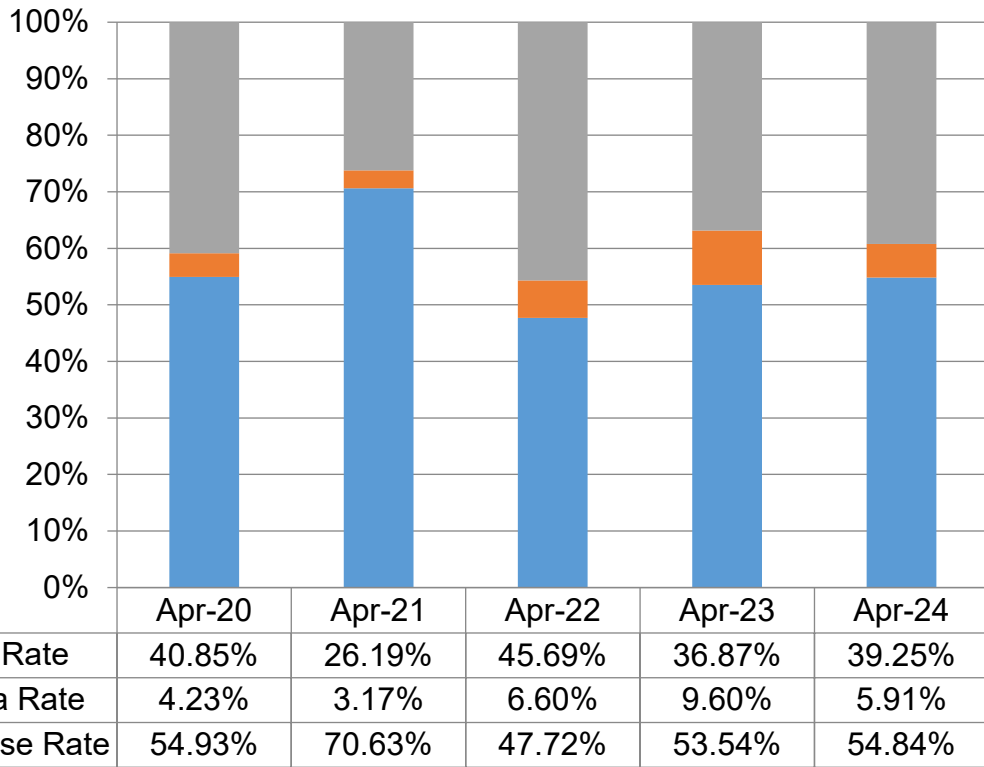


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
Save Rate  
Overview

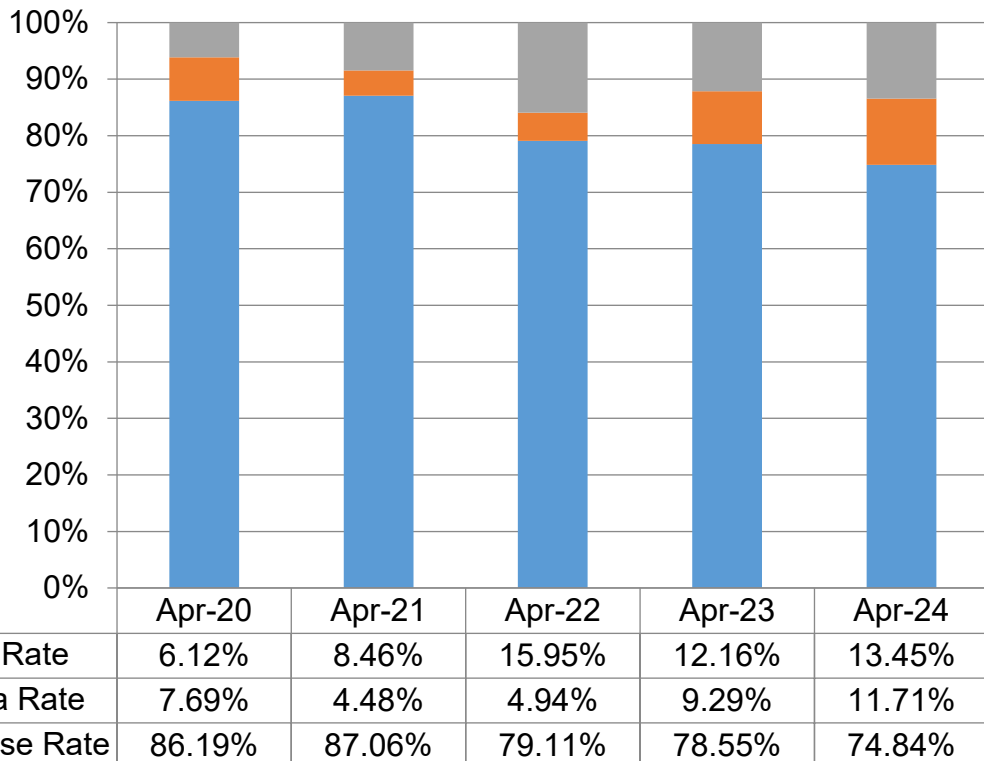
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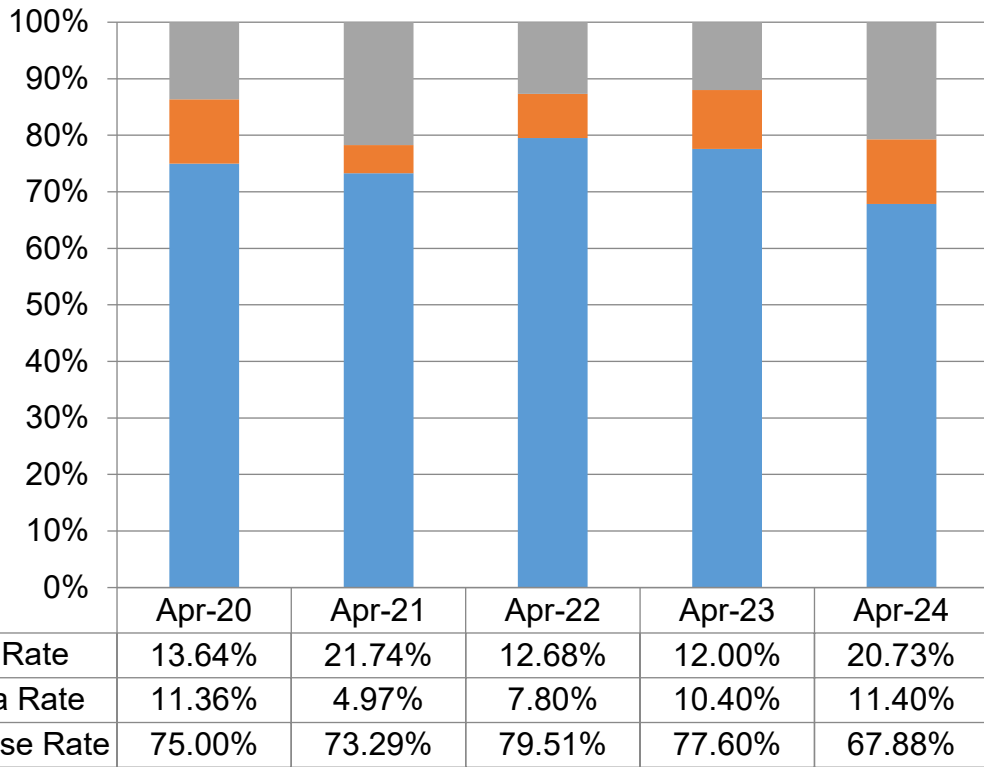
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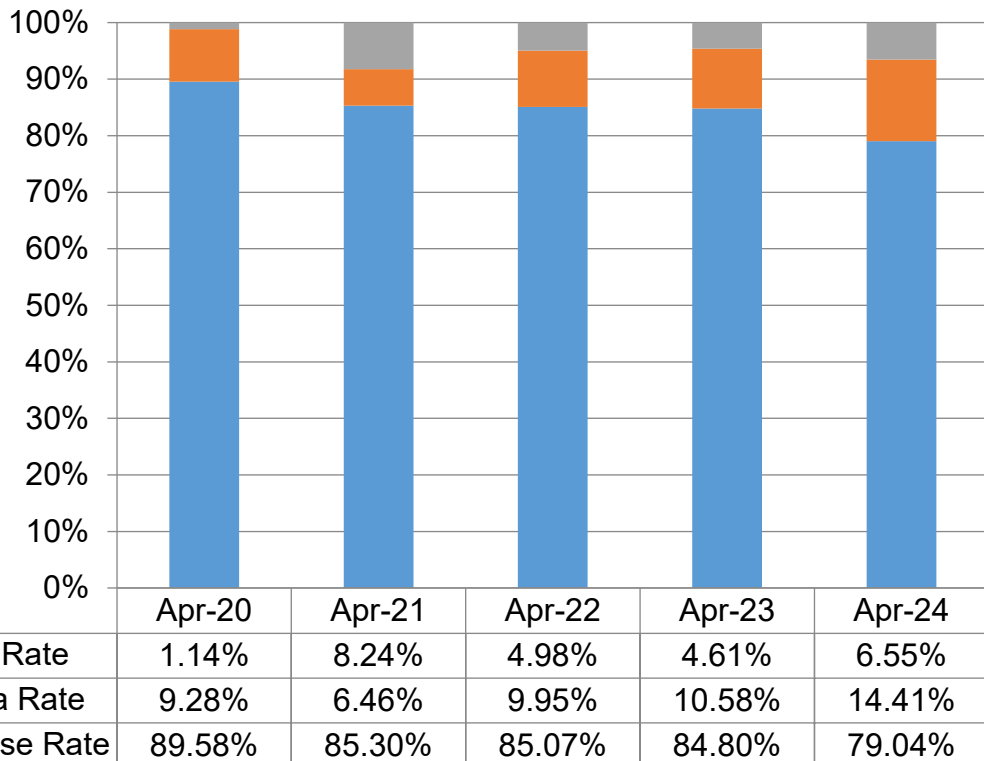
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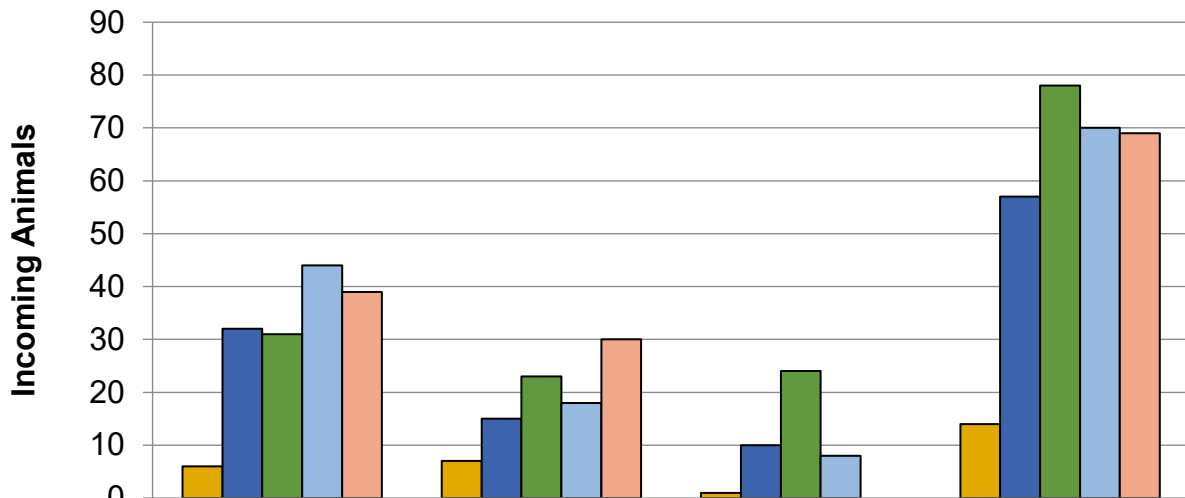
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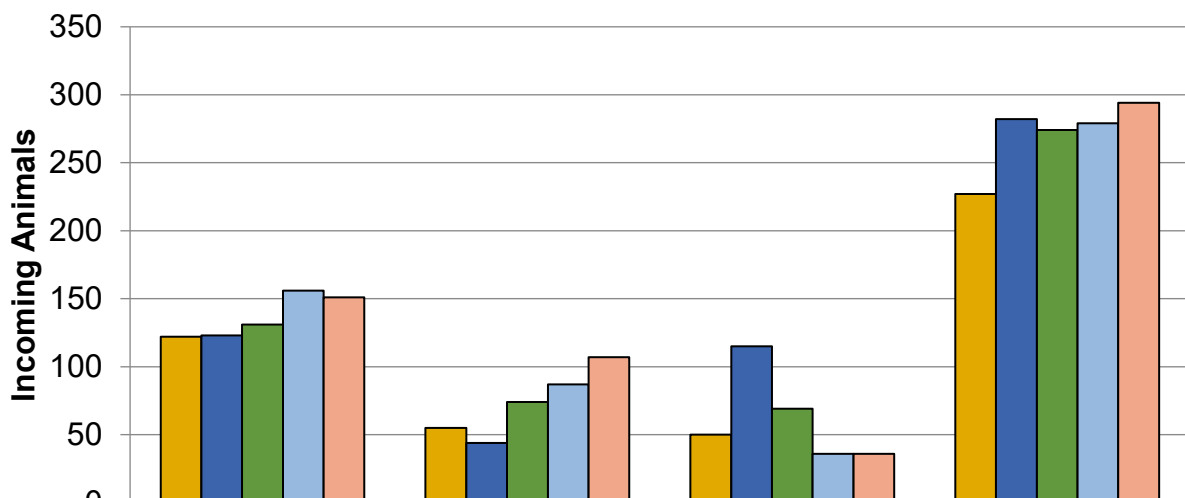


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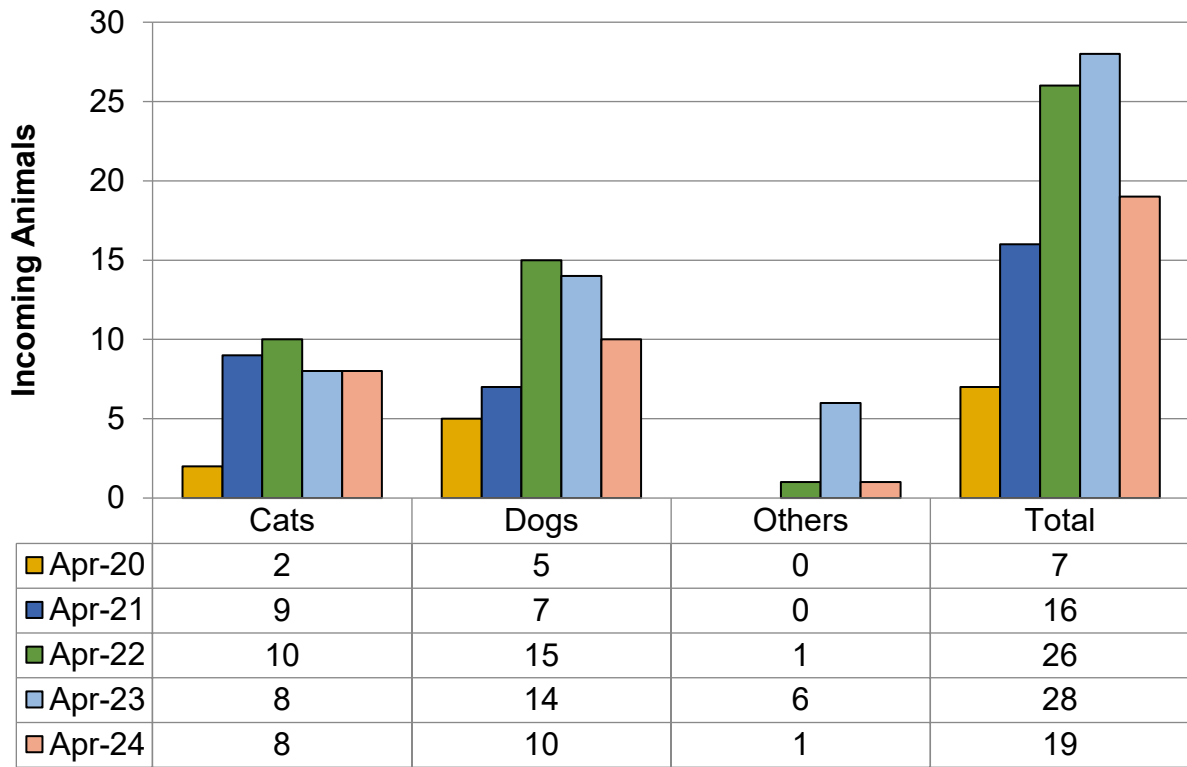
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-20	6	7	1	14
Apr-21	32	15	10	57
Apr-22	31	23	24	78
Apr-23	44	18	8	70
Apr-24	39	30	0	69

### Surrenders Year to Date

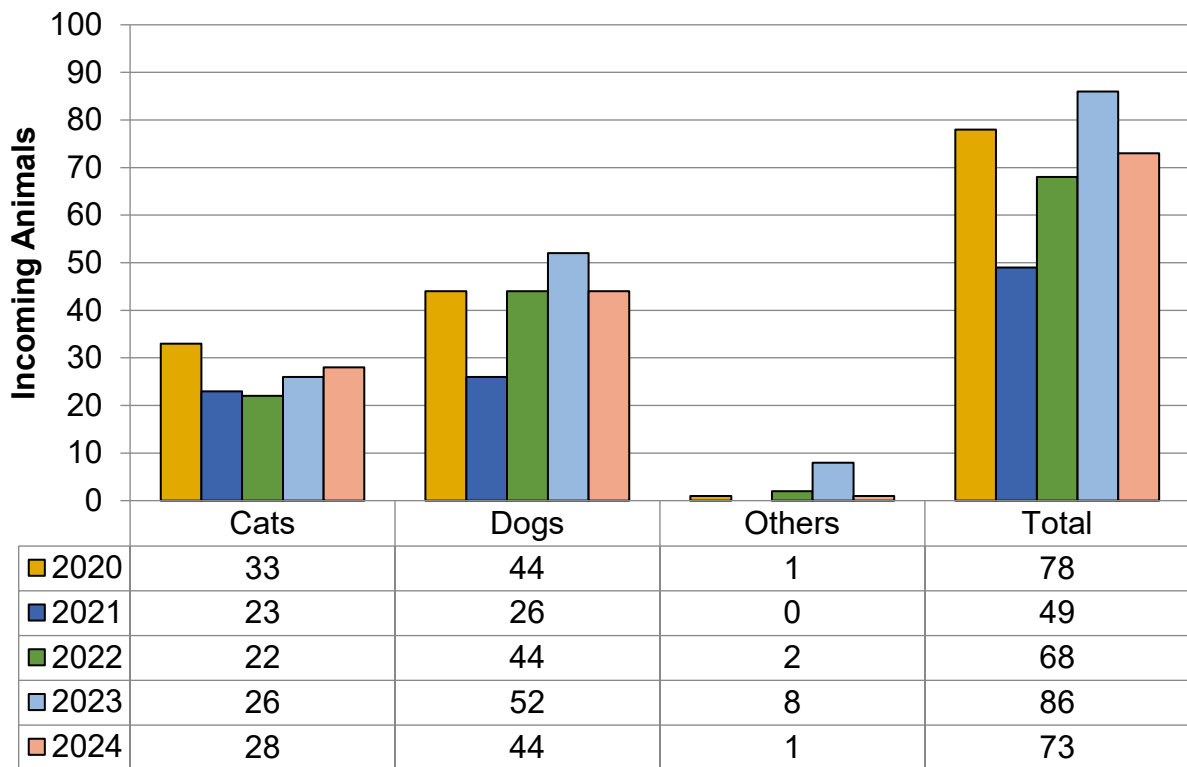


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	122	55	50	227
2021	123	44	115	282
2022	131	74	69	274
2023	156	87	36	279
2024	151	107	36	294

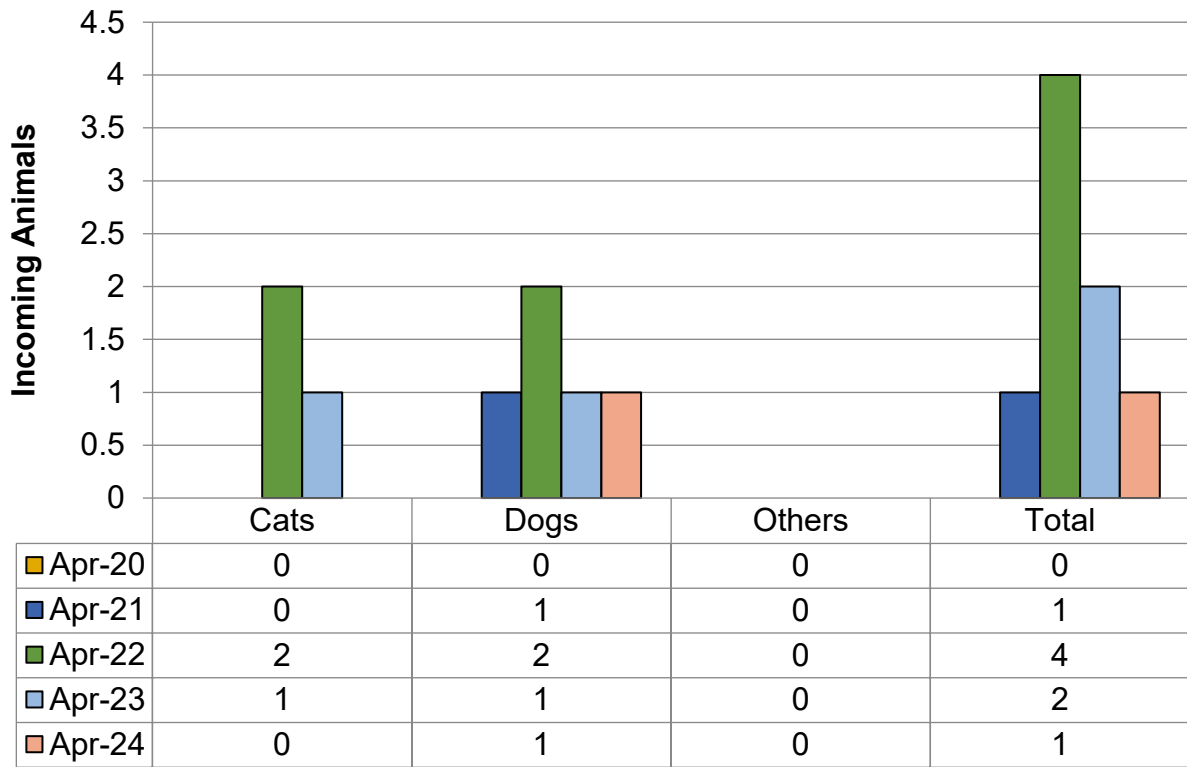
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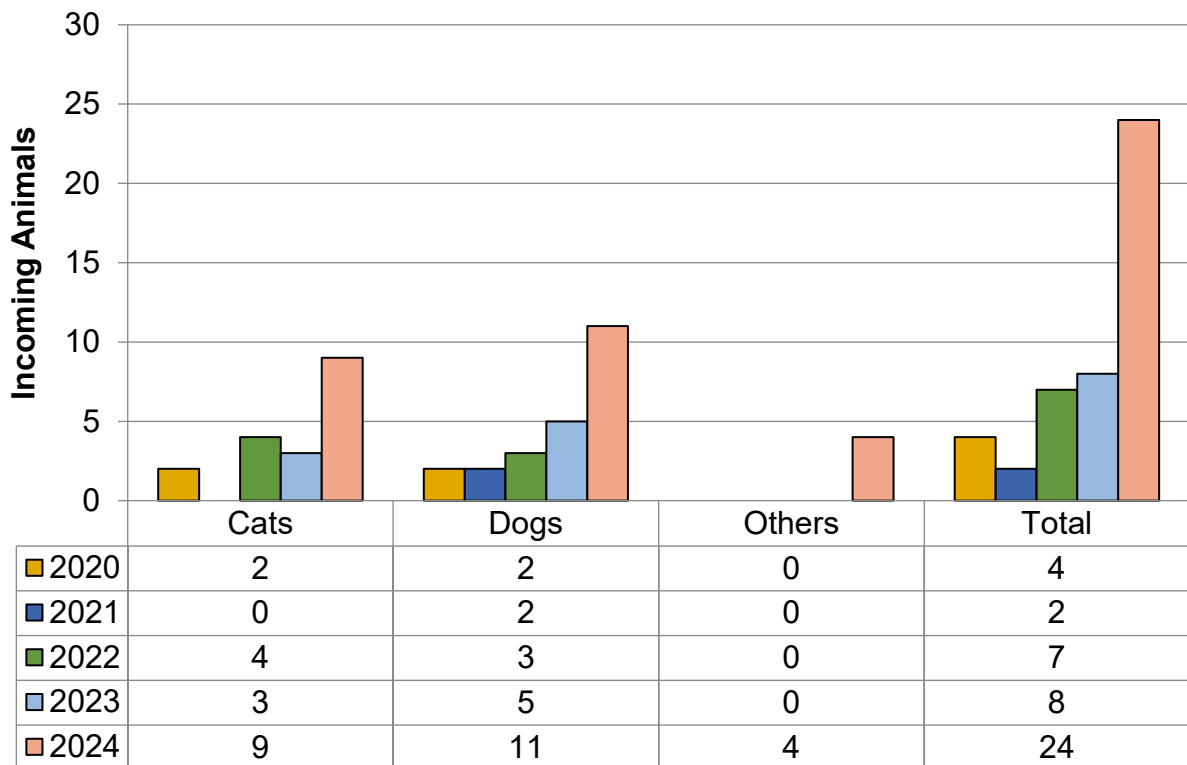
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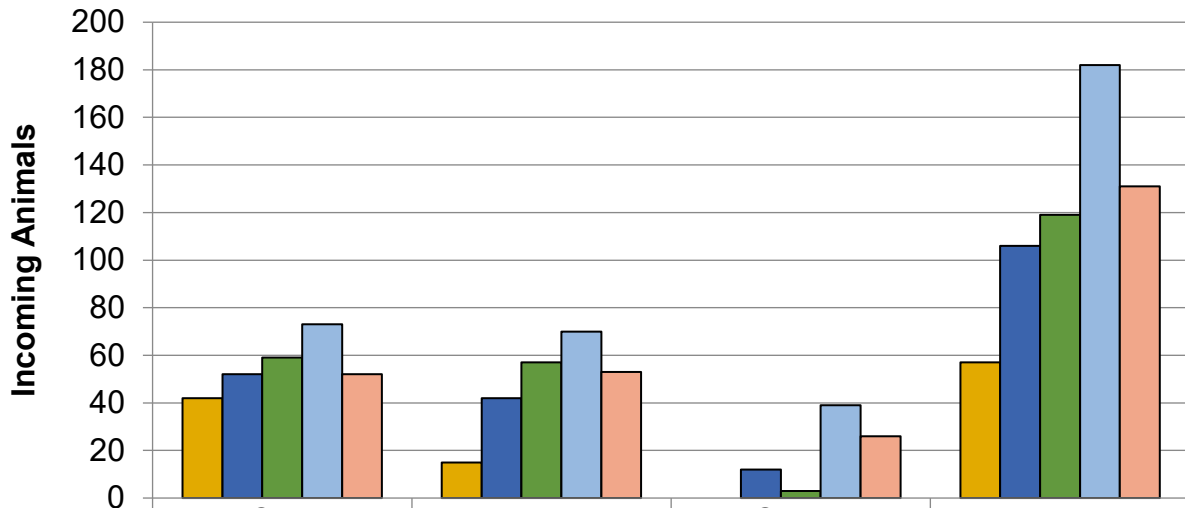
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### Seized / Custody Year to Date

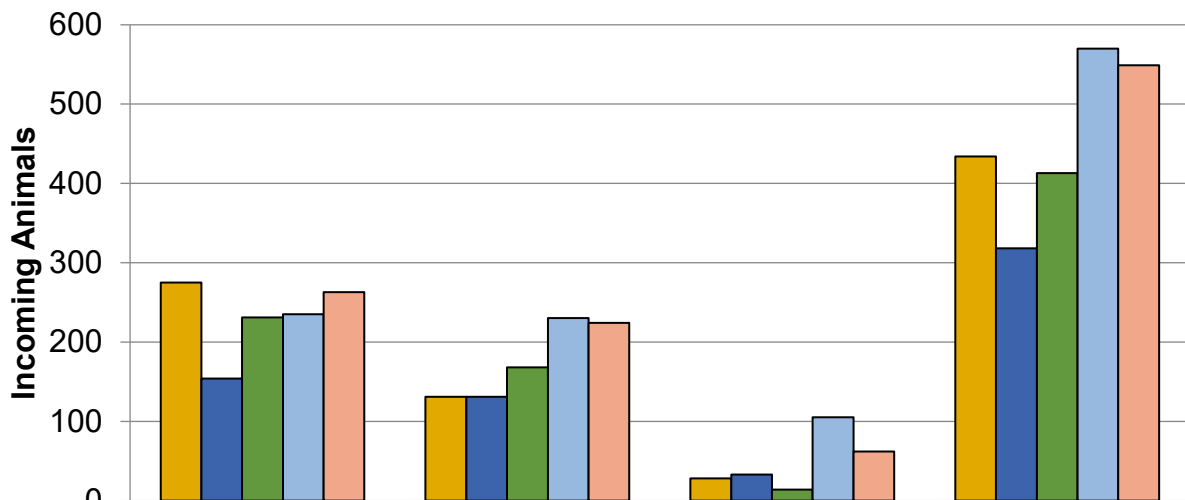


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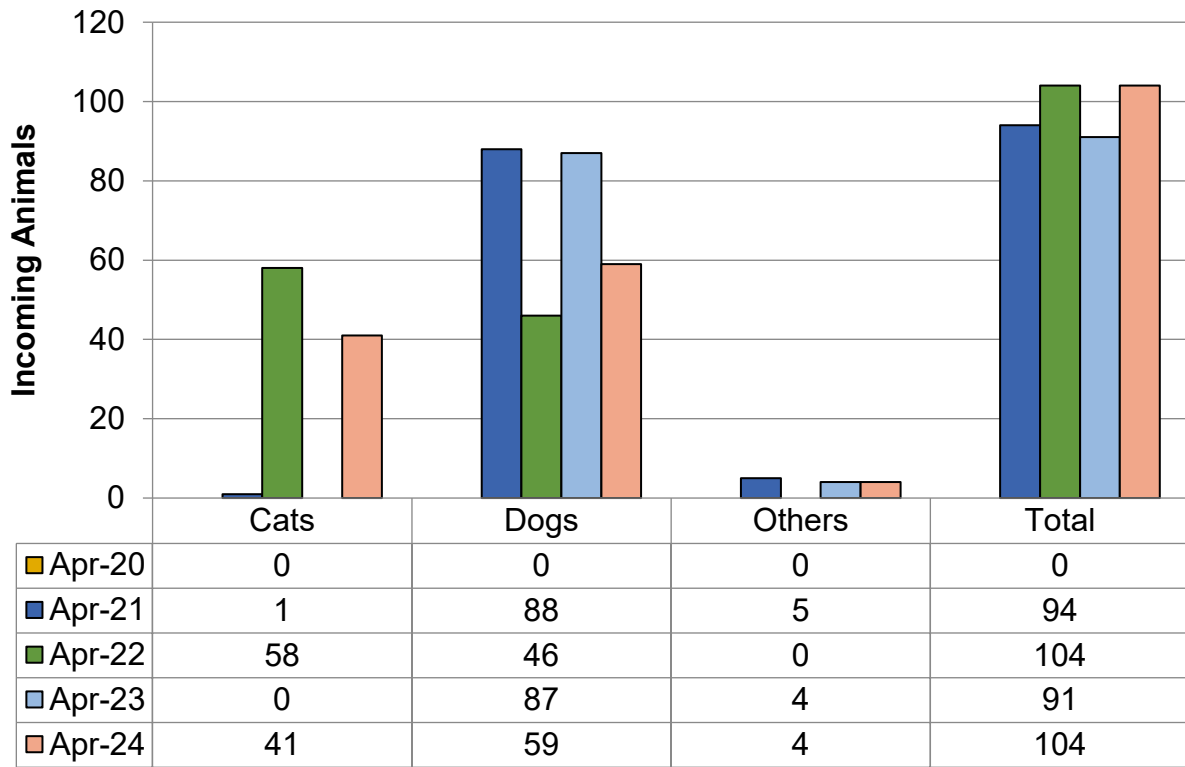
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-20	42	15	0	57
Apr-21	52	42	12	106
Apr-22	59	57	3	119
Apr-23	73	70	39	182
Apr-24	52	53	26	131

### Stray Year to Date

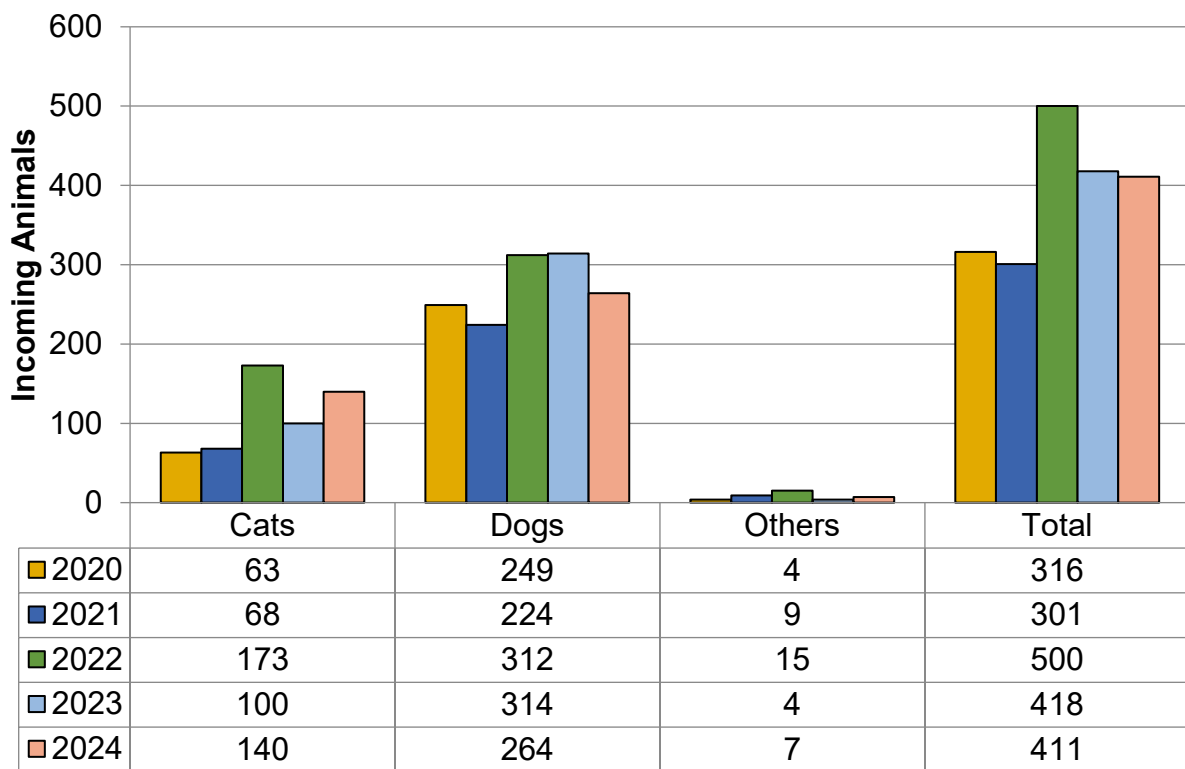


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	275	131	28	434
2021	154	131	33	318
2022	231	168	14	413
2023	235	230	105	570
2024	263	224	62	549

### Incoming Transfers April

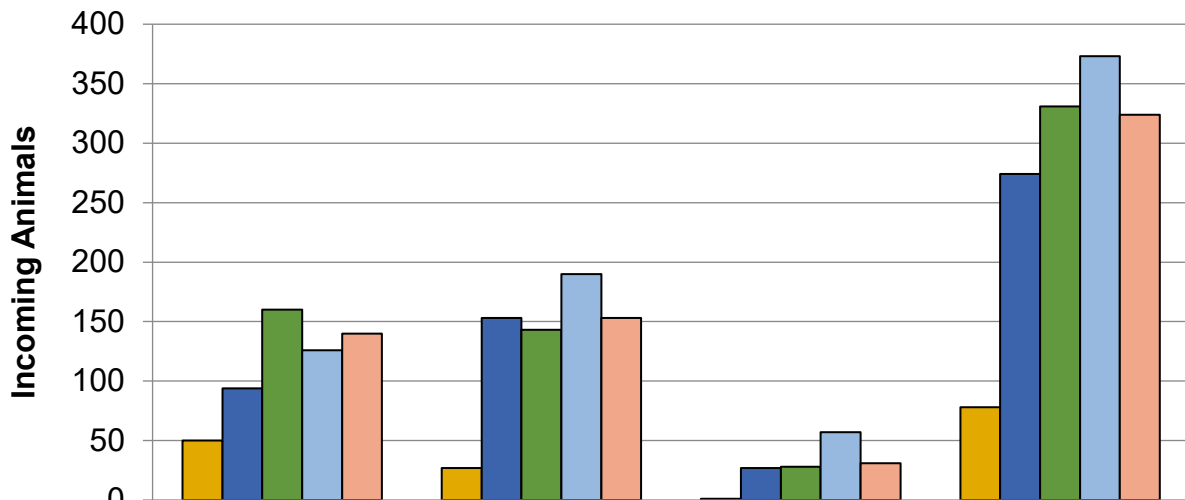


### Incoming Transfers Year to Date



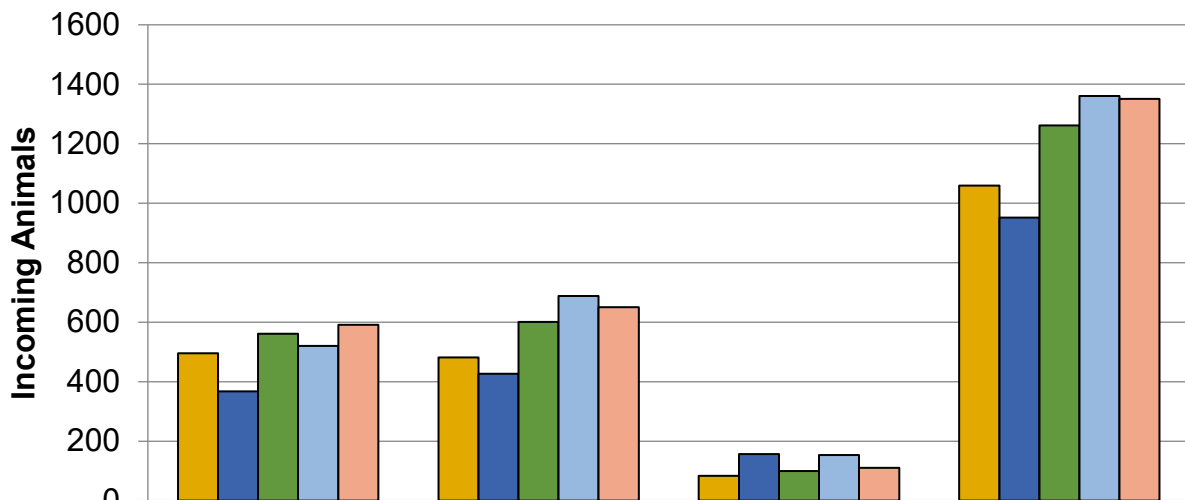


### Intake April



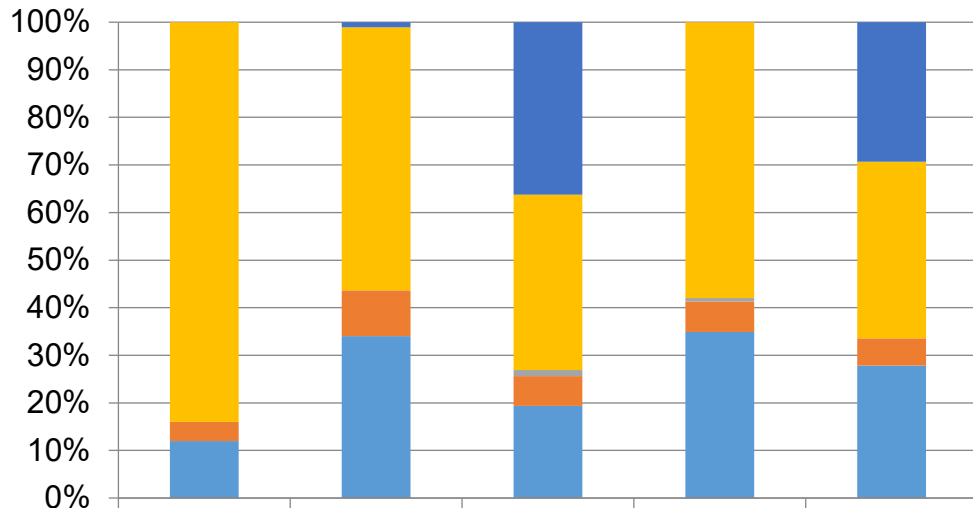
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-20	50	27	1	78
Apr-21	94	153	27	274
Apr-22	160	143	28	331
Apr-23	126	190	57	373
Apr-24	140	153	31	324

### Intake Year to Date



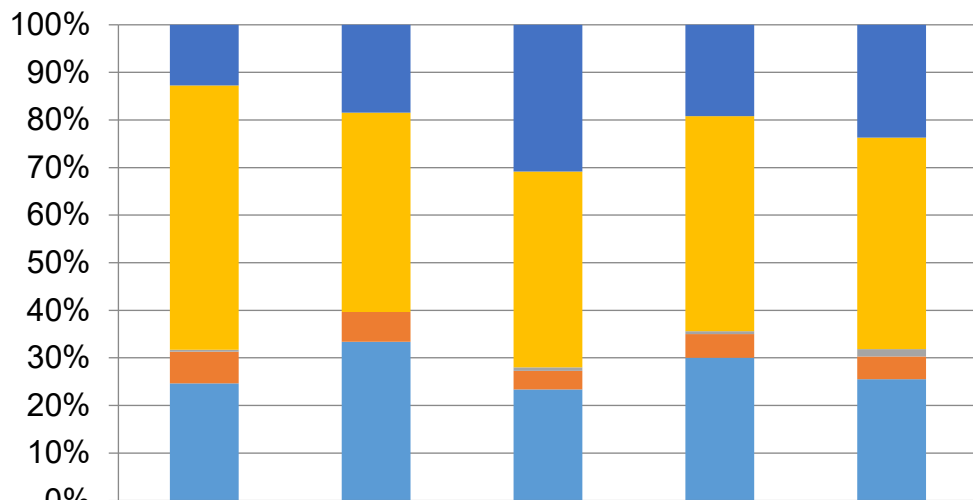
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	495	481	83	1059
2021	368	427	157	952
2022	561	601	100	1262
2023	520	688	153	1361
2024	591	650	110	1351

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - April



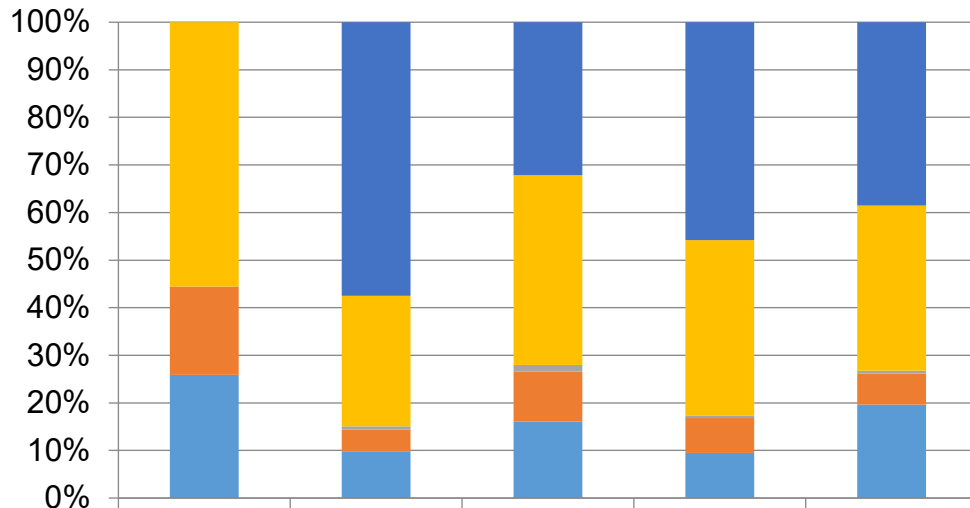
	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
Incoming Transfers	0.00%	1.06%	36.25%	0.00%	29.29%
Strays	84.00%	55.32%	36.88%	57.94%	37.14%
Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	1.25%	0.79%	0.00%
Returns	4.00%	9.57%	6.25%	6.35%	5.71%
Owner Surrenders	12.00%	34.04%	19.38%	34.92%	27.86%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



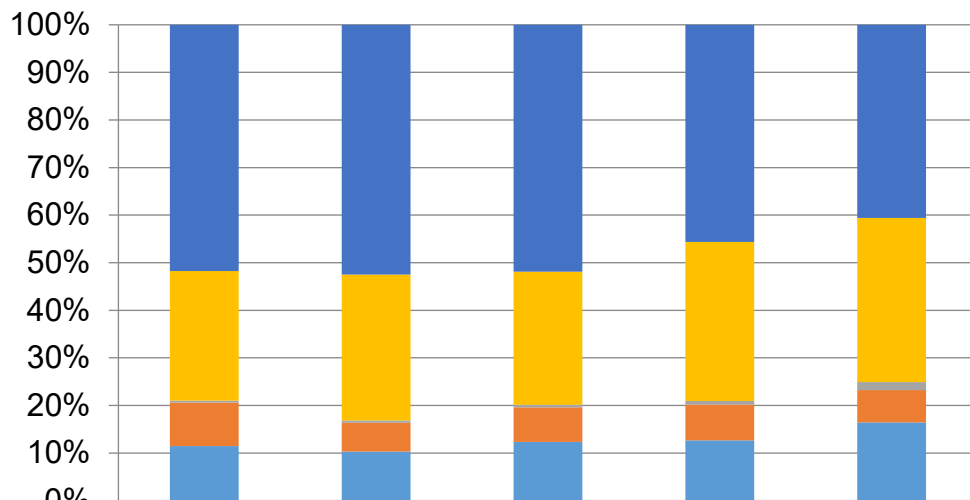
	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
Incoming Transfers	12.73%	18.48%	30.84%	19.23%	23.69%
Strays	55.56%	41.85%	41.18%	45.19%	44.50%
Seized / Custody	0.40%	0.00%	0.71%	0.58%	1.52%
Returns	6.67%	6.25%	3.92%	5.00%	4.74%
Owner Surrenders	24.65%	33.42%	23.35%	30.00%	25.55%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - April



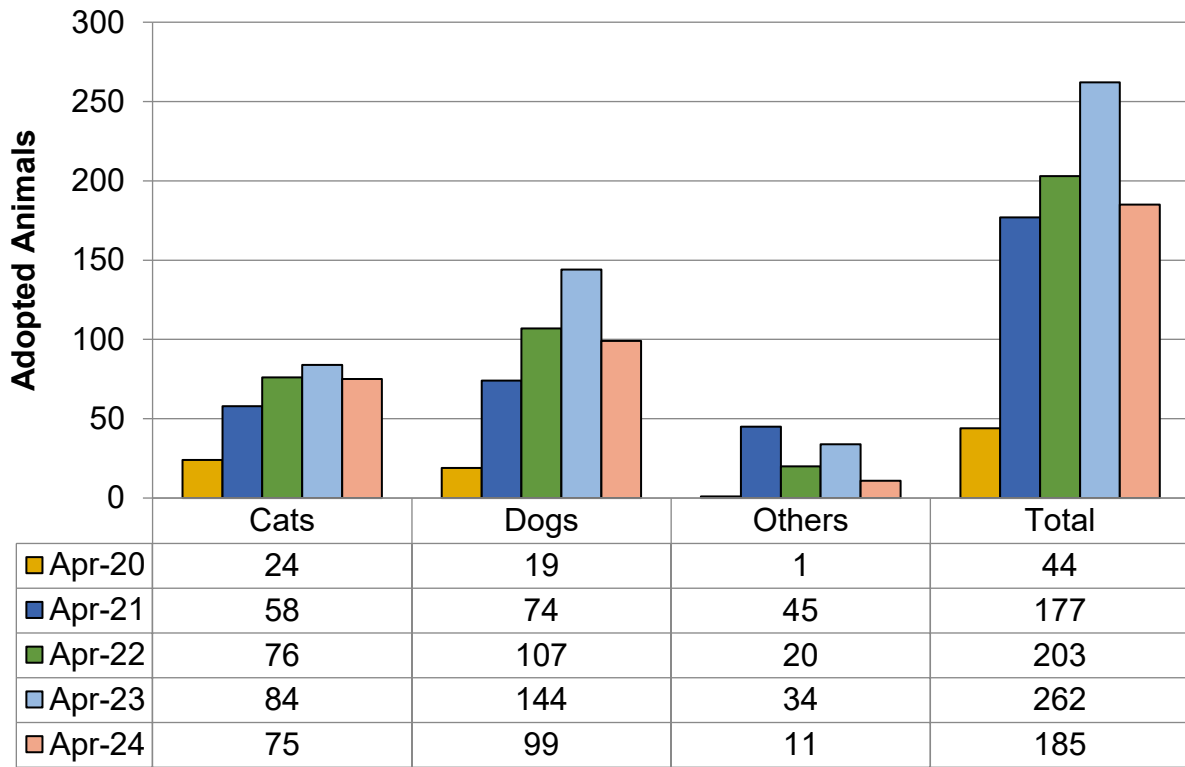
	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
■ Incoming Transfers	0.00%	57.52%	32.17%	45.79%	38.56%
■ Strays	55.56%	27.45%	39.86%	36.84%	34.64%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.65%	1.40%	0.53%	0.65%
■ Returns	18.52%	4.58%	10.49%	7.37%	6.54%
■ Owner Surrenders	25.93%	9.80%	16.08%	9.47%	19.61%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

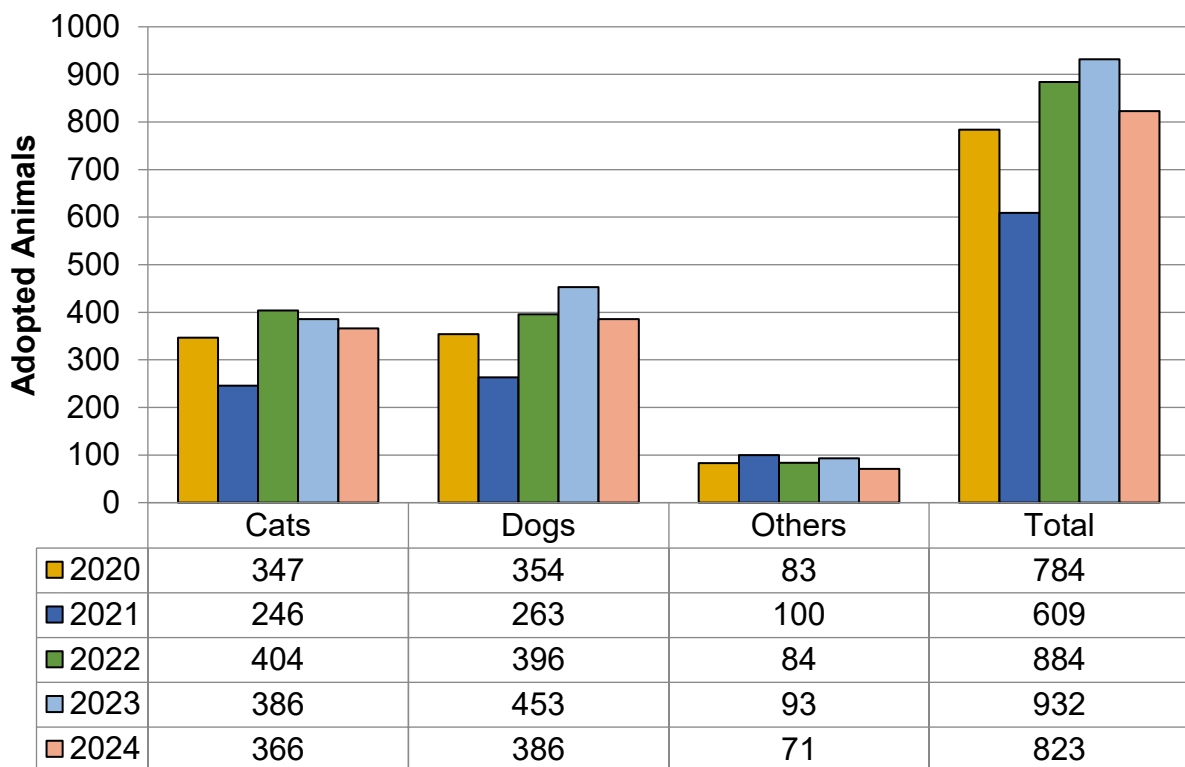


	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
■ Incoming Transfers	51.77%	52.46%	51.91%	45.64%	40.62%
■ Strays	27.23%	30.68%	27.95%	33.43%	34.46%
■ Seized / Custody	0.42%	0.47%	0.50%	0.73%	1.69%
■ Returns	9.15%	6.09%	7.32%	7.56%	6.77%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.43%	10.30%	12.31%	12.65%	16.46%

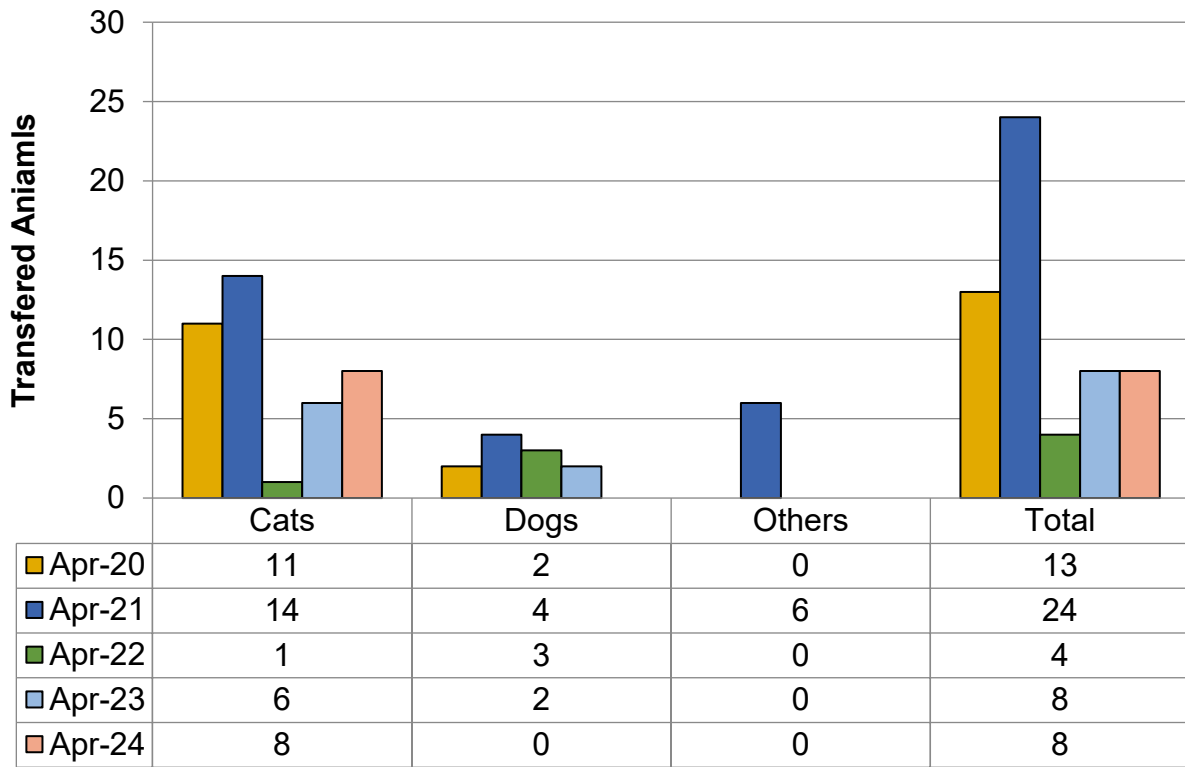
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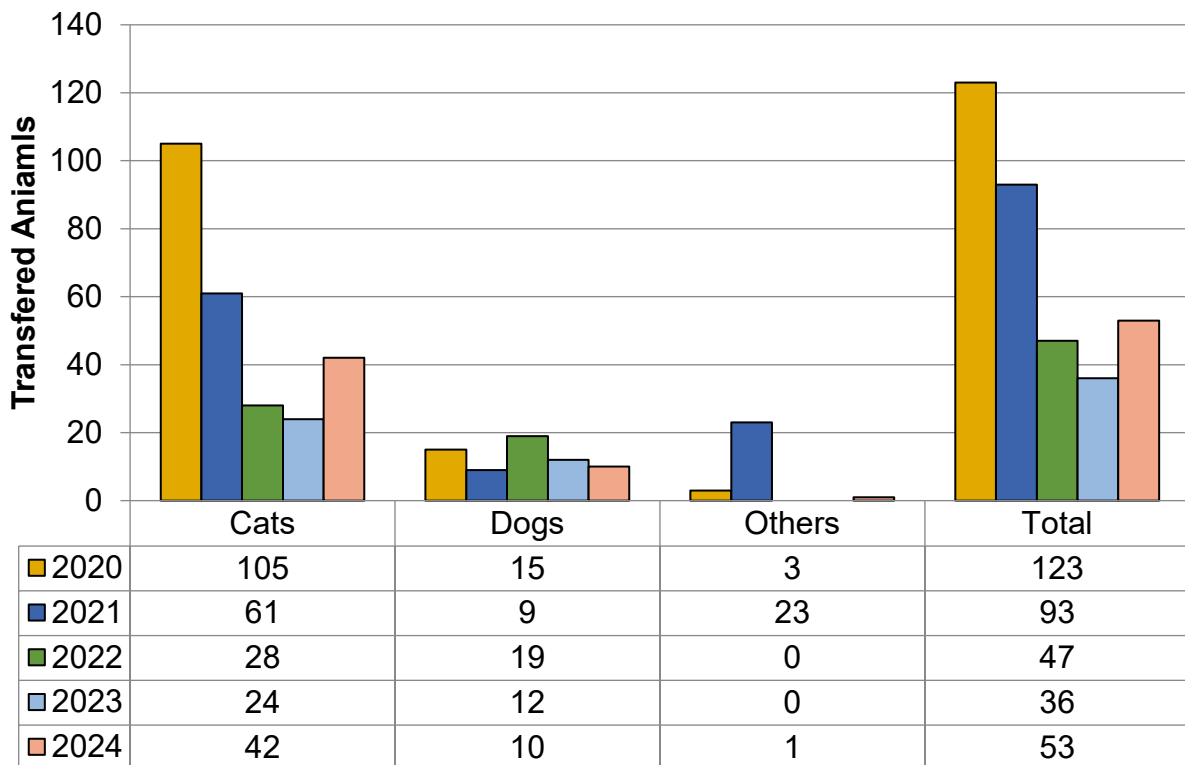
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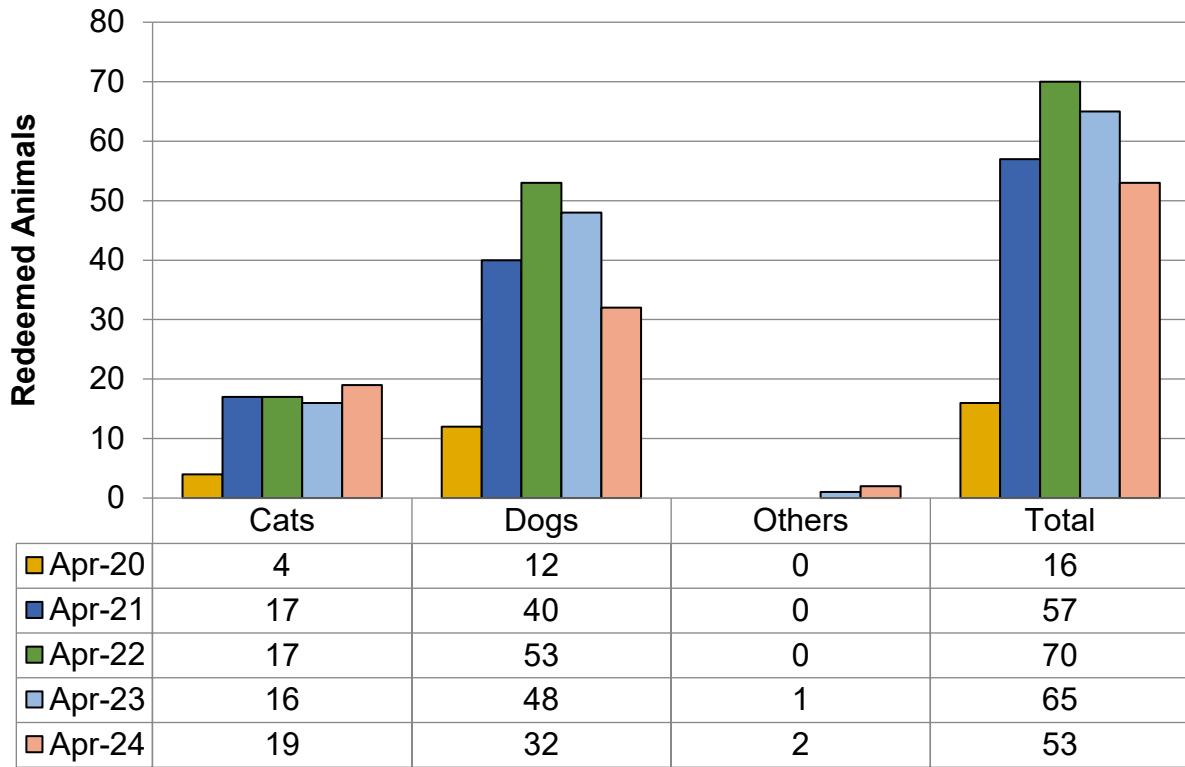
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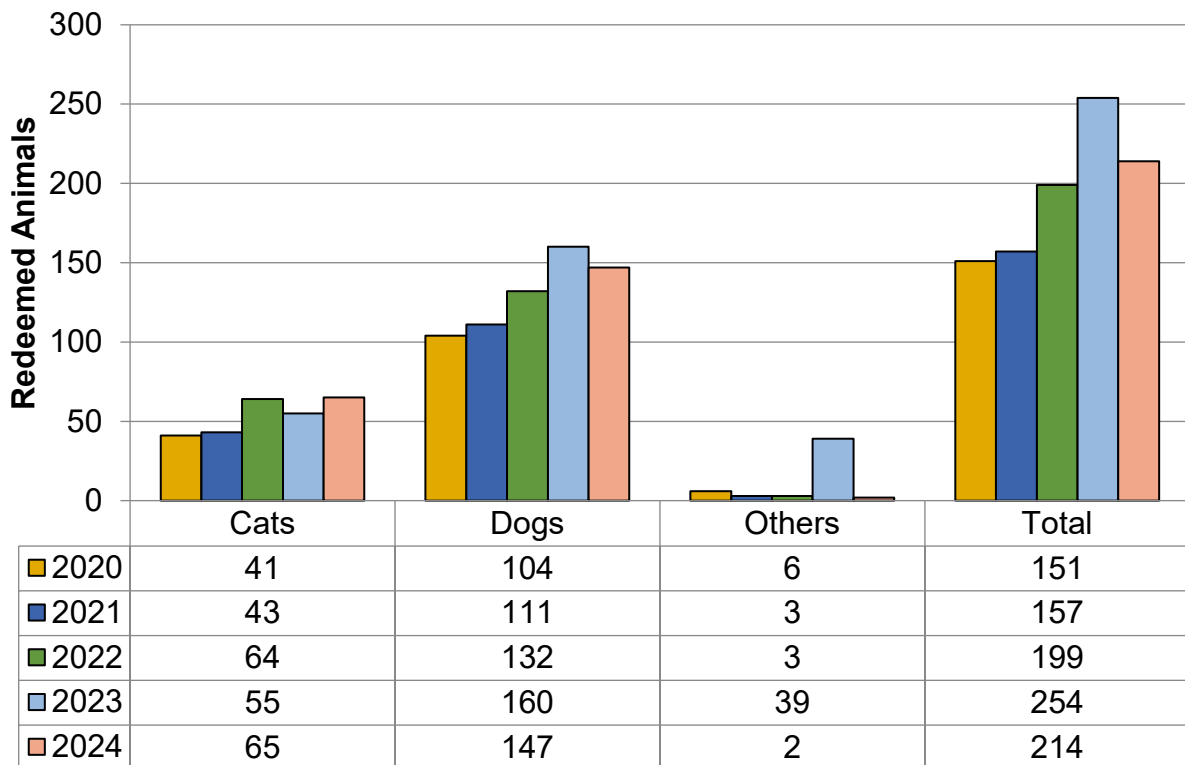
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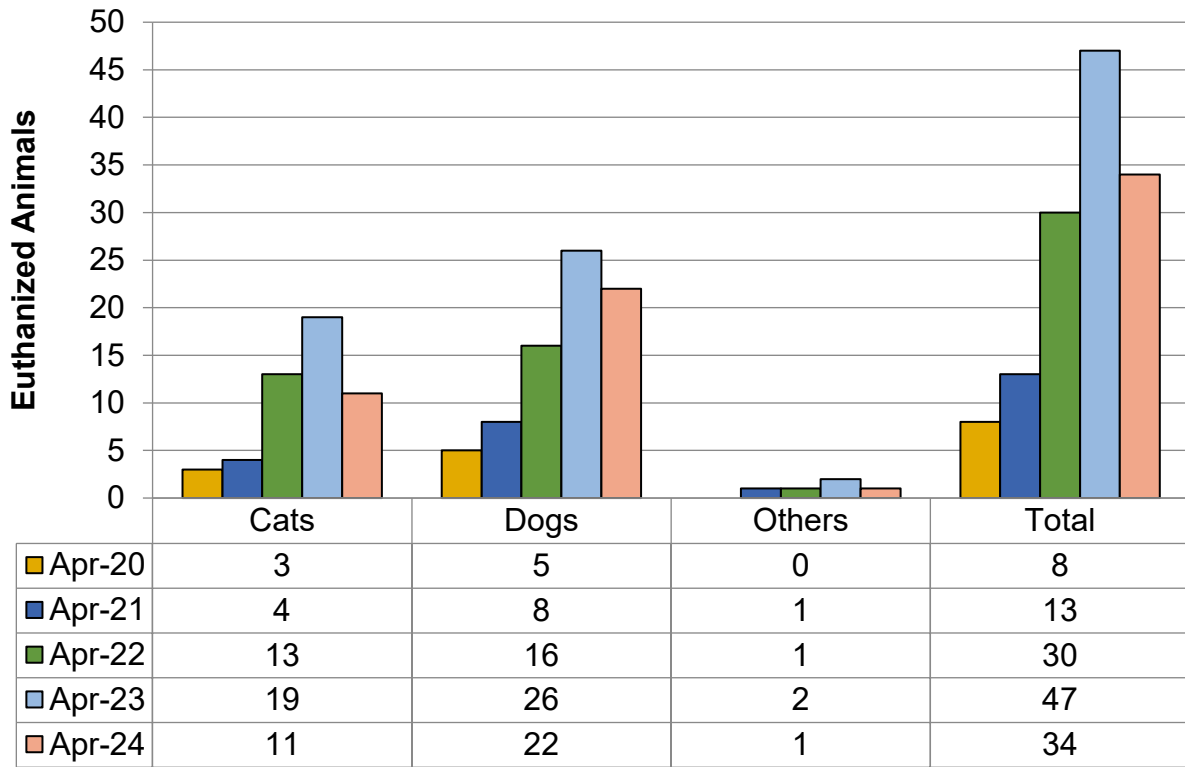
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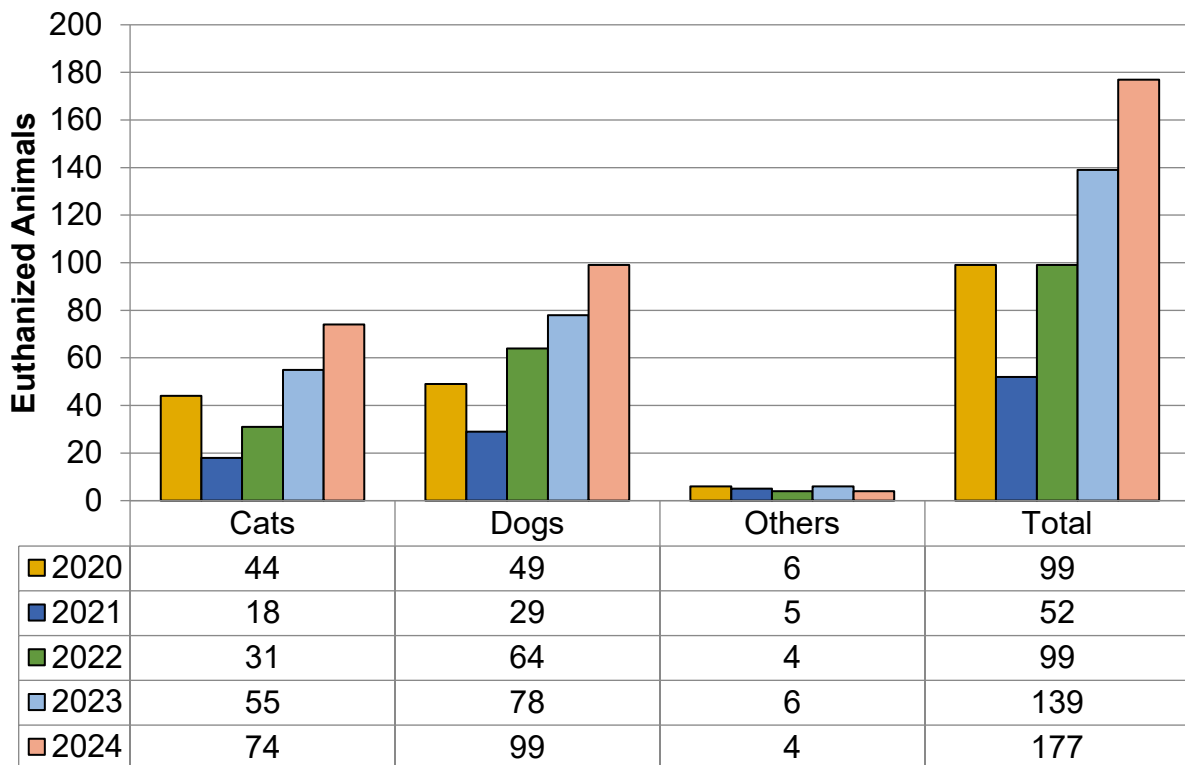
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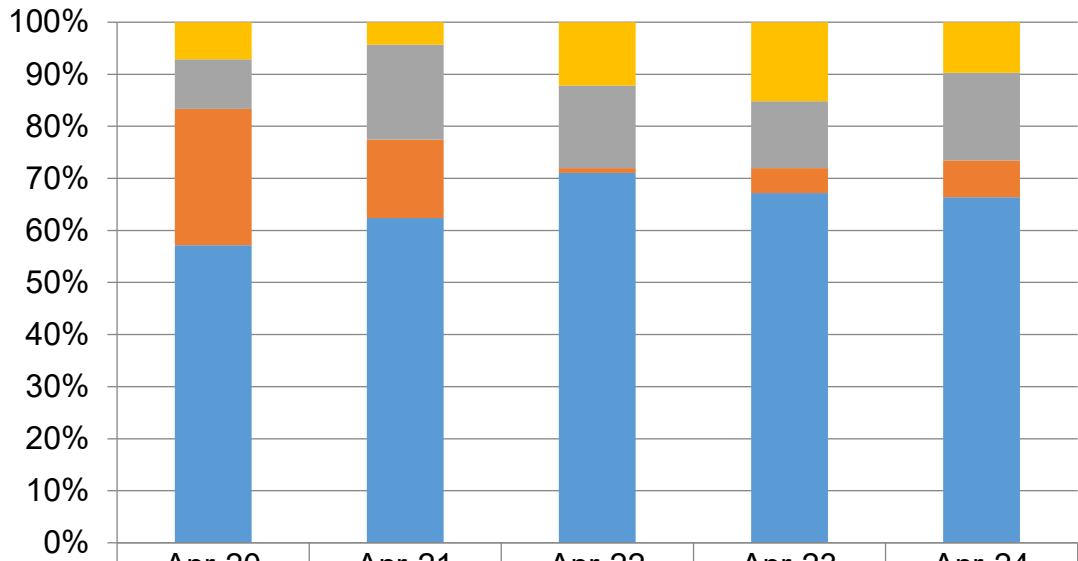
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## Euthanasia Year to Date

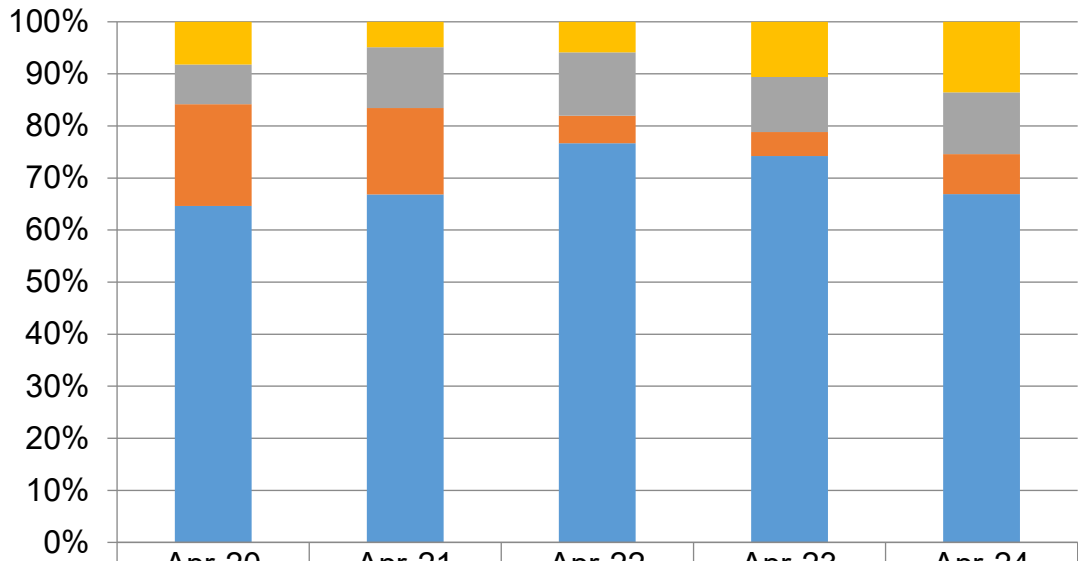


### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - April



	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
■ Euthanasia	7.14%	4.30%	12.15%	15.20%	9.73%
■ Redemption	9.52%	18.28%	15.89%	12.80%	16.81%
■ Transfer	26.19%	15.05%	0.93%	4.80%	7.08%
■ Adoption	57.14%	62.37%	71.03%	67.20%	66.37%

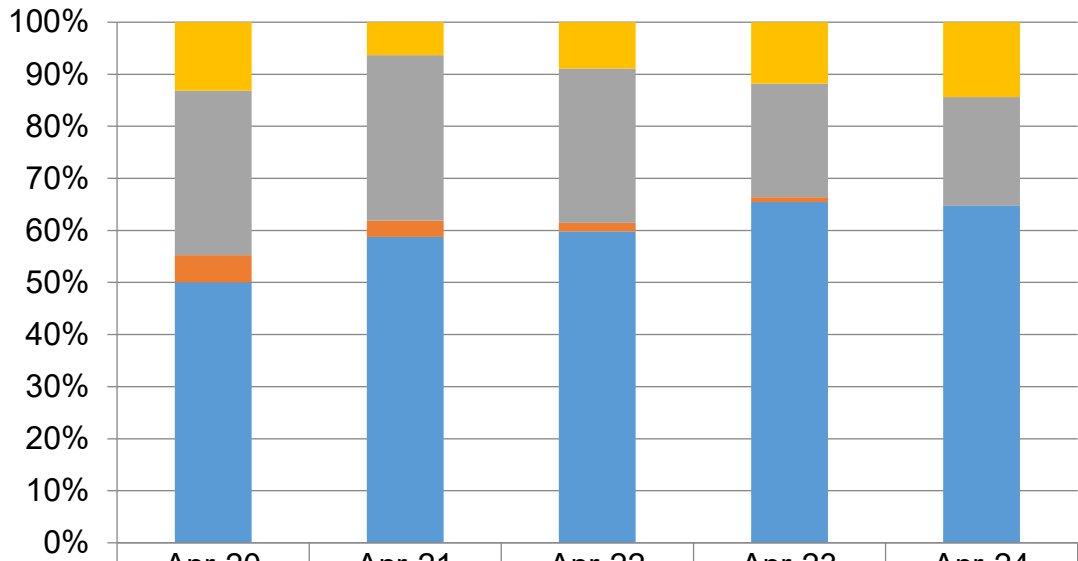
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



	Apr-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
■ Euthanasia	8.19%	4.89%	5.88%	10.58%	13.53%
■ Redemption	7.64%	11.68%	12.14%	10.58%	11.88%
■ Transfer	19.55%	16.58%	5.31%	4.62%	7.68%
■ Adoption	64.62%	66.85%	76.66%	74.23%	66.91%

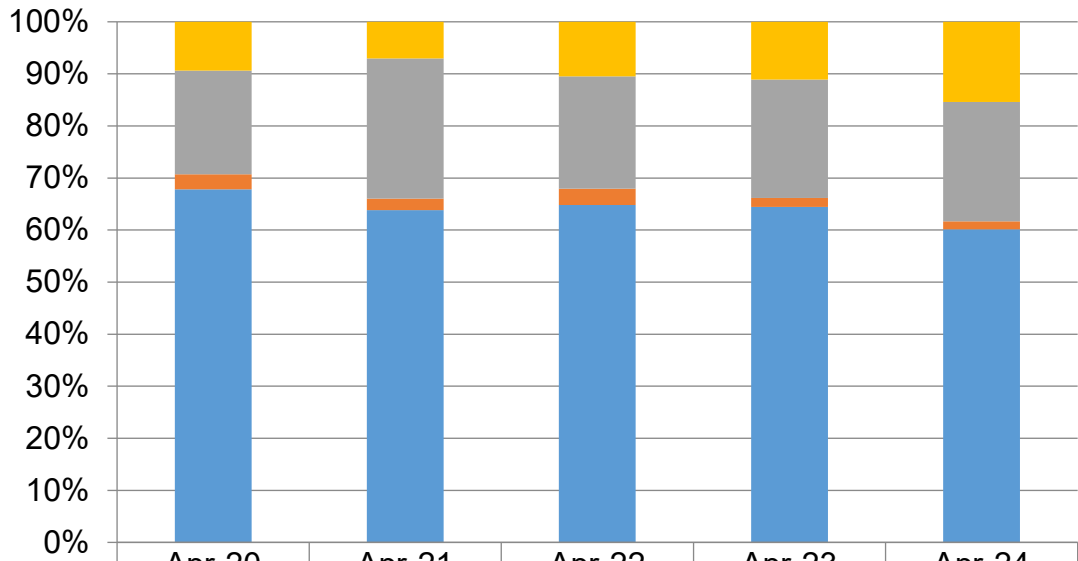


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - April



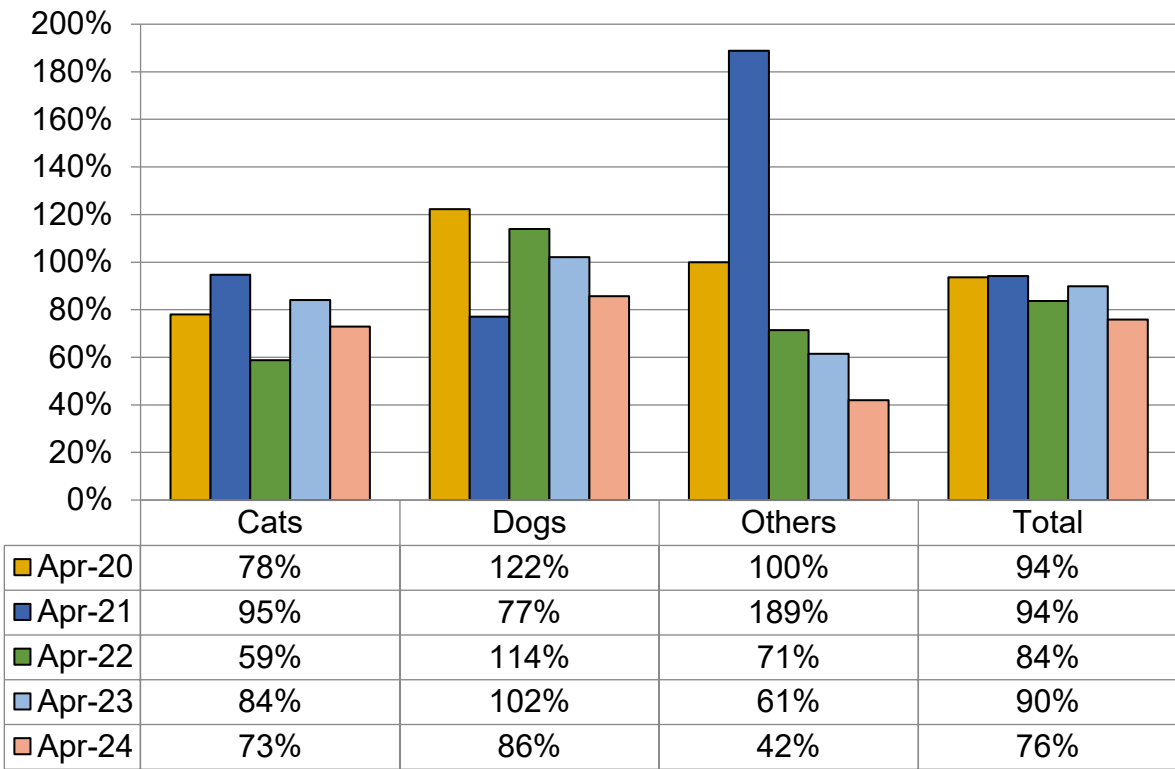
■ Euthanasia	13.16%	6.35%	8.94%	11.82%	14.38%
■ Redemption	31.58%	31.75%	29.61%	21.82%	20.92%
■ Transfer	5.26%	3.17%	1.68%	0.91%	0.00%
■ Adoption	50.00%	58.73%	59.78%	65.45%	64.71%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

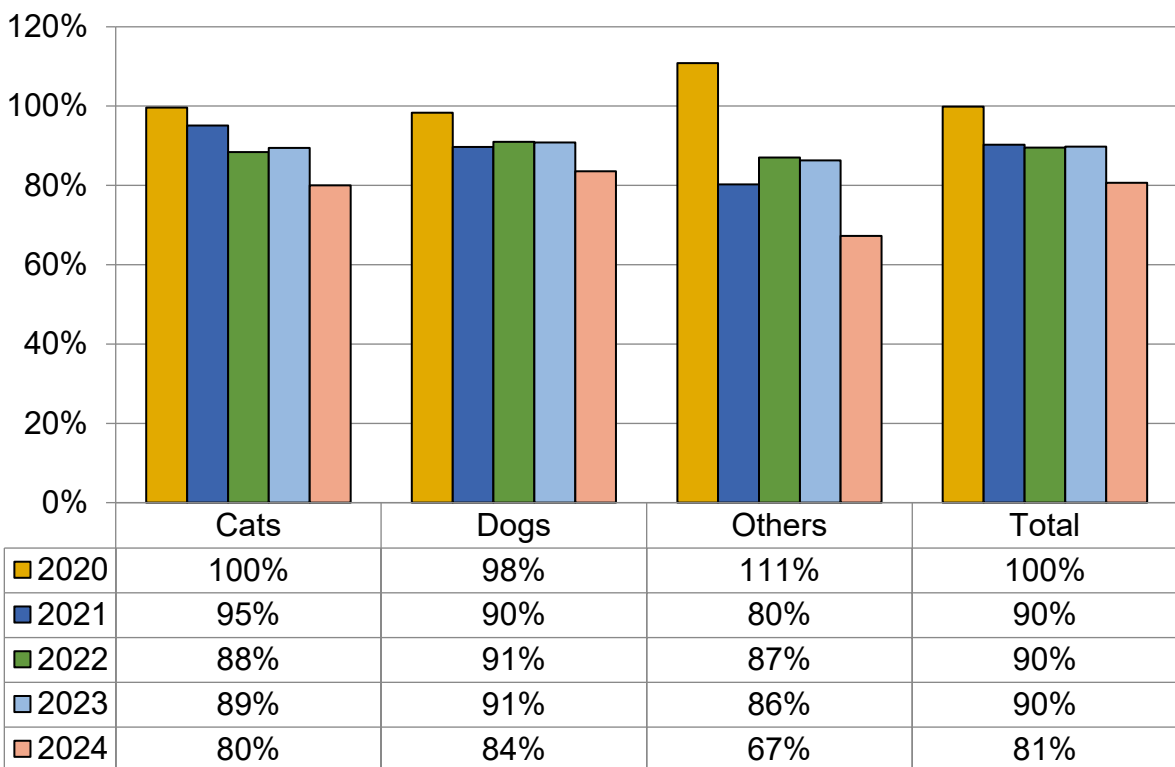


■ Euthanasia	9.39%	7.04%	10.47%	11.10%	15.42%
■ Redemption	19.92%	26.94%	21.60%	22.76%	22.90%
■ Transfer	2.87%	2.18%	3.11%	1.71%	1.56%
■ Adoption	67.82%	63.83%	64.81%	64.44%	60.12%

### Save Rate April



### 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.