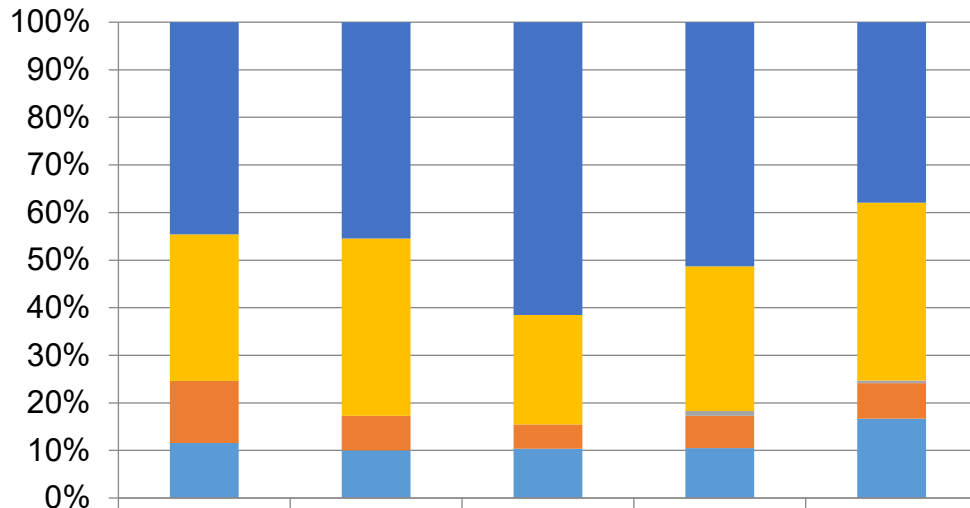
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
■ Incoming Transfers	4.85%	38.46%	25.56%	31.48%	22.05%
■ Strays	59.22%	34.19%	48.87%	39.51%	48.03%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.62%	3.94%
■ Returns	3.88%	5.13%	3.01%	2.47%	3.15%
■ Owner Surrenders	32.04%	22.22%	22.56%	25.93%	22.83%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



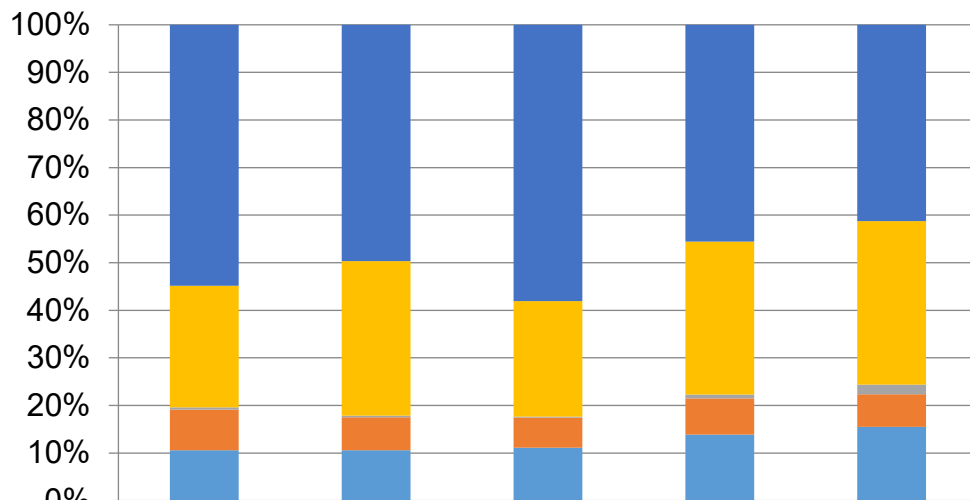
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
■ Incoming Transfers	14.16%	24.45%	28.68%	25.38%	21.95%
■ Strays	52.36%	37.23%	42.89%	41.12%	46.78%
■ Seized / Custody	0.45%	0.00%	0.50%	0.51%	2.00%
■ Returns	6.97%	5.11%	2.99%	4.57%	4.43%
■ Owner Surrenders	26.07%	33.21%	24.94%	28.43%	24.83%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - March



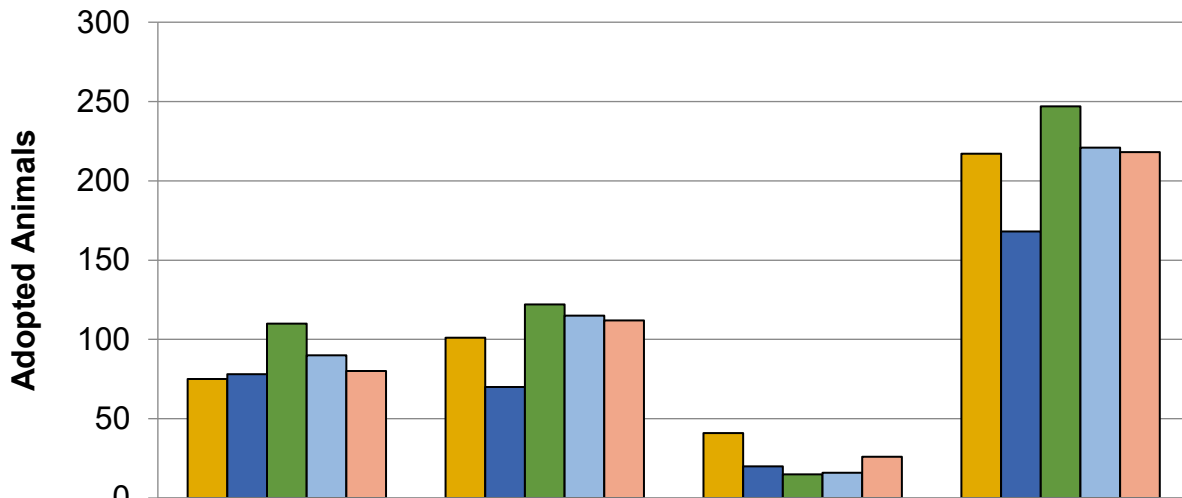
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
■ Incoming Transfers	44.62%	45.45%	61.50%	51.31%	37.93%
■ Strays	30.77%	37.27%	23.00%	30.37%	37.36%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.05%	0.57%
■ Returns	13.08%	7.27%	5.16%	6.81%	7.47%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.54%	10.00%	10.33%	10.47%	16.67%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



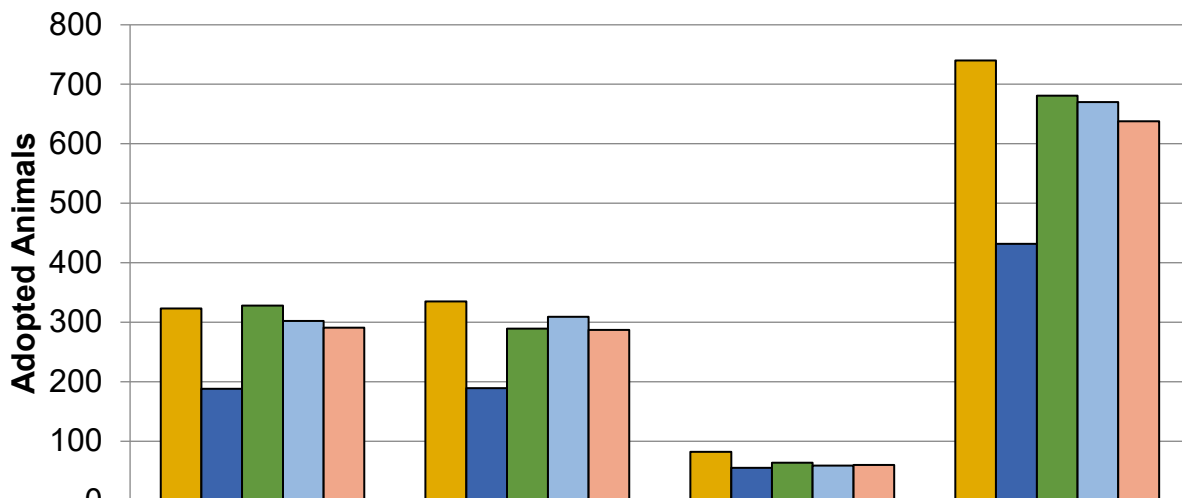
	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
■ Incoming Transfers	54.85%	49.64%	58.08%	45.58%	41.25%
■ Strays	25.55%	32.48%	24.24%	32.13%	34.41%
■ Seized / Custody	0.44%	0.36%	0.22%	0.80%	2.01%
■ Returns	8.59%	6.93%	6.33%	7.63%	6.84%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.57%	10.58%	11.14%	13.86%	15.49%

### Adoptions March



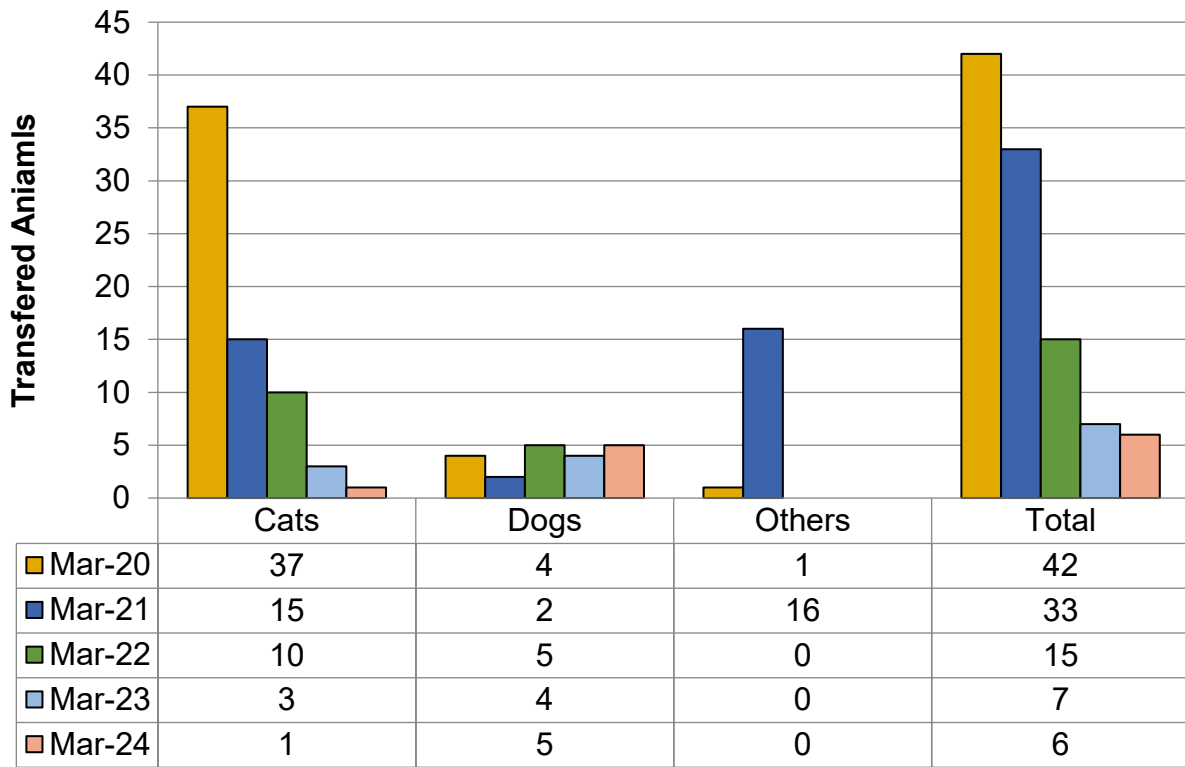
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	75	101	41	217
Mar-21	78	70	20	168
Mar-22	110	122	15	247
Mar-23	90	115	16	221
Mar-24	80	112	26	218

### Adoptions Year to Date

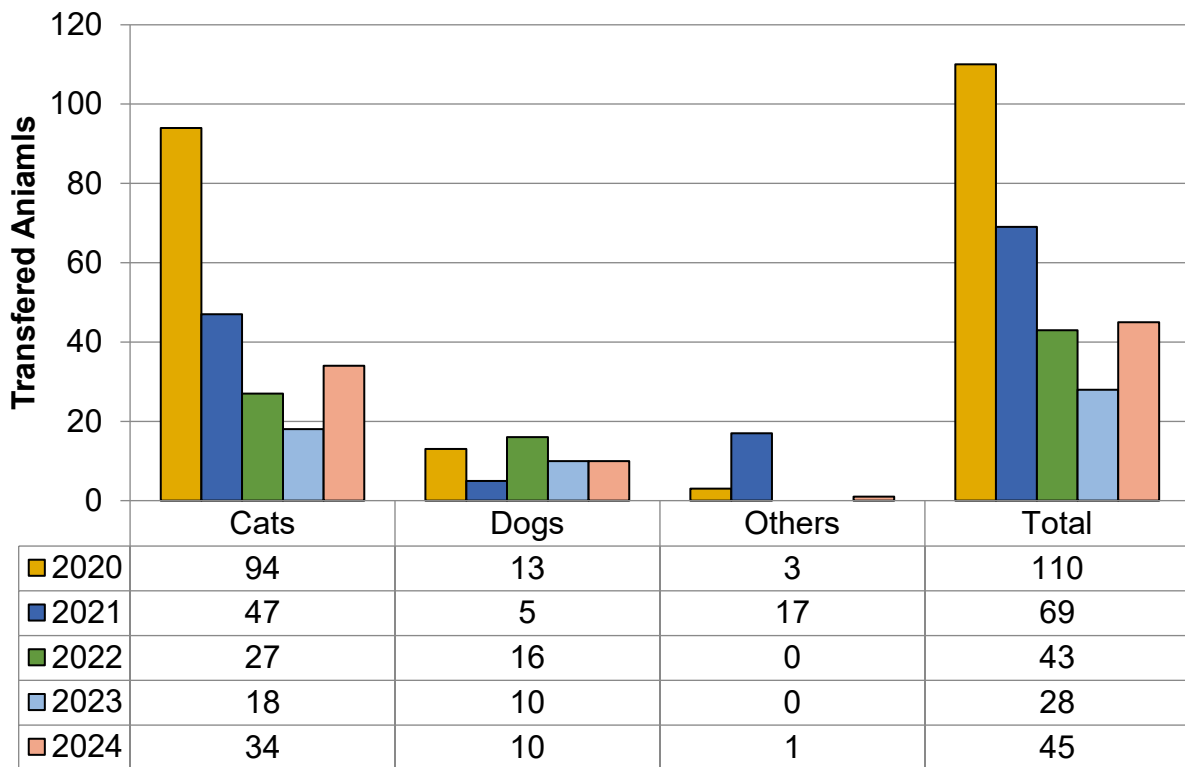


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	323	335	82	740
2021	188	189	55	432
2022	328	289	64	681
2023	302	309	59	670
2024	291	287	60	638

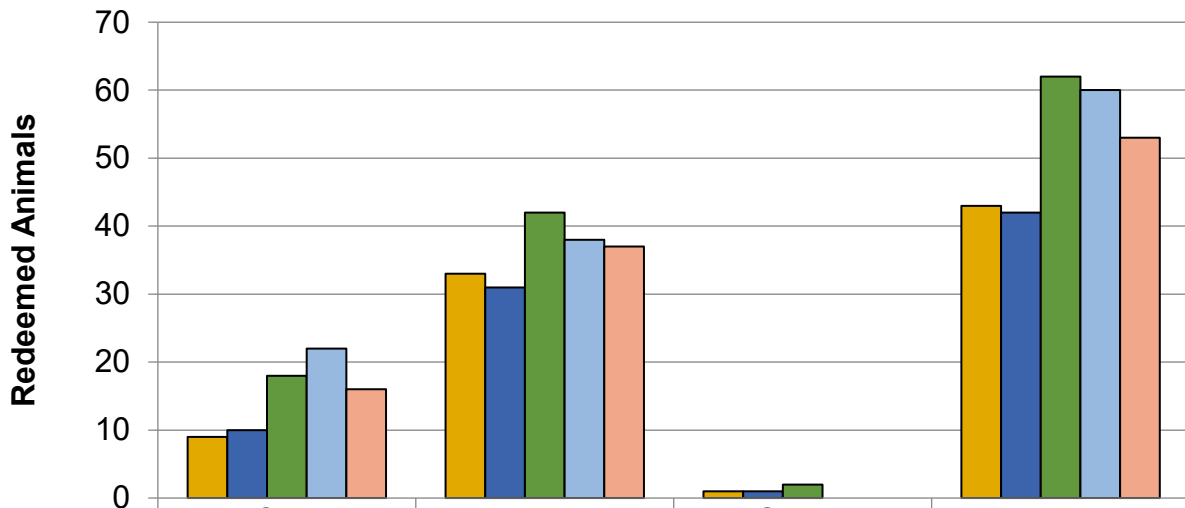
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### Outgoing Transfers Year to Date

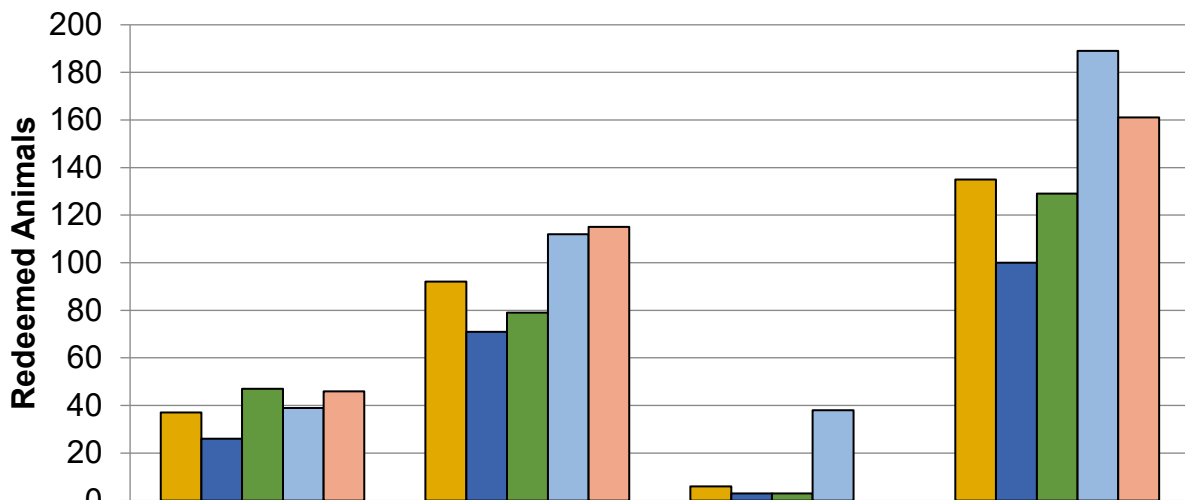


## Redemptions March



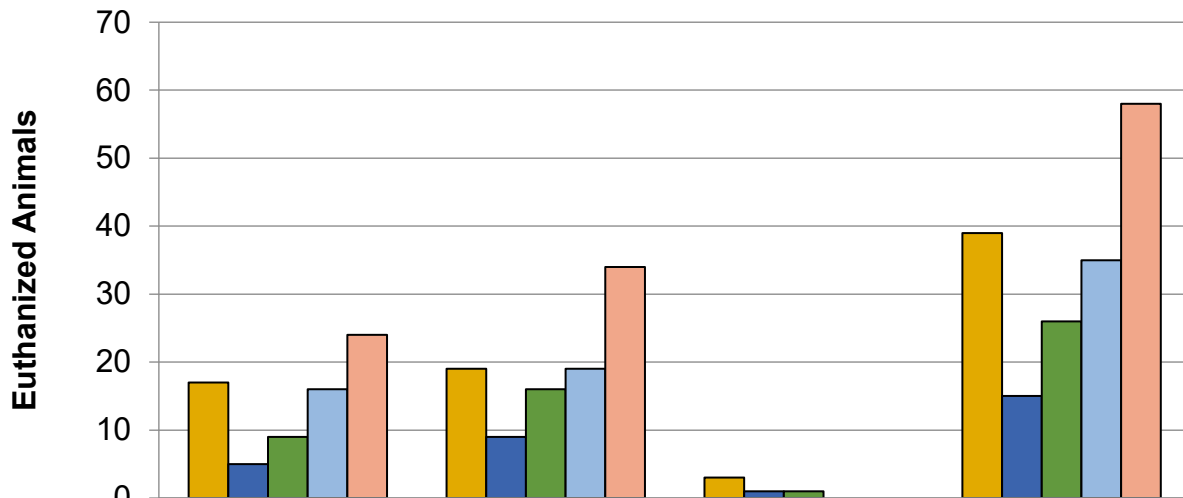
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	9	33	1	43
Mar-21	10	31	1	42
Mar-22	18	42	2	62
Mar-23	22	38	0	60
Mar-24	16	37	0	53

## Redemptions Year to Date



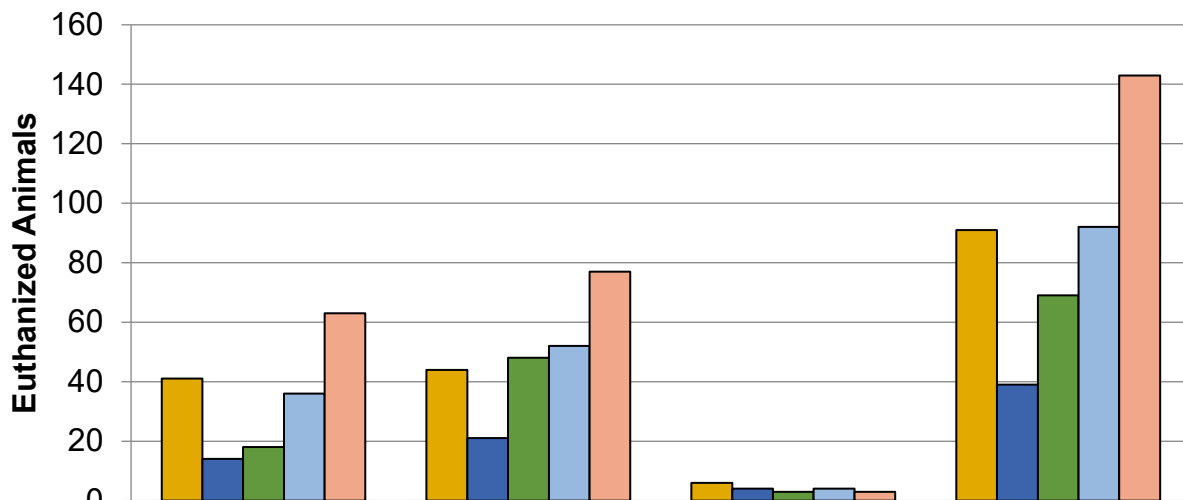
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	37	92	6	135
2021	26	71	3	100
2022	47	79	3	129
2023	39	112	38	189
2024	46	115	0	161

### Euthanasia March



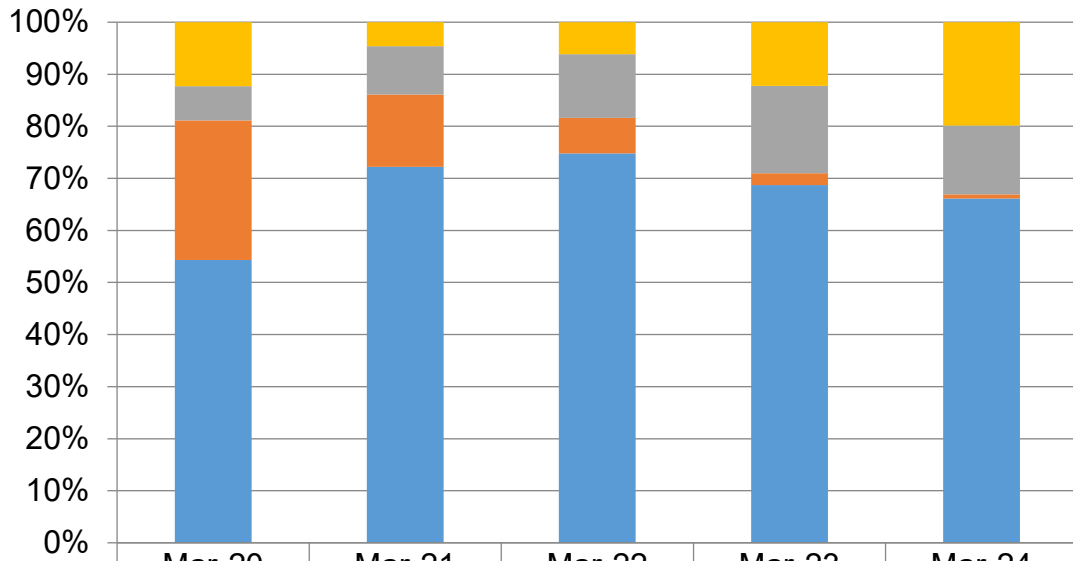
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Mar-20	17	19	3	39
Mar-21	5	9	1	15
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Mar-23	16	19	0	35
Mar-24	24	34	0	58

### Euthanasia Year to Date



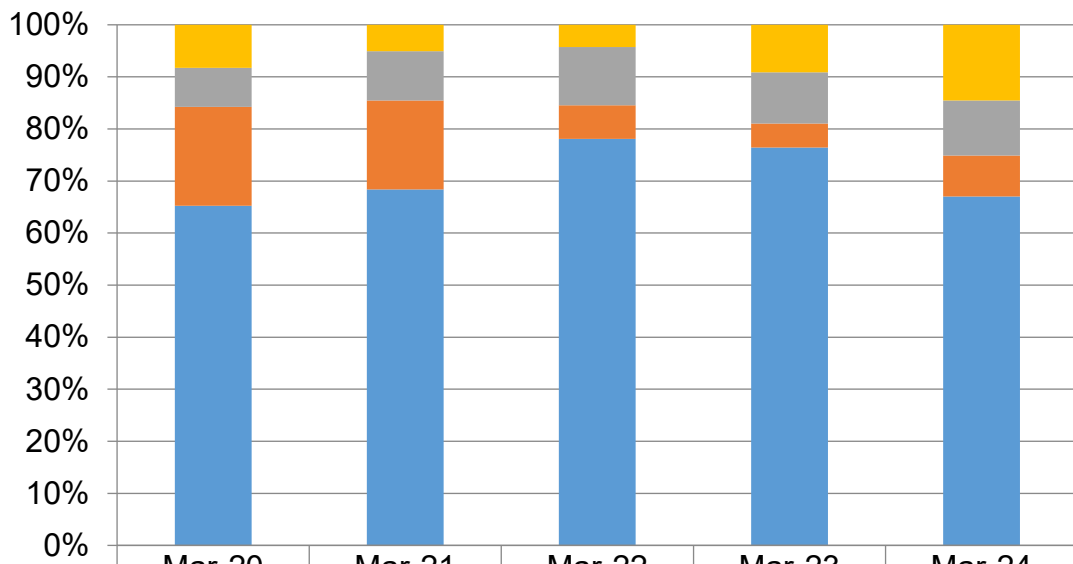
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	41	44	6	91
2021	14	21	4	39
2022	18	48	3	69
2023	36	52	4	92
2024	63	77	3	143

### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - March



	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
Euthanasia	12.32%	4.63%	6.12%	12.21%	19.83%
Redemption	6.52%	9.26%	12.24%	16.79%	13.22%
Transfer	26.81%	13.89%	6.80%	2.29%	0.83%
Adoption	54.35%	72.22%	74.83%	68.70%	66.12%

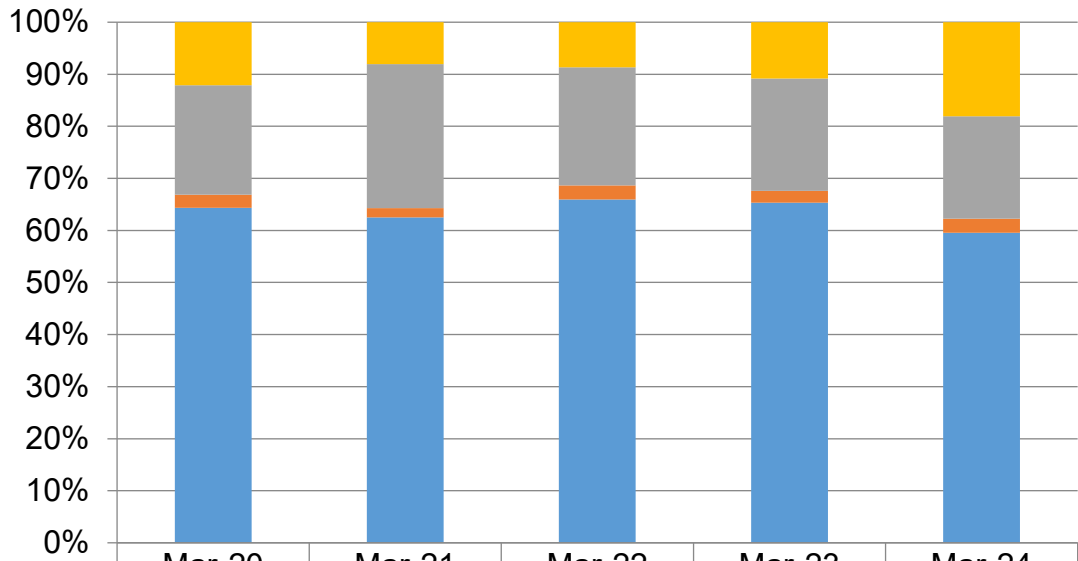
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24
Euthanasia	8.28%	5.09%	4.29%	9.11%	14.52%
Redemption	7.47%	9.45%	11.19%	9.87%	10.60%
Transfer	18.99%	17.09%	6.43%	4.56%	7.83%
Adoption	65.25%	68.36%	78.10%	76.46%	67.05%

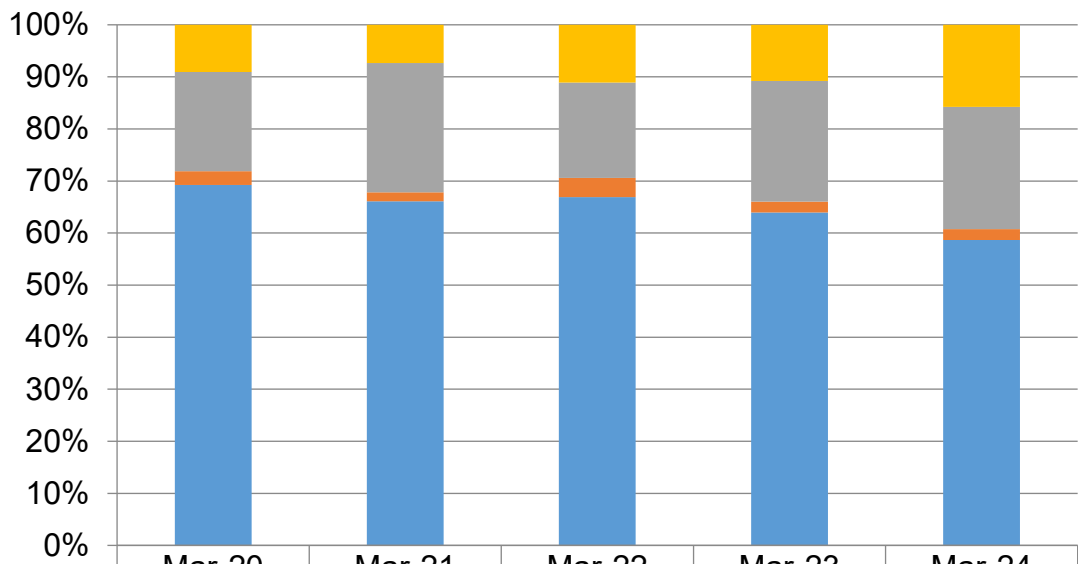


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - March



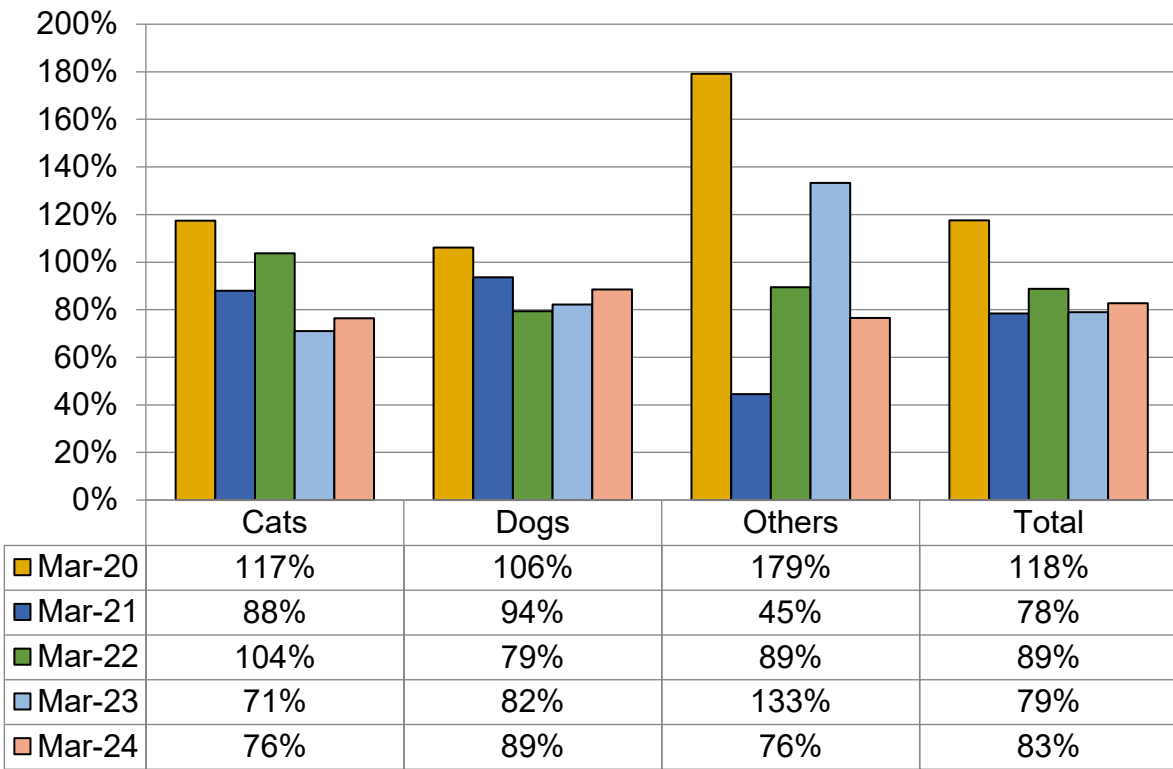
■ Euthanasia	12.10%	8.04%	8.65%	10.80%	18.09%
■ Redemption	21.02%	27.68%	22.70%	21.59%	19.68%
■ Transfer	2.55%	1.79%	2.70%	2.27%	2.66%
■ Adoption	64.33%	62.50%	65.95%	65.34%	59.57%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

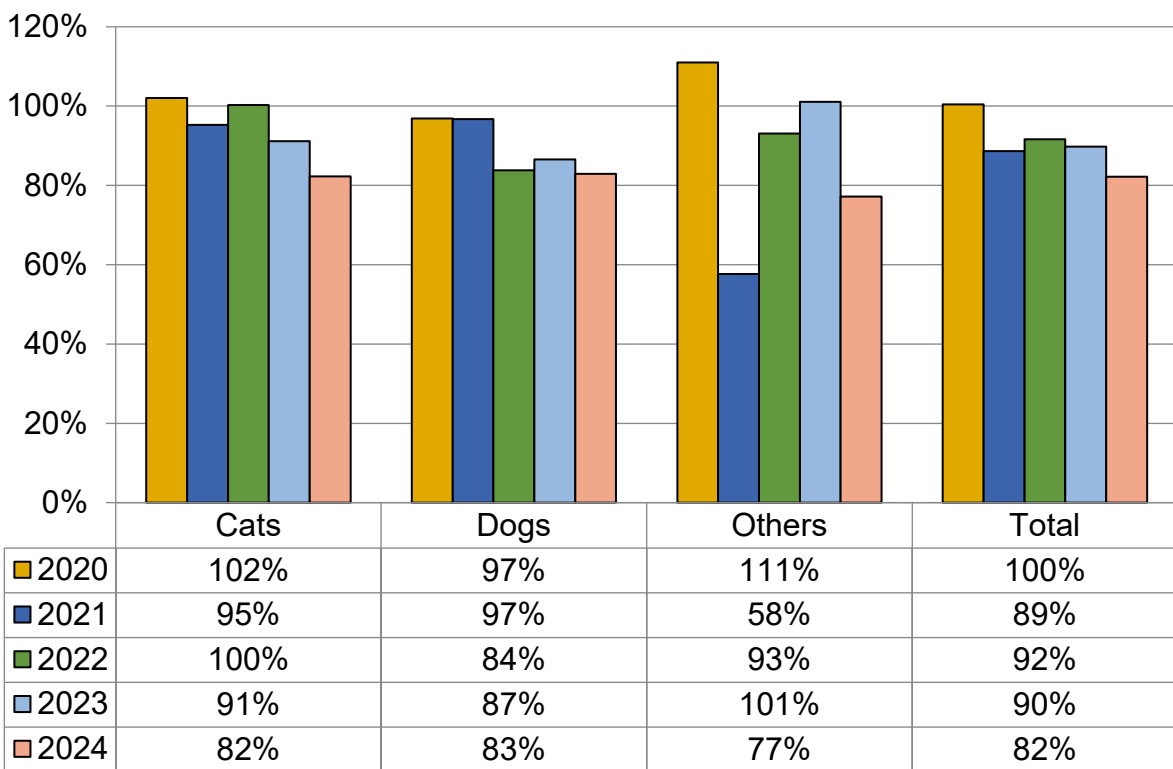


■ Euthanasia	9.09%	7.34%	11.11%	10.77%	15.75%
■ Redemption	19.01%	24.83%	18.29%	23.19%	23.52%
■ Transfer	2.69%	1.75%	3.70%	2.07%	2.04%
■ Adoption	69.21%	66.08%	66.90%	63.98%	58.69%

### Save Rate March



### 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.