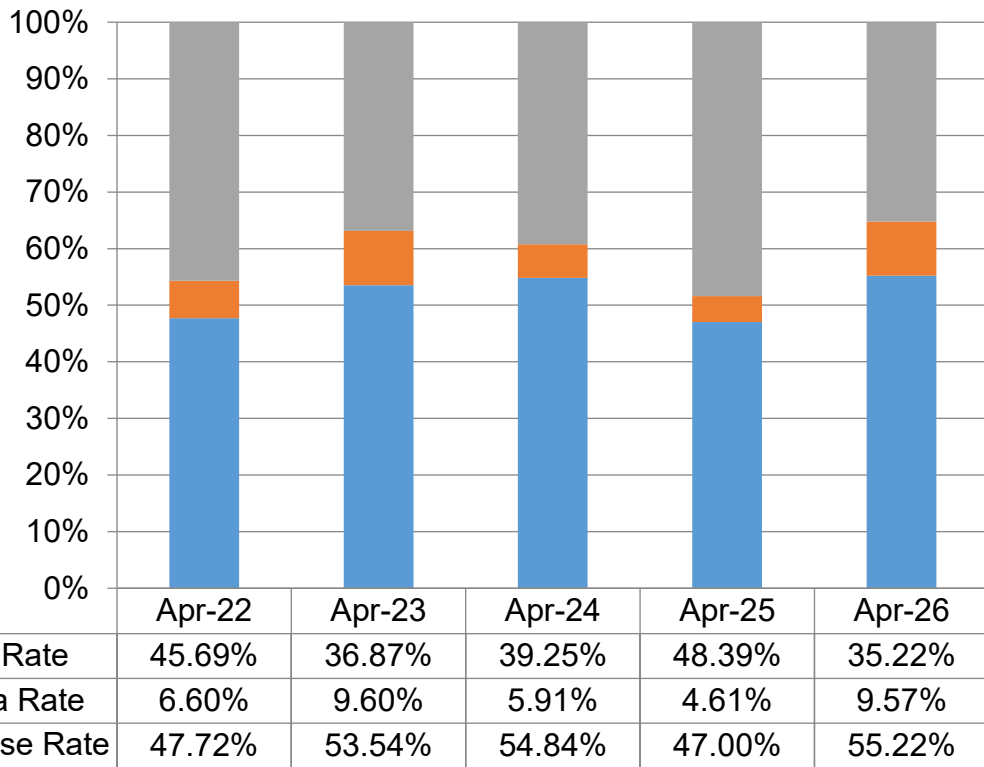


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Rolling Release Rate
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Overview

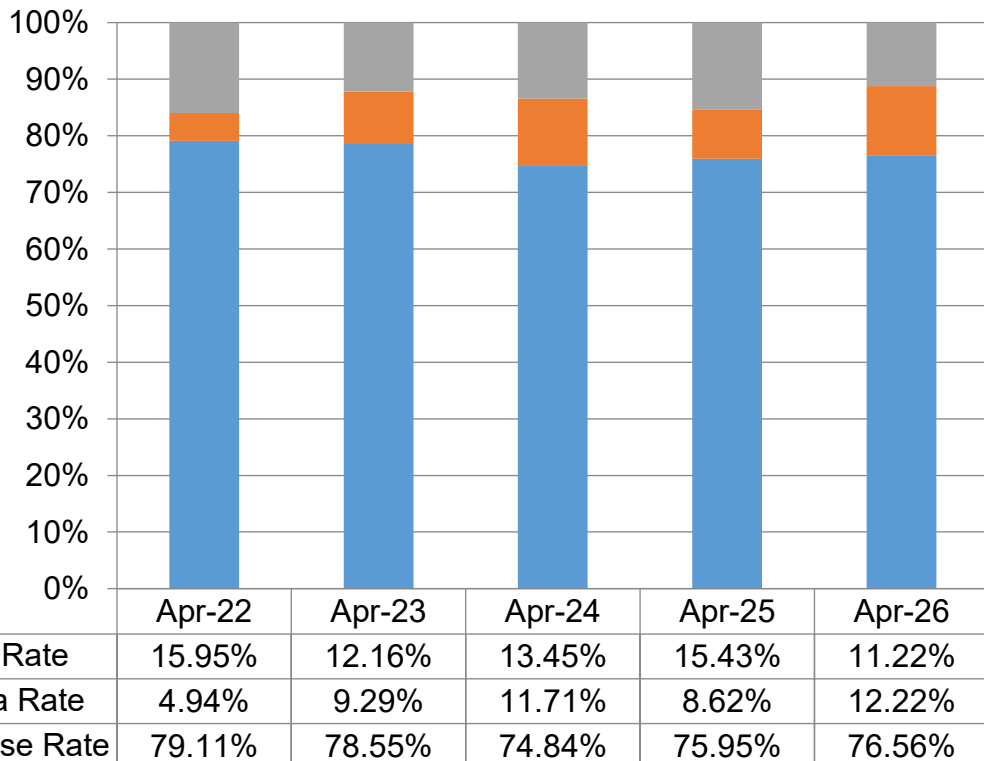
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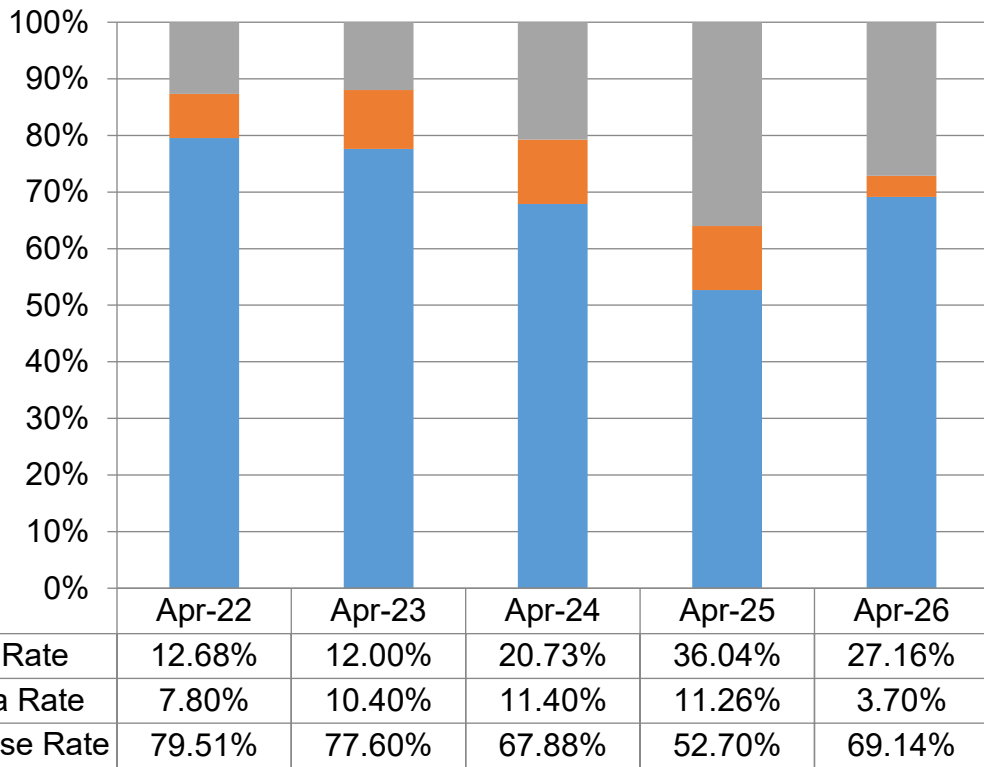
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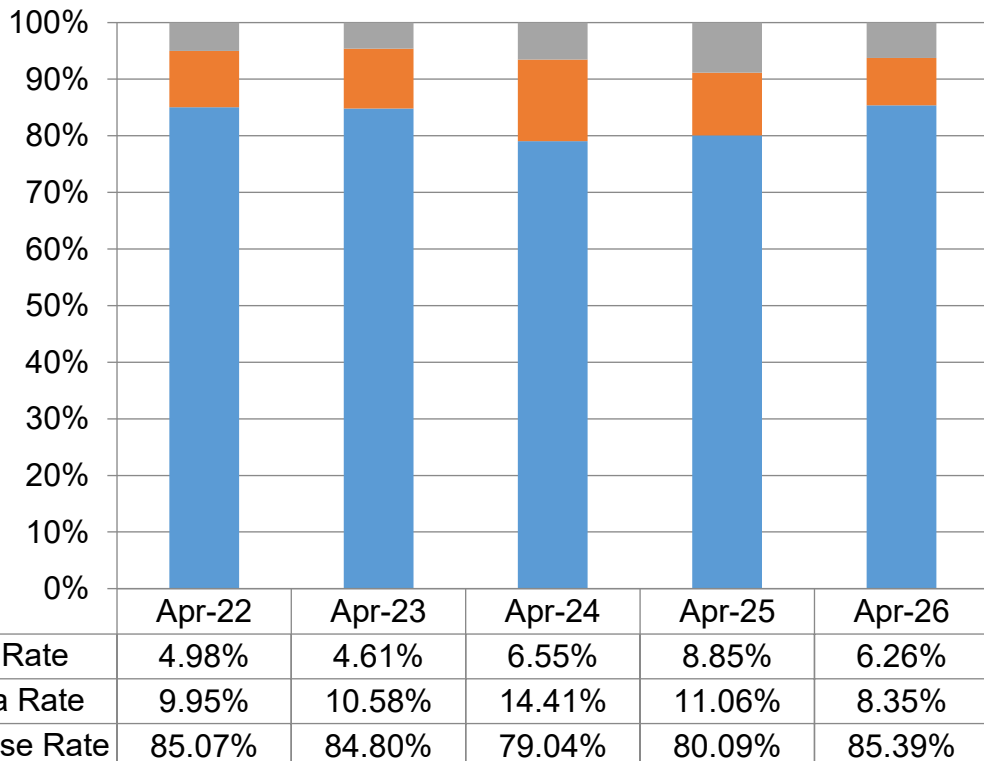
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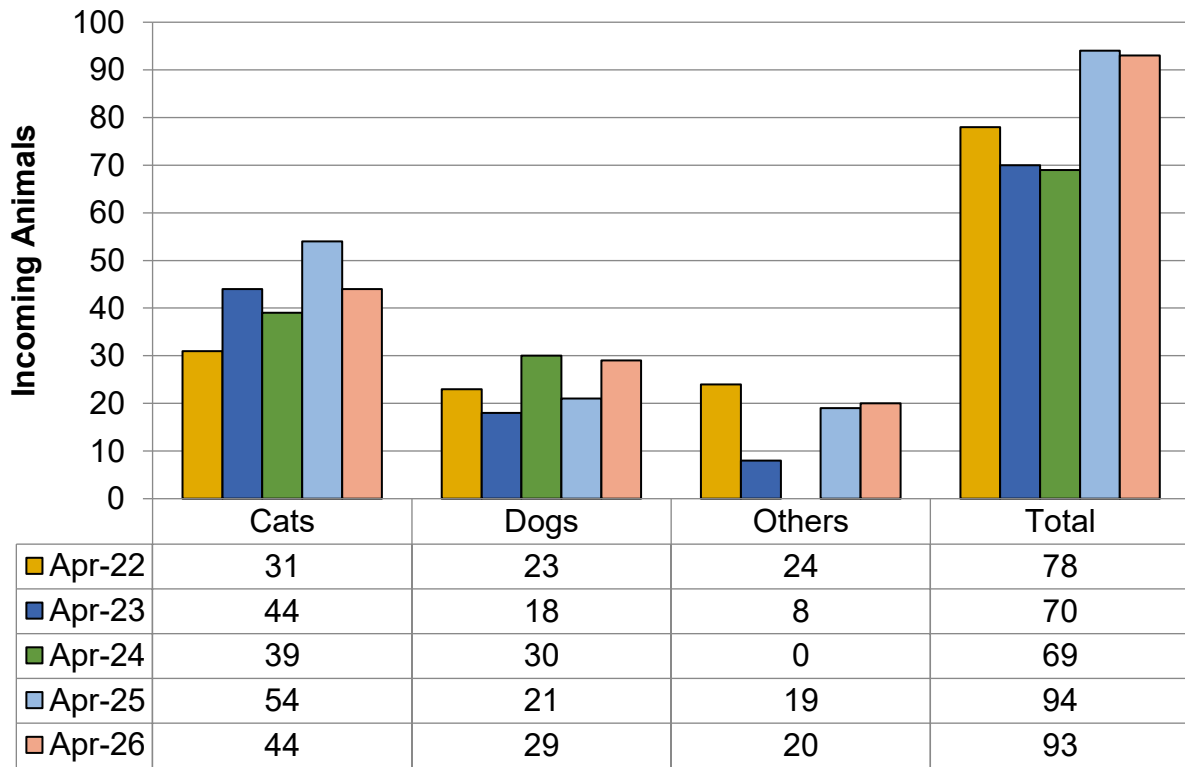
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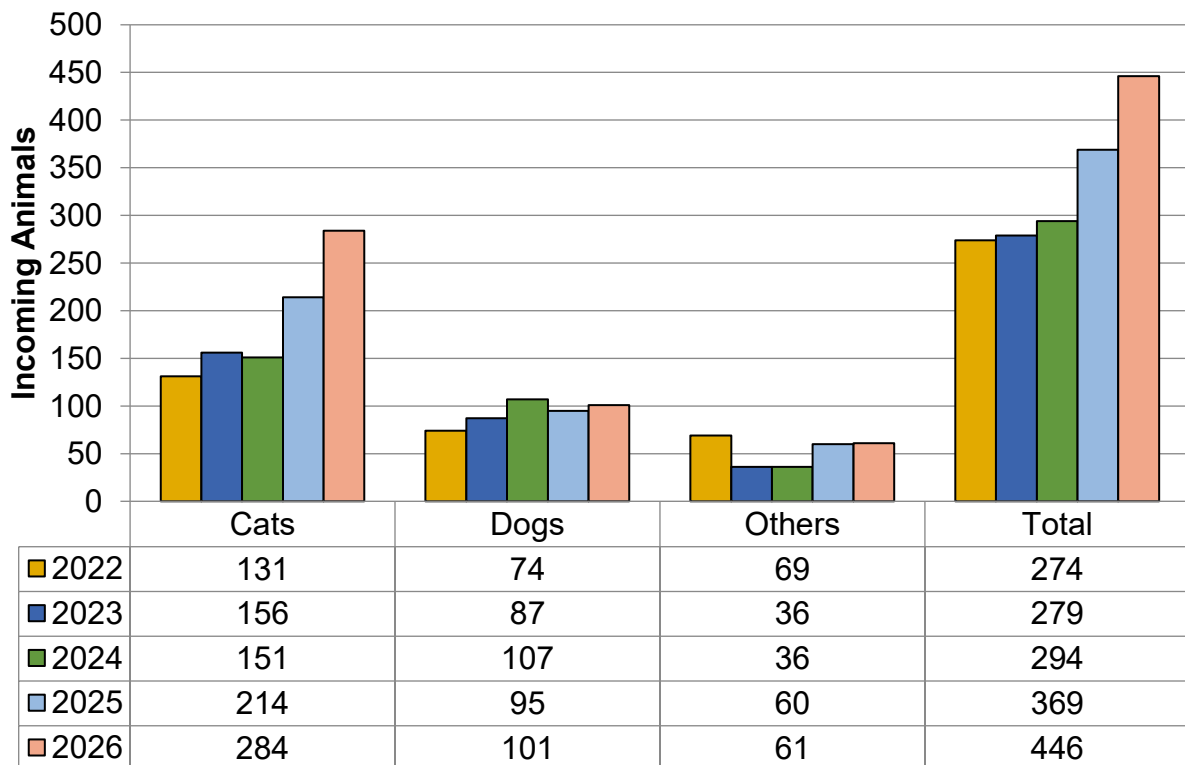
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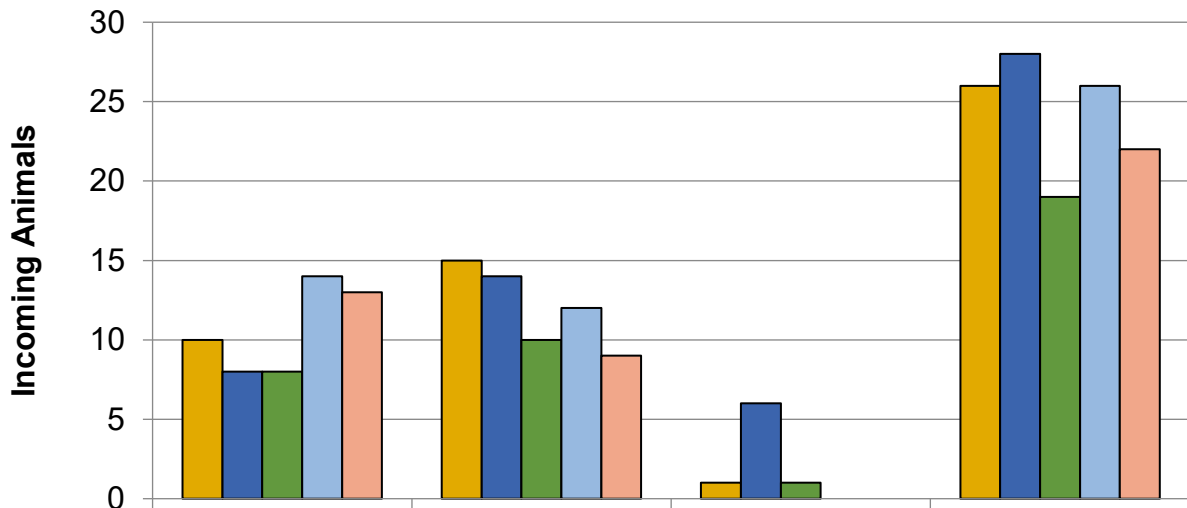
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Surrenders Year to Date

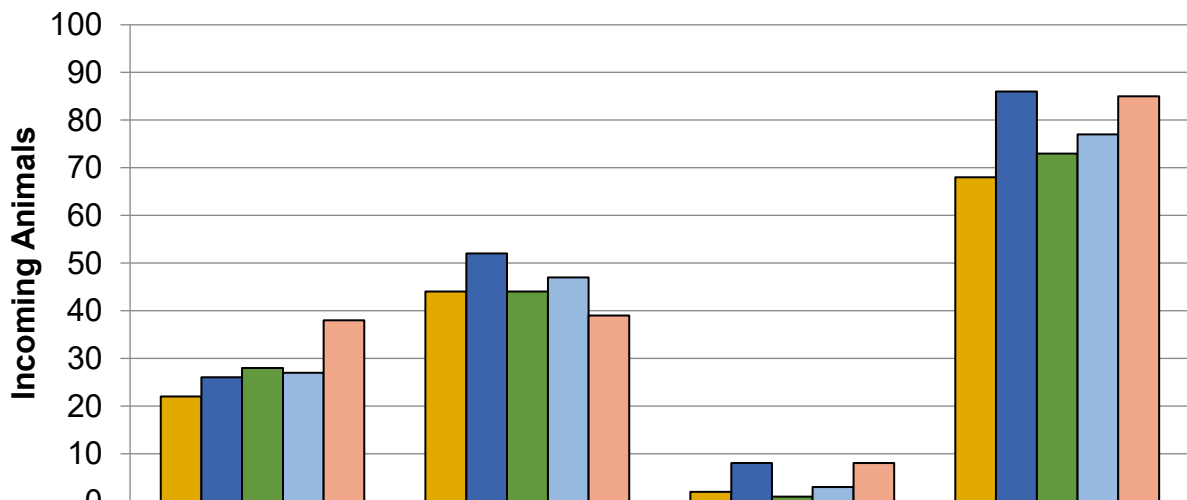


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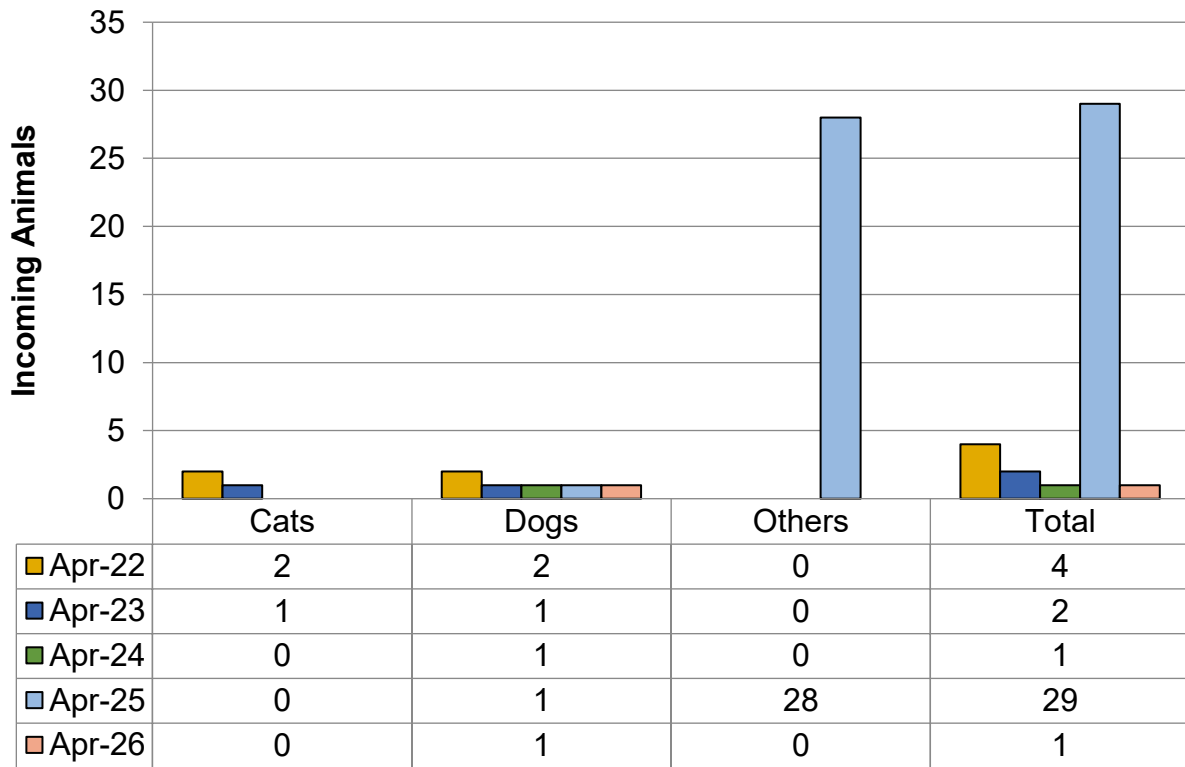
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-22	10	15	1	26
Apr-23	8	14	6	28
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Apr-25	14	12	0	26
Apr-26	13	9	0	22

Returns Year to Date

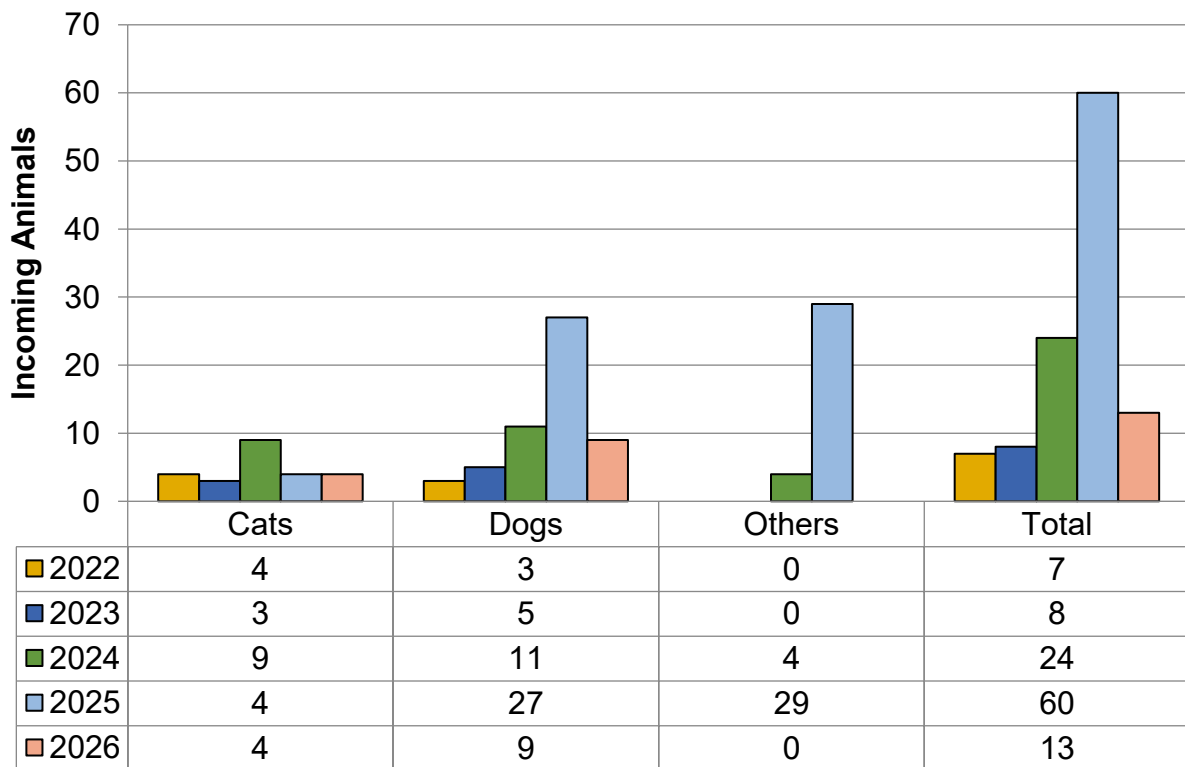


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	22	44	2	68
2023	26	52	8	86
2024	28	44	1	73
2025	27	47	3	77
2026	38	39	8	85

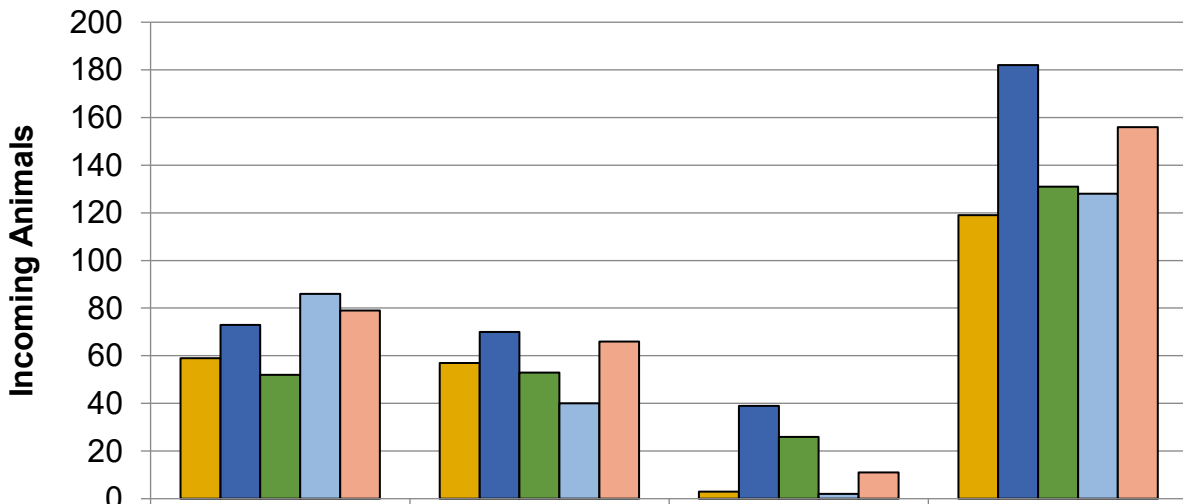
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Seized / Custody Year to Date

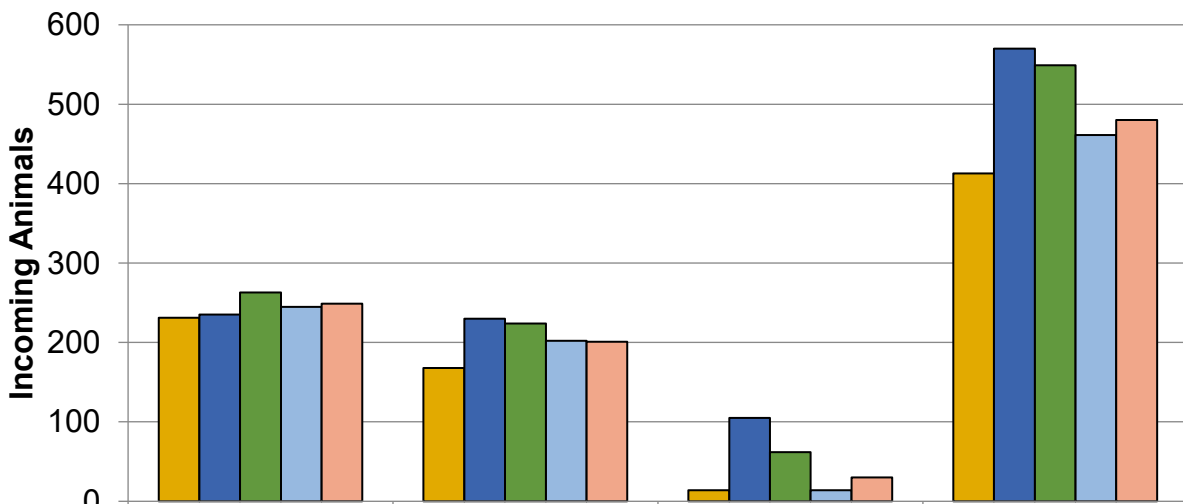


Stray April



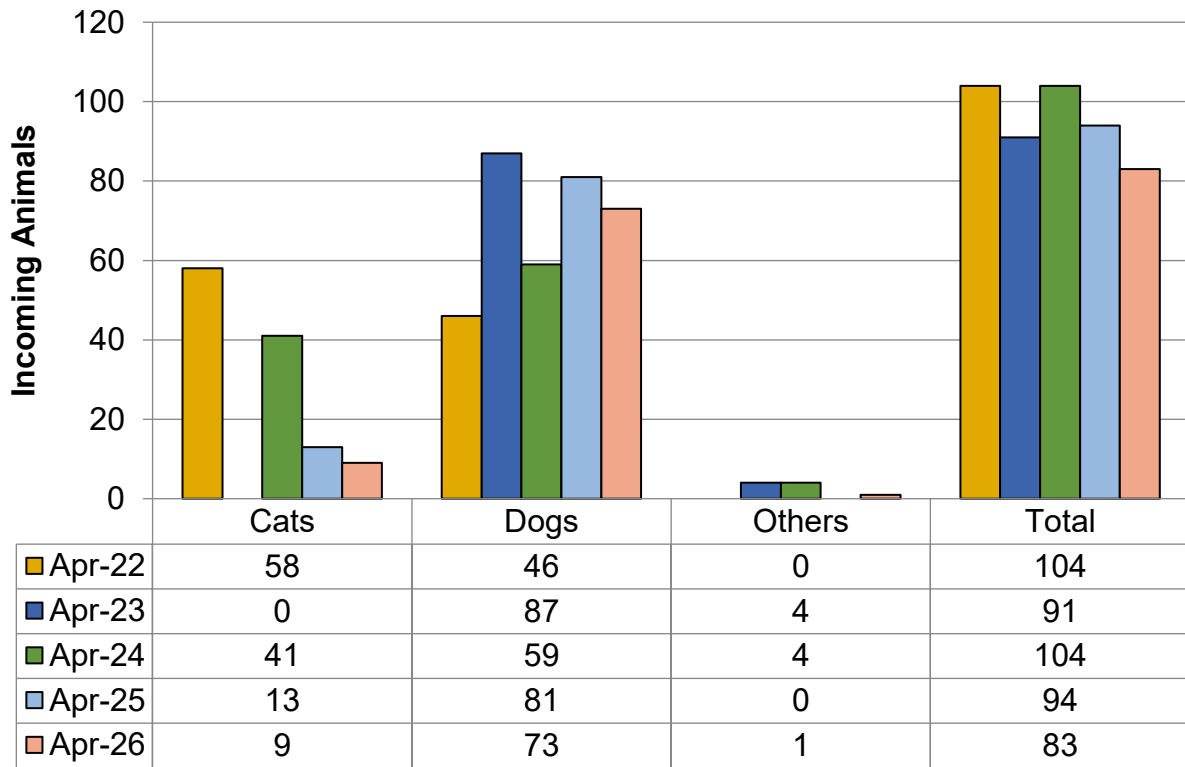
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-22	59	57	3	119
Apr-23	73	70	39	182
Apr-24	52	53	26	131
Apr-25	86	40	2	128
Apr-26	79	66	11	156

Stray Year to Date

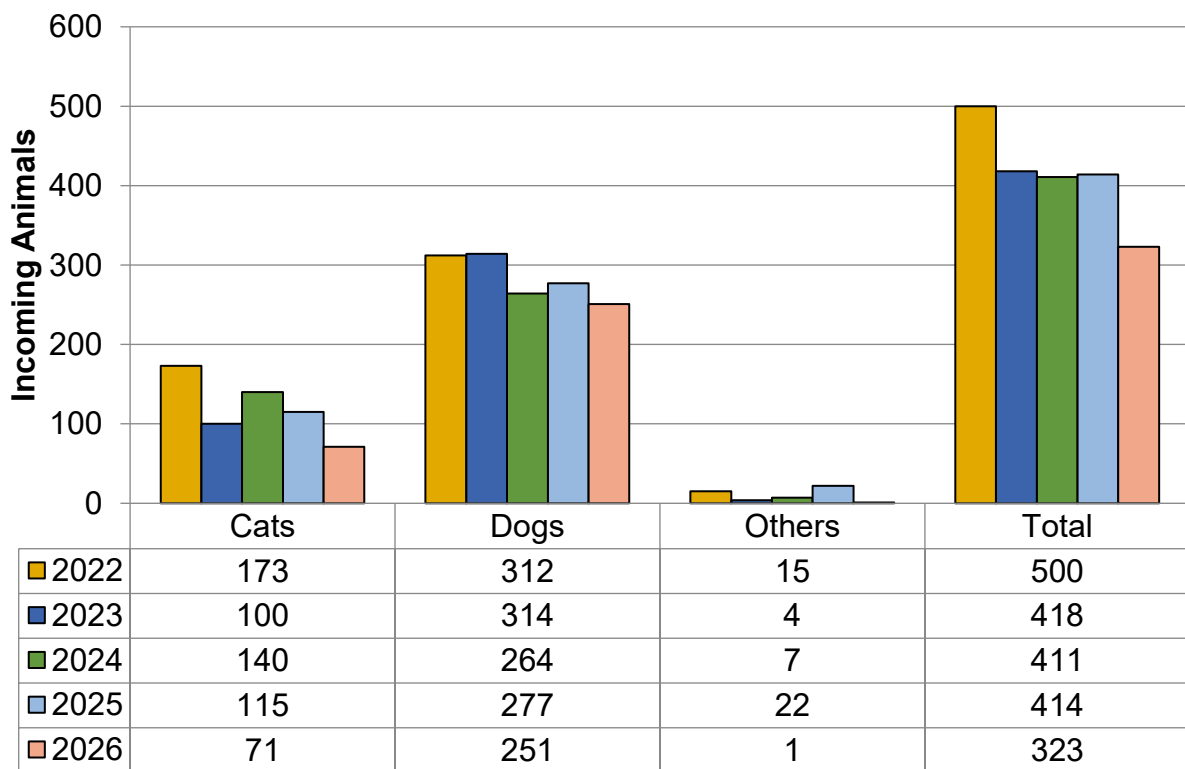


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	231	168	14	413
2023	235	230	105	570
2024	263	224	62	549
2025	245	202	14	461
2026	249	201	30	480

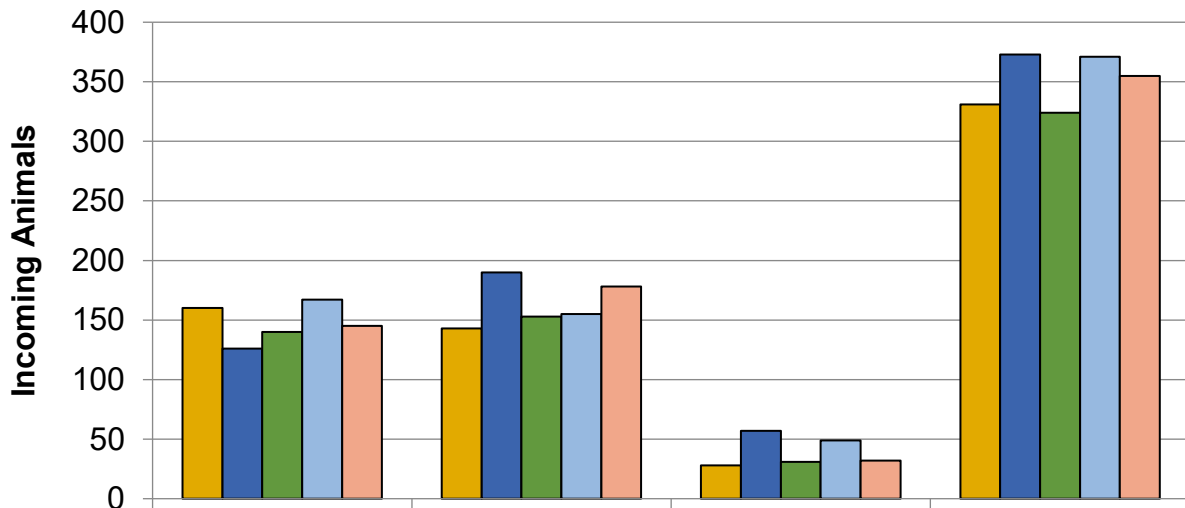
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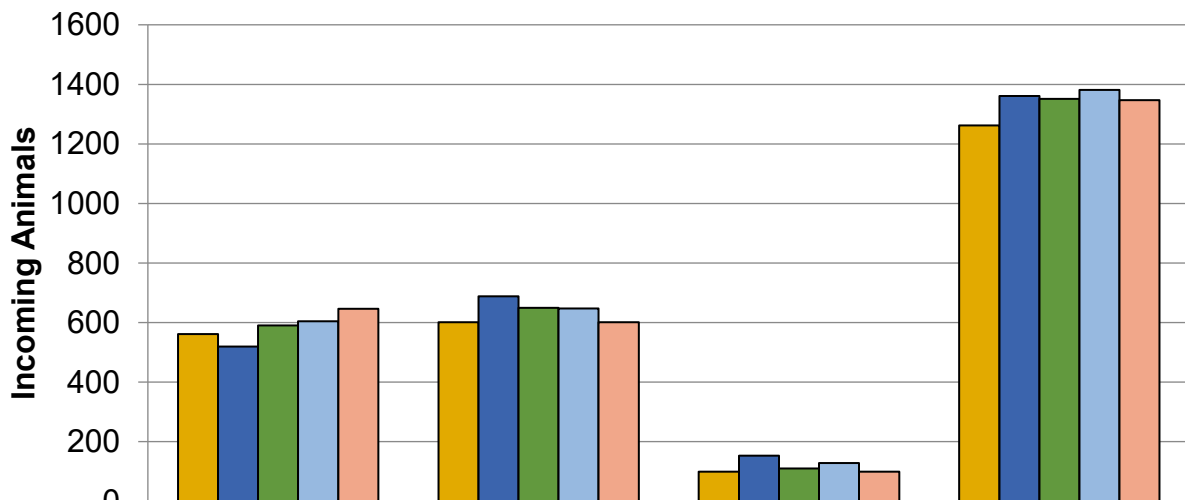


Intake April



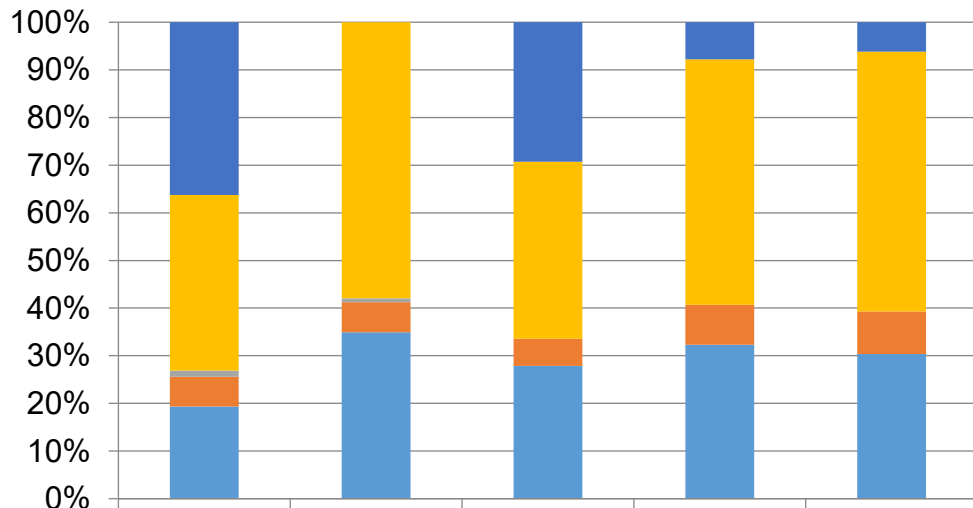
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-22	160	143	28	331
Apr-23	126	190	57	373
Apr-24	140	153	31	324
Apr-25	167	155	49	371
Apr-26	145	178	32	355

Intake Year to Date



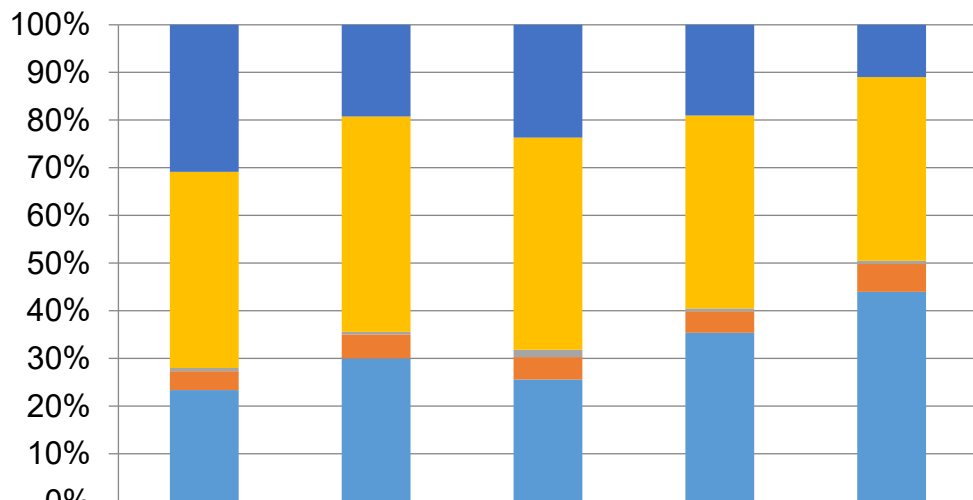
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	561	601	100	1262
2023	520	688	153	1361
2024	591	650	110	1351
2025	605	648	128	1381
2026	646	601	100	1347

Intakes by Percentage Cats - April



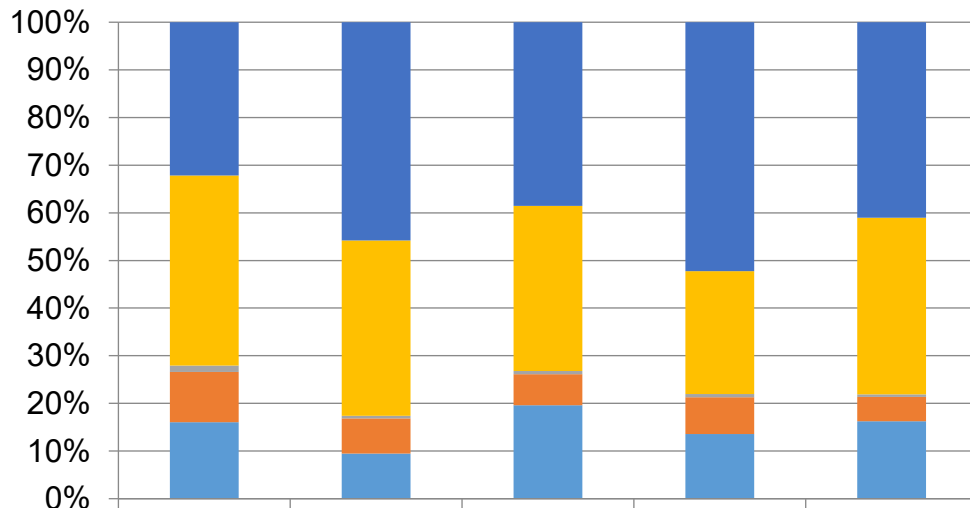
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
Incoming Transfers	36.25%	0.00%	29.29%	7.78%	6.21%
Strays	36.88%	57.94%	37.14%	51.50%	54.48%
Seized / Custody	1.25%	0.79%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Returns	6.25%	6.35%	5.71%	8.38%	8.97%
Owner Surrenders	19.38%	34.92%	27.86%	32.34%	30.34%

Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



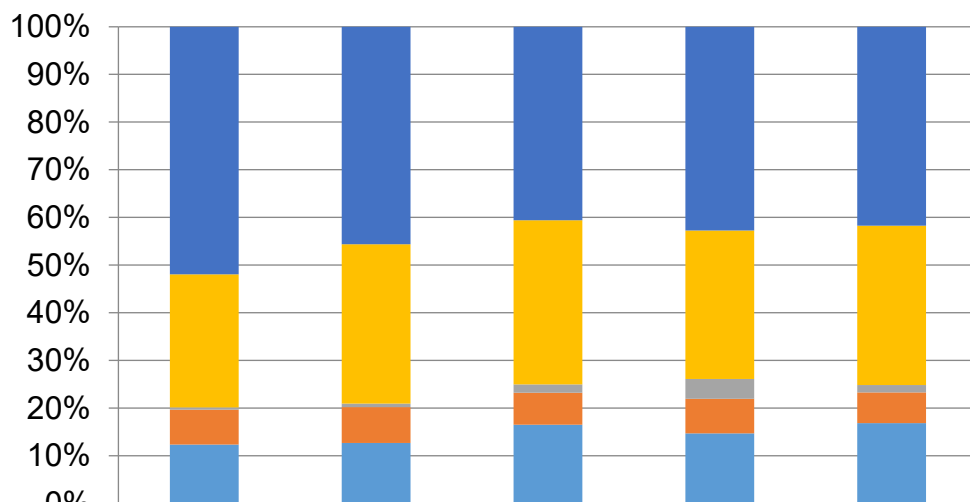
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
Incoming Transfers	30.84%	19.23%	23.69%	19.01%	10.99%
Strays	41.18%	45.19%	44.50%	40.50%	38.54%
Seized / Custody	0.71%	0.58%	1.52%	0.66%	0.62%
Returns	3.92%	5.00%	4.74%	4.46%	5.88%
Owner Surrenders	23.35%	30.00%	25.55%	35.37%	43.96%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - April



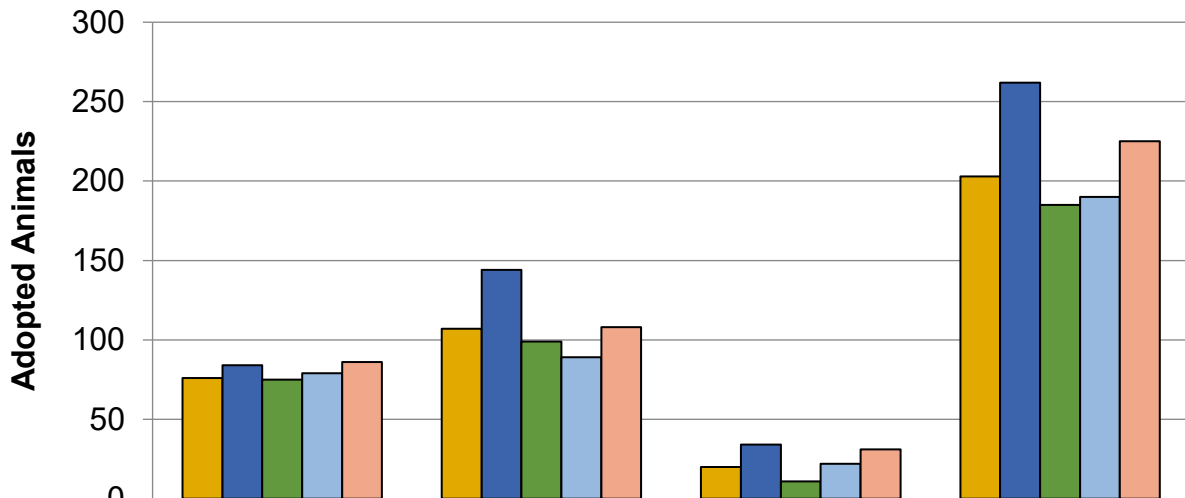
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
■ Incoming Transfers	32.17%	45.79%	38.56%	52.26%	41.01%
■ Strays	39.86%	36.84%	34.64%	25.81%	37.08%
■ Seized / Custody	1.40%	0.53%	0.65%	0.65%	0.56%
■ Returns	10.49%	7.37%	6.54%	7.74%	5.06%
■ Owner Surrenders	16.08%	9.47%	19.61%	13.55%	16.29%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



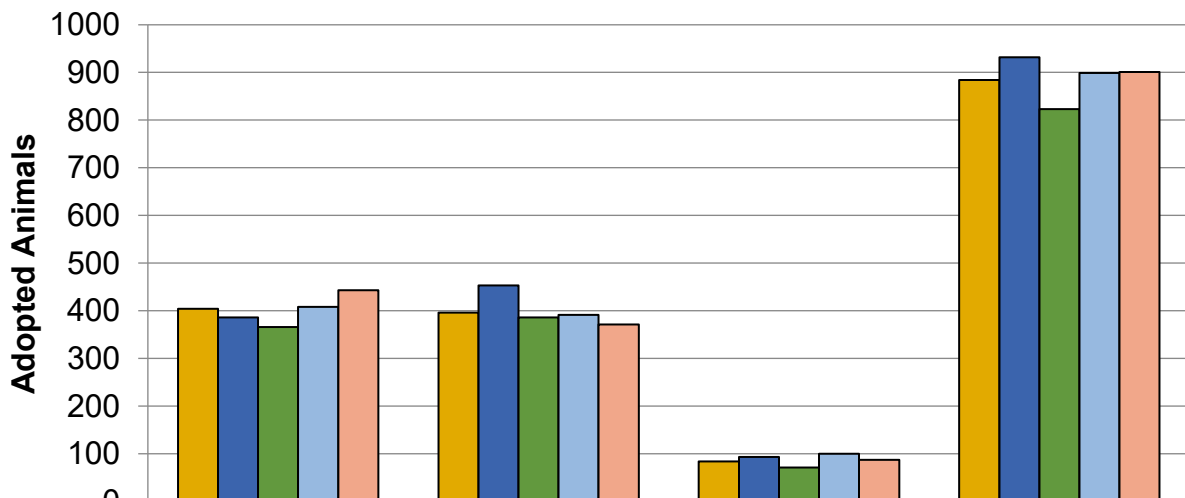
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
■ Incoming Transfers	51.91%	45.64%	40.62%	42.75%	41.76%
■ Strays	27.95%	33.43%	34.46%	31.17%	33.44%
■ Seized / Custody	0.50%	0.73%	1.69%	4.17%	1.50%
■ Returns	7.32%	7.56%	6.77%	7.25%	6.49%
■ Owner Surrenders	12.31%	12.65%	16.46%	14.66%	16.81%

Adoptions April



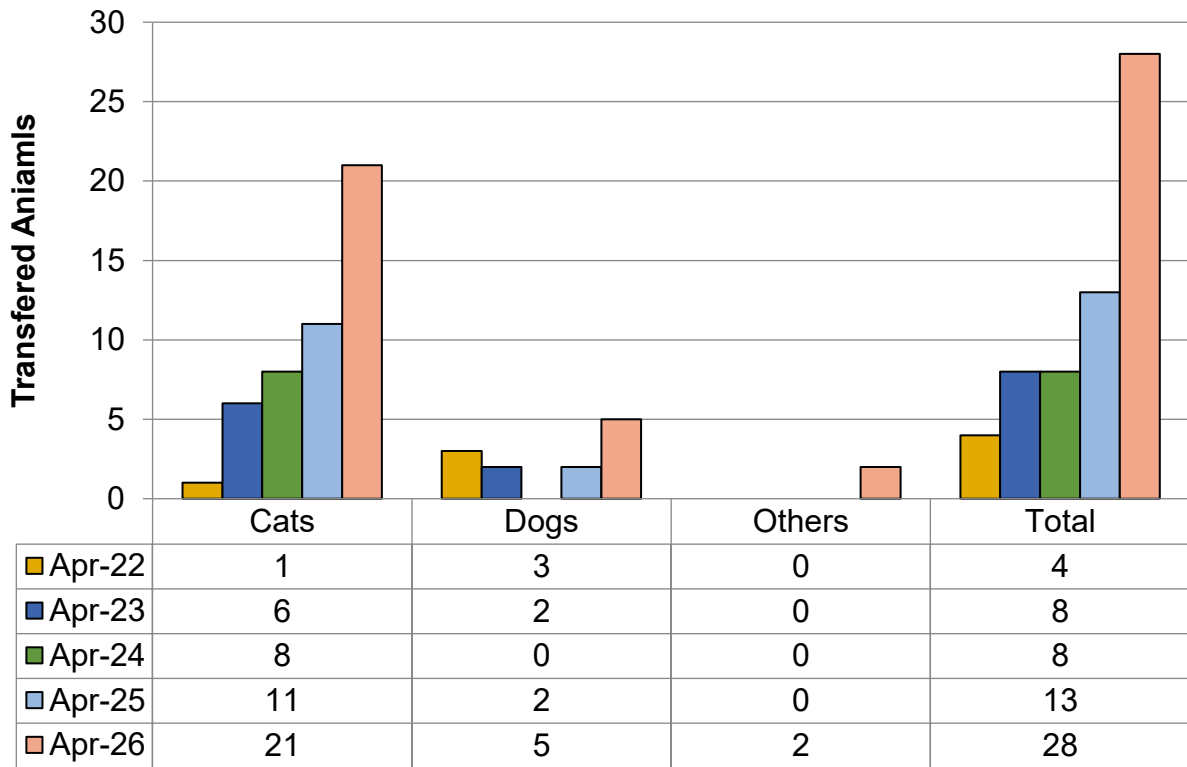
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-22	76	107	20	203
Apr-23	84	144	34	262
Apr-24	75	99	11	185
Apr-25	79	89	22	190
Apr-26	86	108	31	225

Adoptions Year to Date

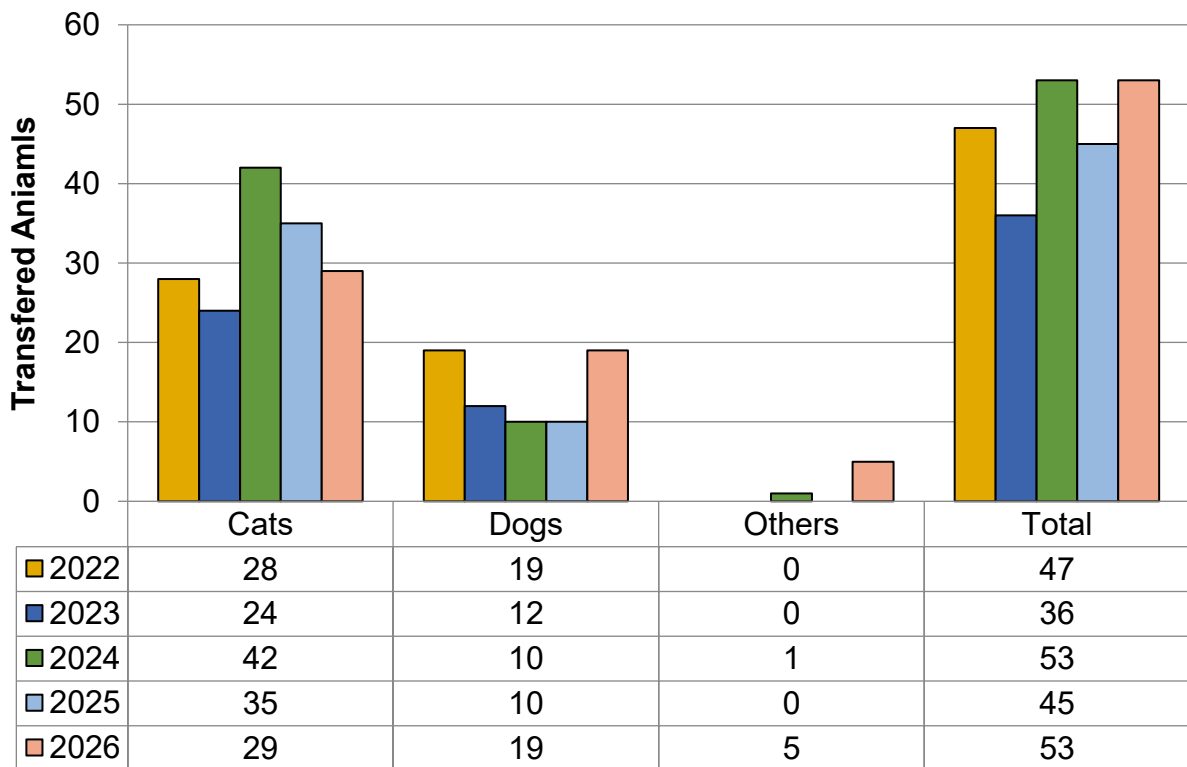


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	404	396	84	884
2023	386	453	93	932
2024	366	386	71	823
2025	408	391	100	899
2026	443	371	87	901

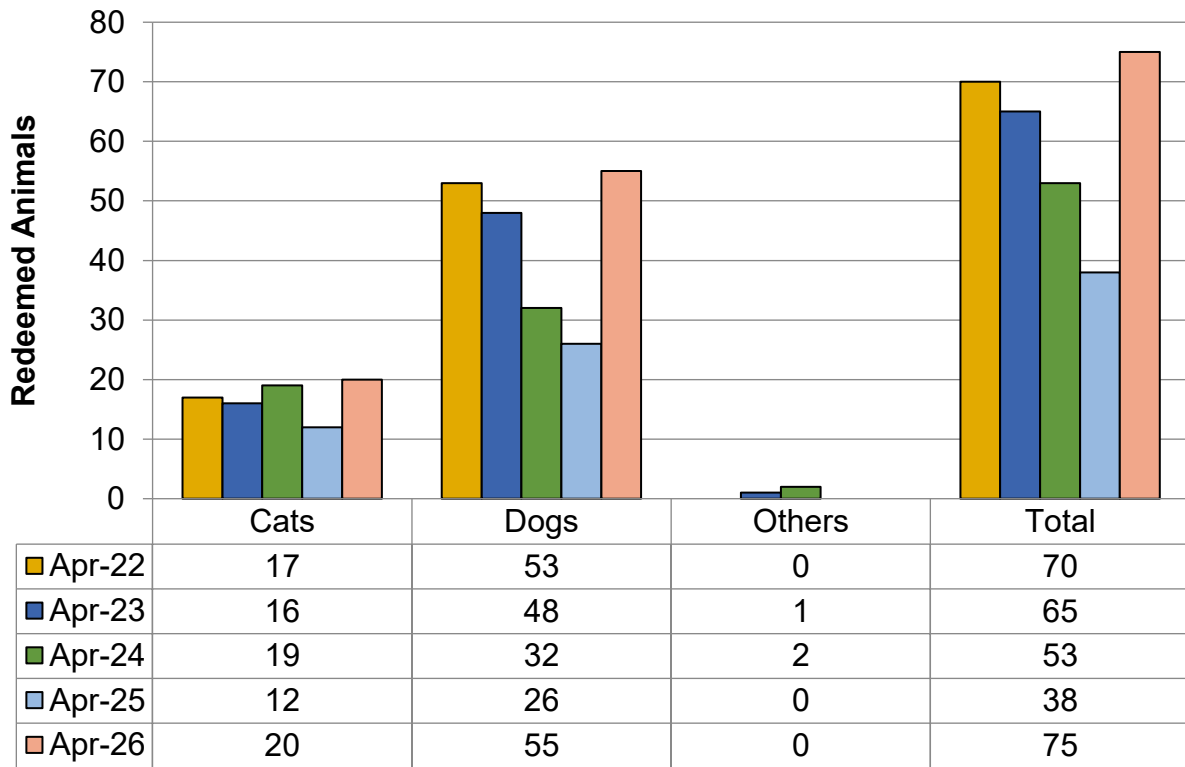
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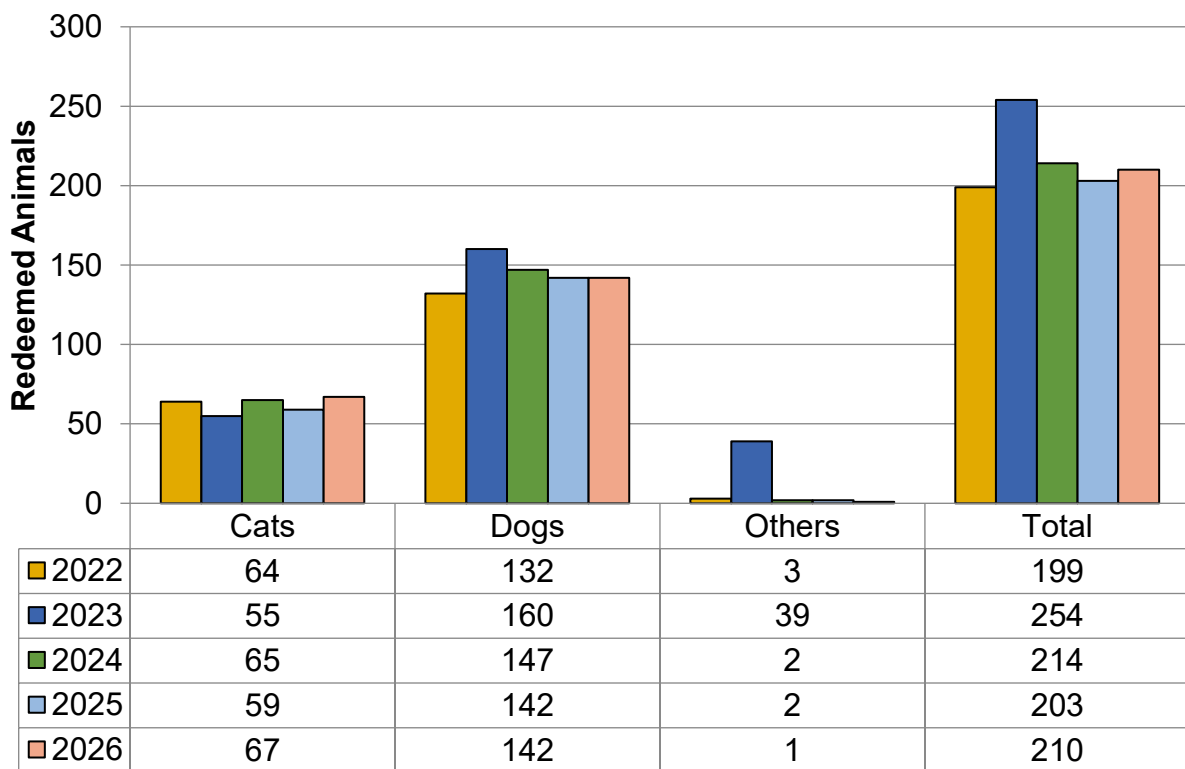
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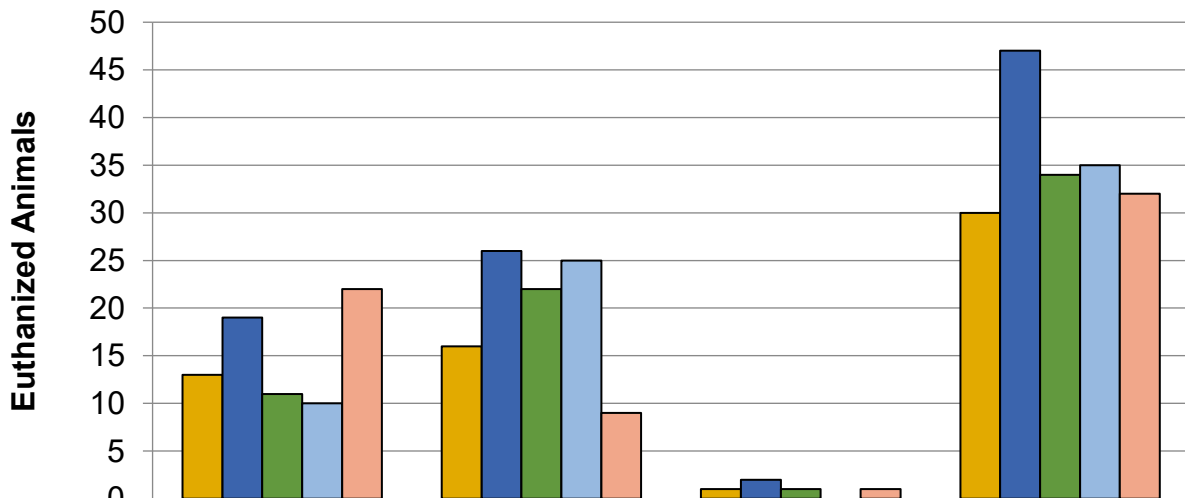
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Redemptions Year to Date

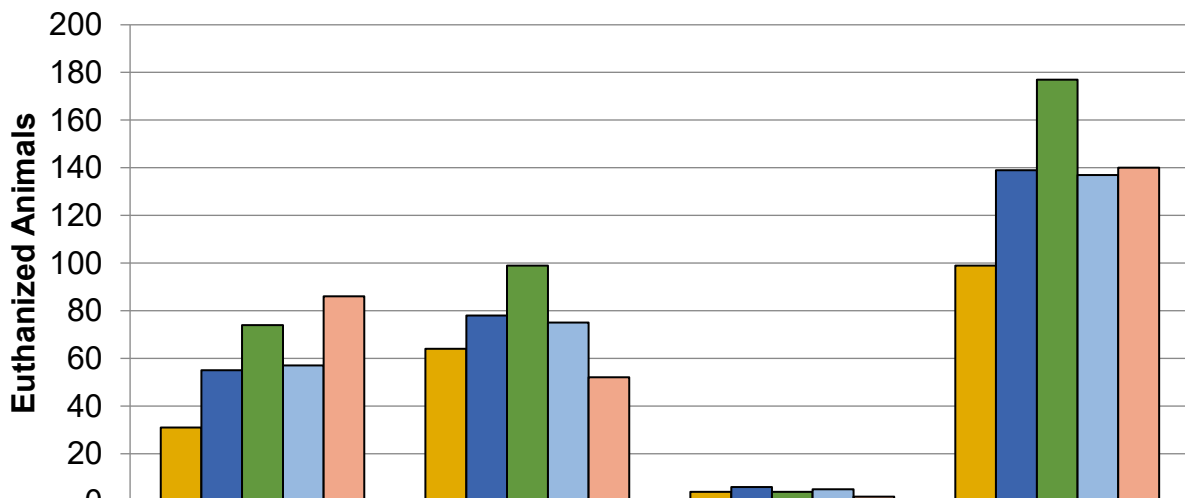


Euthanasia April



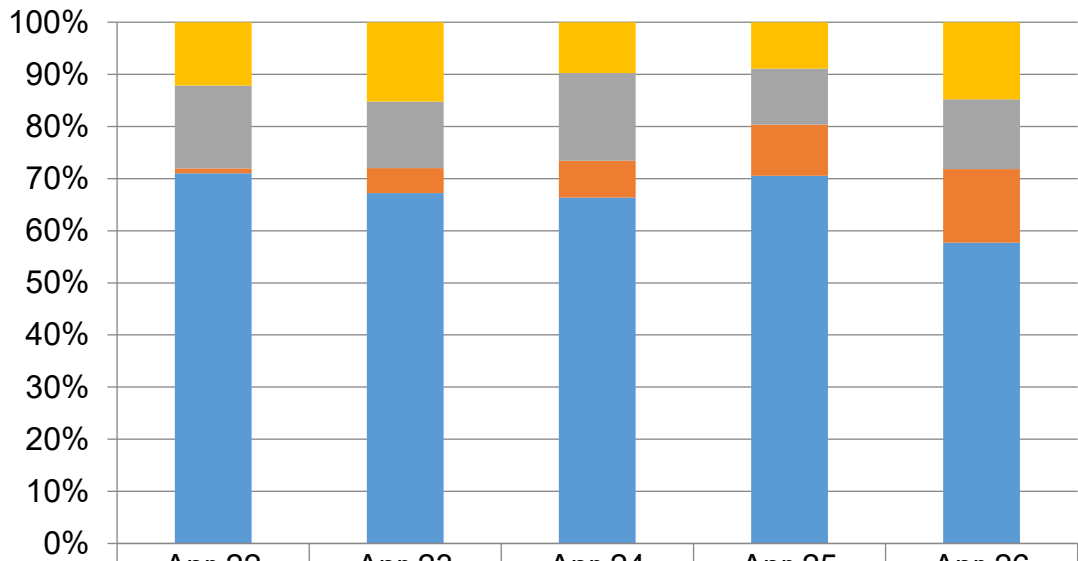
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Apr-22	13	16	1	30
Apr-23	19	26	2	47
Apr-24	11	22	1	34
Apr-25	10	25	0	35
Apr-26	22	9	1	32

Euthanasia Year to Date



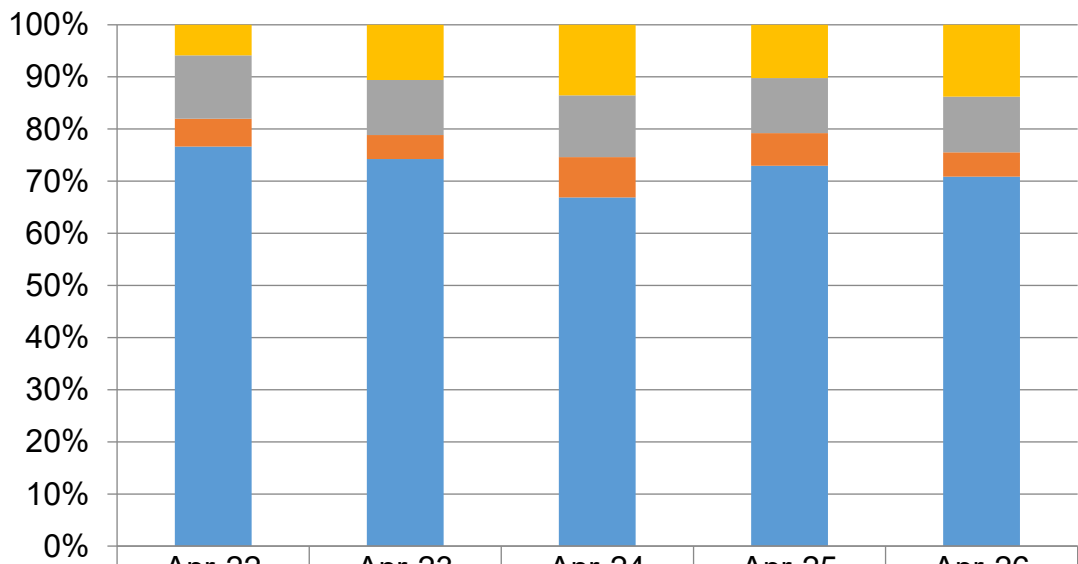
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2022	31	64	4	99
2023	55	78	6	139
2024	74	99	4	177
2025	57	75	5	137
2026	86	52	2	140

Outcomes by Percentage Cats - April



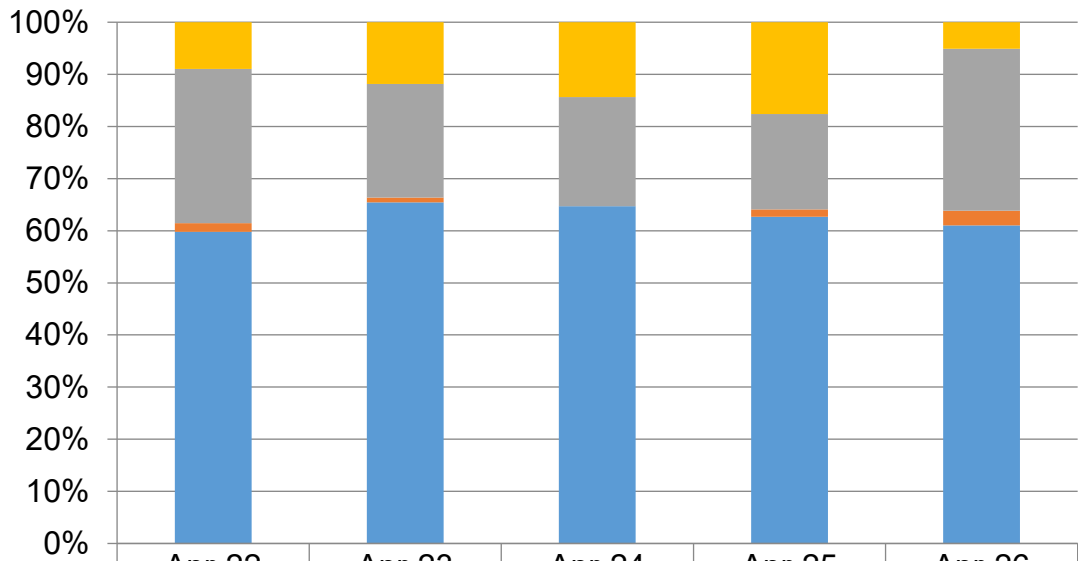
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
■ Euthanasia	12.15%	15.20%	9.73%	8.93%	14.77%
■ Redemption	15.89%	12.80%	16.81%	10.71%	13.42%
■ Transfer	0.93%	4.80%	7.08%	9.82%	14.09%
■ Adoption	71.03%	67.20%	66.37%	70.54%	57.72%

Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



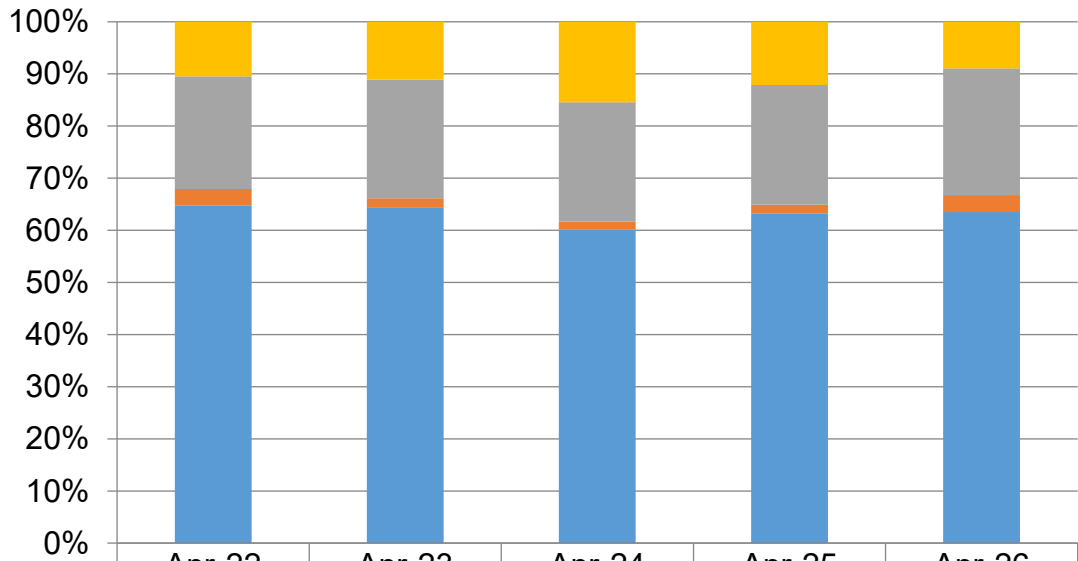
	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
■ Euthanasia	5.88%	10.58%	13.53%	10.20%	13.76%
■ Redemption	12.14%	10.58%	11.88%	10.55%	10.72%
■ Transfer	5.31%	4.62%	7.68%	6.26%	4.64%
■ Adoption	76.66%	74.23%	66.91%	72.99%	70.88%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - April



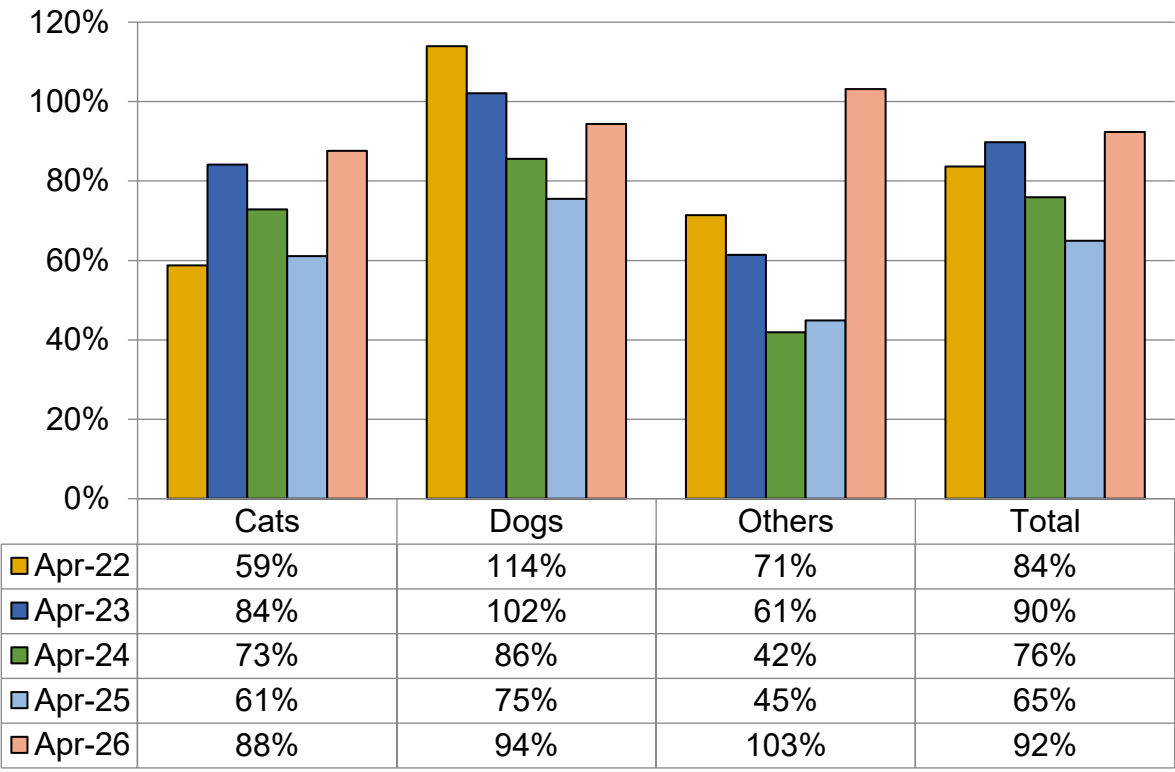
■ Euthanasia	8.94%	11.82%	14.38%	17.61%	5.08%
■ Redemption	29.61%	21.82%	20.92%	18.31%	31.07%
■ Transfer	1.68%	0.91%	0.00%	1.41%	2.82%
■ Adoption	59.78%	65.45%	64.71%	62.68%	61.02%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

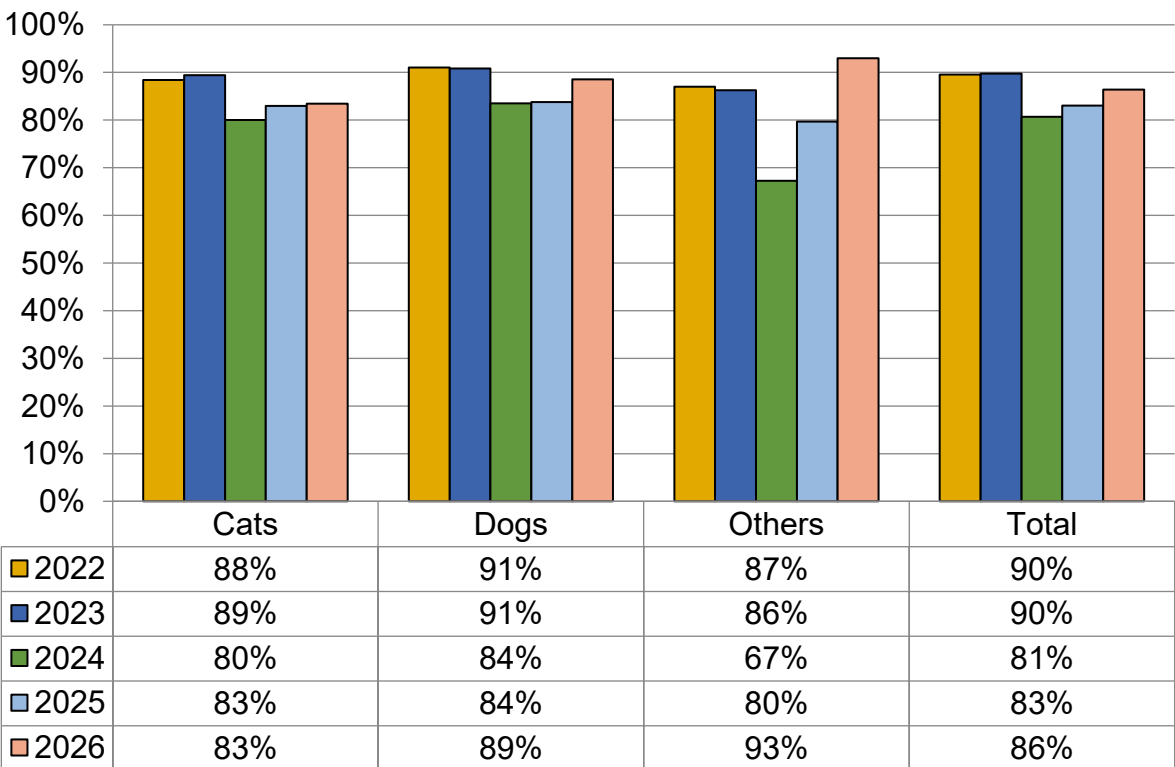


■ Euthanasia	10.47%	11.10%	15.42%	12.14%	8.90%
■ Redemption	21.60%	22.76%	22.90%	22.98%	24.32%
■ Transfer	3.11%	1.71%	1.56%	1.62%	3.25%
■ Adoption	64.81%	64.44%	60.12%	63.27%	63.53%

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.