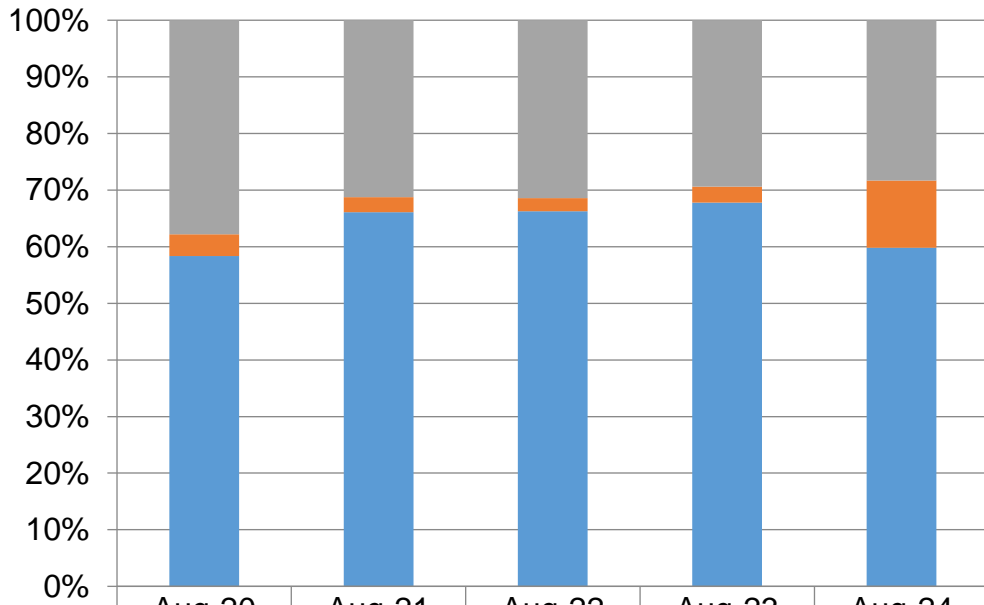


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
Save Rate  
Overview

August 2024

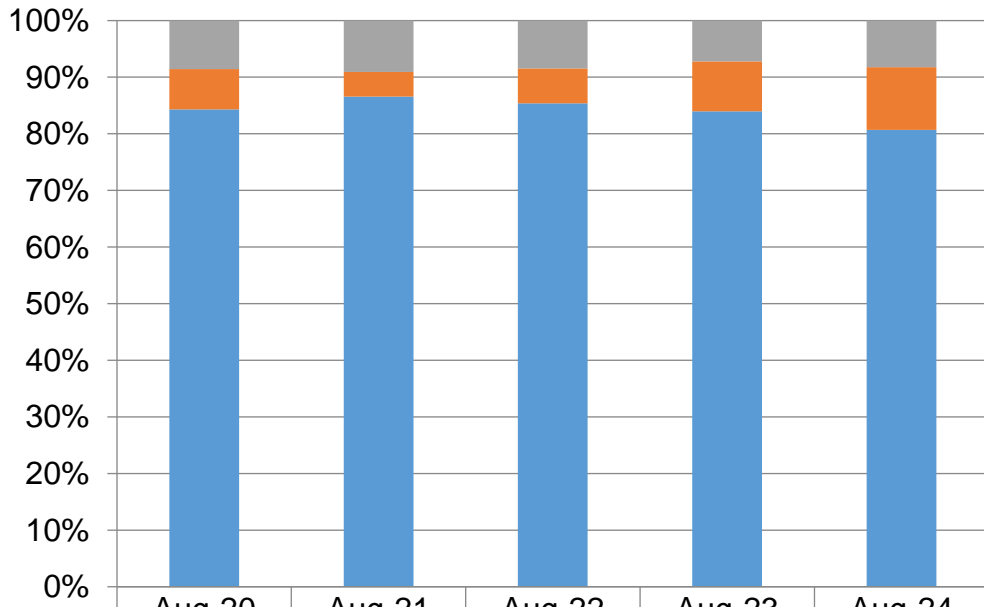
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate August



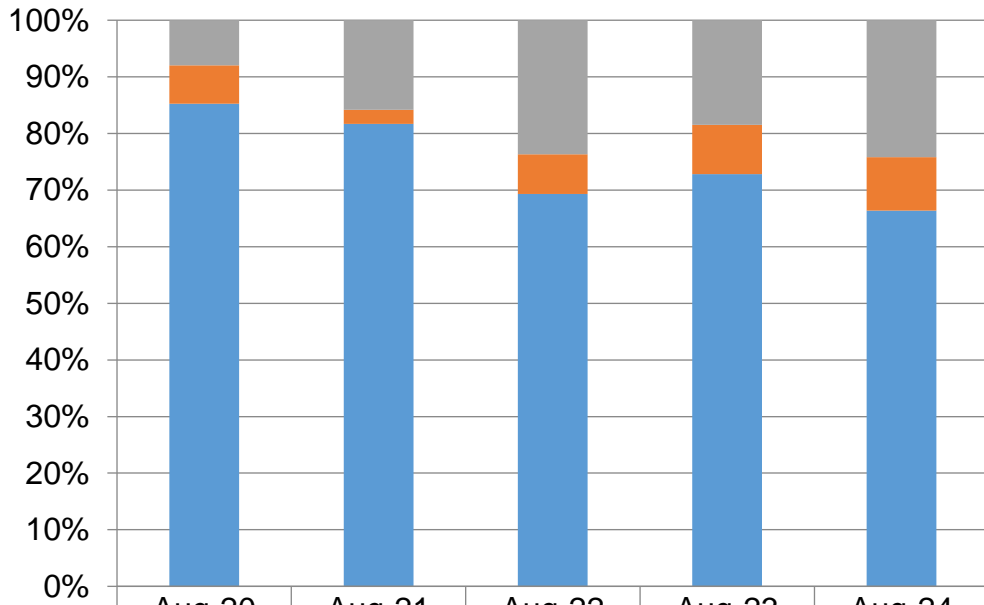
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Sanctuary Rate	37.80%	31.23%	31.40%	29.41%	28.31%
■ Euthanasia Rate	3.83%	2.70%	2.33%	2.81%	11.87%
■ Live Release Rate	58.37%	66.07%	66.28%	67.77%	59.82%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



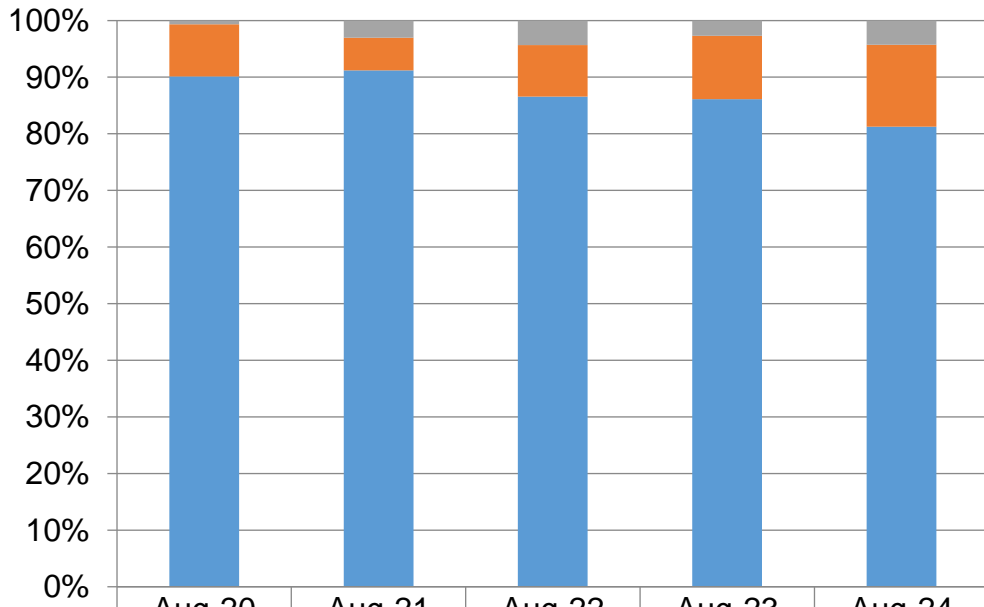
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Sanctuary Rate	8.59%	9.08%	8.44%	7.19%	8.23%
■ Euthanasia Rate	7.12%	4.36%	6.18%	8.85%	11.06%
■ Live Release Rate	84.29%	86.56%	85.38%	83.97%	80.70%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate August



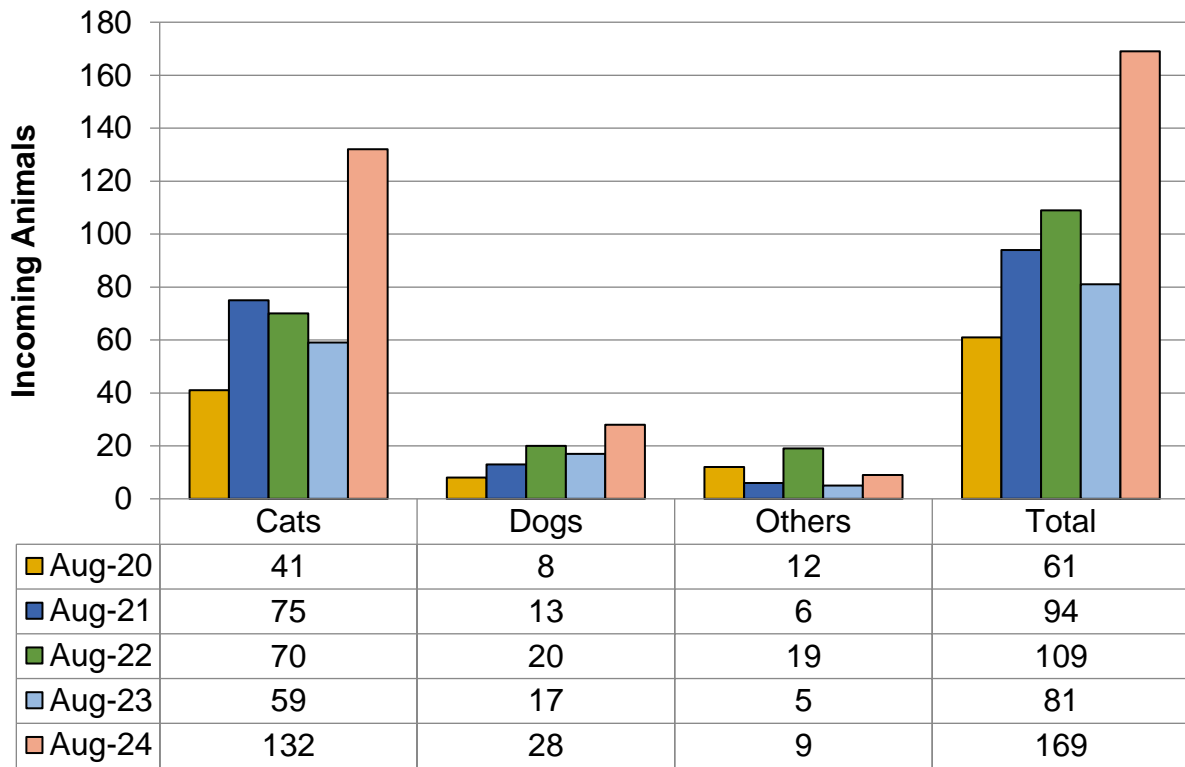
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Sanctuary Rate	7.95%	15.84%	23.68%	18.46%	24.18%
Euthanasia Rate	6.82%	2.48%	7.02%	8.72%	9.43%
Live Release Rate	85.23%	81.68%	69.30%	72.82%	66.39%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

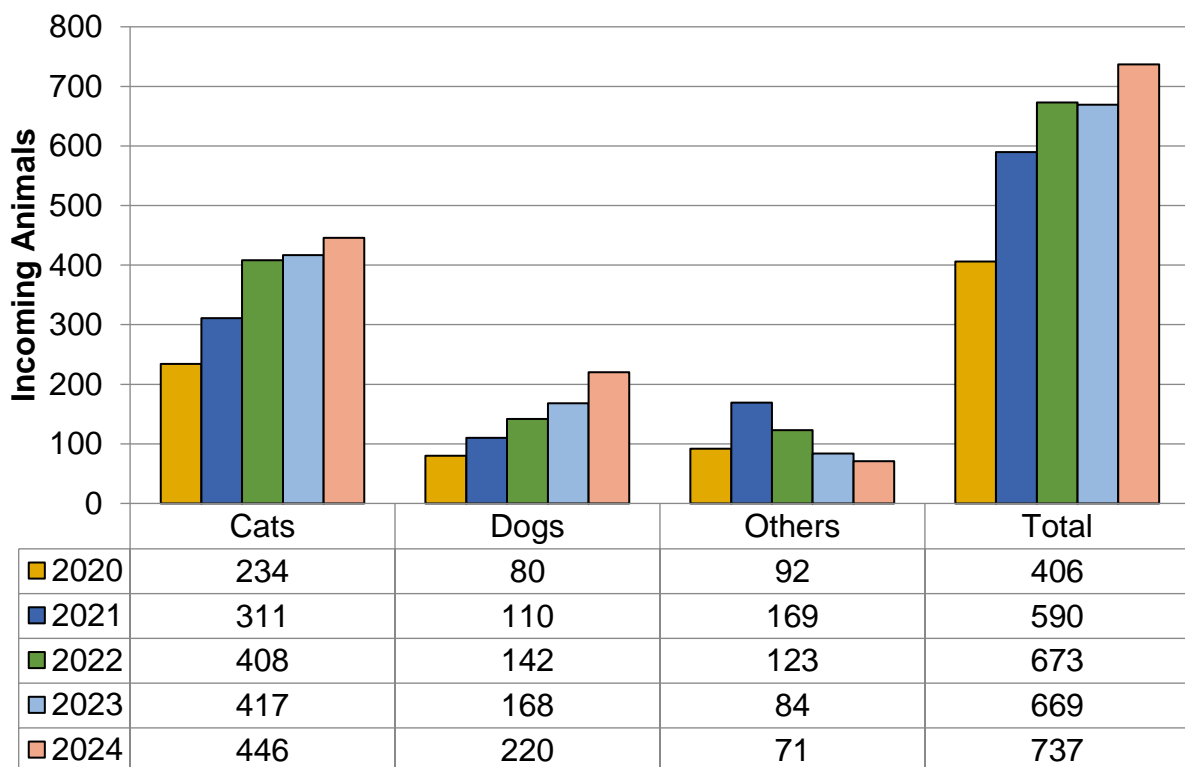


	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Sanctuary Rate	0.63%	3.03%	4.30%	2.70%	4.29%
Euthanasia Rate	9.23%	5.78%	9.15%	11.15%	14.42%
Live Release Rate	90.14%	91.19%	86.56%	86.15%	81.29%

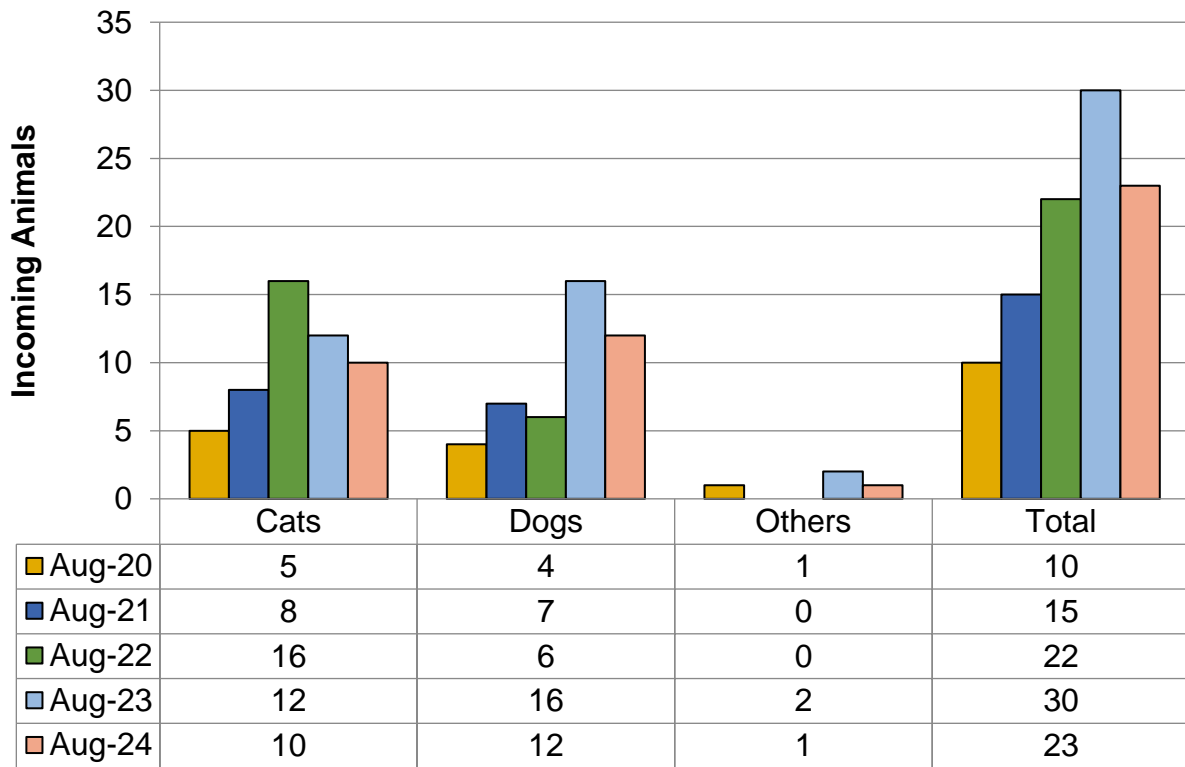
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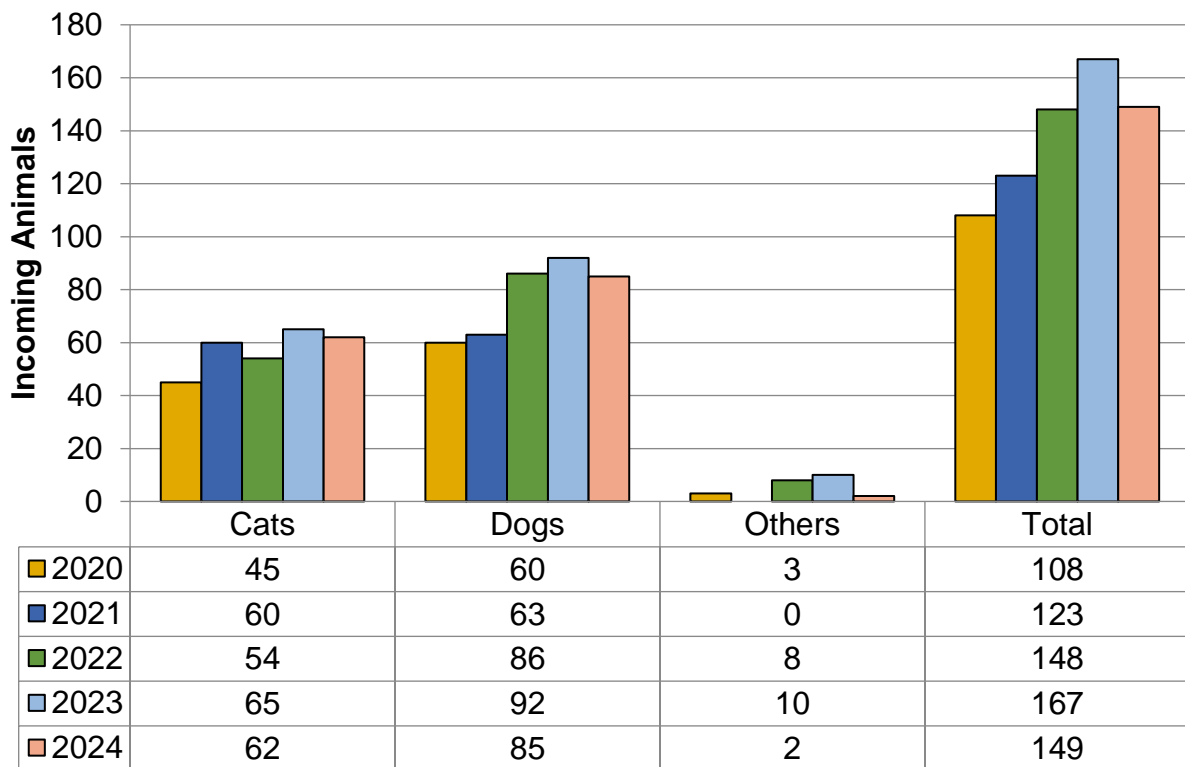
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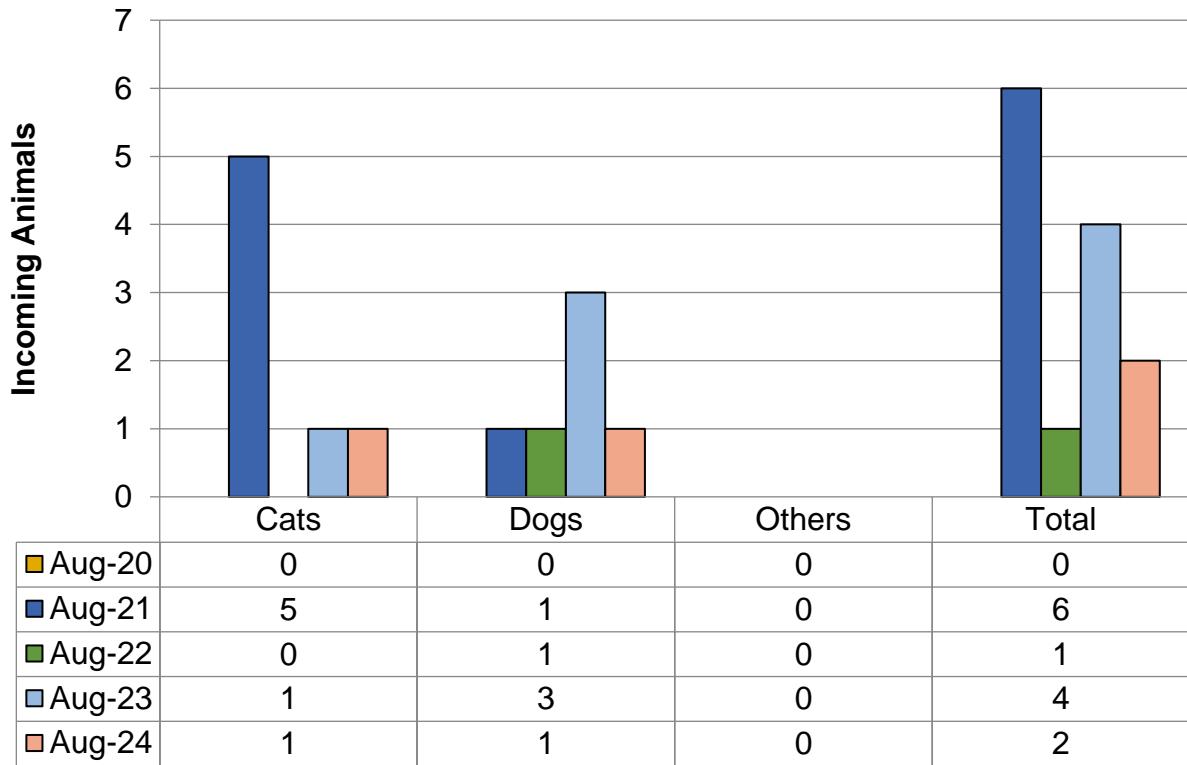
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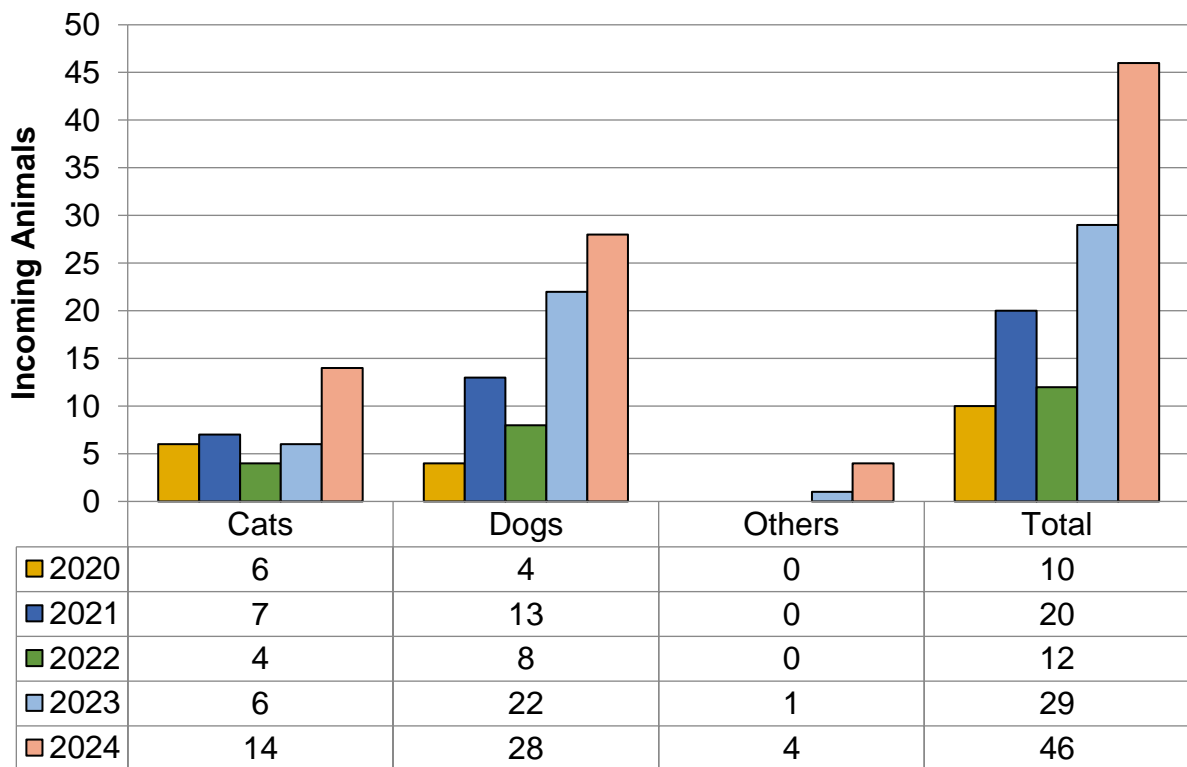
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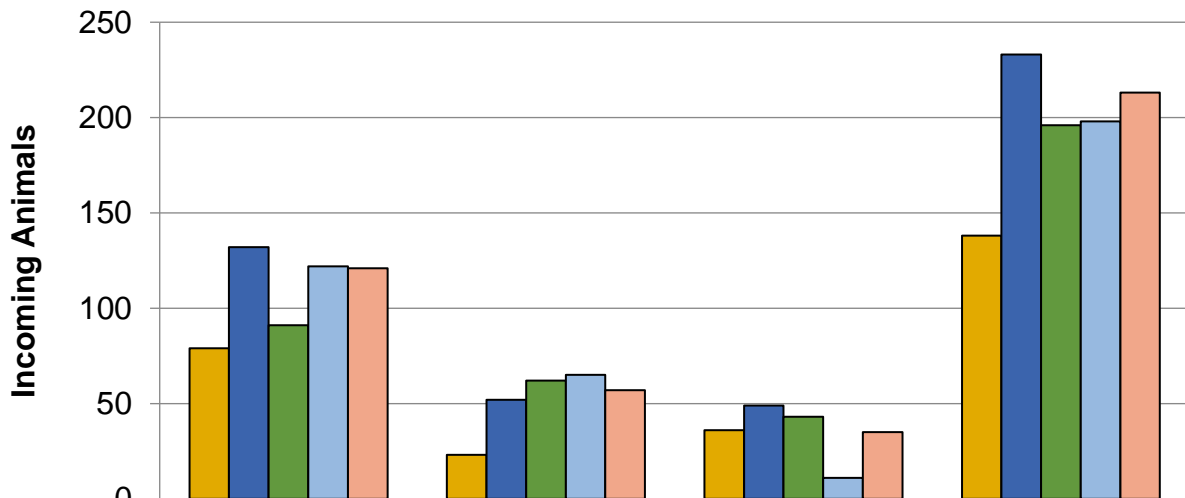
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### Seized / Custody Year to Date

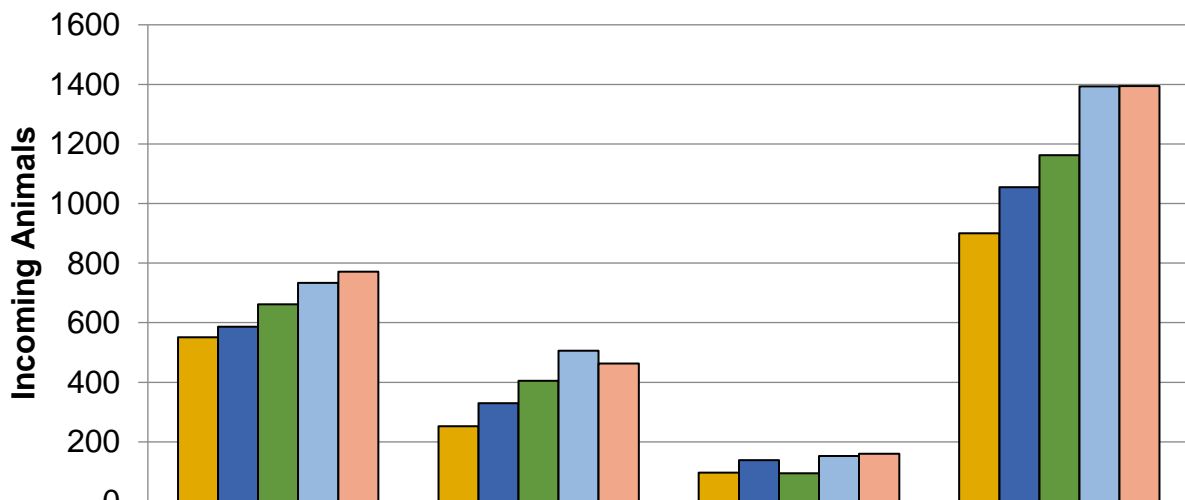


### Stray August



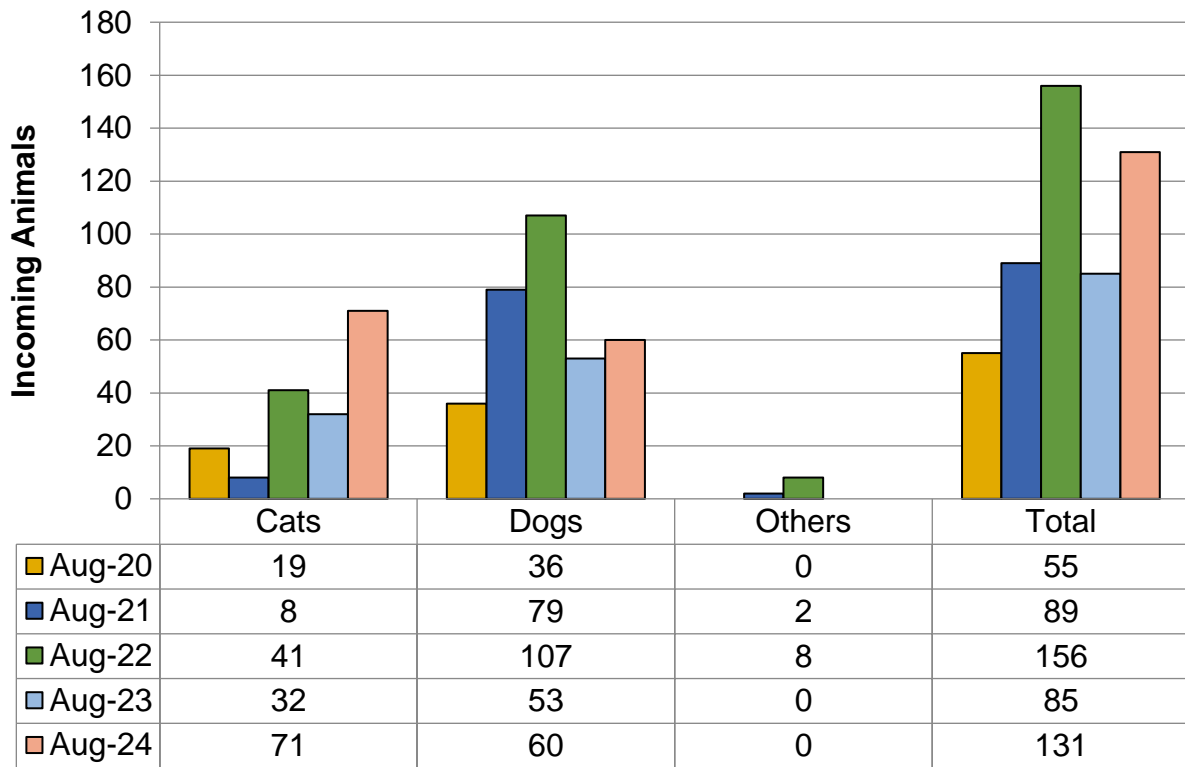
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Aug-20	79	23	36	138
Aug-21	132	52	49	233
Aug-22	91	62	43	196
Aug-23	122	65	11	198
Aug-24	121	57	35	213

### Stray Year to Date

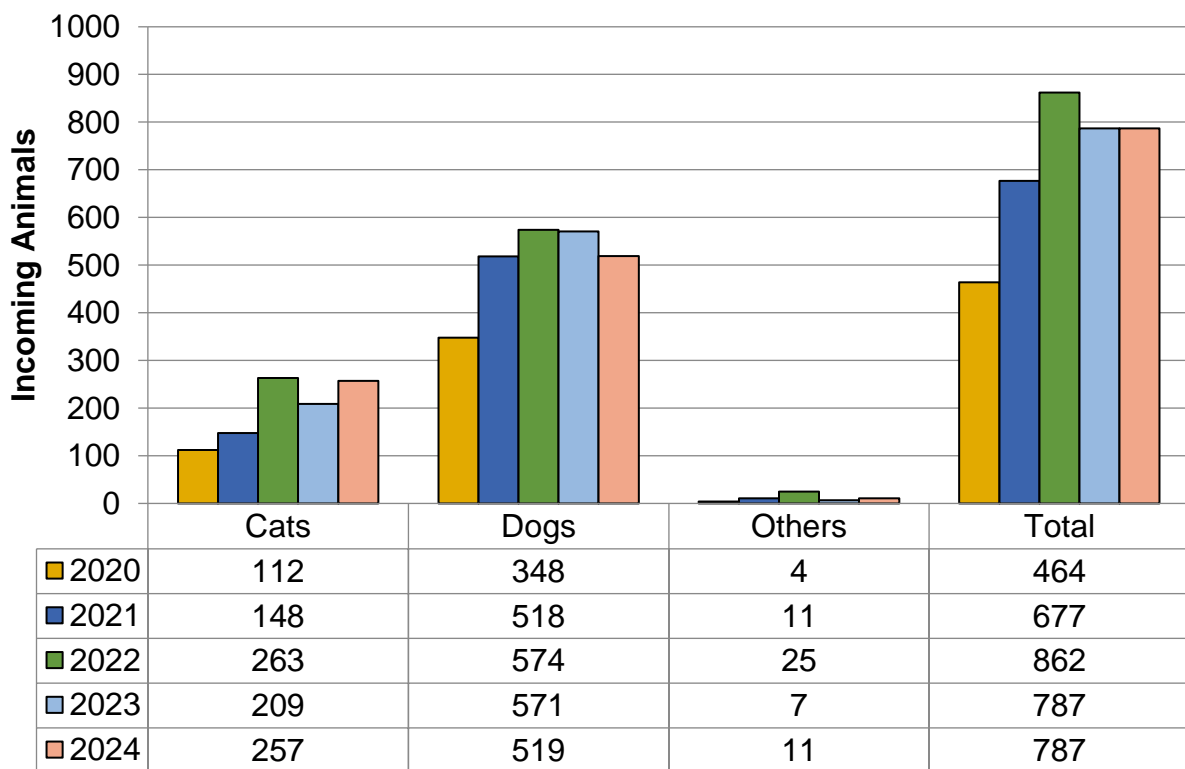


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	551	252	97	900
2021	586	330	139	1055
2022	662	405	95	1162
2023	734	506	153	1393
2024	771	463	160	1394

## Incoming Transfers August

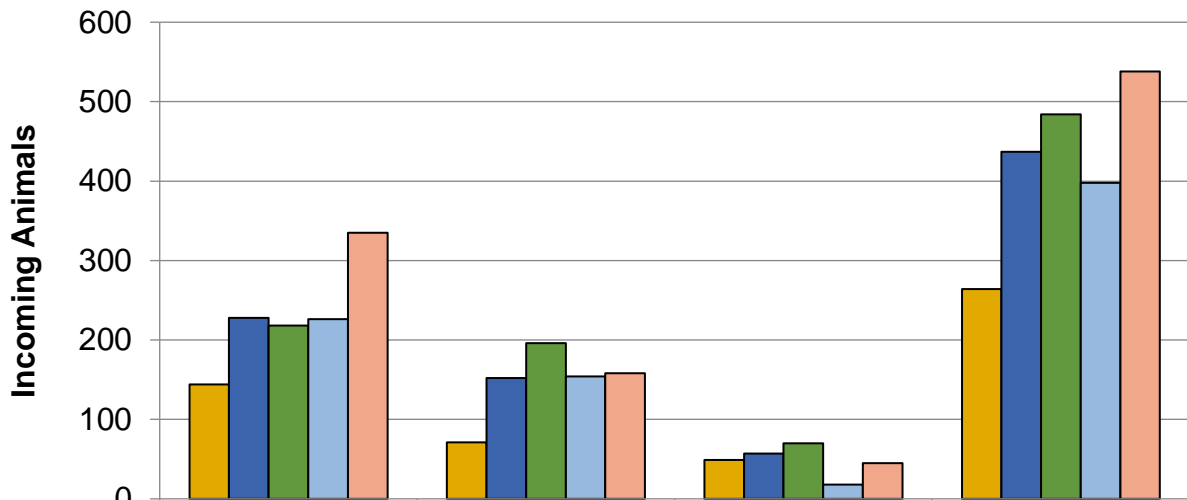


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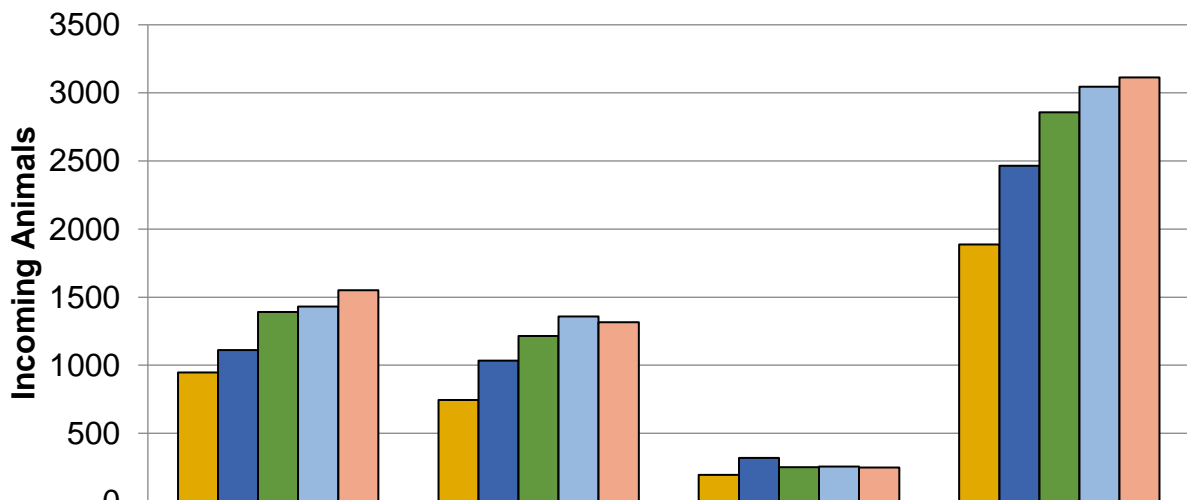


### Intake August



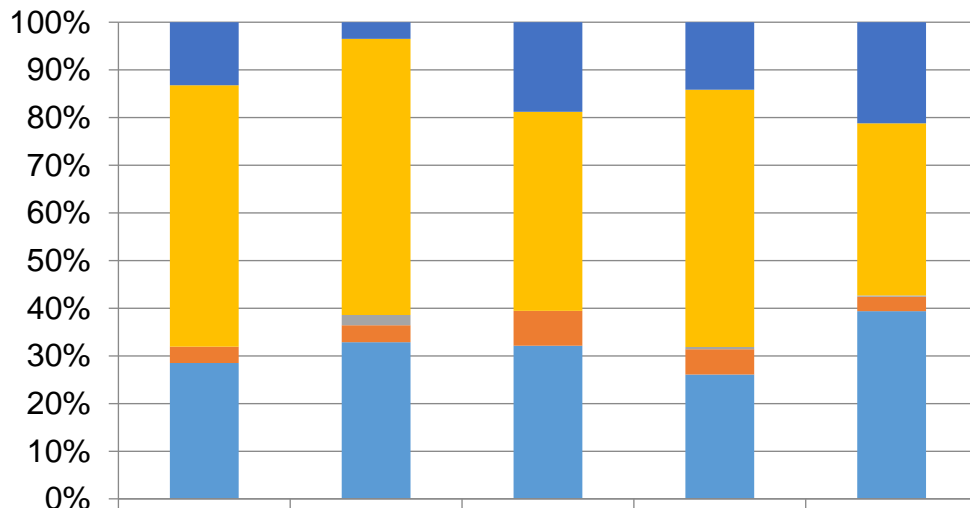
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Aug-20	144	71	49	264
Aug-21	228	152	57	437
Aug-22	218	196	70	484
Aug-23	226	154	18	398
Aug-24	335	158	45	538

### Intake Year to Date



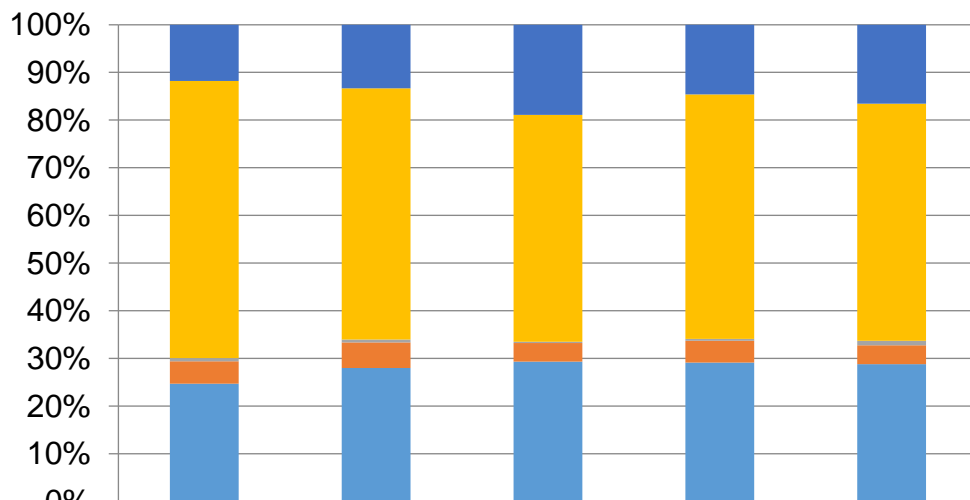
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	948	744	196	1888
2021	1112	1034	319	2465
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2023	1431	1359	255	3045
2024	1550	1315	248	3113

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - August



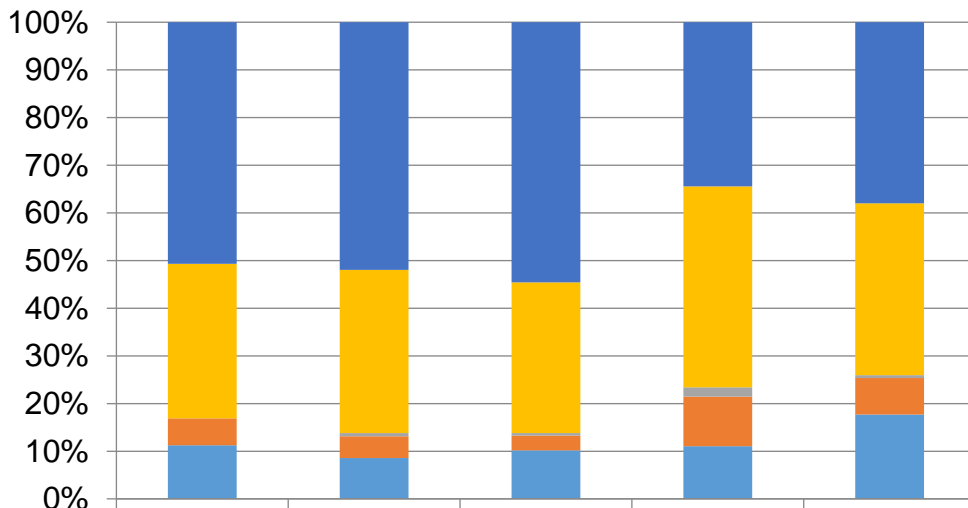
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Incoming Transfers	13.19%	3.51%	18.81%	14.16%	21.19%
Strays	54.86%	57.89%	41.74%	53.98%	36.12%
Seized / Custody	0.00%	2.19%	0.00%	0.44%	0.30%
Returns	3.47%	3.51%	7.34%	5.31%	2.99%
Owner Surrenders	28.47%	32.89%	32.11%	26.11%	39.40%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



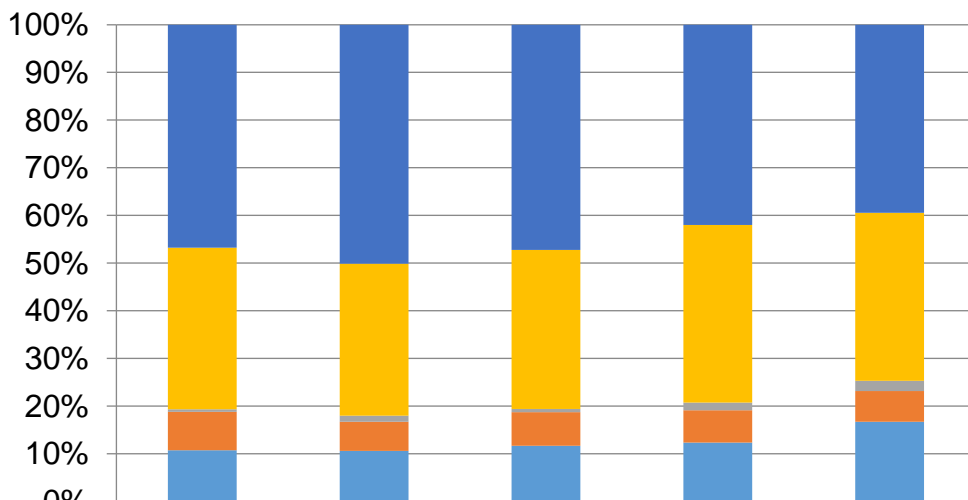
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Incoming Transfers	11.81%	13.31%	18.91%	14.61%	16.58%
Strays	58.12%	52.70%	47.59%	51.29%	49.74%
Seized / Custody	0.63%	0.63%	0.29%	0.42%	0.90%
Returns	4.75%	5.40%	3.88%	4.54%	4.00%
Owner Surrenders	24.68%	27.97%	29.33%	29.14%	28.77%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - August



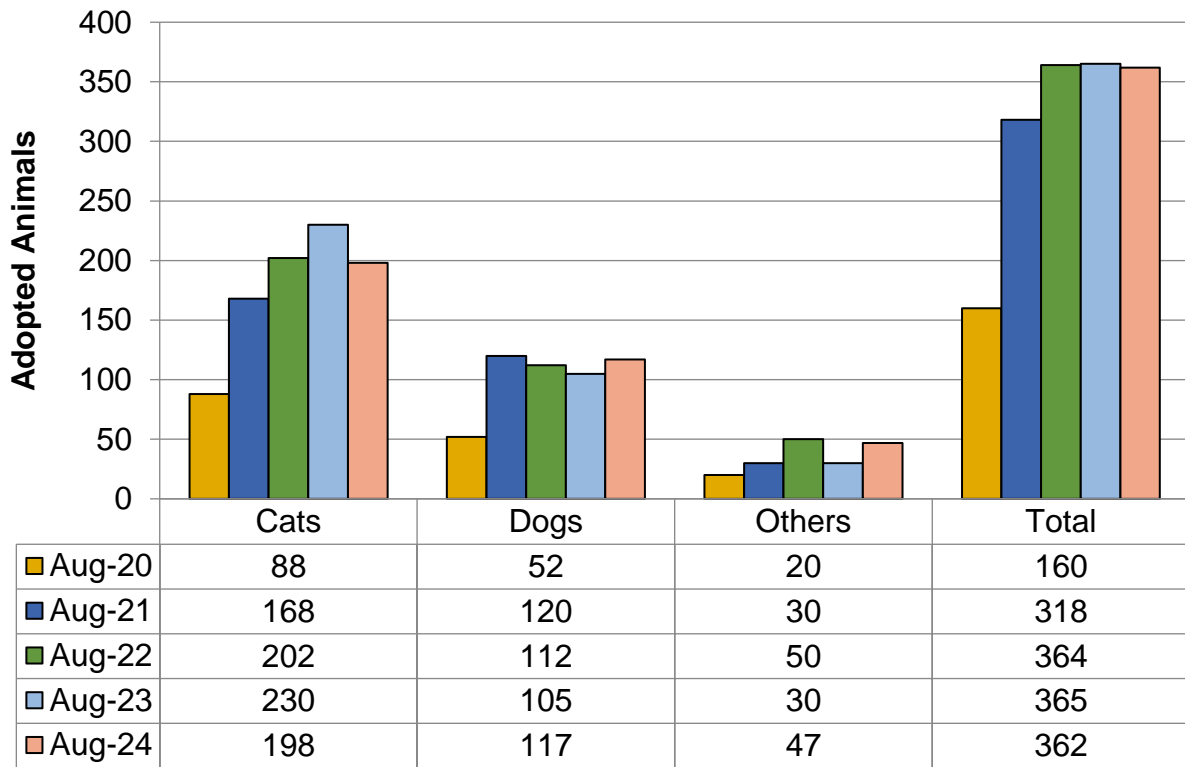
	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Incoming Transfers	50.70%	51.97%	54.59%	34.42%	37.97%
■ Strays	32.39%	34.21%	31.63%	42.21%	36.08%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.66%	0.51%	1.95%	0.63%
■ Returns	5.63%	4.61%	3.06%	10.39%	7.59%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.27%	8.55%	10.20%	11.04%	17.72%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

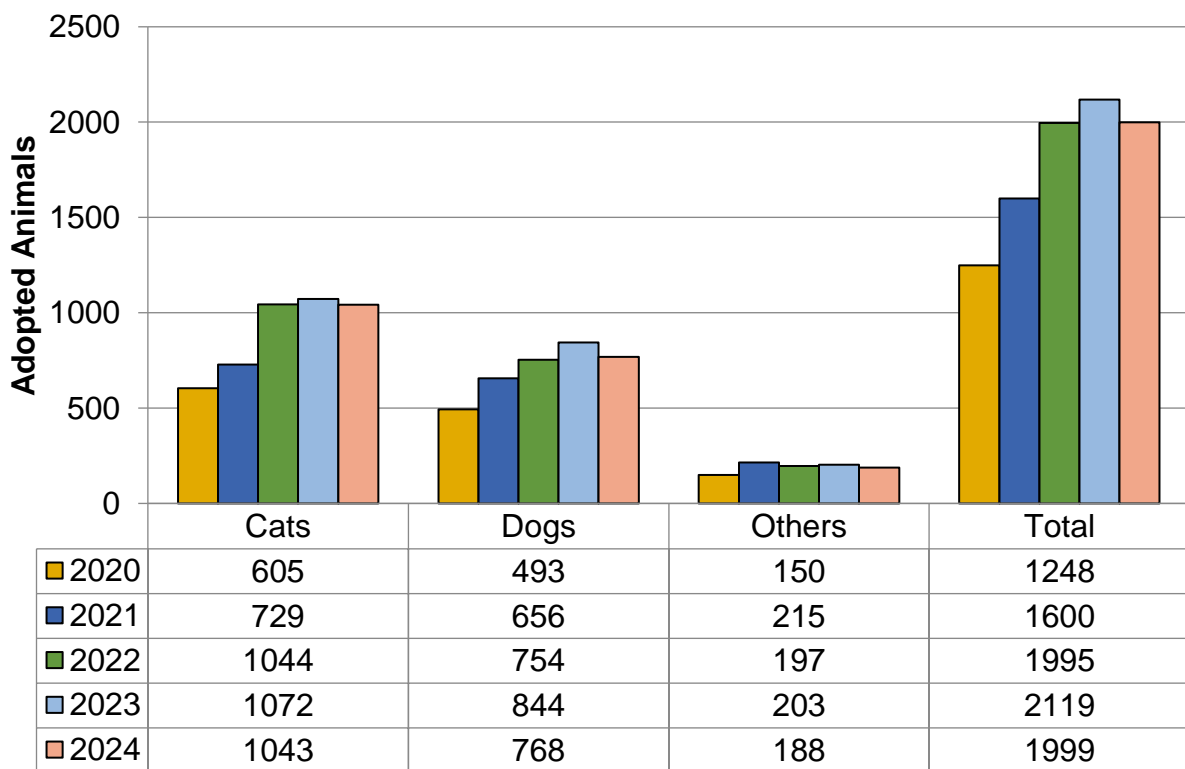


	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Incoming Transfers	46.77%	50.10%	47.24%	42.02%	39.47%
■ Strays	33.87%	31.91%	33.33%	37.23%	35.21%
■ Seized / Custody	0.54%	1.26%	0.66%	1.62%	2.13%
■ Returns	8.06%	6.09%	7.08%	6.77%	6.46%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.75%	10.64%	11.69%	12.36%	16.73%

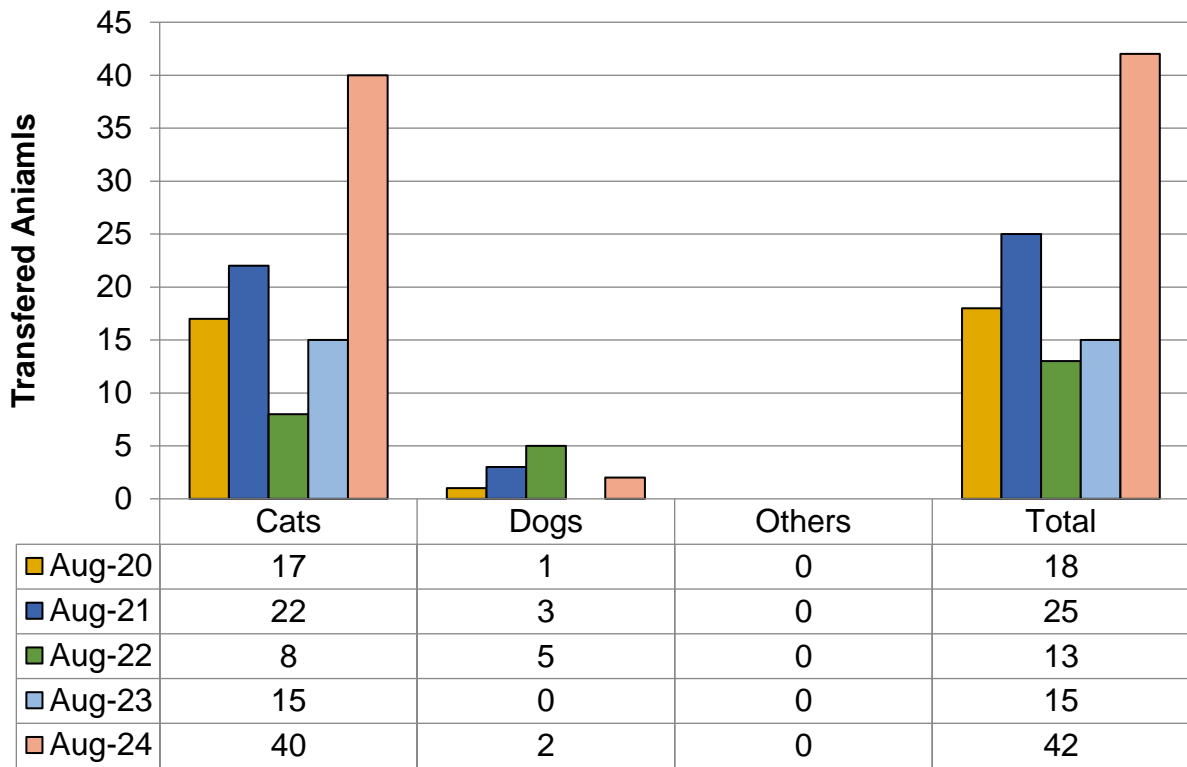
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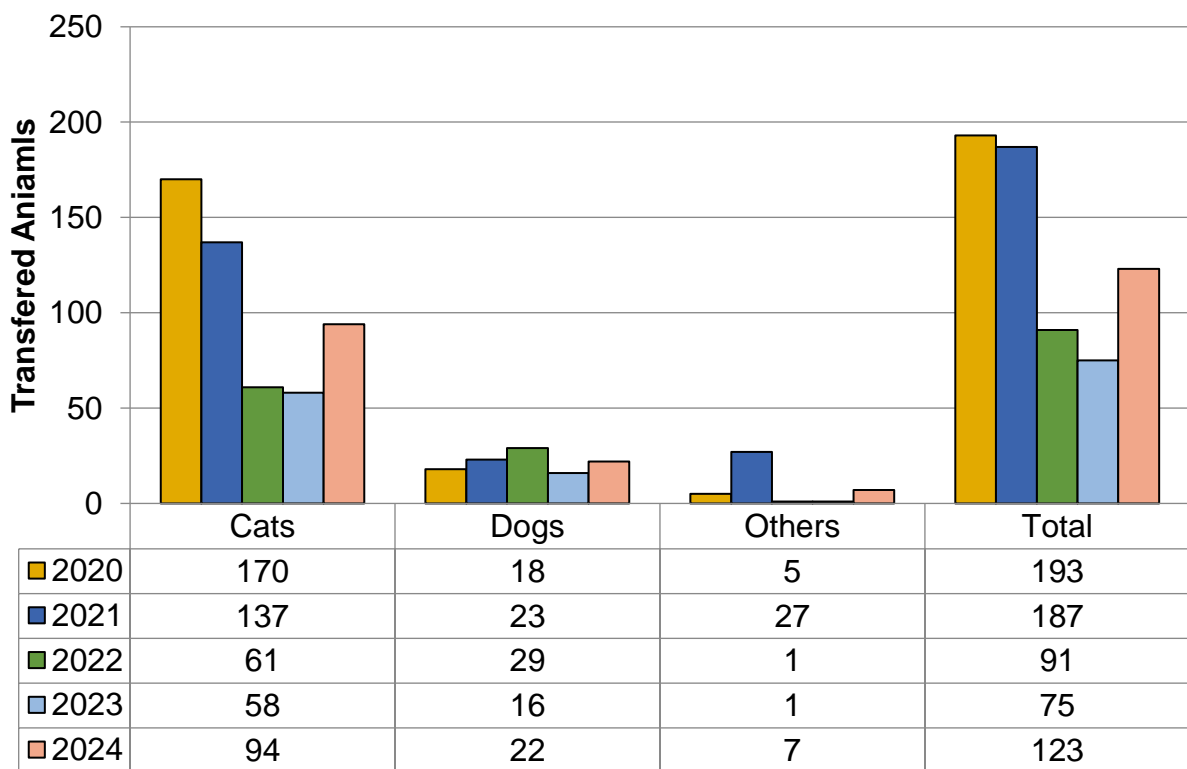
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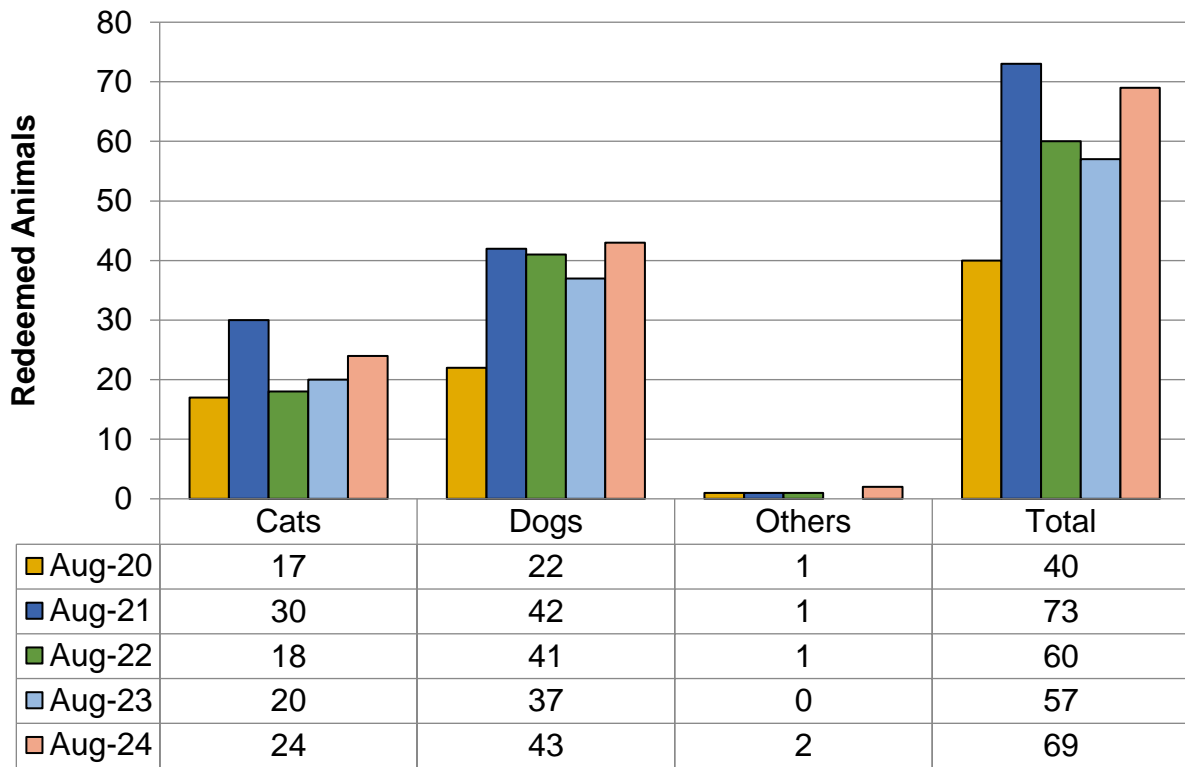
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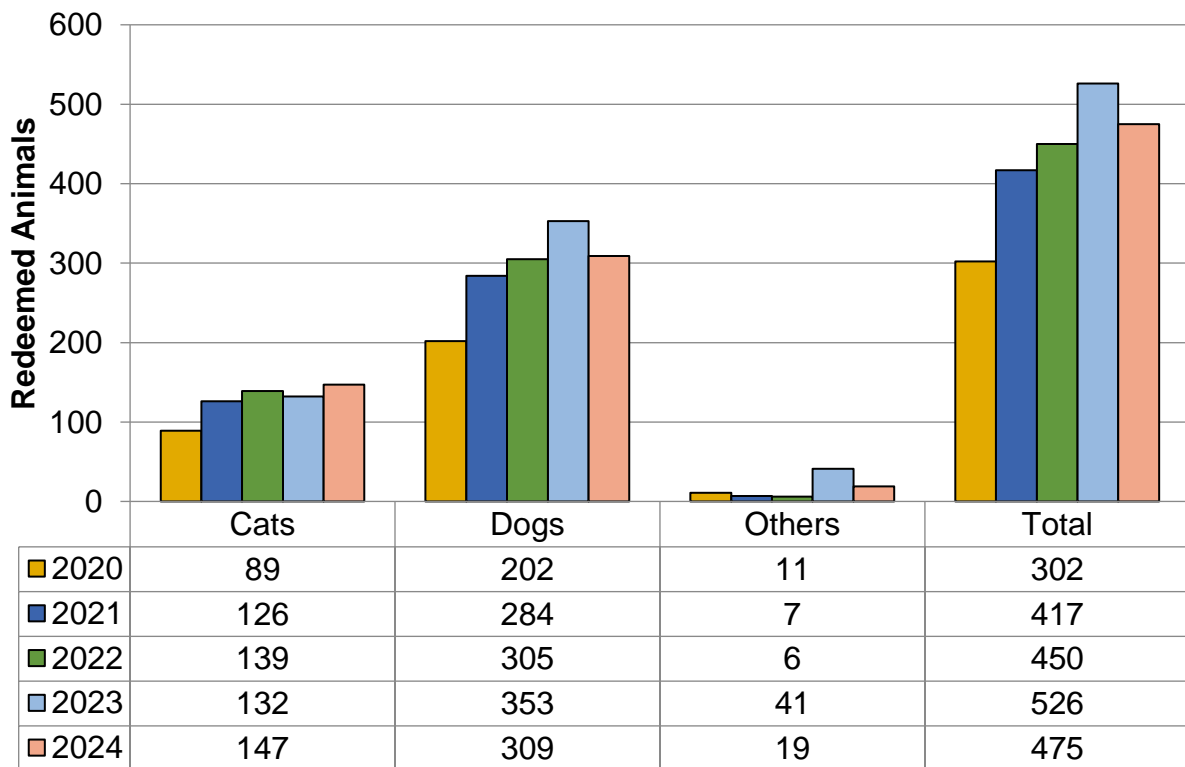
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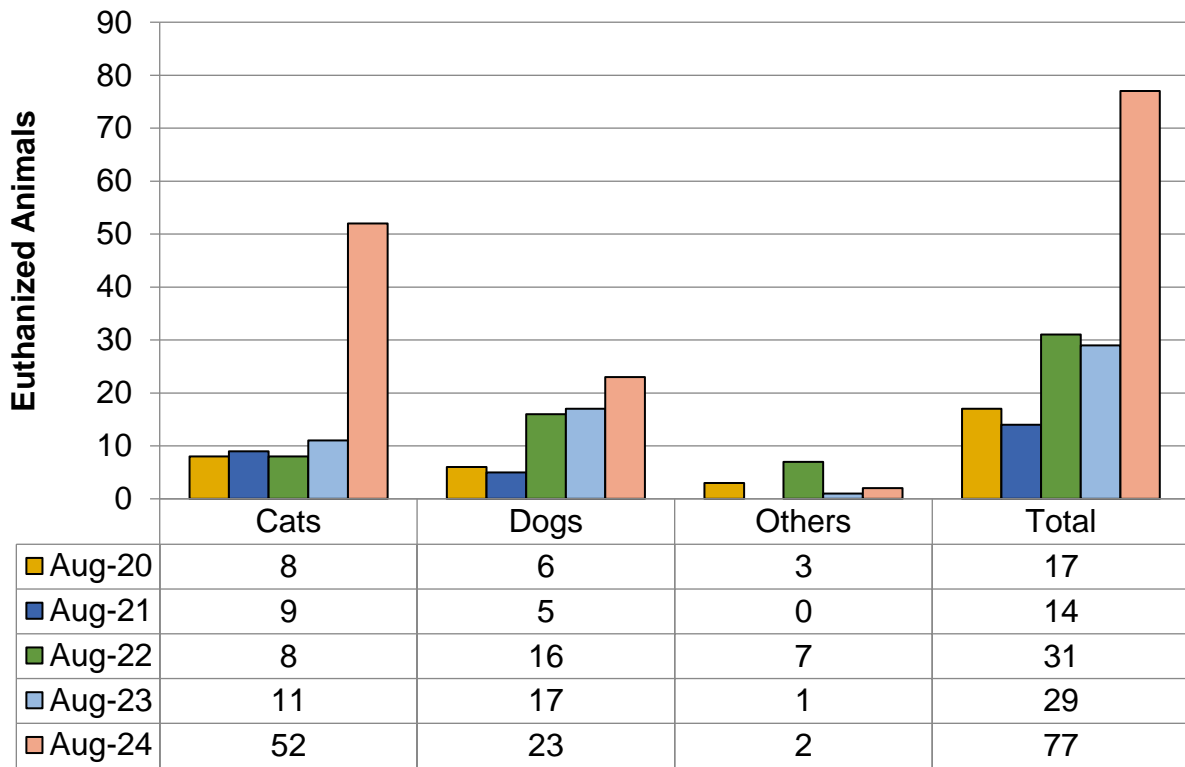
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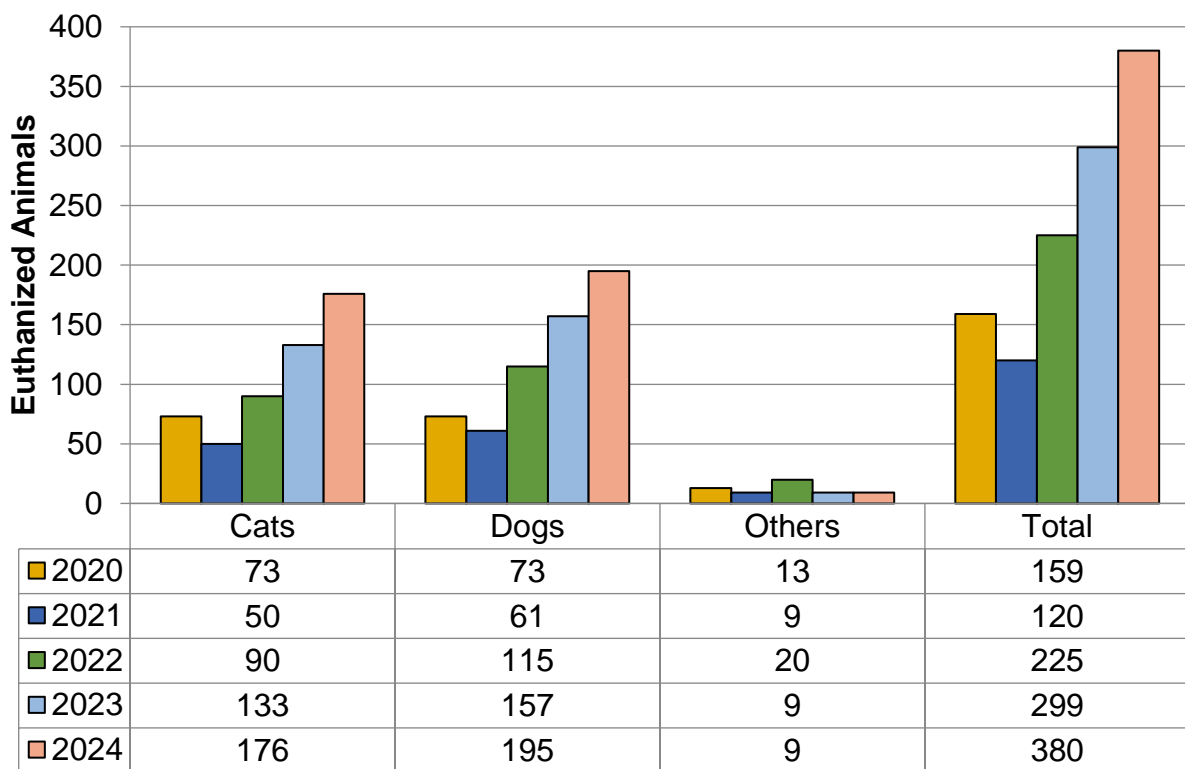
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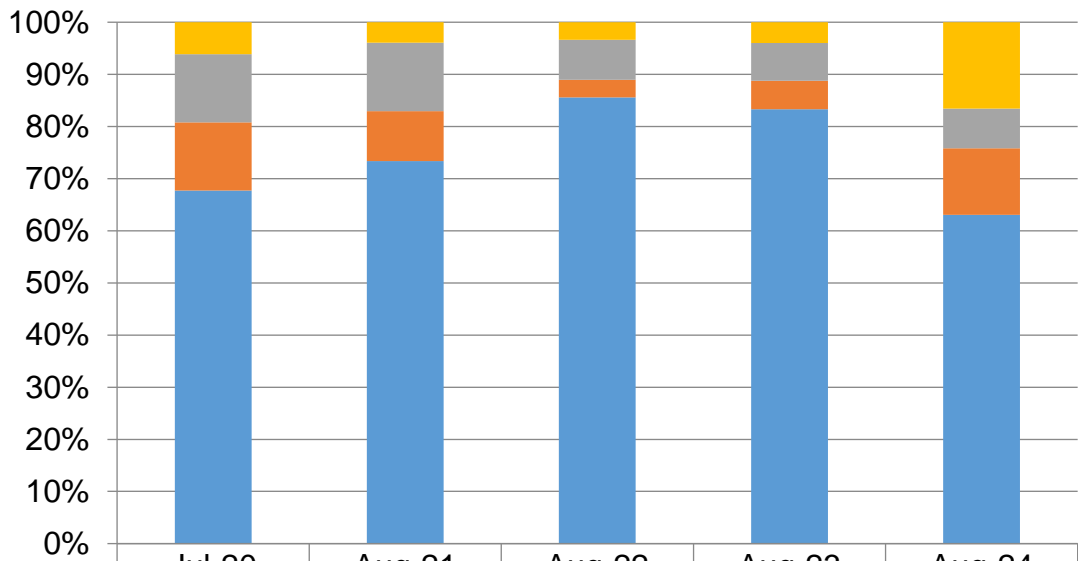
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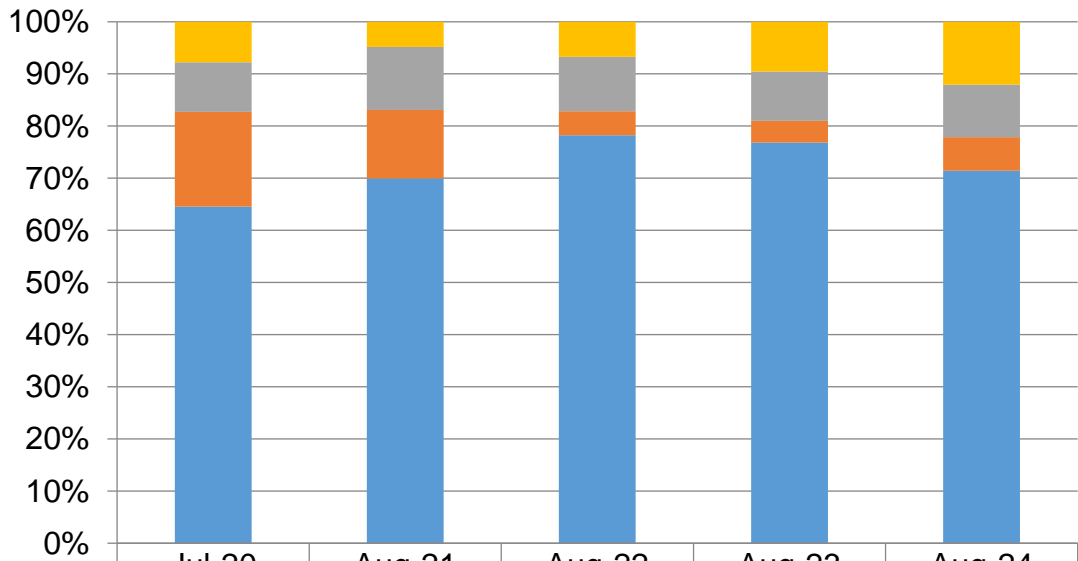


### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - August



	Jul-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Euthanasia	6.15%	3.93%	3.39%	3.99%	16.56%
Redemption	13.08%	13.10%	7.63%	7.25%	7.64%
Transfer	13.08%	9.61%	3.39%	5.43%	12.74%
Adoption	67.69%	73.36%	85.59%	83.33%	63.06%

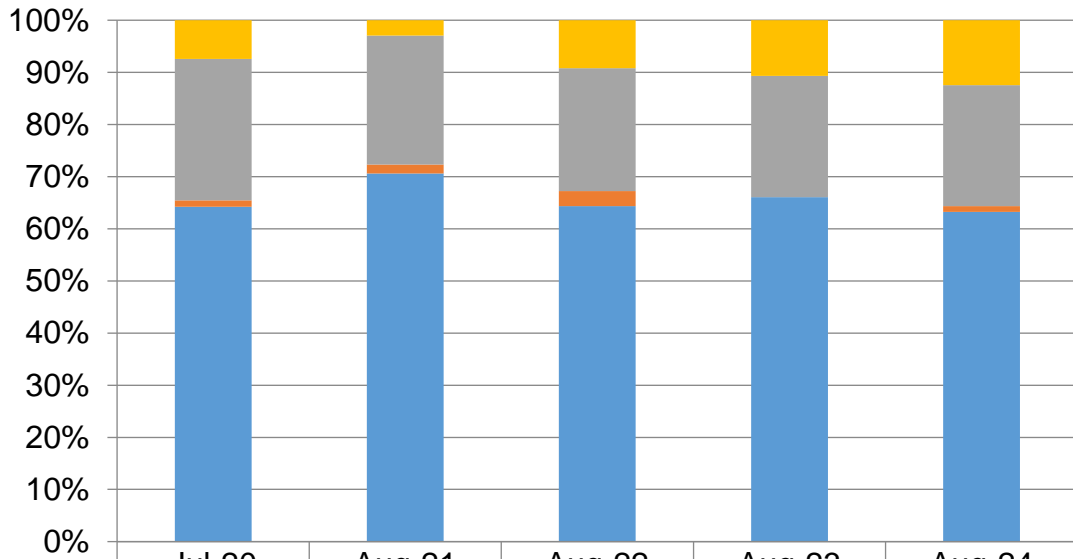
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



	Jul-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
Euthanasia	7.79%	4.80%	6.75%	9.53%	12.05%
Redemption	9.50%	12.09%	10.42%	9.46%	10.07%
Transfer	18.14%	13.15%	4.57%	4.16%	6.44%
Adoption	64.57%	69.96%	78.26%	76.85%	71.44%

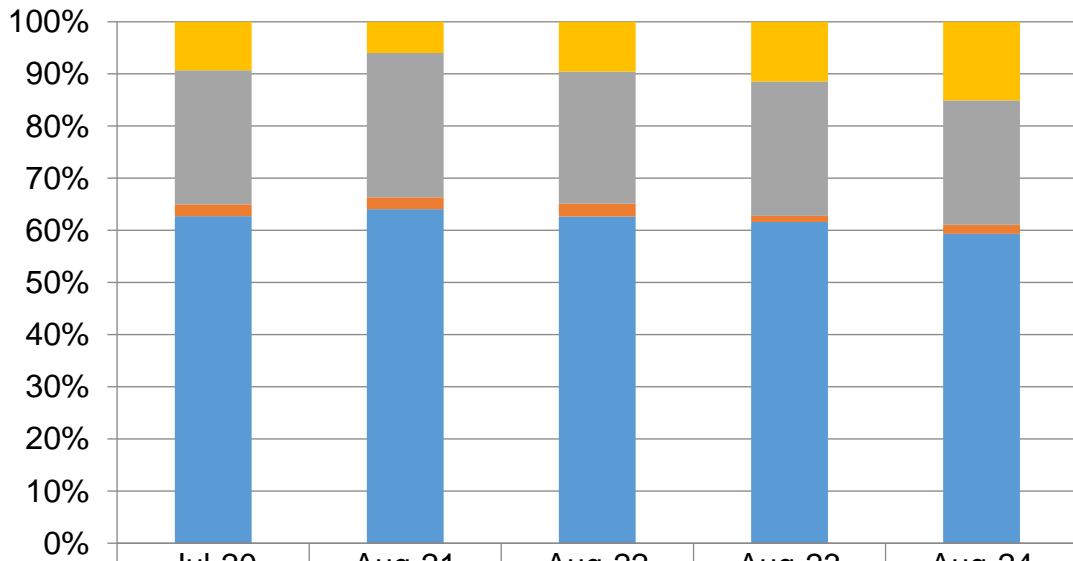


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - August



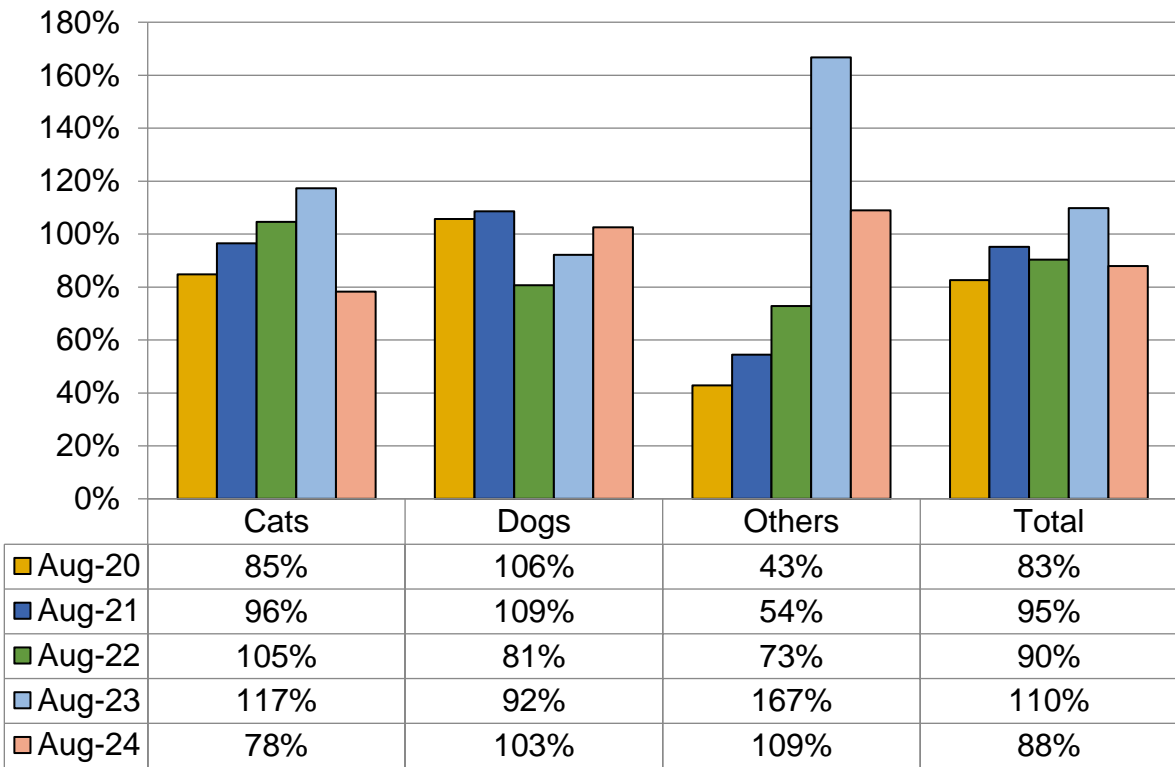
	Jul-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Euthanasia	7.41%	2.94%	9.20%	10.69%	12.43%
■ Redemption	27.16%	24.71%	23.56%	23.27%	23.24%
■ Transfer	1.23%	1.76%	2.87%	0.00%	1.08%
■ Adoption	64.20%	70.59%	64.37%	66.04%	63.24%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

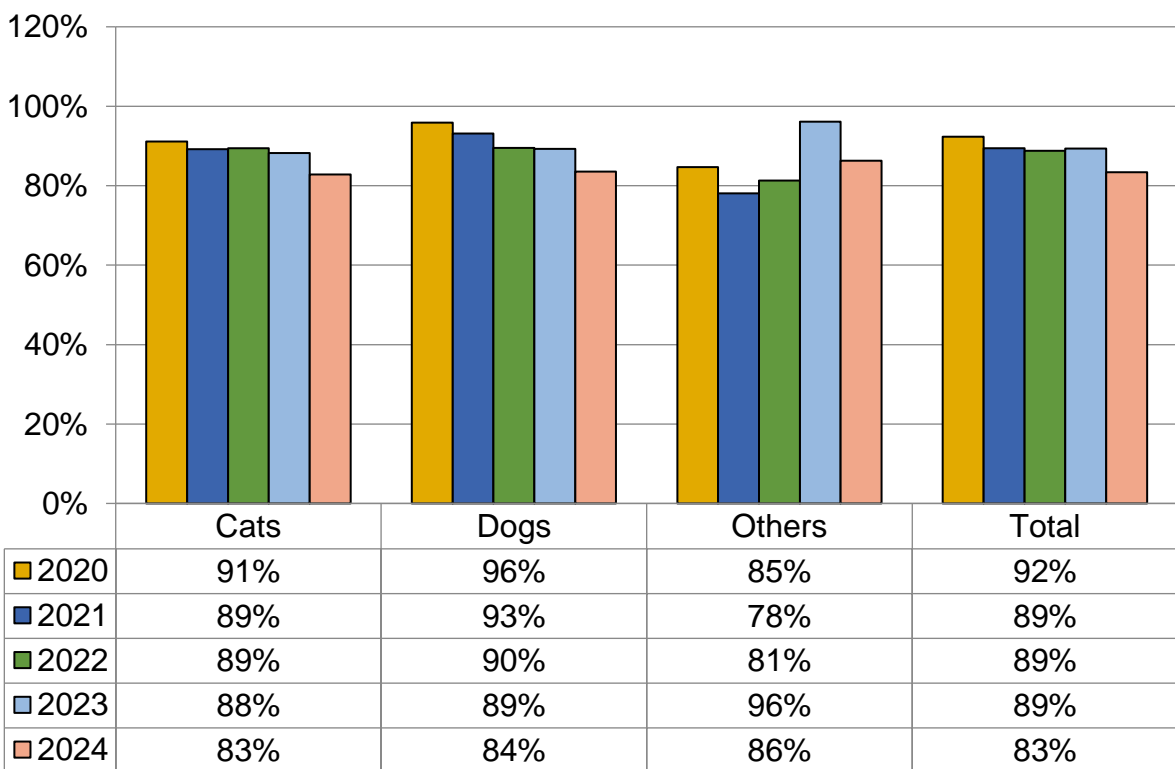


	Jul-20	Aug-21	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24
■ Euthanasia	9.29%	5.96%	9.56%	11.46%	15.07%
■ Redemption	25.70%	27.73%	25.35%	25.77%	23.88%
■ Transfer	2.29%	2.25%	2.41%	1.17%	1.70%
■ Adoption	62.72%	64.06%	62.68%	61.61%	59.35%

### Save Rate August



### 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.