Dane County Humane Society
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Overview

June 2022

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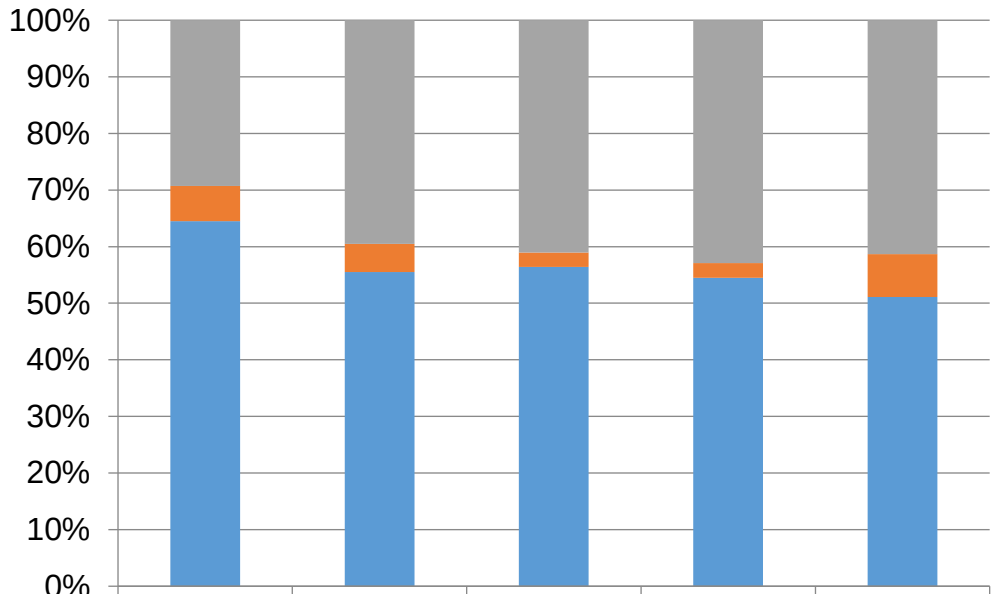
Cat Rolling Release Rate
June



	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Sanctuary Rate	29.27%	39.53%	41.03%	42.91%	41.34%
Euthanasia Rate	6.23%	4.97%	2.56%	2.61%	7.54%
Live Release Rate	64.50%	55.50%	56.41%	54.48%	51.12%

Cat Rolling Release Rate
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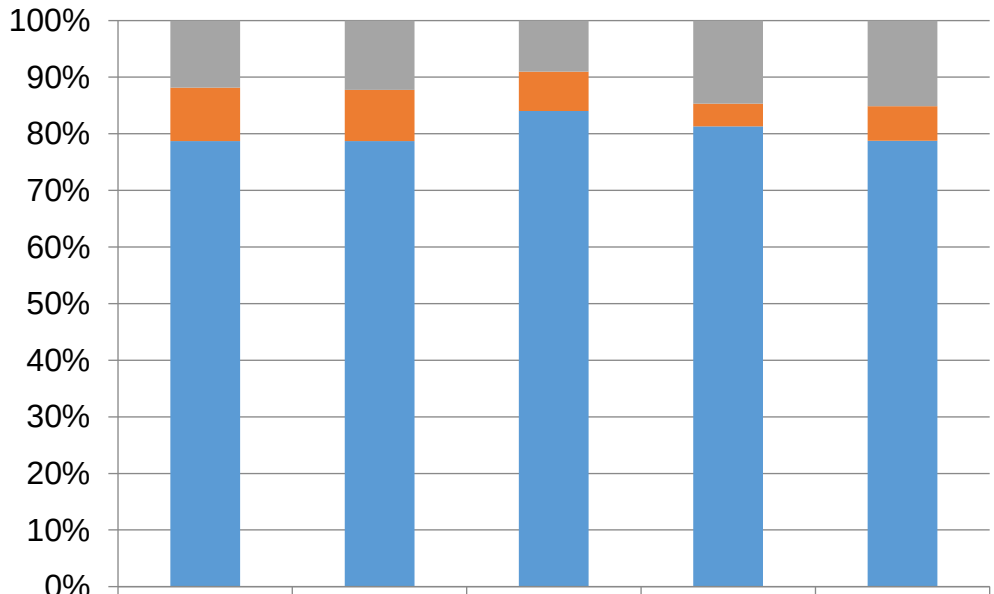
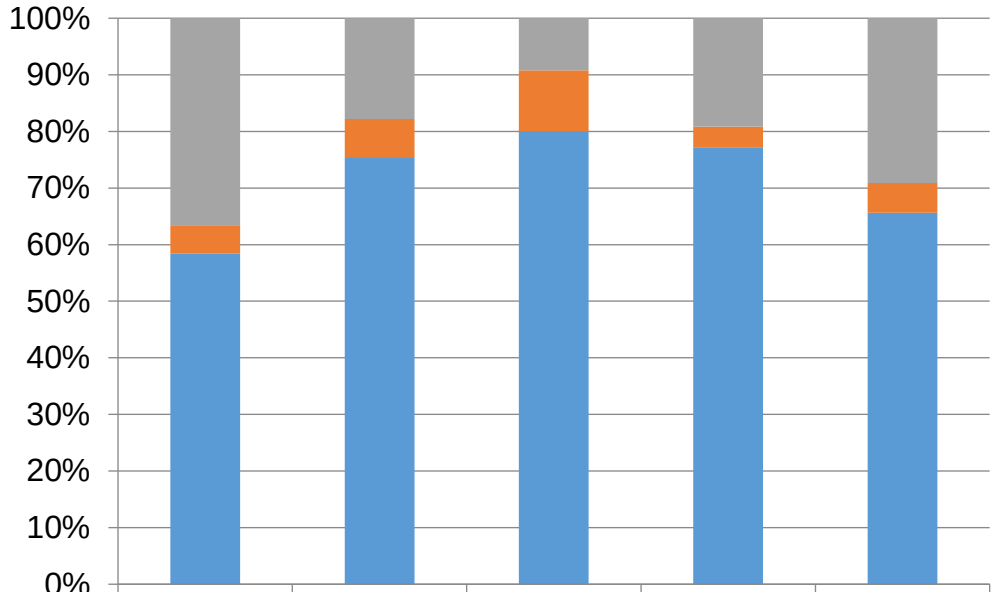


	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Sanctuary Rate	11.86%	12.24%	9.01%	14.66%	15.12%
Euthanasia Rate	9.41%	9.06%	6.99%	4.01%	6.12%
Live Release Rate	78.73%	78.70%	84.01%	81.33%	78.76%

Dog Rolling Release Rate
June



	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Sanctuary Rate	36.56%	17.79%	9.23%	19.15%	29.13%
Euthanasia Rate	5.02%	6.72%	10.77%	3.72%	5.22%
Live Release Rate	58.42%	75.49%	80.00%	77.13%	65.65%

Dog Rolling Release Rate
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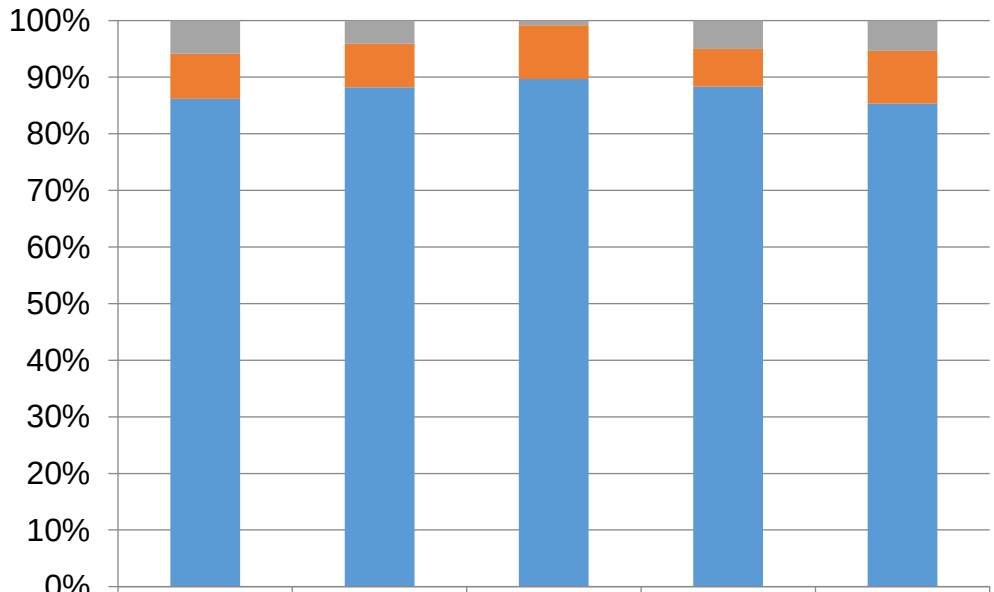
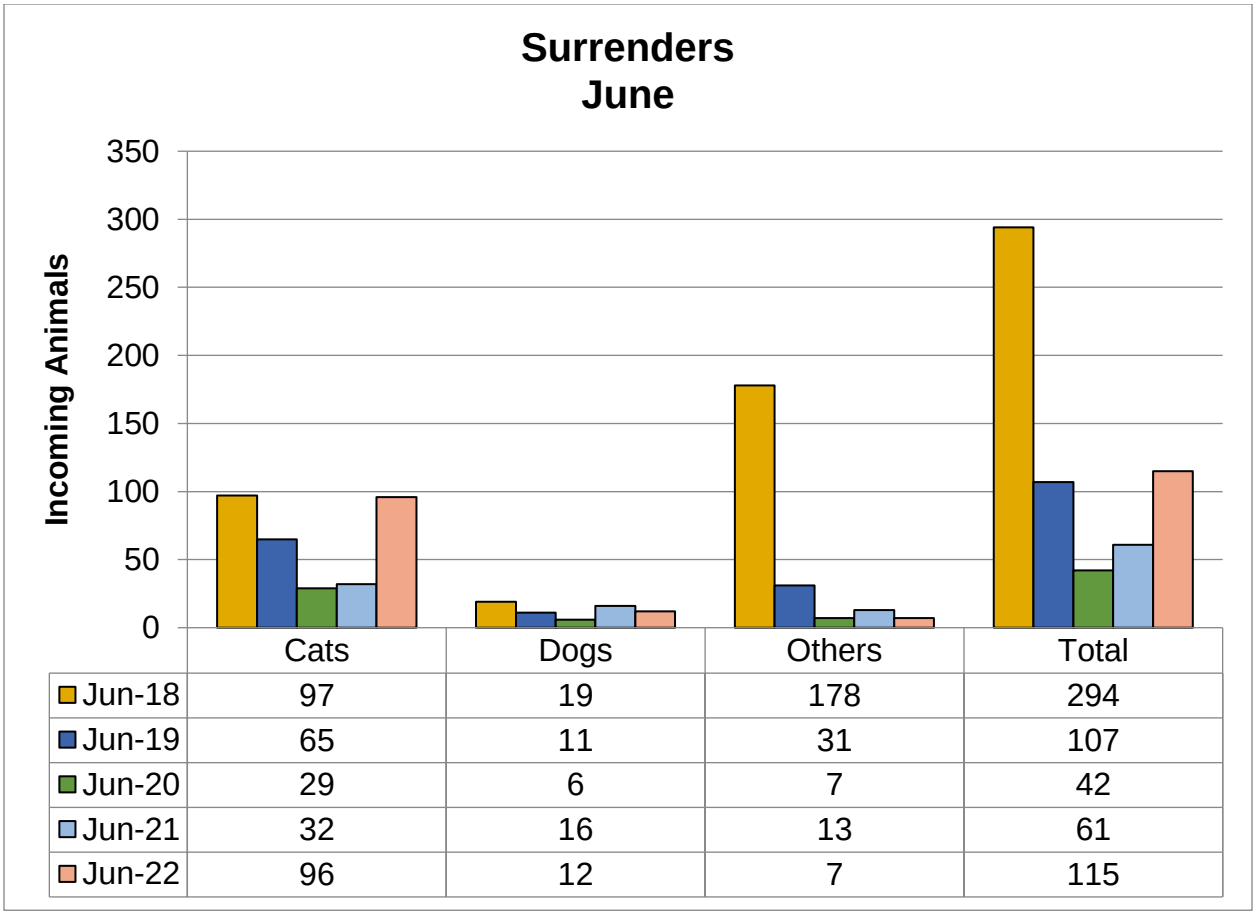
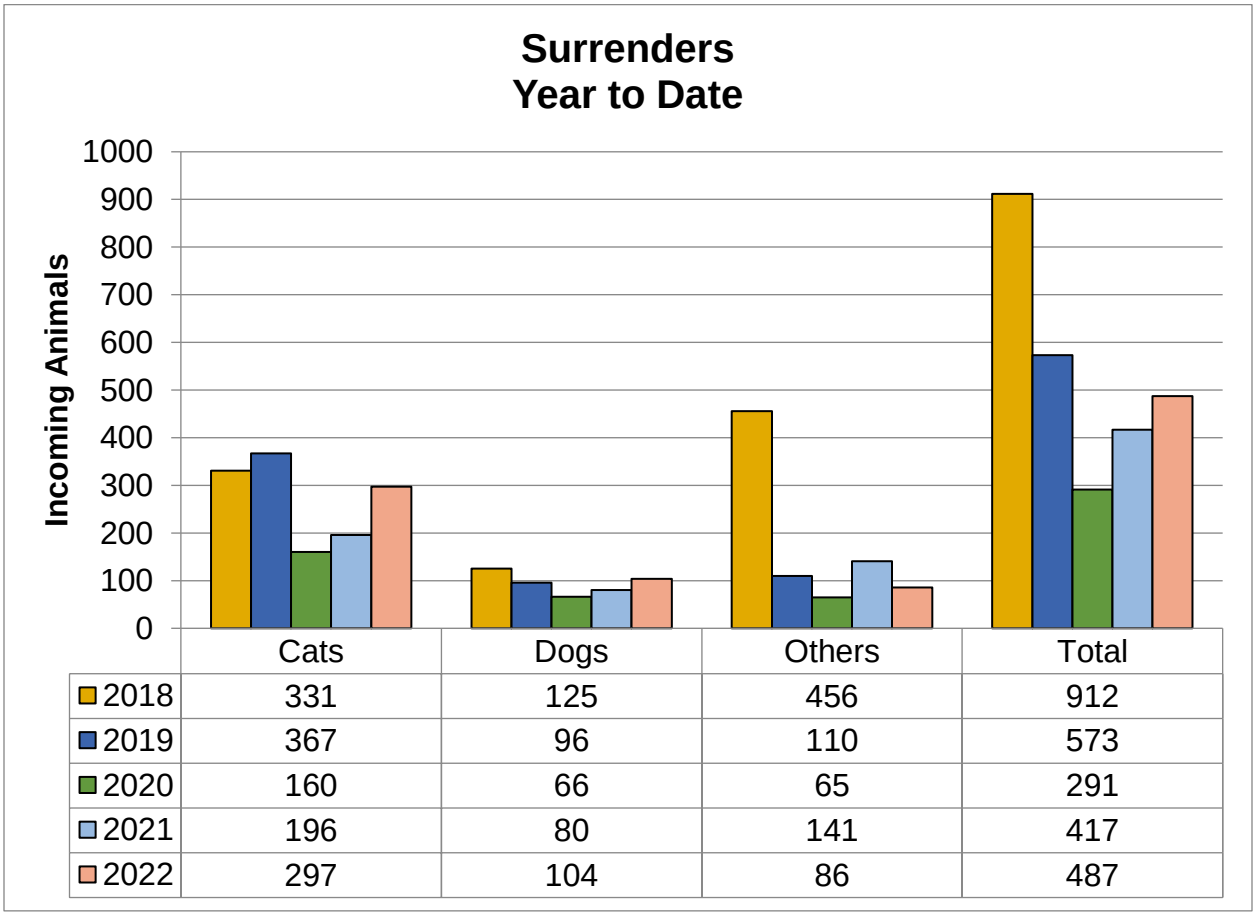


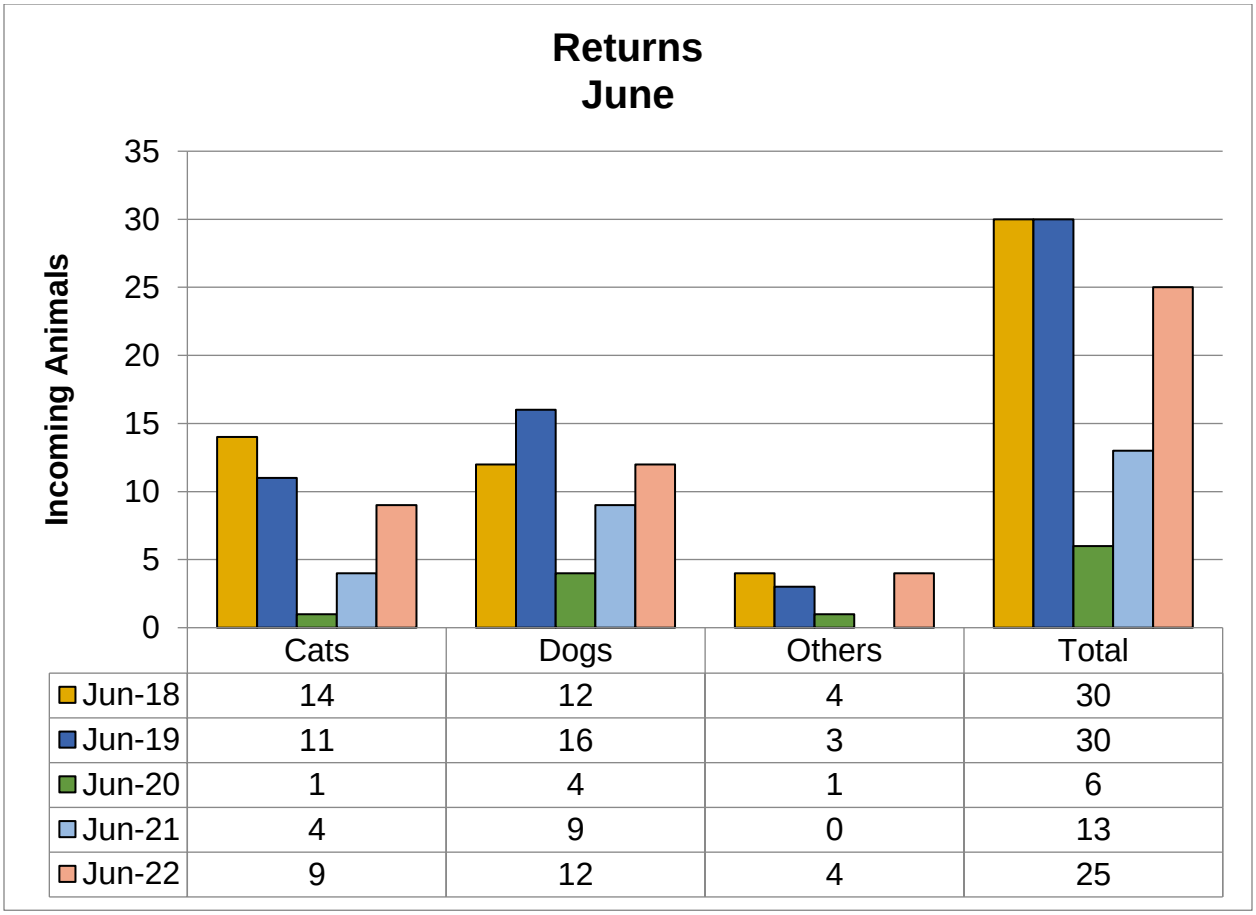
	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Sanctuary Rate	5.83%	4.10%	0.81%	5.01%	5.36%
Euthanasia Rate	7.98%	7.71%	9.52%	6.64%	9.32%
Live Release Rate	86.19%	88.19%	89.68%	88.35%	85.32%



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	97	19	178	294
Jun-19	65	11	31	107
Jun-20	29	6	7	42
Jun-21	32	16	13	61
Jun-22	96	12	7	115



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	331	125	456	912
2019	367	96	110	573
2020	160	66	65	291
2021	196	80	141	417
2022	297	104	86	487



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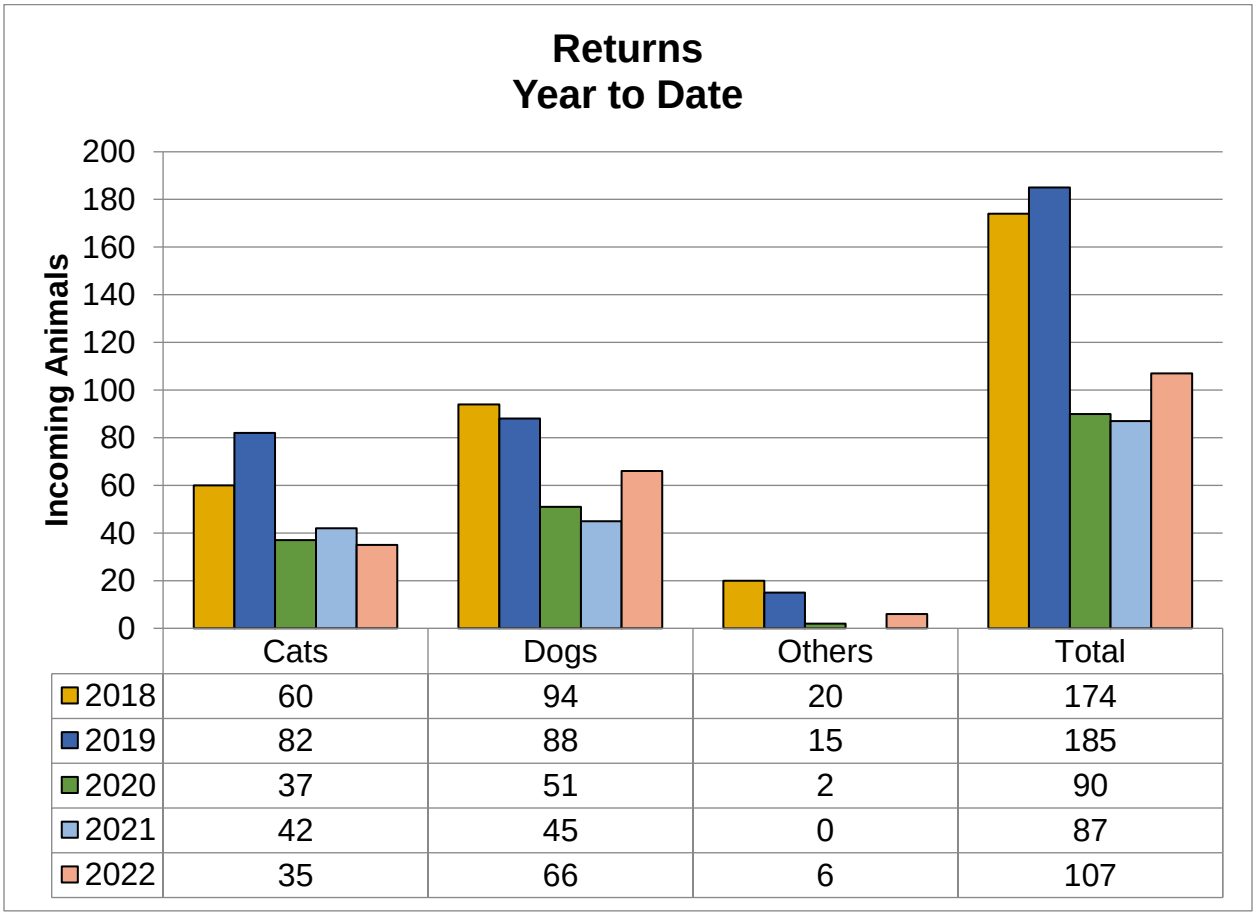
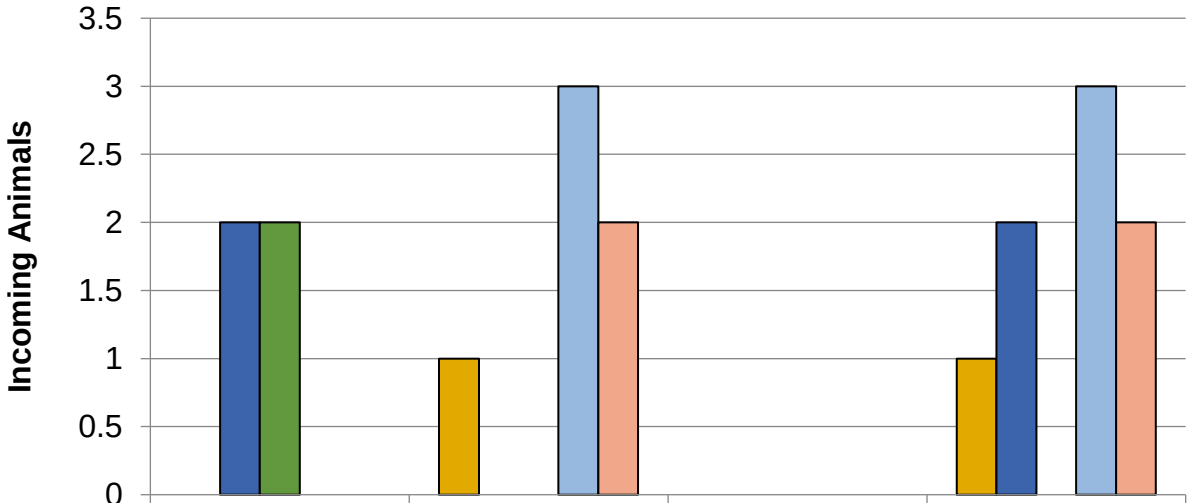
Jun-18	14	12	4	30
Jun-19	11	16	3	30
Jun-20	1	4	1	6
Jun-21	4	9	0	13
Jun-22	9	12	4	25



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	60	94	20	174
2019	82	88	15	185
2020	37	51	2	90
2021	42	45	0	87
2022	35	66	6	107

Seized / Custody
June



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	0	1	0	1
Jun-19	2	0	0	2
Jun-20	2	0	0	0
Jun-21	0	3	0	3
Jun-22	0	2	0	2

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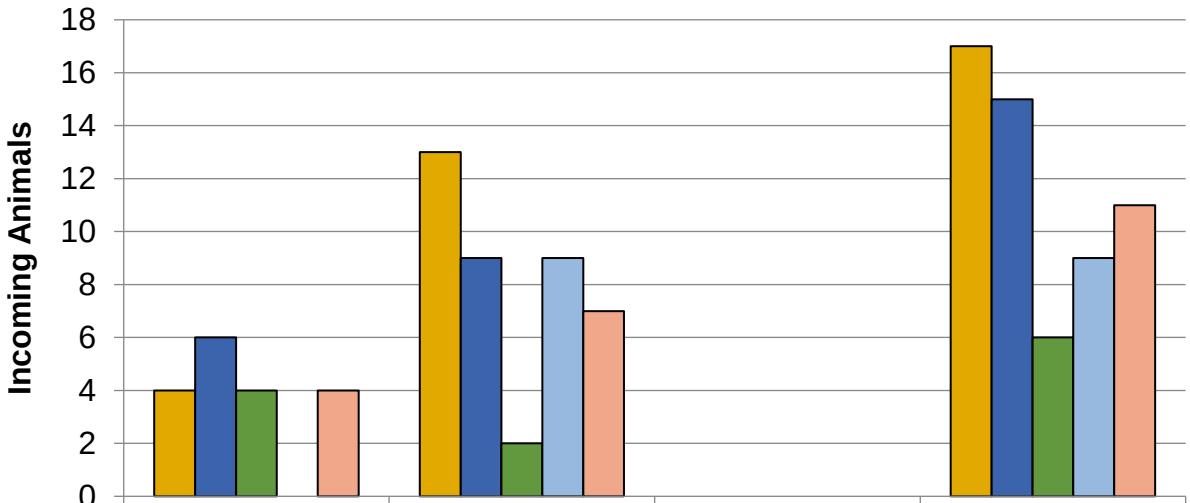

	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
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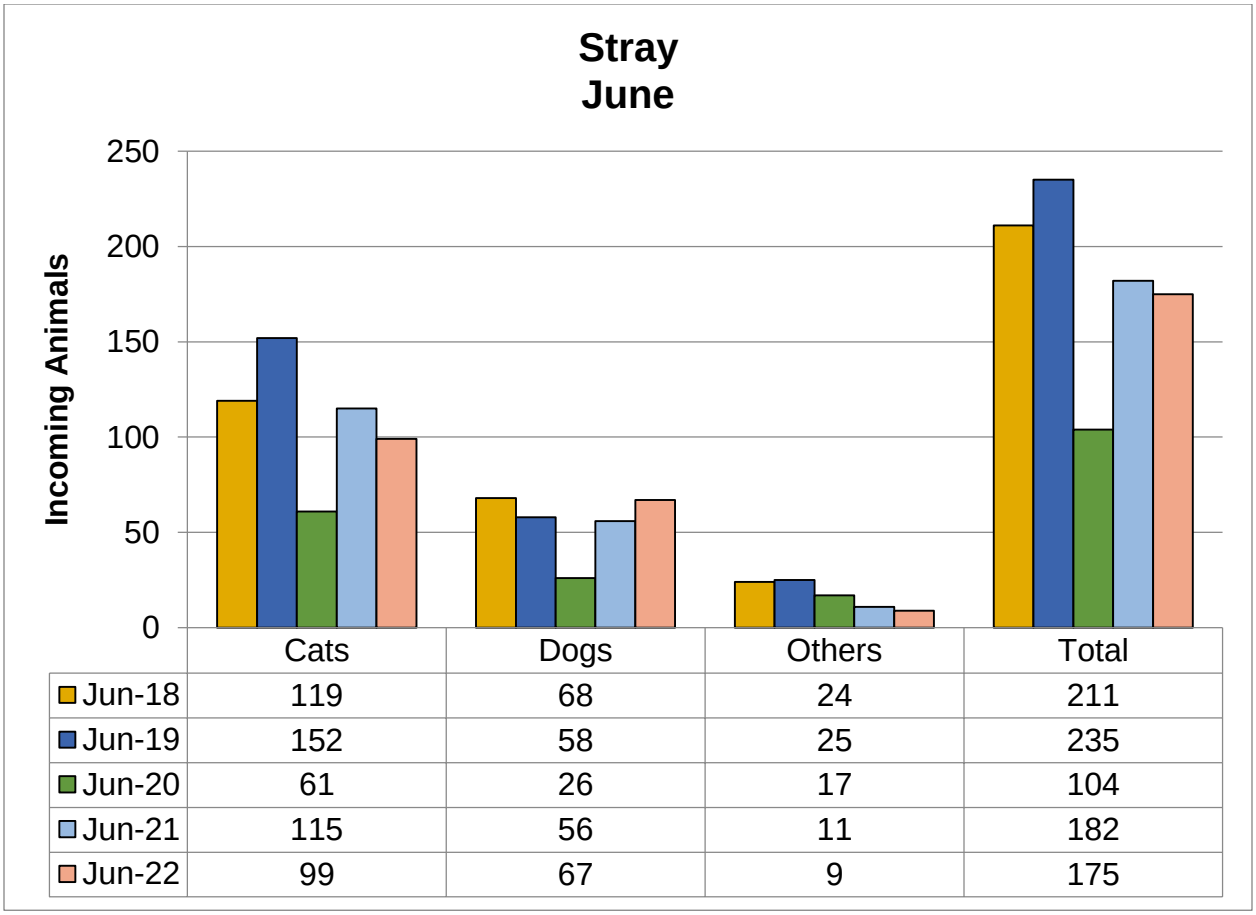
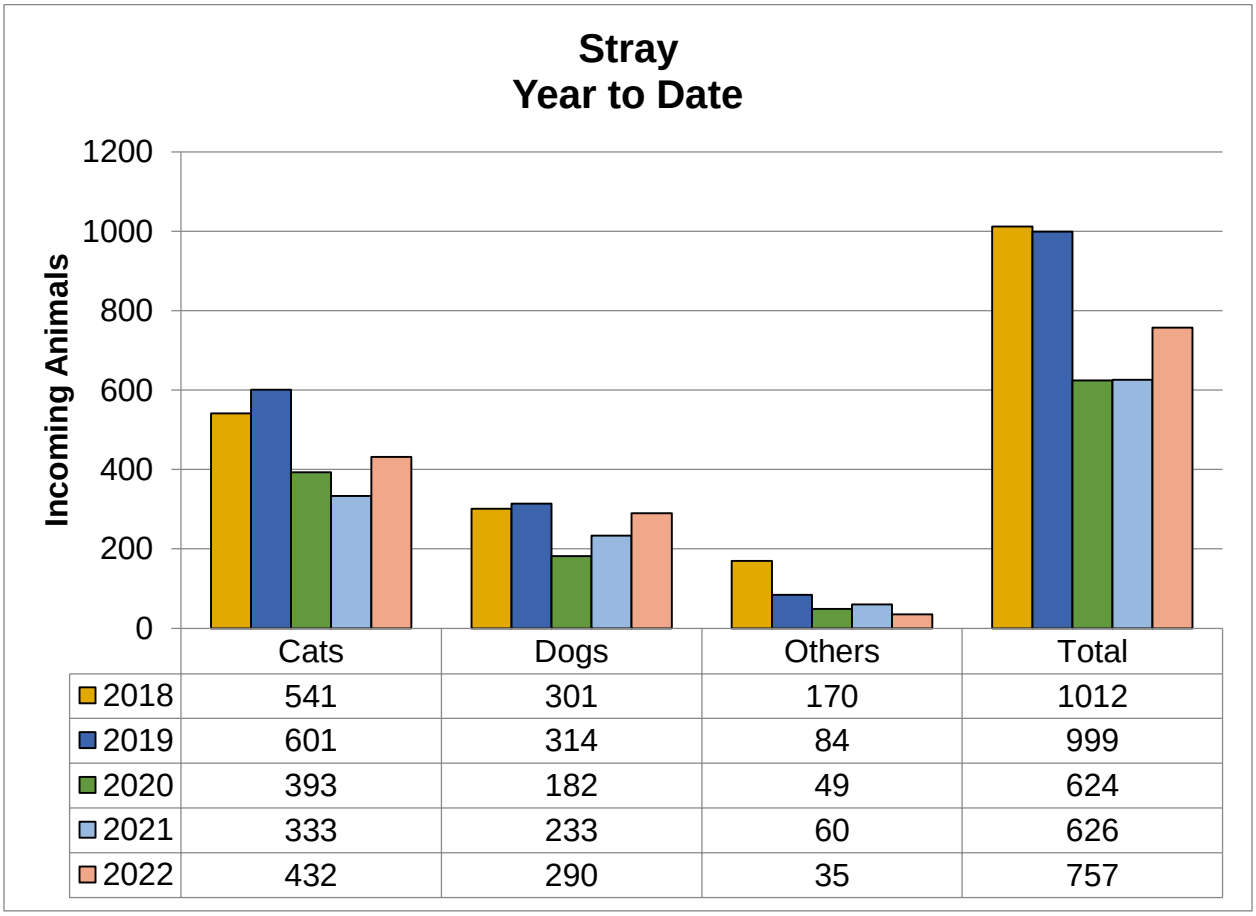
2019	6	9	0	15
2020	4	2	0	6
2021	0	9	0	9
2022	4	7	0	11

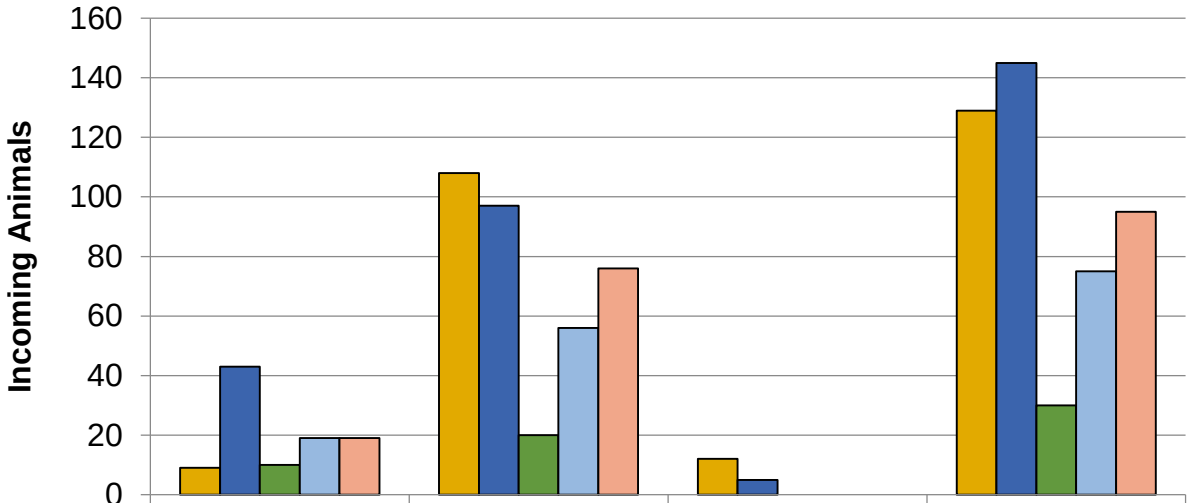


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	119	68	24	211
Jun-19	152	58	25	235
Jun-20	61	26	17	104
Jun-21	115	56	11	182
Jun-22	99	67	9	175



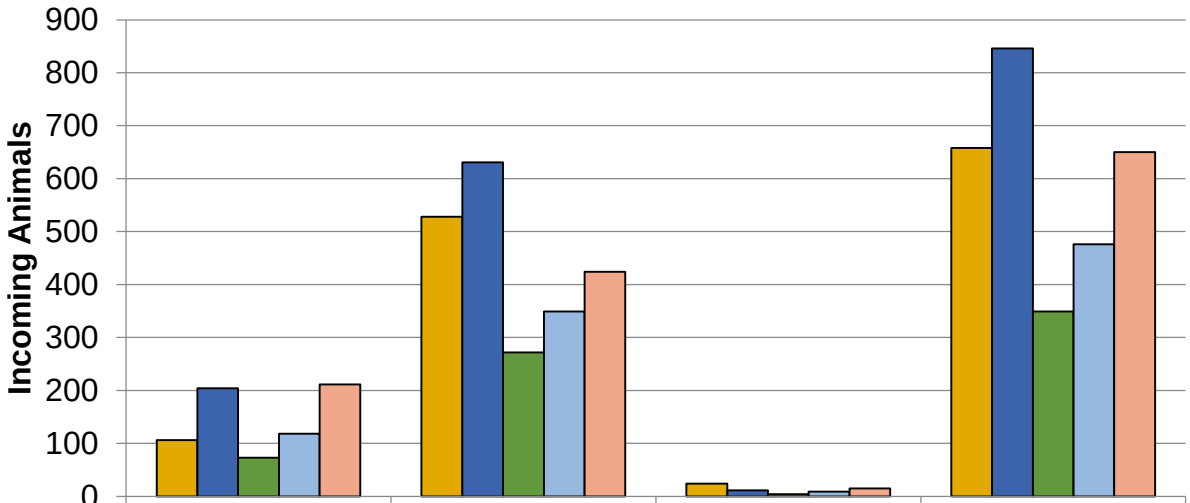
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	541	301	170	1012
2019	601	314	84	999
2020	393	182	49	624
2021	333	233	60	626
2022	432	290	35	757

Incoming Transfers
June

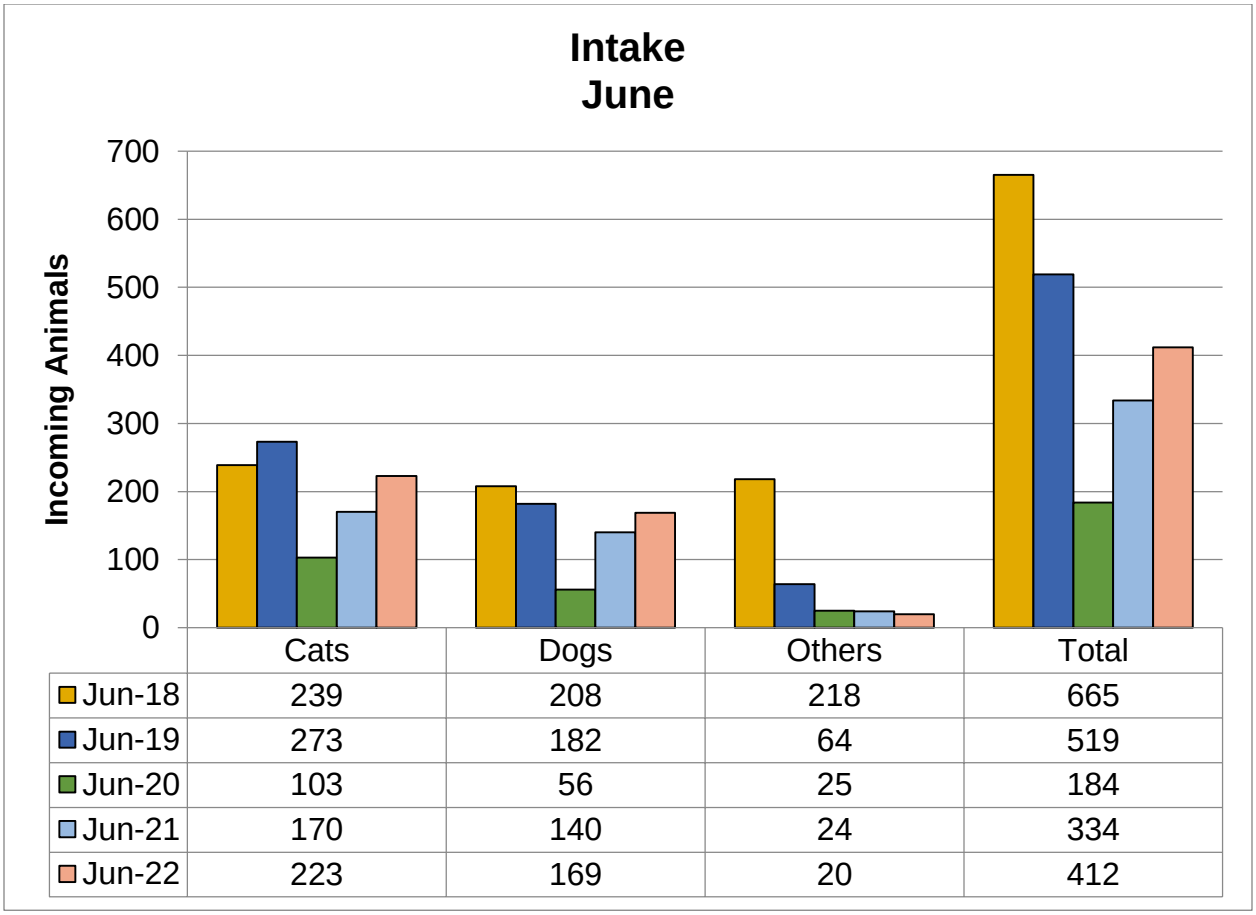


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	9	108	12	129
Jun-19	43	97	5	145
Jun-20	10	20	0	30
Jun-21	19	56	0	75
Jun-22	19	76	0	95

Incoming Transfers
Year to Date



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	106	528	24	658
2019	204	631	11	846
2020	73	272	4	349
2021	118	349	9	476
2022	211	424	15	650



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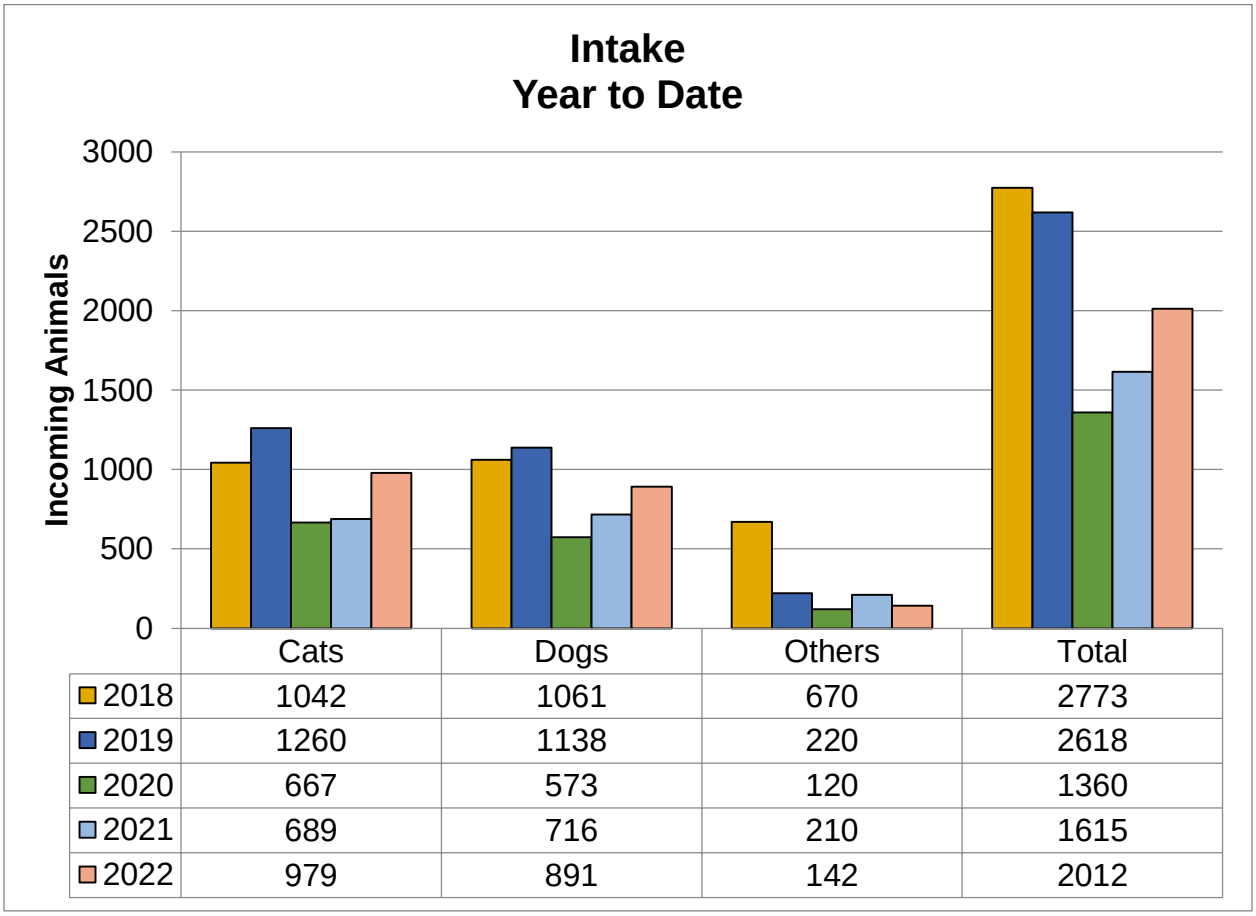
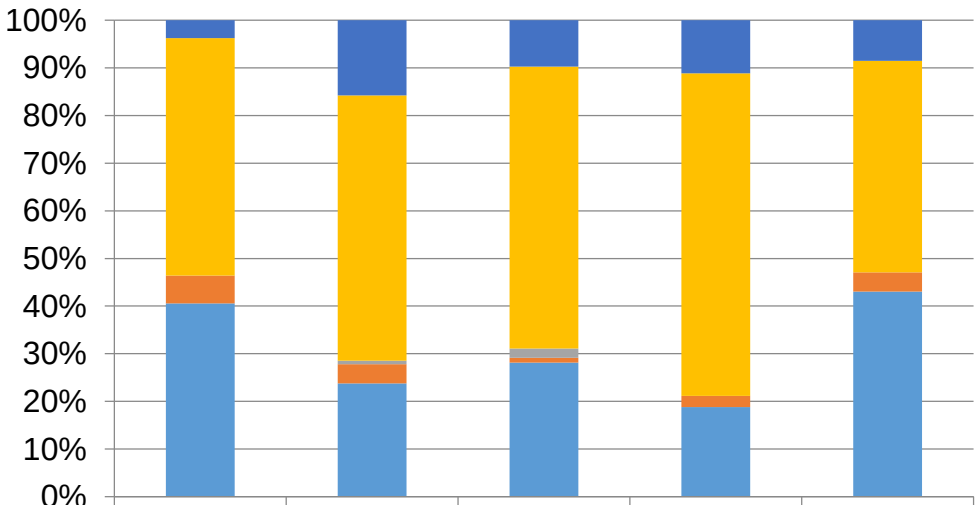
Jun-18	239	208	218	665
Jun-19	273	182	64	519
Jun-20	103	56	25	184
Jun-21	170	140	24	334
Jun-22	223	169	20	412



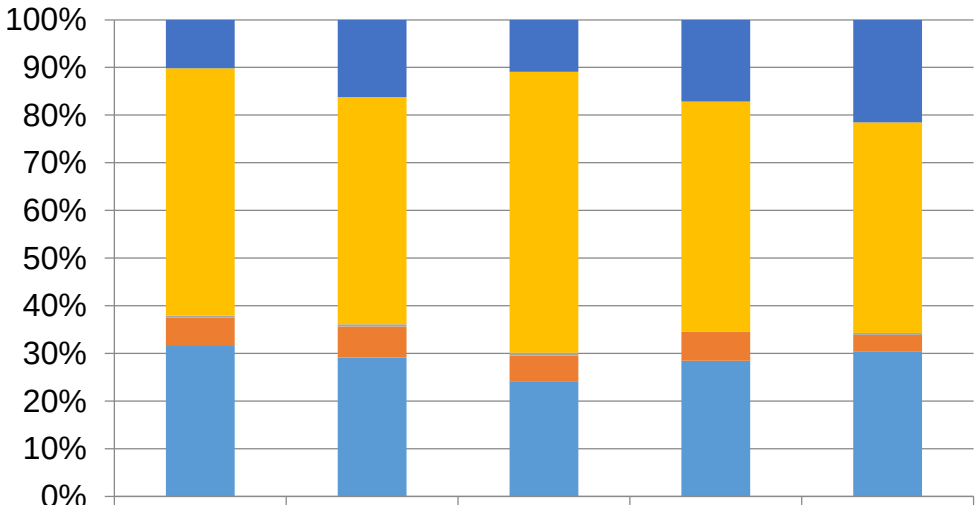
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	1042	1061	670	2773
2019	1260	1138	220	2618
2020	667	573	120	1360
2021	689	716	210	1615
2022	979	891	142	2012

Intakes by Percentage
Cats - June



	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Incoming Transfers	3.77%	15.75%	9.71%	11.18%	8.52%
Strays	49.79%	55.68%	59.22%	67.65%	44.39%
Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.73%	1.94%	0.00%	0.00%
Returns	5.86%	4.03%	0.97%	2.35%	4.04%
Owner Surrenders	40.59%	23.81%	28.16%	18.82%	43.05%

Intakes by Percentage
Cats - Year to Date



	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Incoming Transfers	10.17%	16.19%	10.94%	17.13%	21.55%
Strays	51.92%	47.70%	58.92%	48.33%	44.13%
Seized / Custody	0.38%	0.48%	0.60%	0.00%	0.41%
Returns	5.76%	6.51%	5.55%	6.10%	3.58%
Owner Surrenders	31.77%	29.13%	23.99%	28.45%	30.34%

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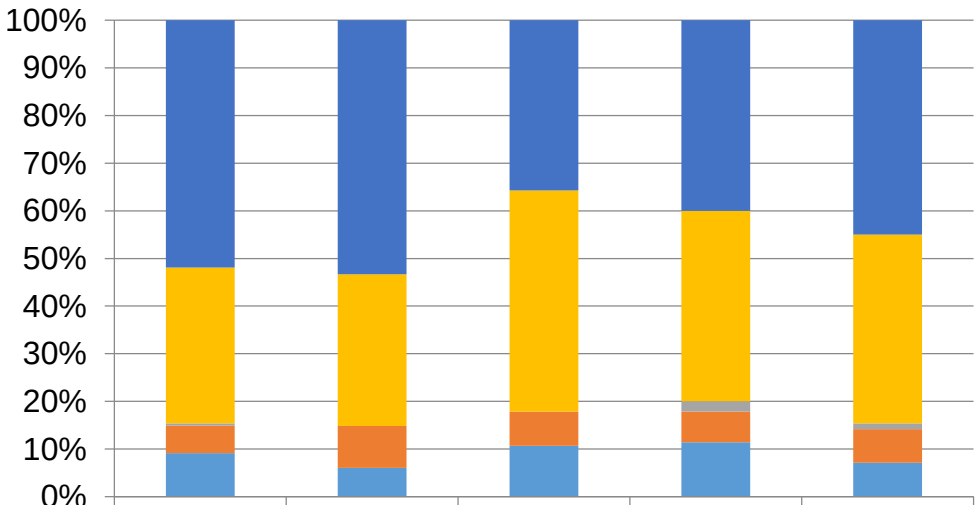
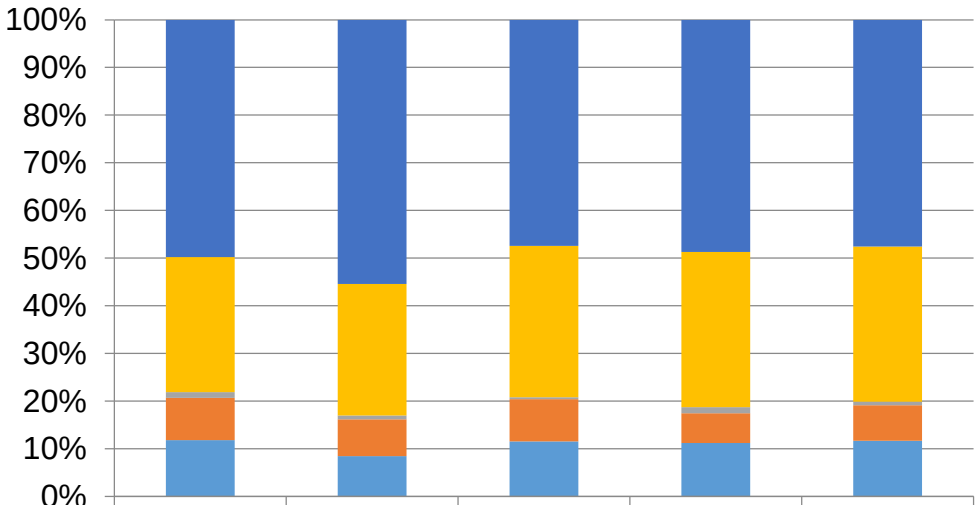
Dogs - June



	Jun-18	Jun-19	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22
Incoming Transfers	51.92%	53.30%	35.71%	40.00%	44.97%
Strays	32.69%	31.87%	46.43%	40.00%	39.64%
Seized / Custody	0.48%	0.00%	0.00%	2.14%	1.18%
Returns	5.77%	8.79%	7.14%	6.43%	7.10%
Owner Surrenders	9.13%	6.04%	10.71%	11.43%	7.10%

Intakes by Percentage
Dogs - Year to Date



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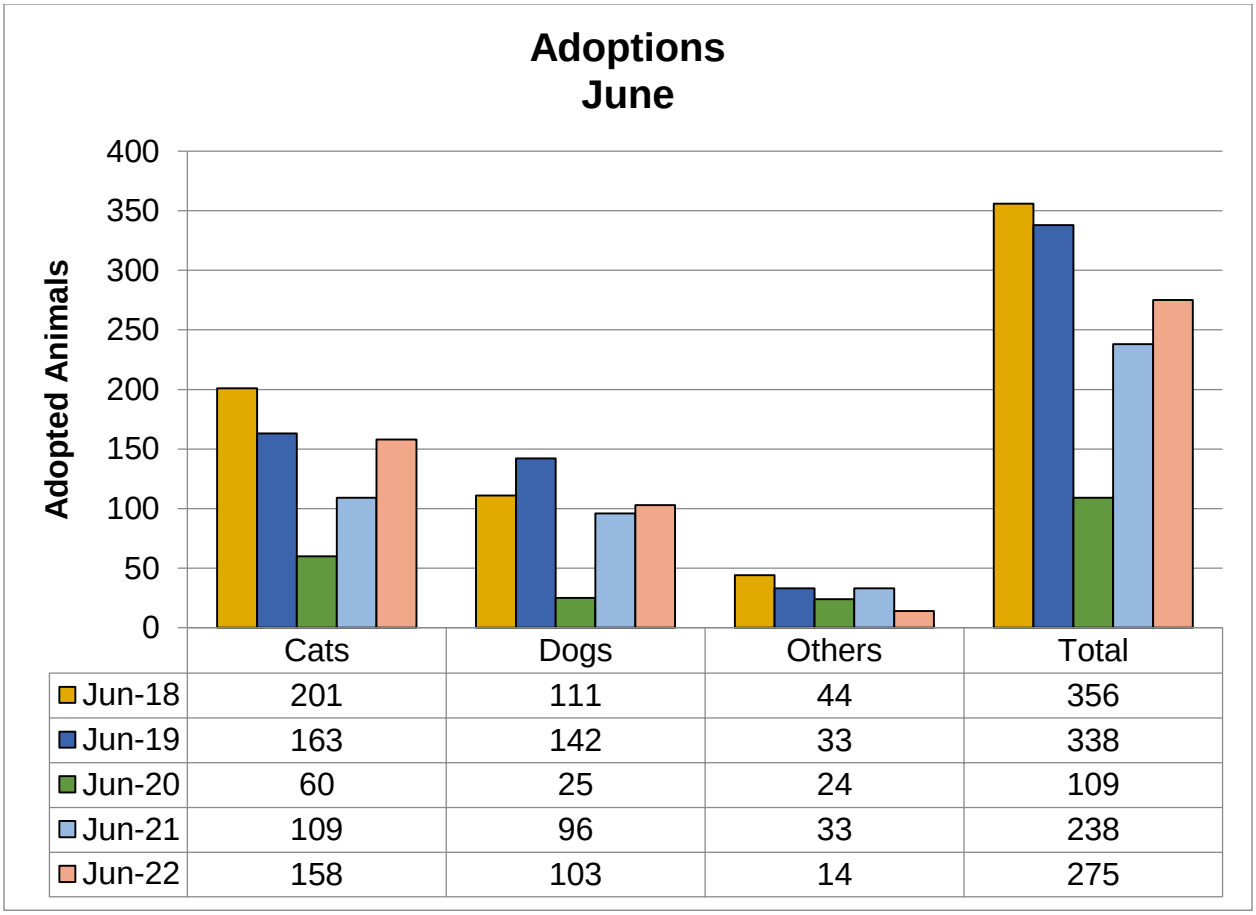
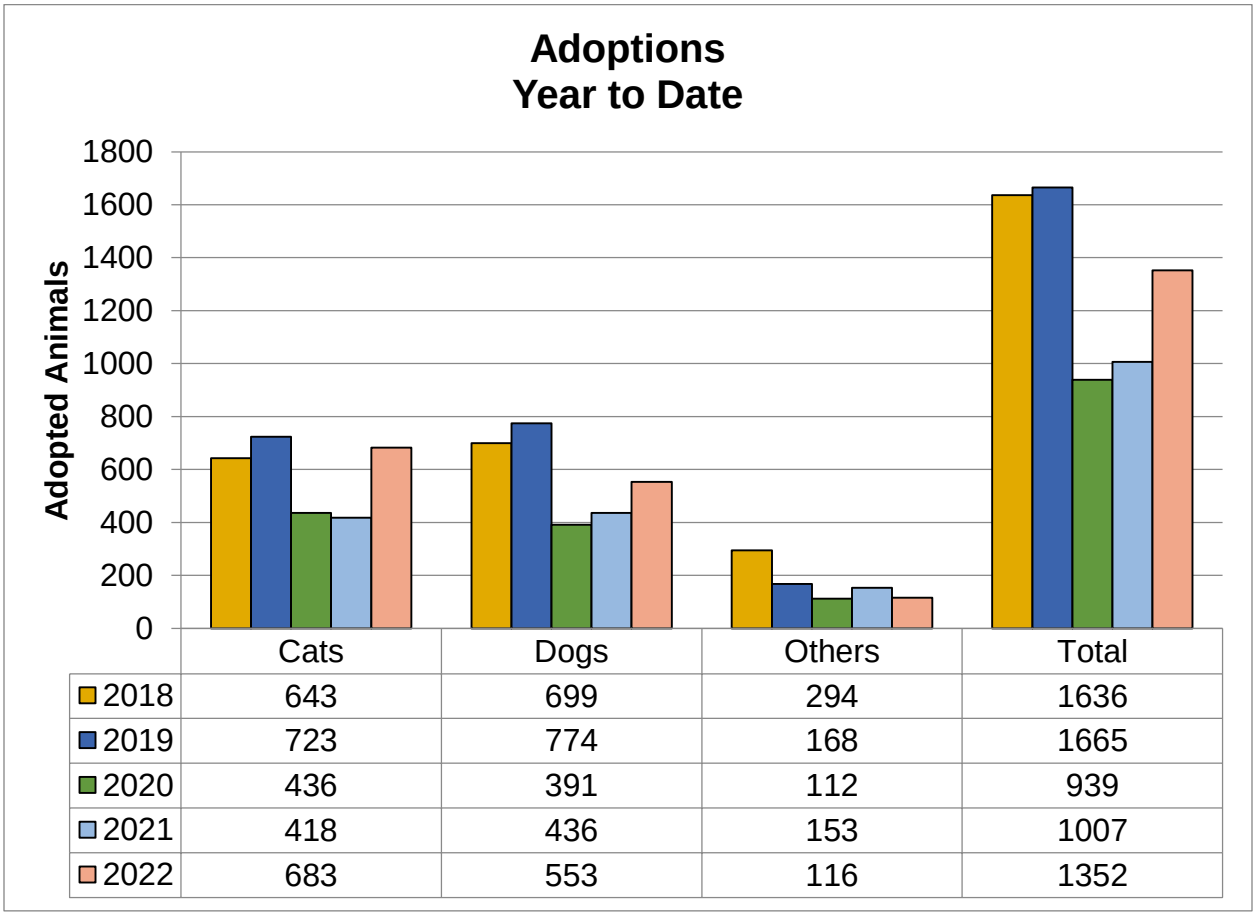
Incoming Transfers	49.76%	55.45%	47.47%	48.74%	47.59%
Strays	28.37%	27.59%	31.76%	32.54%	32.55%
Seized / Custody	1.23%	0.79%	0.35%	1.26%	0.79%
Returns	8.86%	7.73%	8.90%	6.28%	7.41%
Owner Surrenders	11.78%	8.44%	11.52%	11.17%	11.67%



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	201	111	44	356
Jun-19	163	142	33	338
Jun-20	60	25	24	109
Jun-21	109	96	33	238
Jun-22	158	103	14	275



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2018	643	699	294	1636
2019	723	774	168	1665
2020	436	391	112	939
2021	418	436	153	1007
2022	683	553	116	1352

Outgoing Transfers
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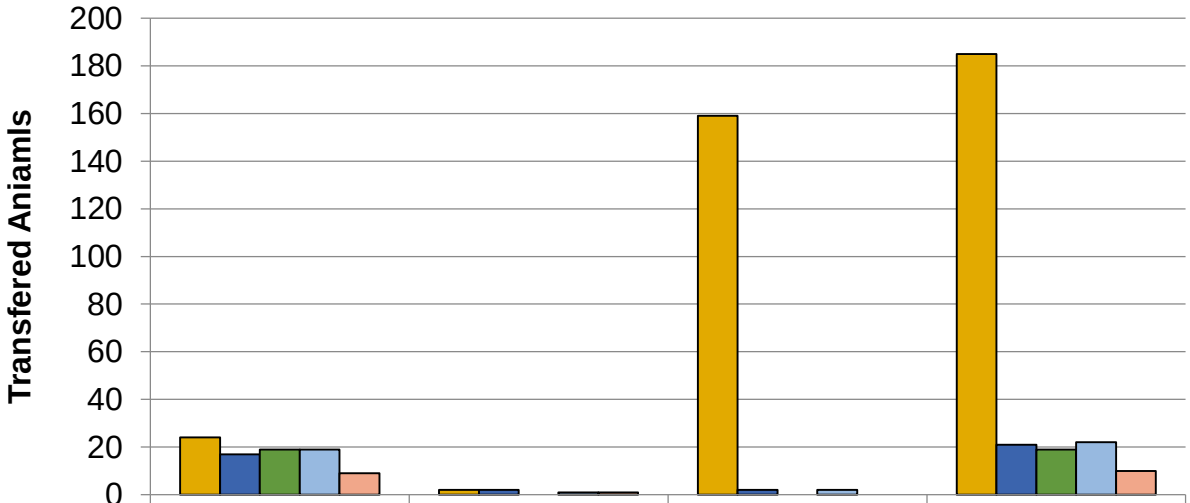

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Jun-18	24	2	159	185
Jun-19	17	2	2	21
Jun-20	19	0	0	19
Jun-21	19	1	2	22
Jun-22	9	1	0	10

Outgoing Transfers
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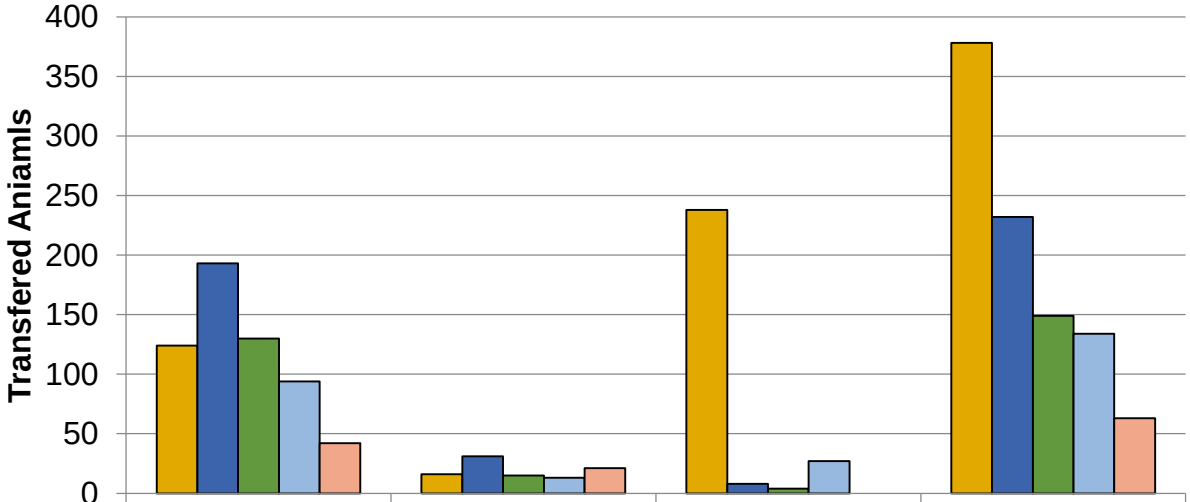

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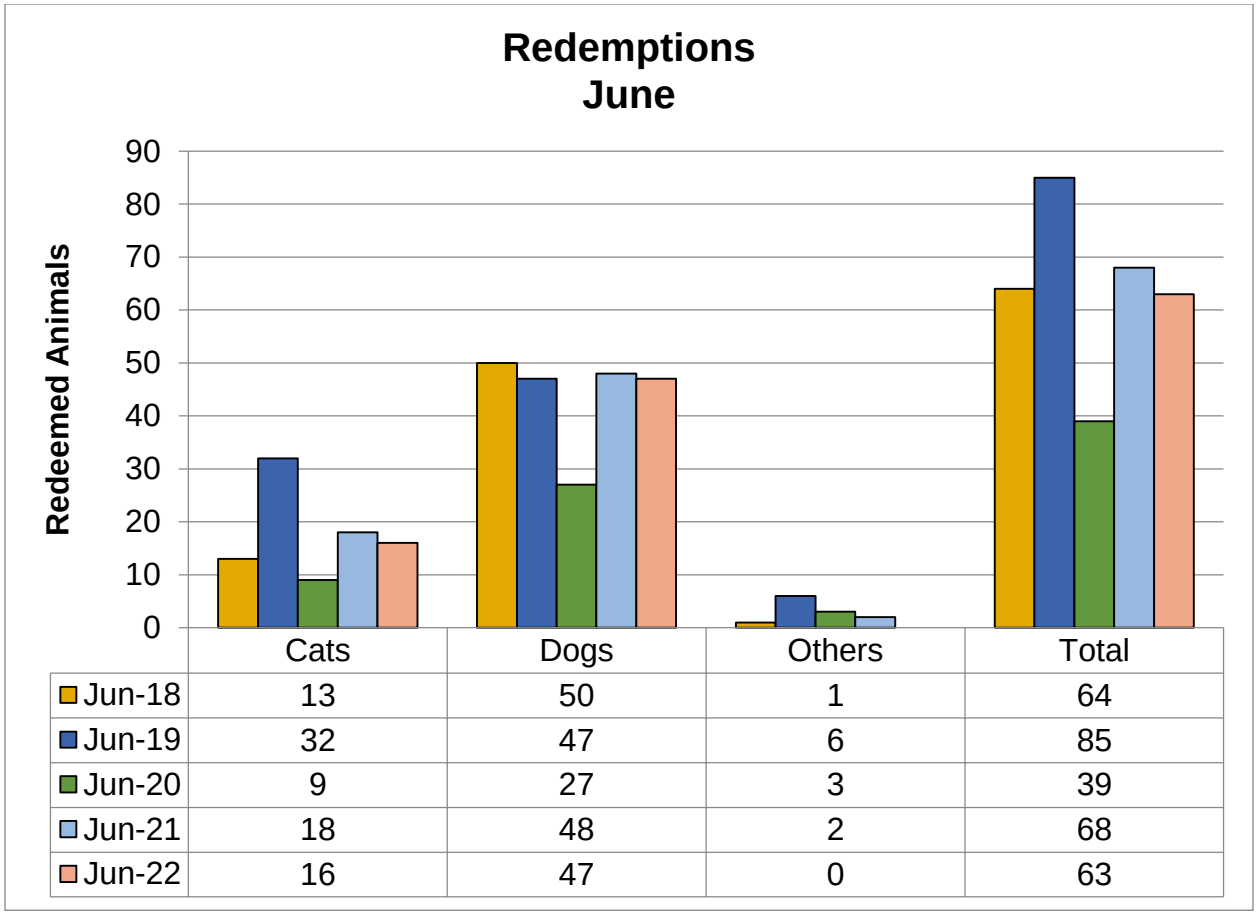
2018	124	16	238	378
2019	193	31	8	232
2020	130	15	4	149
2021	94	13	27	134
2022	42	21	0	63



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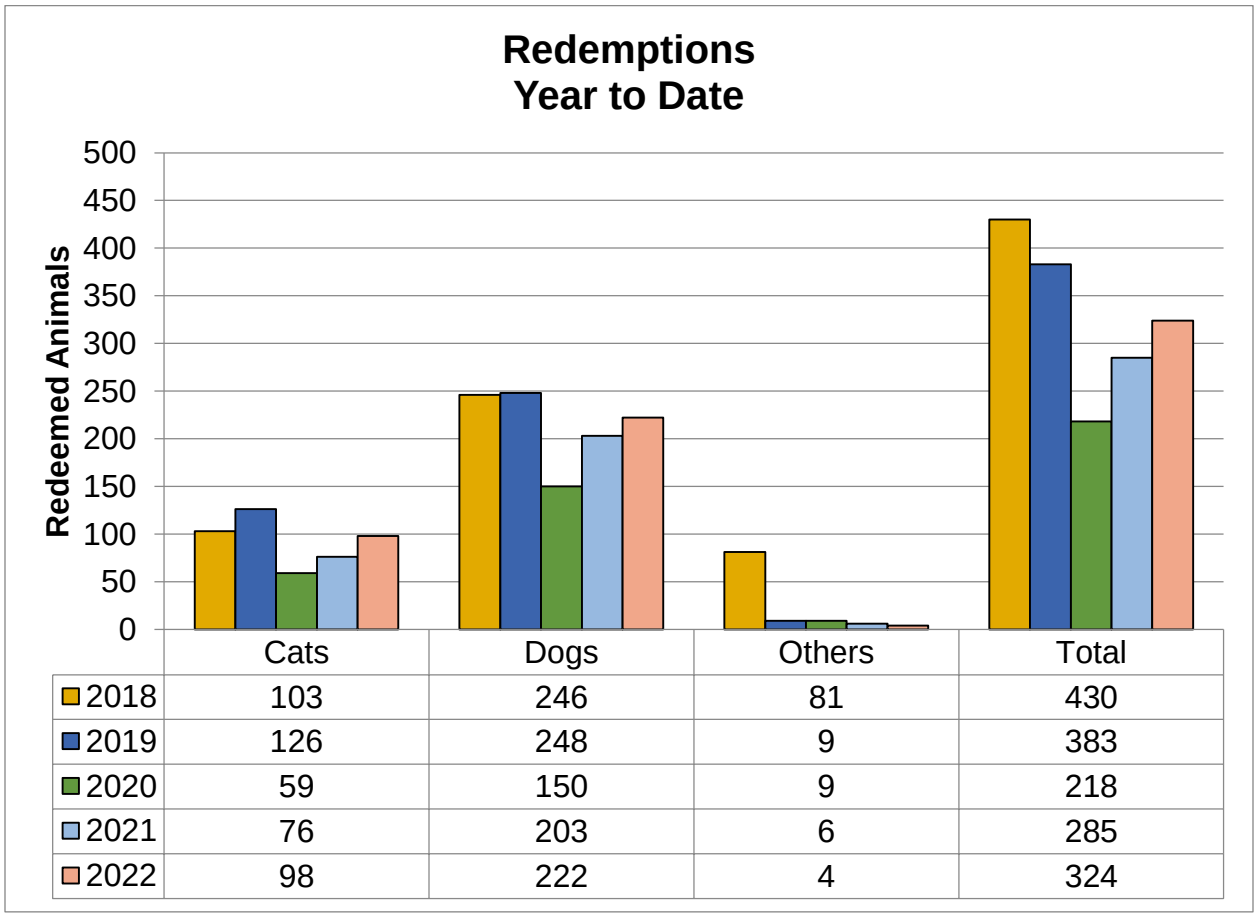
Jun-18	13	50	1	64
Jun-19	32	47	6	85
Jun-20	9	27	3	39
Jun-21	18	48	2	68
Jun-22	16	47	0	63



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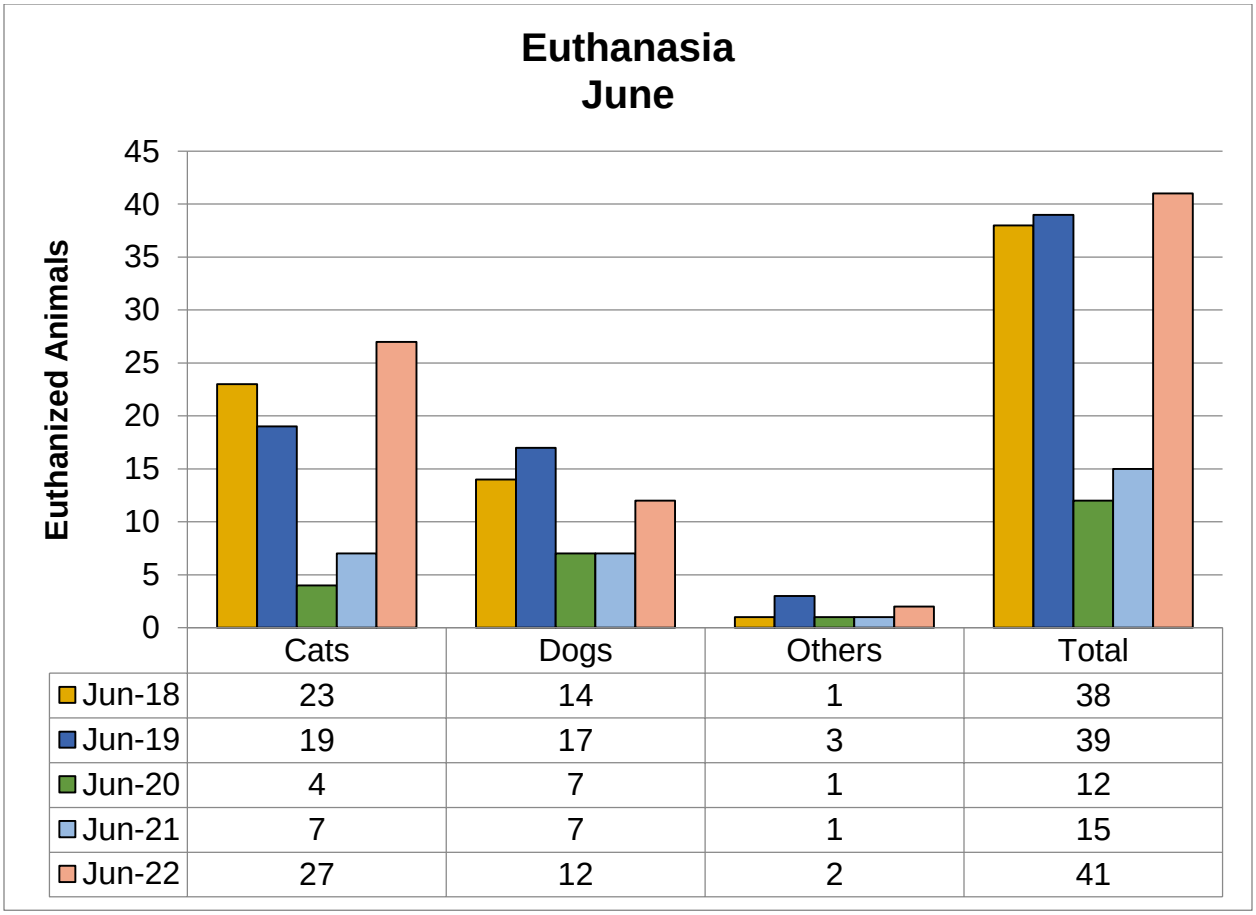
2018	103	246	81	430
2019	126	248	9	383
2020	59	150	9	218
2021	76	203	6	285
2022	98	222	4	324



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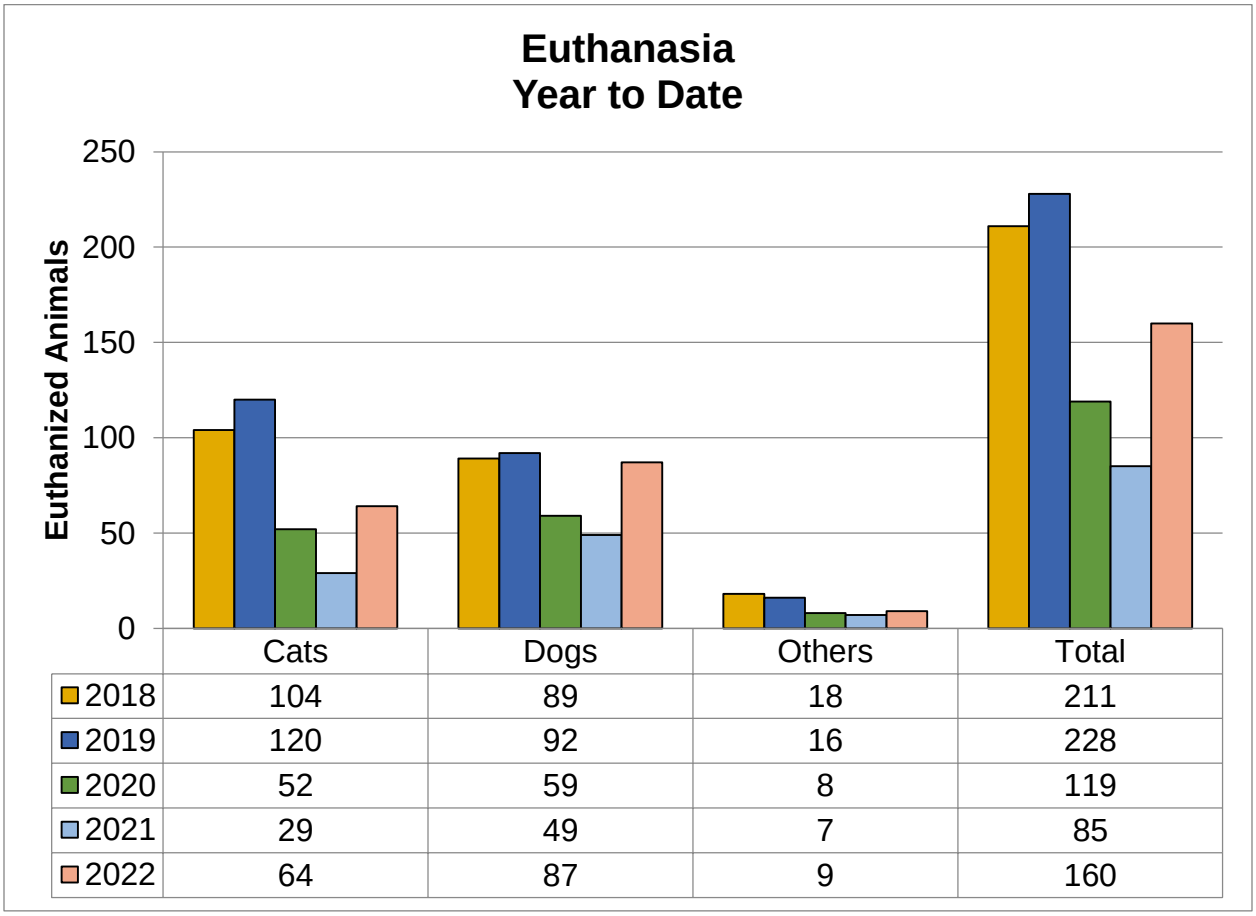
Jun-18	23	14	1	38
Jun-19	19	17	3	39
Jun-20	4	7	1	12
Jun-21	7	7	1	15
Jun-22	27	12	2	41



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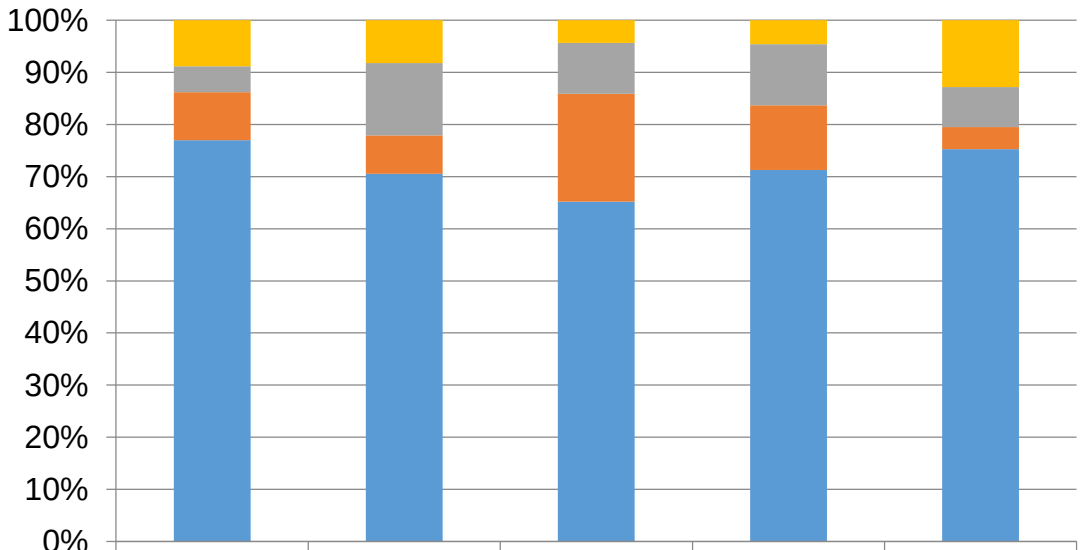
2018	104	89	18	211
2019	120	92	16	228
2020	52	59	8	119
2021	29	49	7	85
2022	64	87	9	160

Outcomes by Percentage
Cats - June



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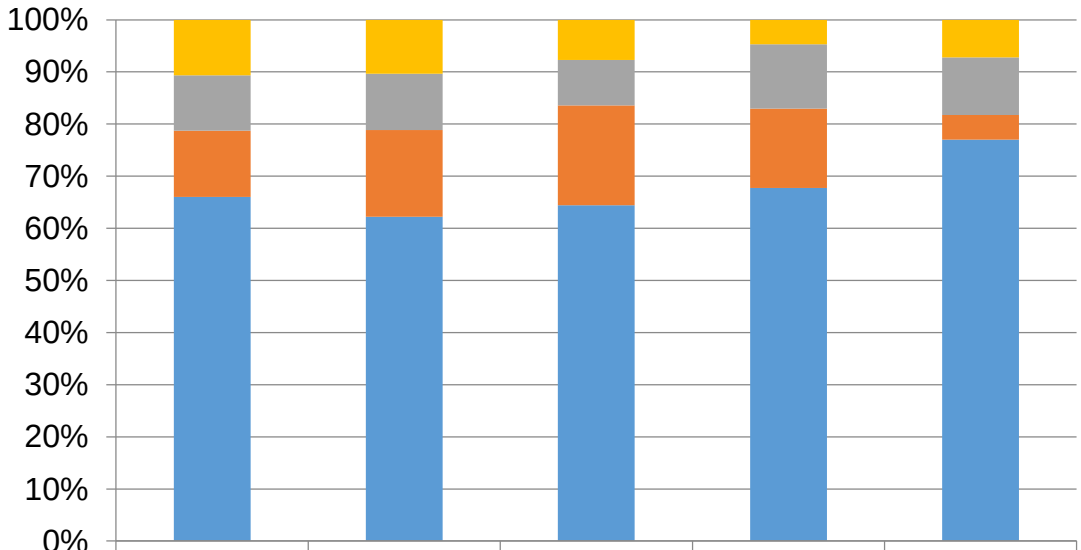
Euthanasia	8.81%	8.23%	4.35%	4.58%	12.86%
Redemption	4.98%	13.85%	9.78%	11.76%	7.62%
Transfer	9.20%	7.36%	20.65%	12.42%	4.29%
Adoption	77.01%	70.56%	65.22%	71.24%	75.24%

Outcomes by Percentage
Cats - Year to Date



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Euthanasia	10.68%	10.33%	7.68%	4.70%	7.22%
Redemption	10.57%	10.84%	8.71%	12.32%	11.05%
Transfer	12.73%	16.61%	19.20%	15.24%	4.74%
Adoption	66.02%	62.22%	64.40%	67.75%	77.00%

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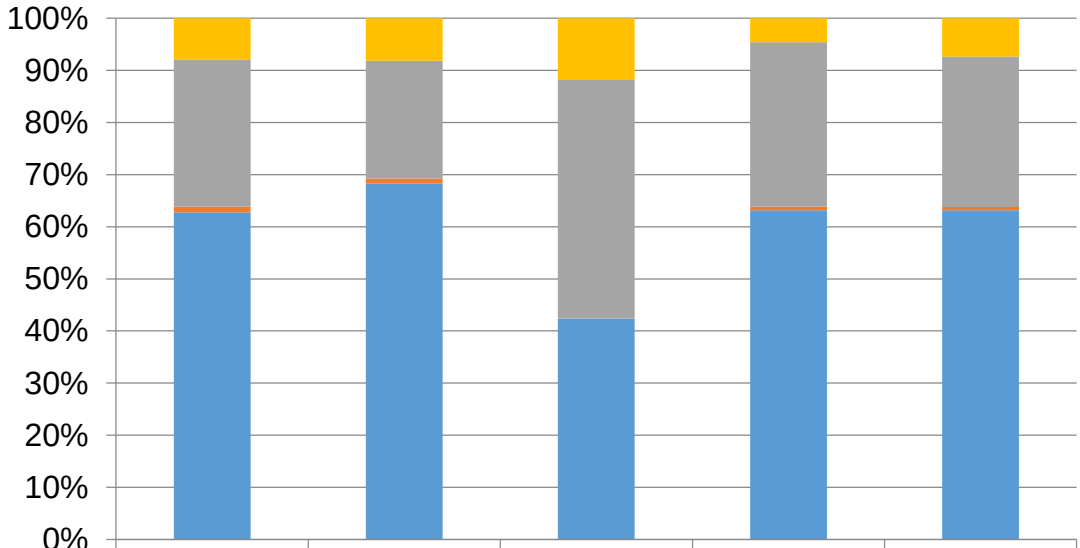

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Euthanasia	7.91%	8.17%	11.86%	4.61%	7.36%
Redemption	28.25%	22.60%	45.76%	31.58%	28.83%
Transfer	1.13%	0.96%	0.00%	0.66%	0.61%
Adoption	62.71%	68.27%	42.37%	63.16%	63.19%

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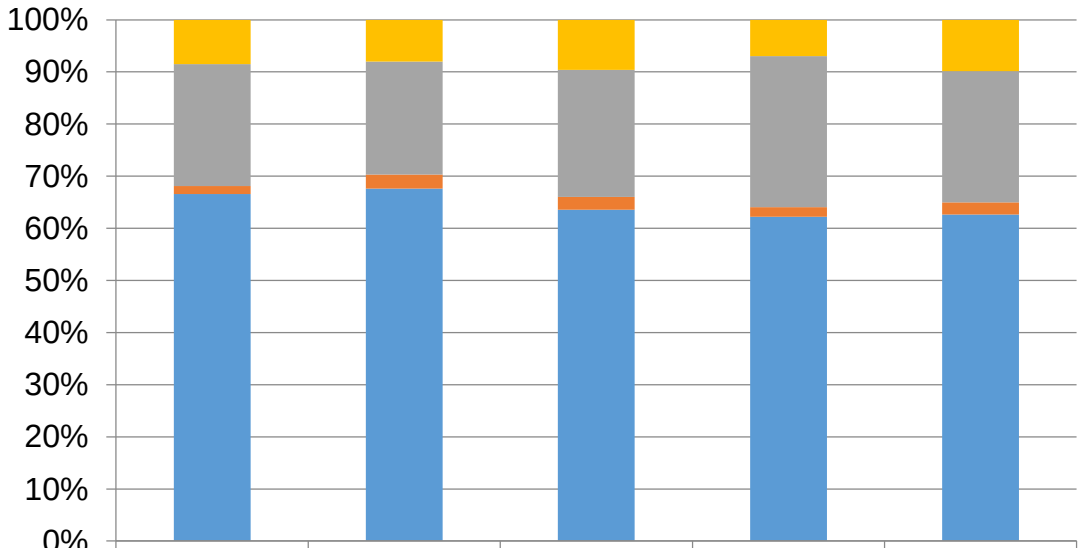

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Euthanasia	8.48%	8.03%	9.59%	6.99%	9.85%
Redemption	23.43%	21.66%	24.39%	28.96%	25.14%
Transfer	1.52%	2.71%	2.44%	1.85%	2.38%
Adoption	66.57%	67.60%	63.58%	62.20%	62.63%

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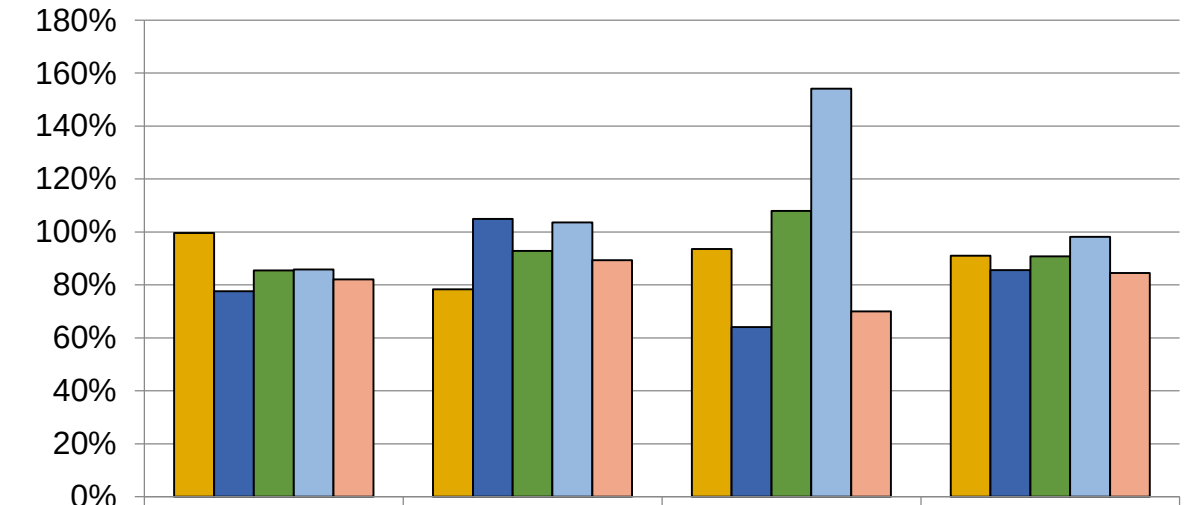
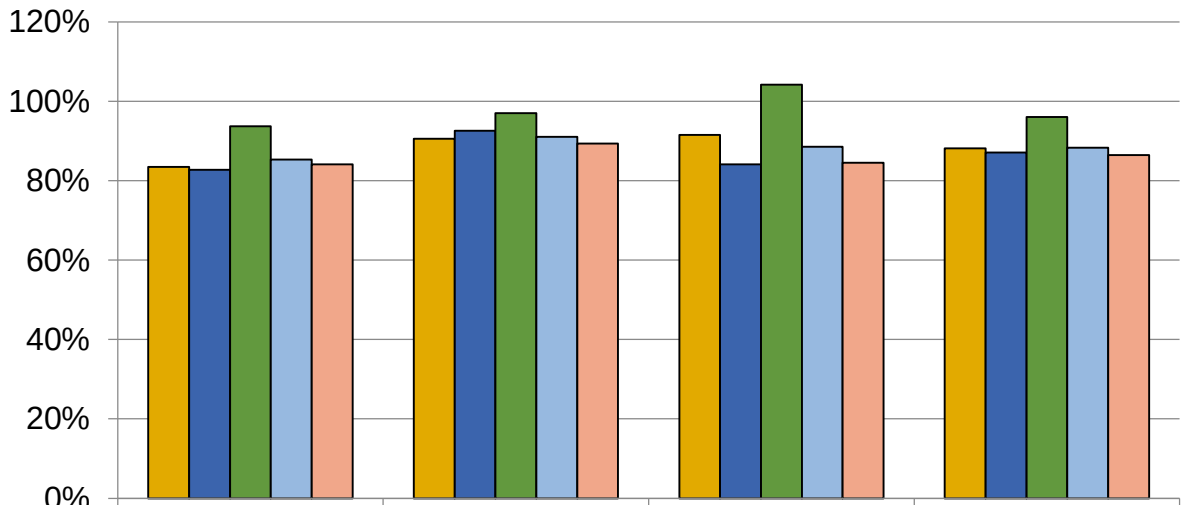


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Jun-18	100%	78%	94%	91%
Jun-19	78%	105%	64%	86%
Jun-20	85%	93%	108%	91%
Jun-21	86%	104%	154%	98%
Jun-22	82%	89%	70%	84%

Save Rate
Year to Date



	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2018	83%	91%	91%	88%
2019	83%	93%	84%	87%
2020	94%	97%	104%	96%
2021	85%	91%	89%	88%
2022	84%	89%	85%	86%

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.

Euthanasia Rate = Euthanasia / (Intake + 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.

Live Release Rate = (Adoptions + Redemptions + Transfers) / (Intake + 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.

Sanctuary Rate =
((Inventory + Intake) – (Adoptions + Redemptions + Transfers + Euthanasia)) / (Intake + 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.

Save Rate = (Adoption + Redemptions + Transfers) / Intake

Transfer – The placement of an animal with another animal welfare organization.