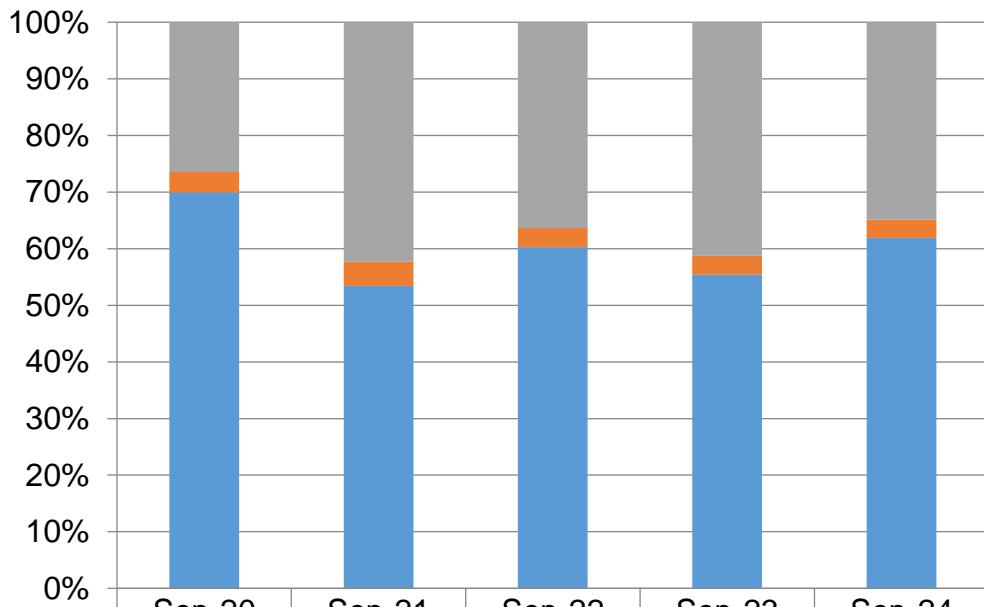


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Rolling Release Rate
&
Save Rate
Overview

September 2024

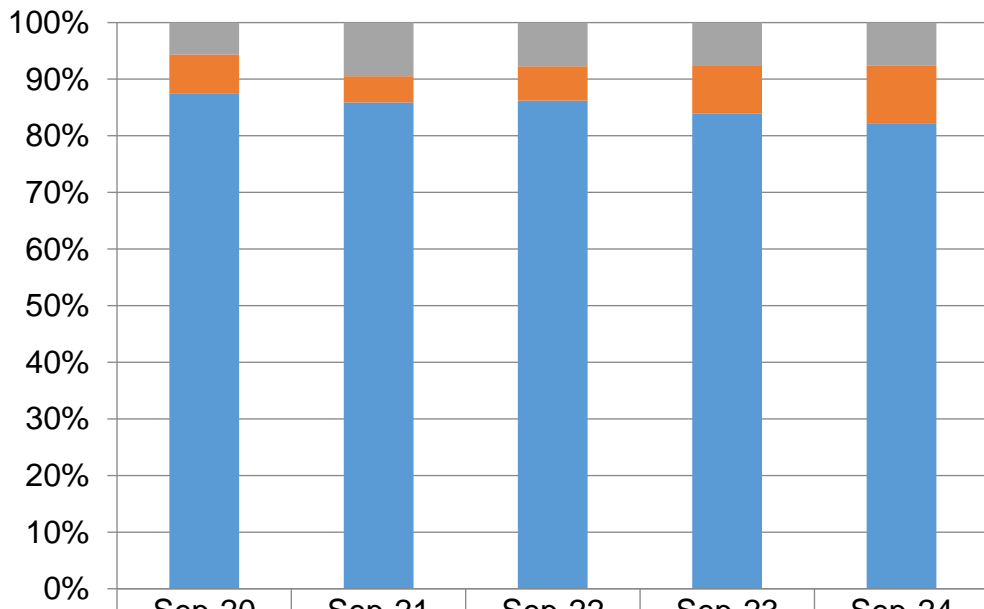
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Cat Rolling Release Rate September



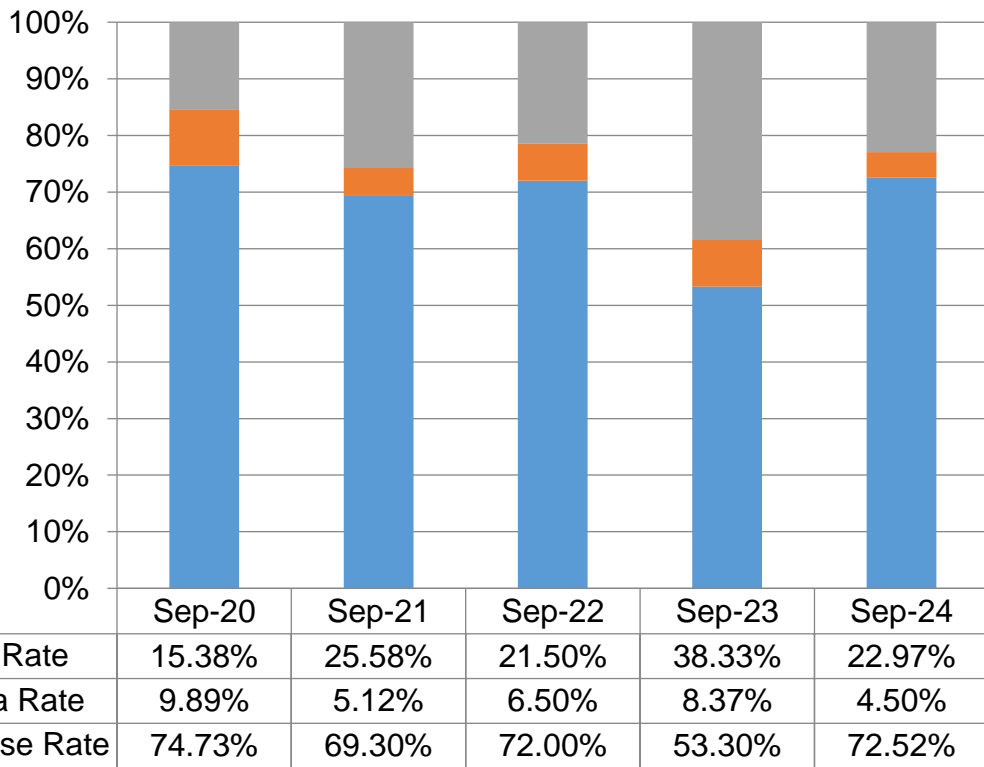
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Sanctuary Rate	26.42%	42.30%	36.36%	41.23%	34.86%
Euthanasia Rate	3.63%	4.26%	3.37%	3.38%	3.24%
Live Release Rate	69.95%	53.44%	60.27%	55.38%	61.89%

Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

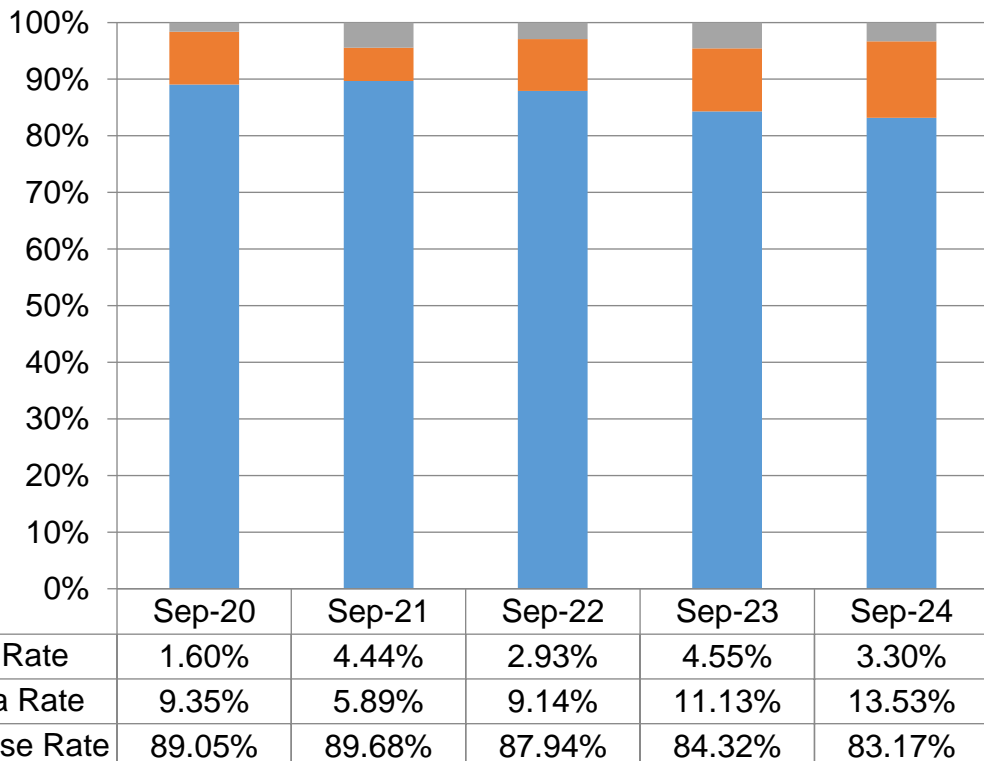


	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
Sanctuary Rate	5.60%	9.44%	7.70%	7.68%	7.55%
Euthanasia Rate	7.00%	4.68%	6.06%	8.38%	10.22%
Live Release Rate	87.40%	85.87%	86.24%	83.93%	82.23%

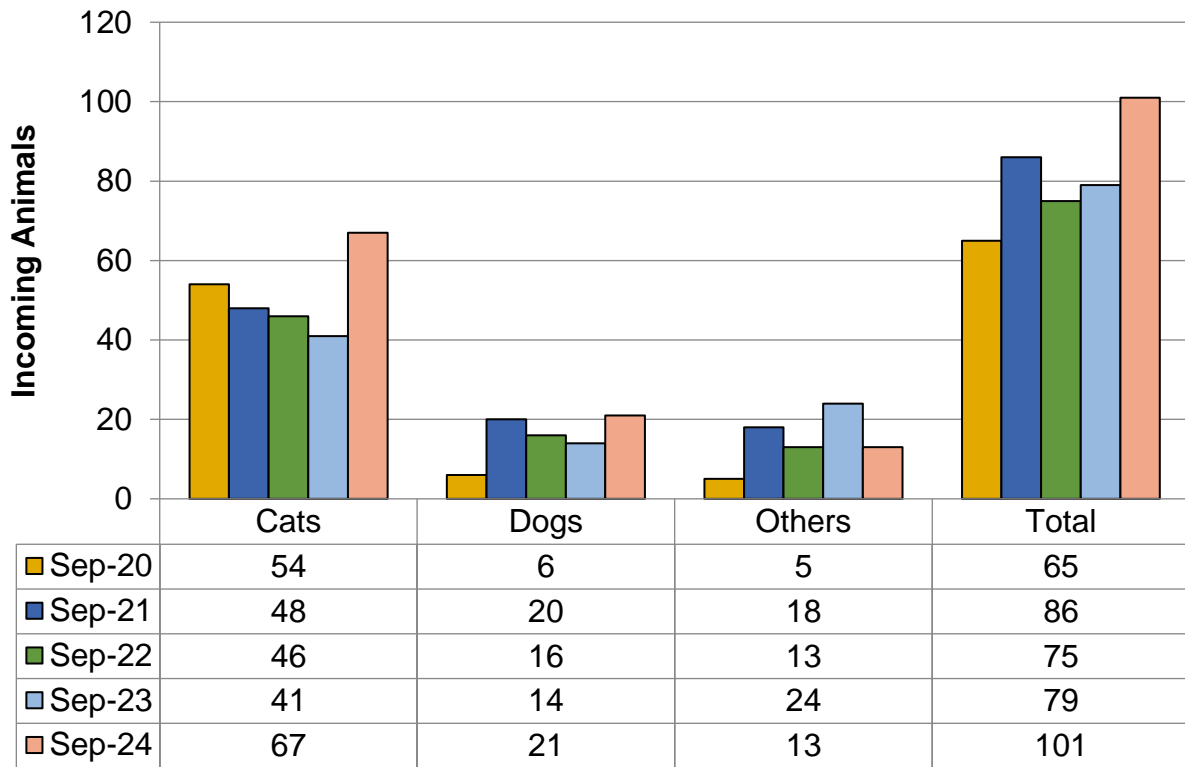
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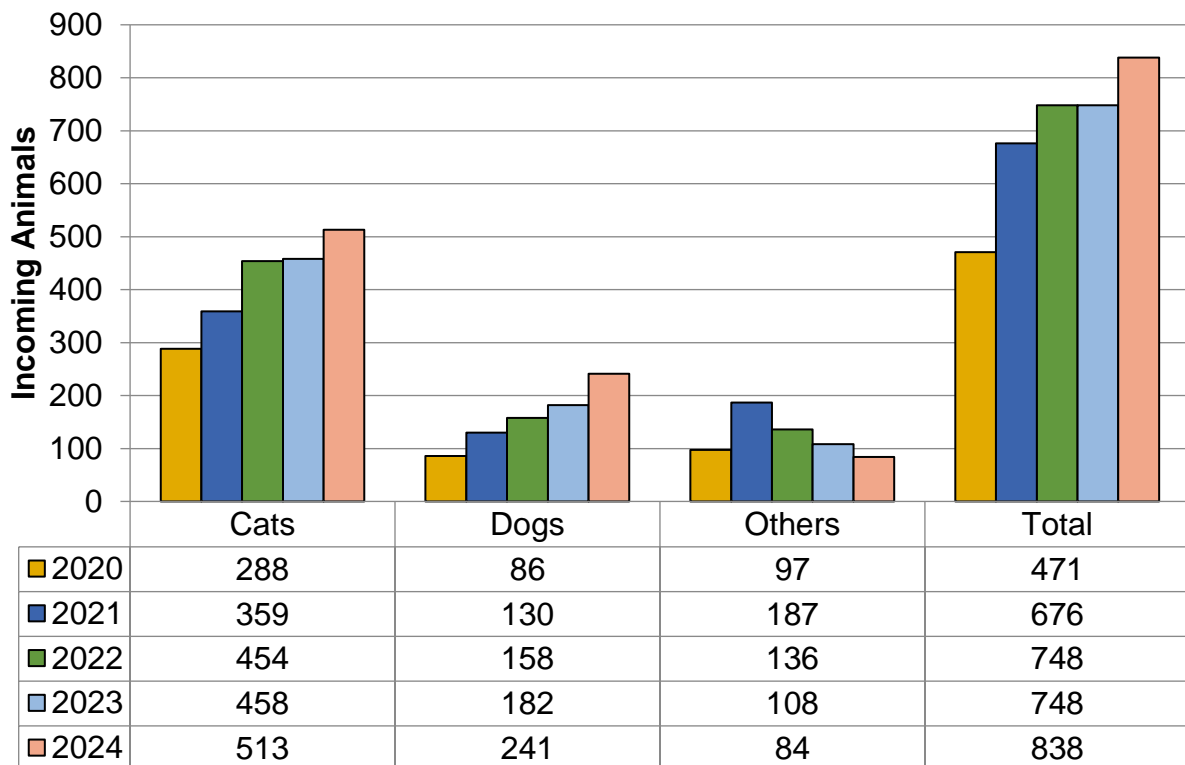
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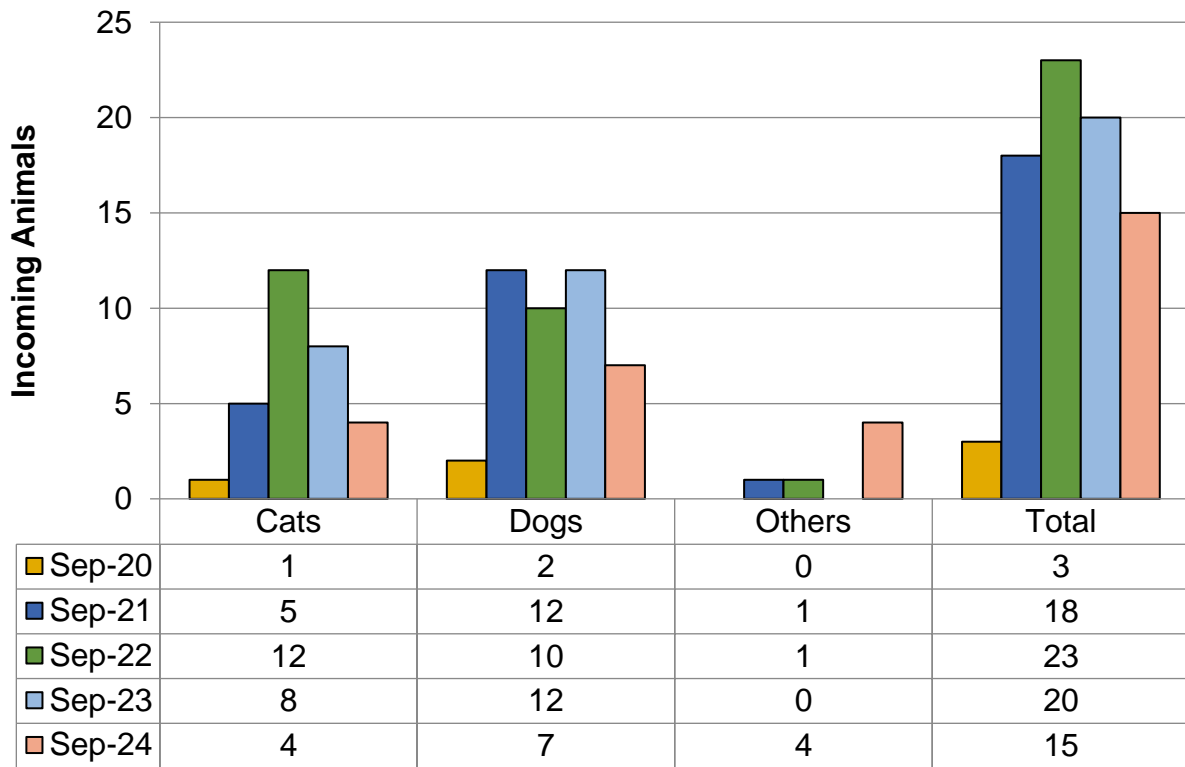
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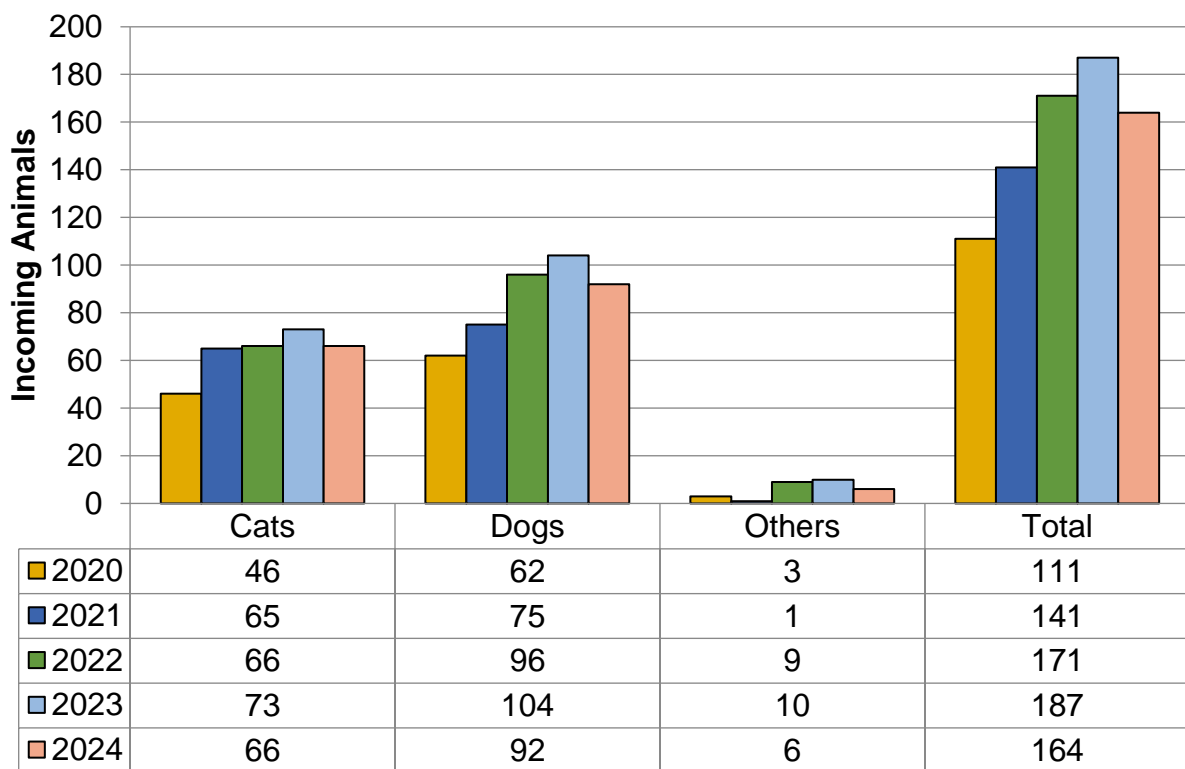
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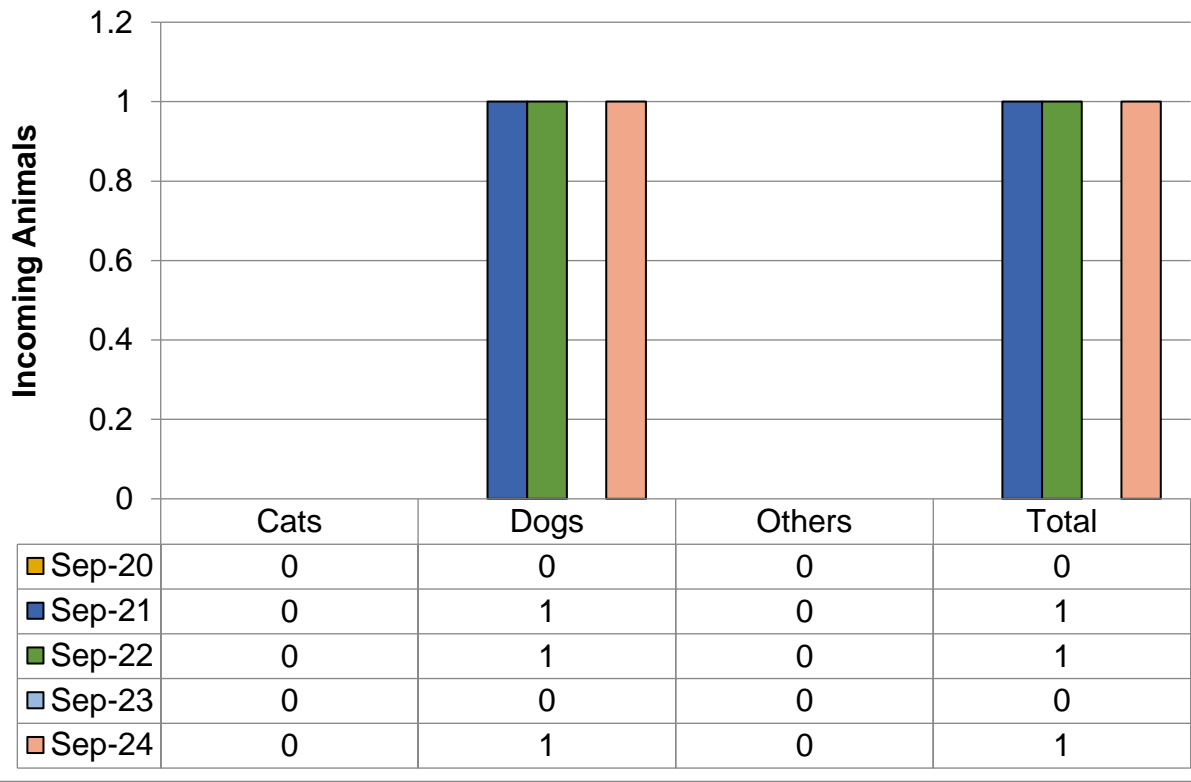
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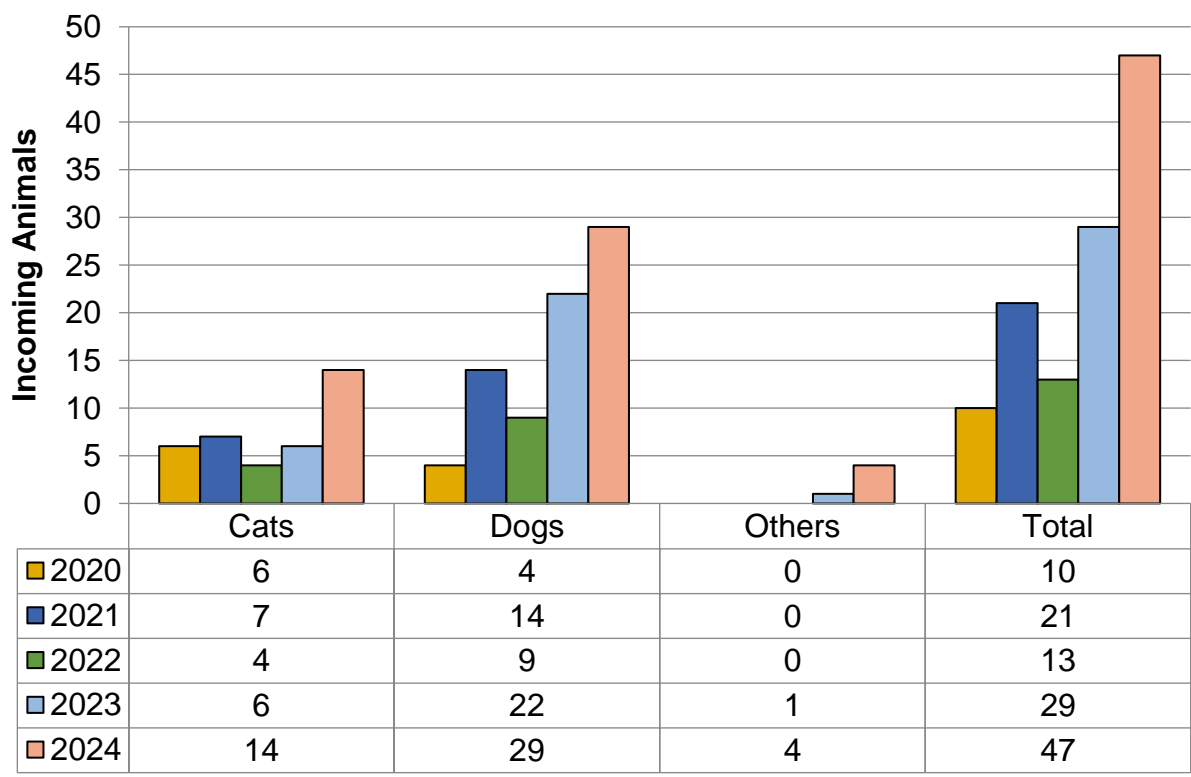
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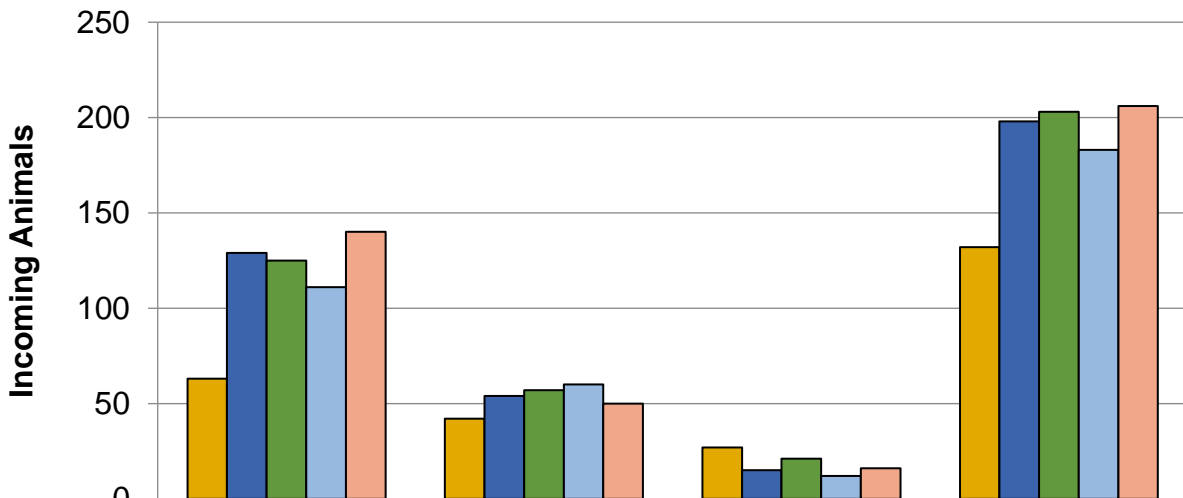
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Seized / Custody Year to Date

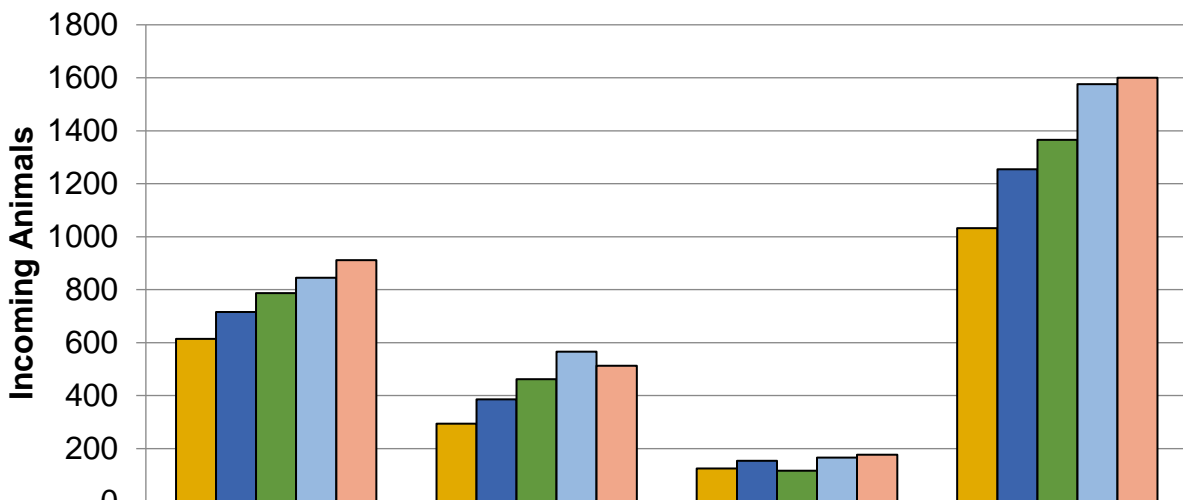


Stray September



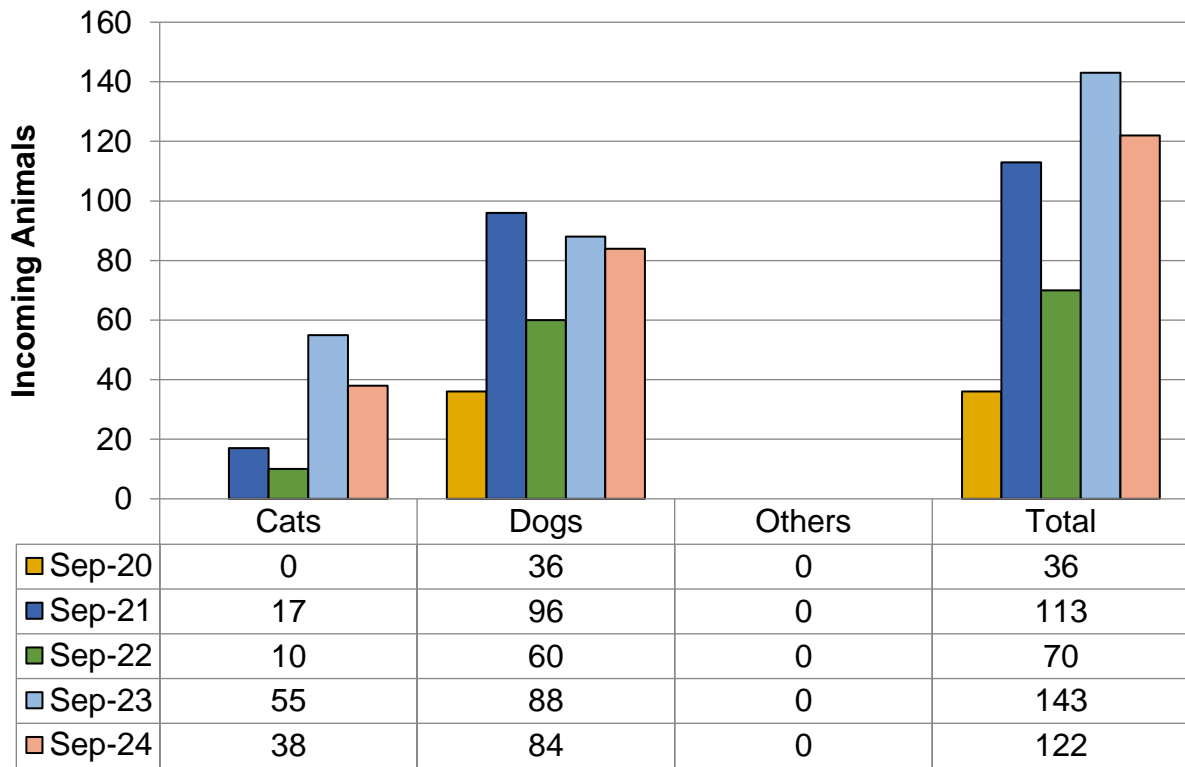
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Sep-20	63	42	27	132
Sep-21	129	54	15	198
Sep-22	125	57	21	203
Sep-23	111	60	12	183
Sep-24	140	50	16	206

Stray Year to Date

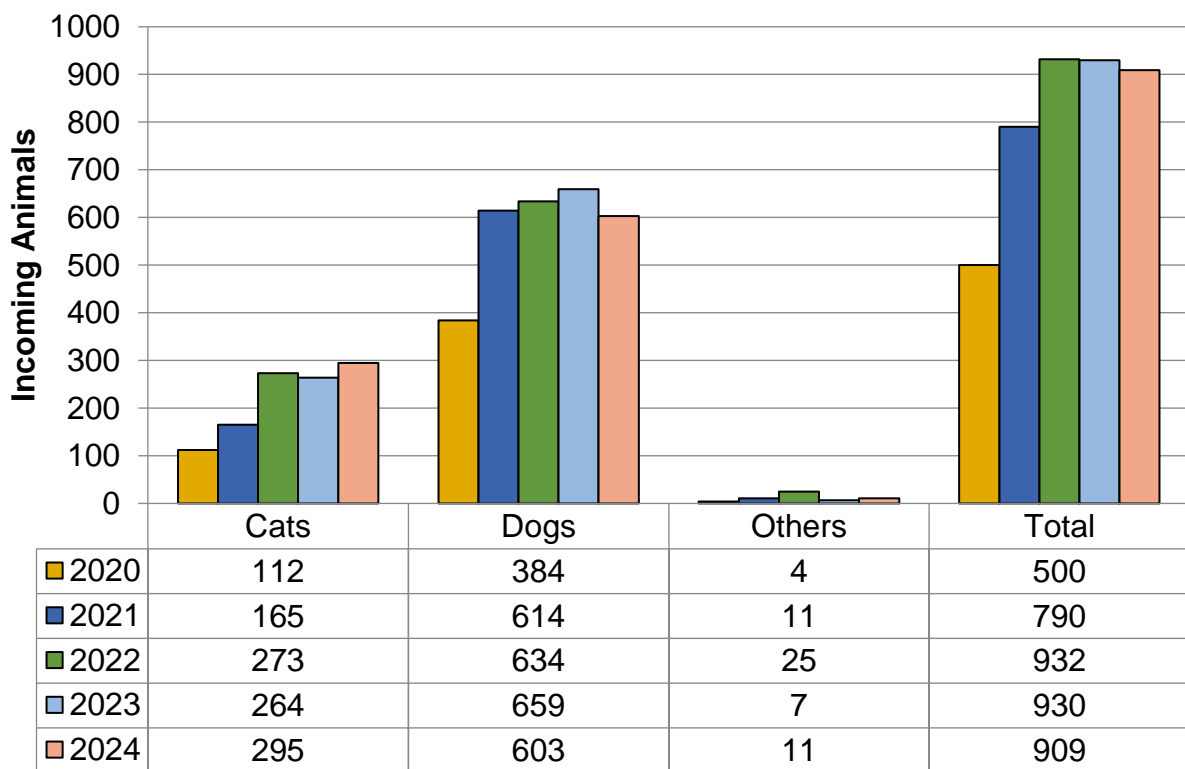


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	614	294	124	1032
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2023	845	566	165	1576
2024	911	513	176	1600

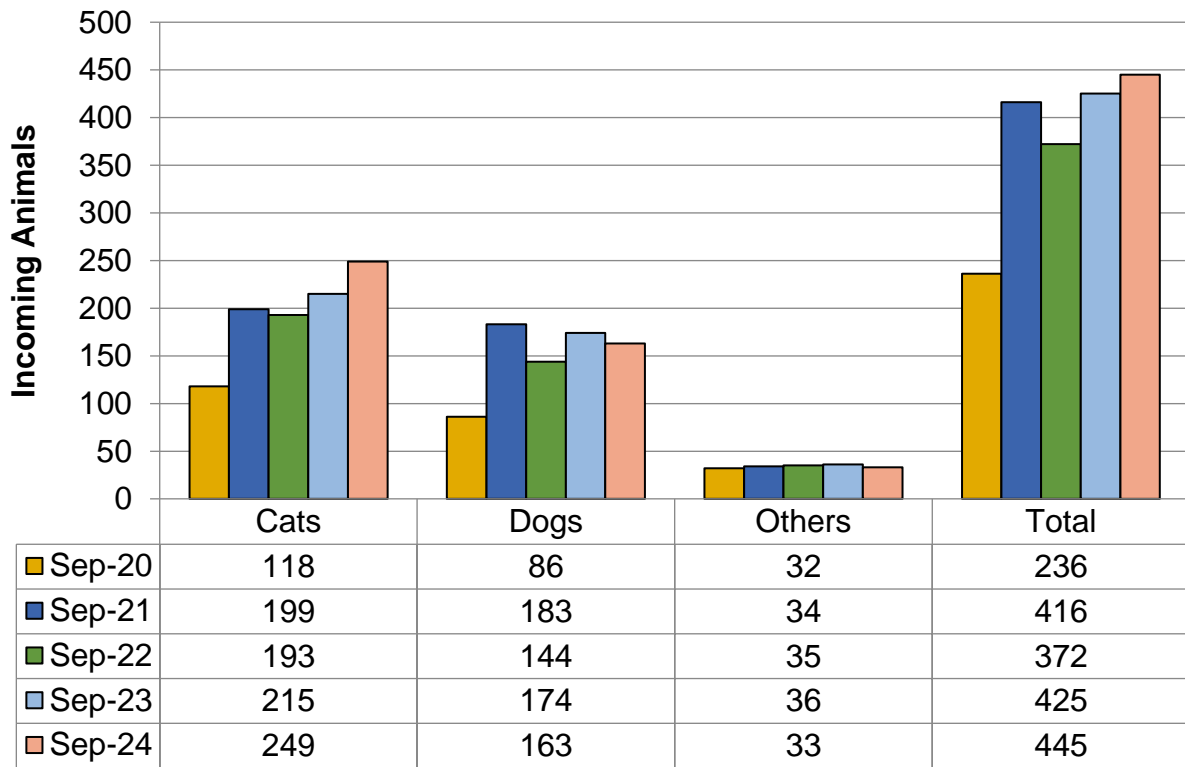
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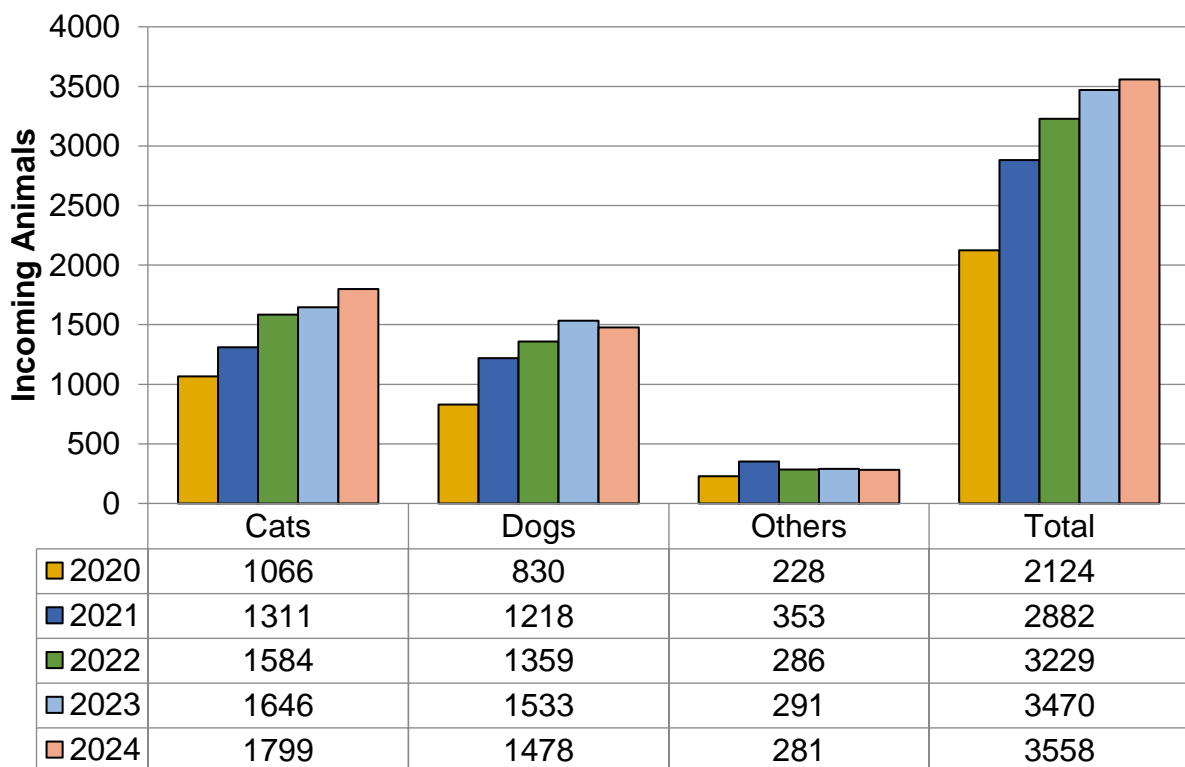
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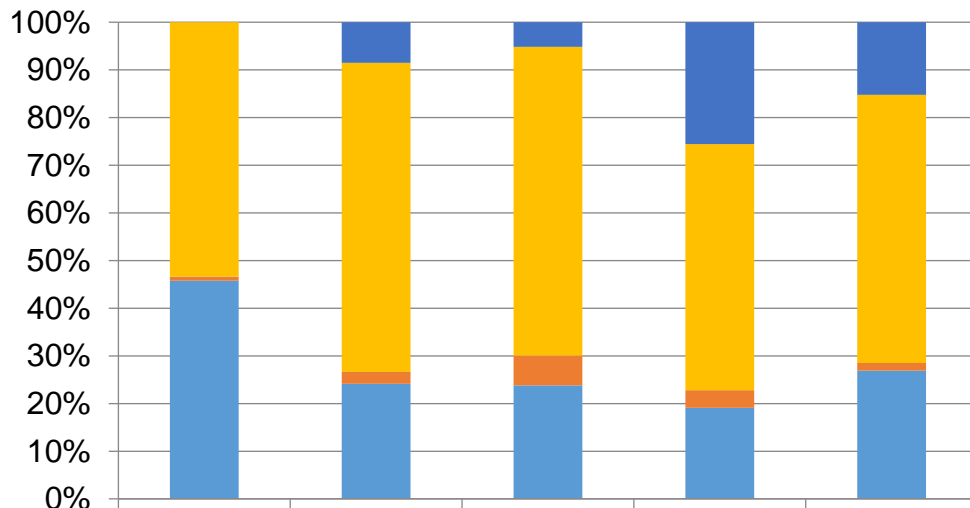
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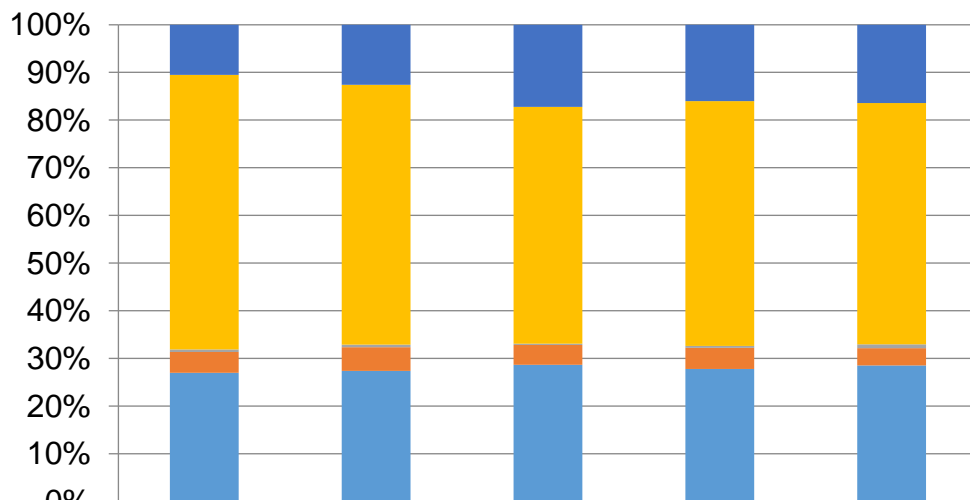


Intakes by Percentage Cats - September



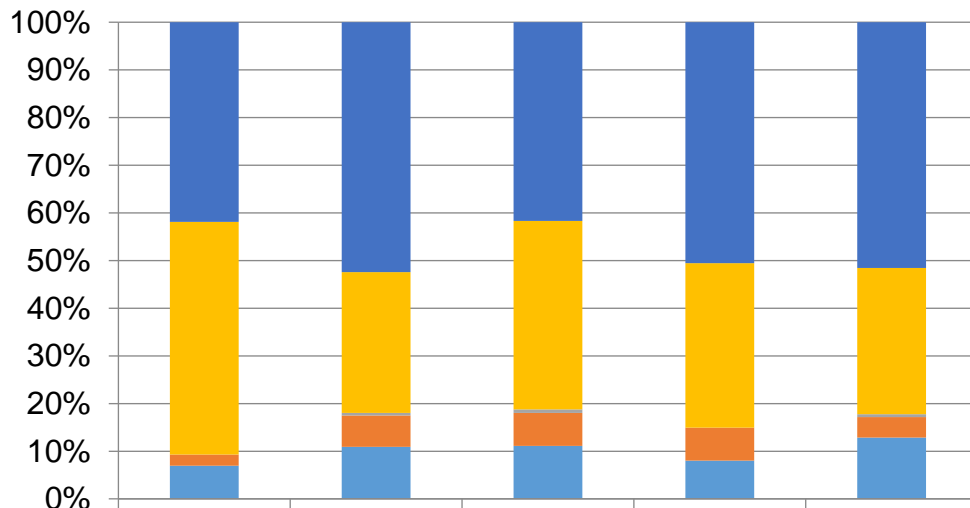
	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
■ Incoming Transfers	0.00%	8.54%	5.18%	25.58%	15.26%
■ Strays	53.39%	64.82%	64.77%	51.63%	56.22%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
■ Returns	0.85%	2.51%	6.22%	3.72%	1.61%
■ Owner Surrenders	45.76%	24.12%	23.83%	19.07%	26.91%

Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



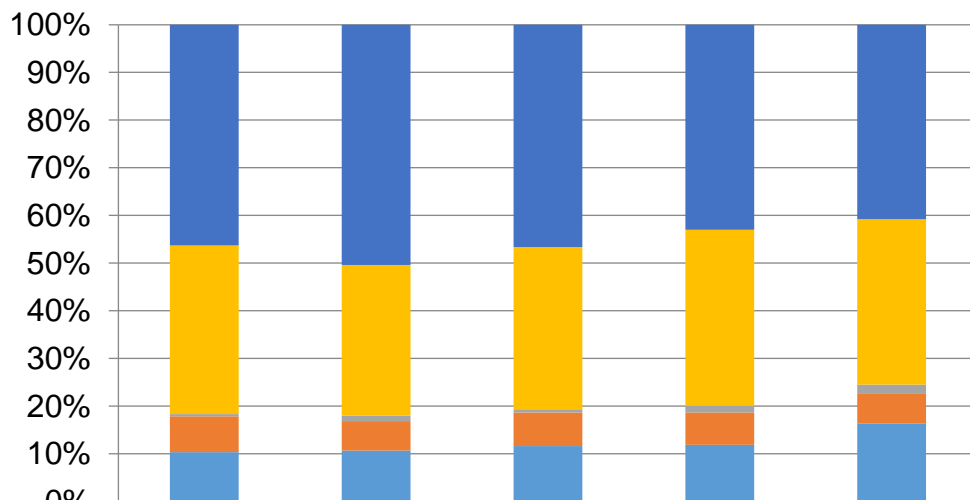
	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
■ Incoming Transfers	10.51%	12.59%	17.23%	16.04%	16.40%
■ Strays	57.60%	54.54%	49.68%	51.34%	50.64%
■ Seized / Custody	0.56%	0.53%	0.25%	0.36%	0.78%
■ Returns	4.32%	4.96%	4.17%	4.43%	3.67%
■ Owner Surrenders	27.02%	27.38%	28.66%	27.83%	28.52%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - September



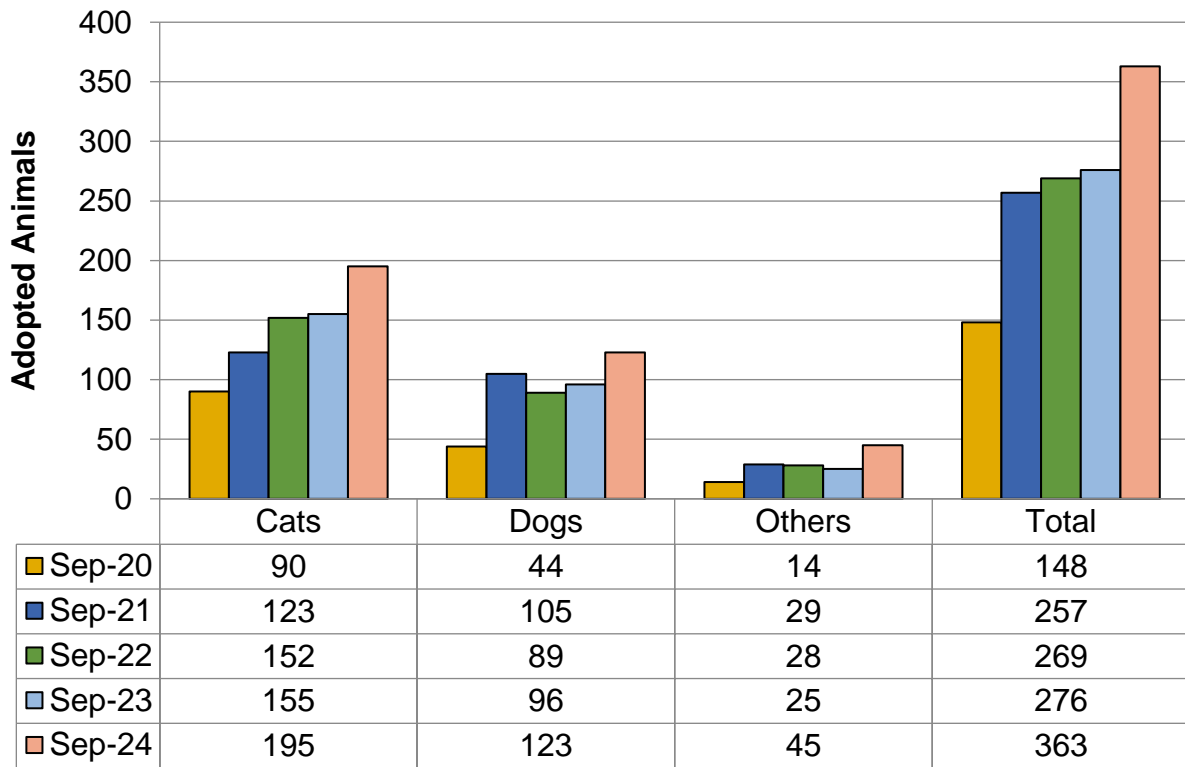
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■ Incoming Transfers	41.86%	52.46%	41.67%	50.57%	51.53%
■ Strays	48.84%	29.51%	39.58%	34.48%	30.67%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.55%	0.69%	0.00%	0.61%
■ Returns	2.33%	6.56%	6.94%	6.90%	4.29%
■ Owner Surrenders	6.98%	10.93%	11.11%	8.05%	12.88%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

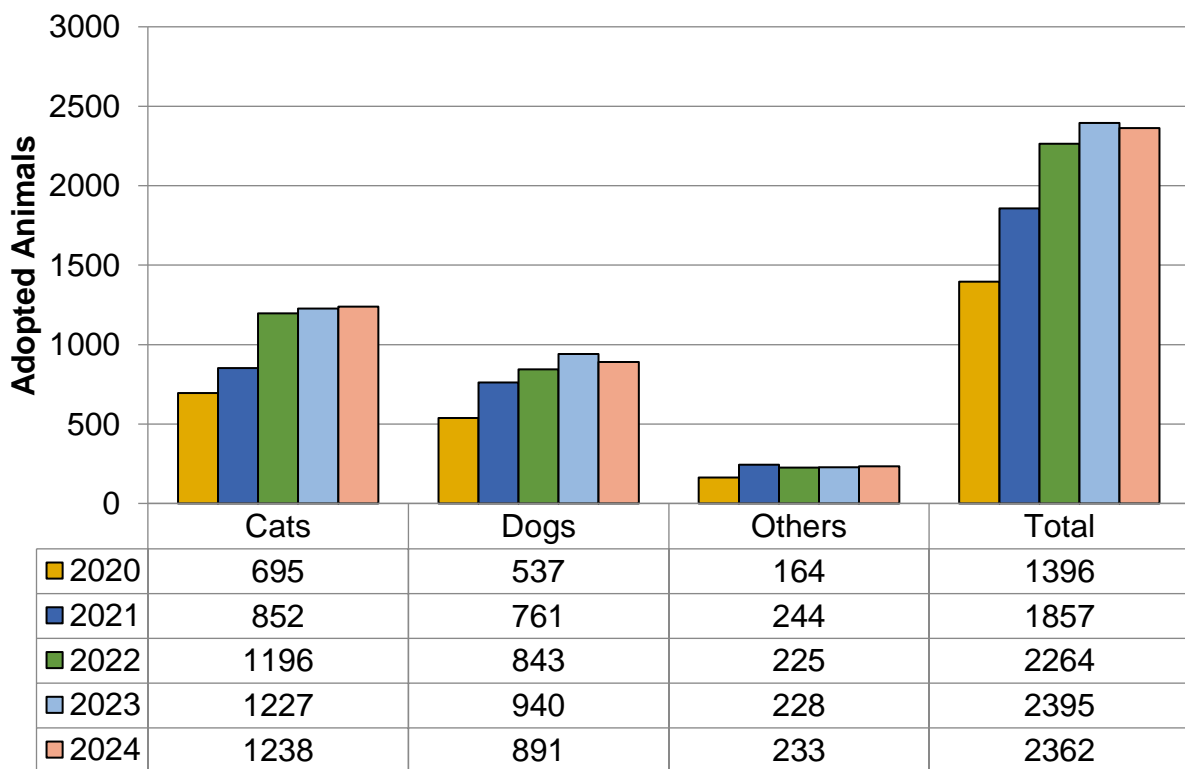


	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
■ Incoming Transfers	46.27%	50.41%	46.65%	42.99%	40.80%
■ Strays	35.42%	31.61%	34.00%	36.92%	34.71%
■ Seized / Custody	0.48%	1.15%	0.66%	1.44%	1.96%
■ Returns	7.47%	6.16%	7.06%	6.78%	6.22%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.36%	10.67%	11.63%	11.87%	16.31%

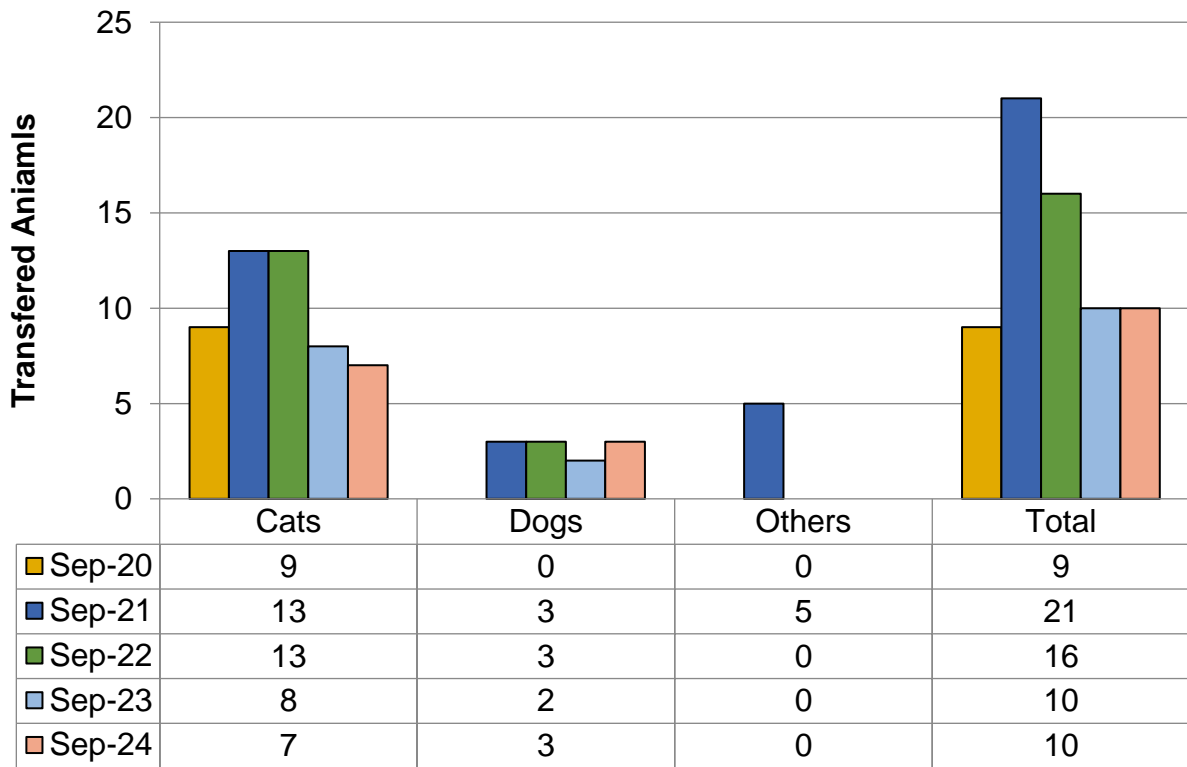
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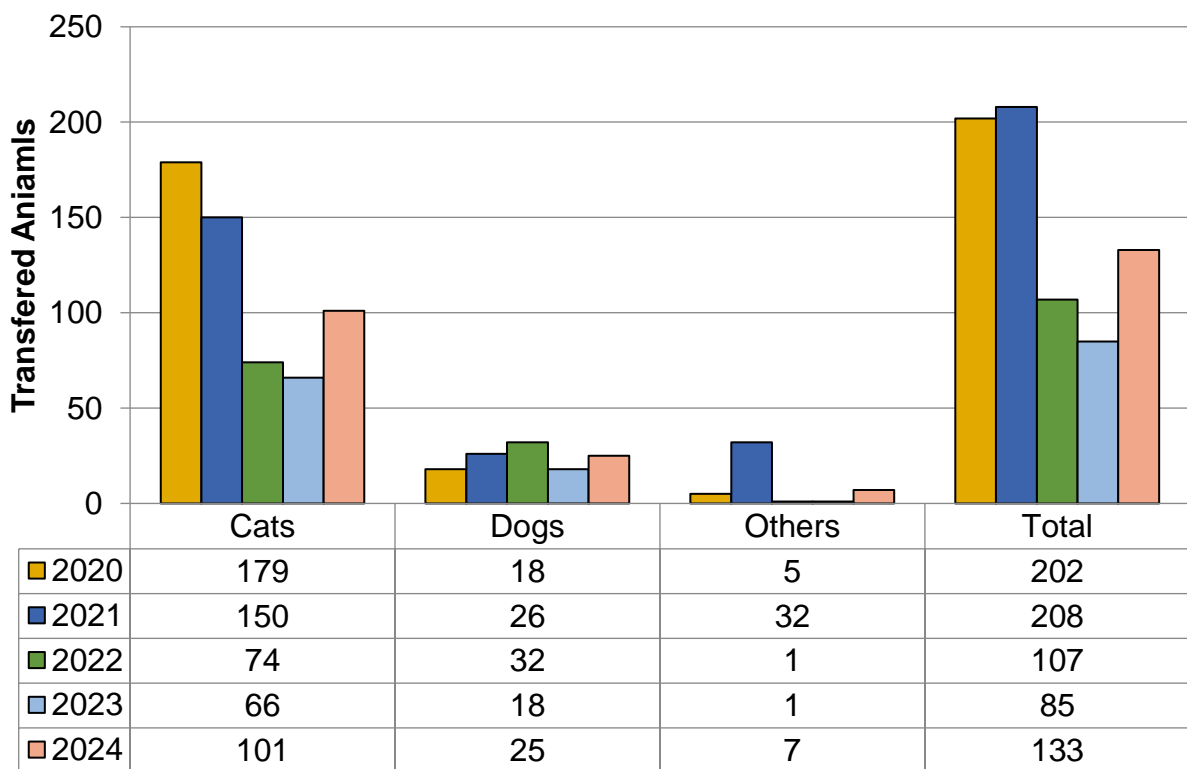
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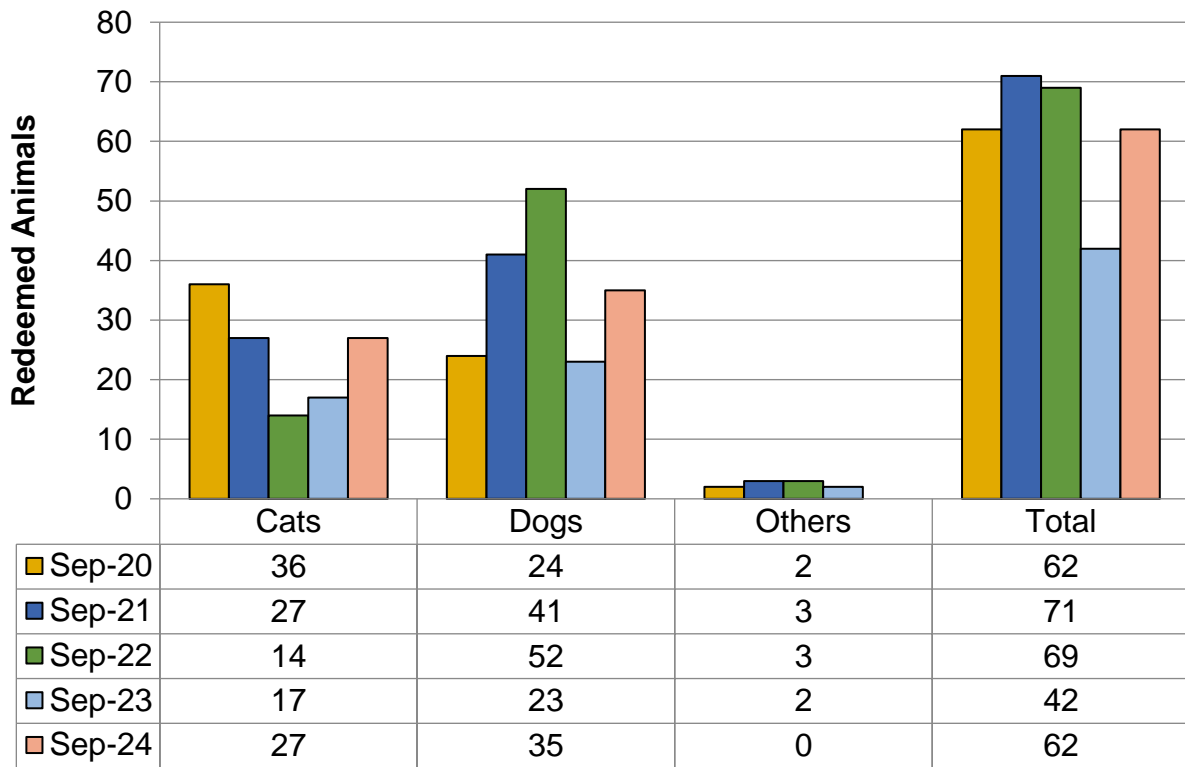
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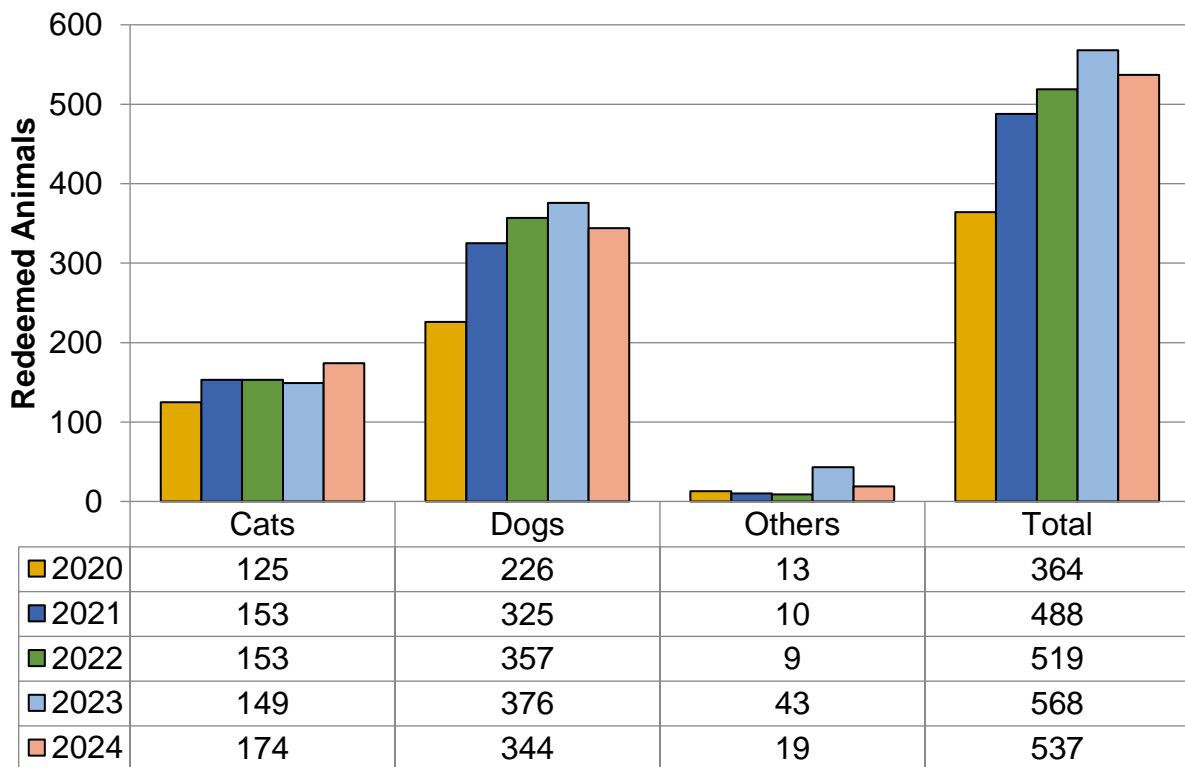
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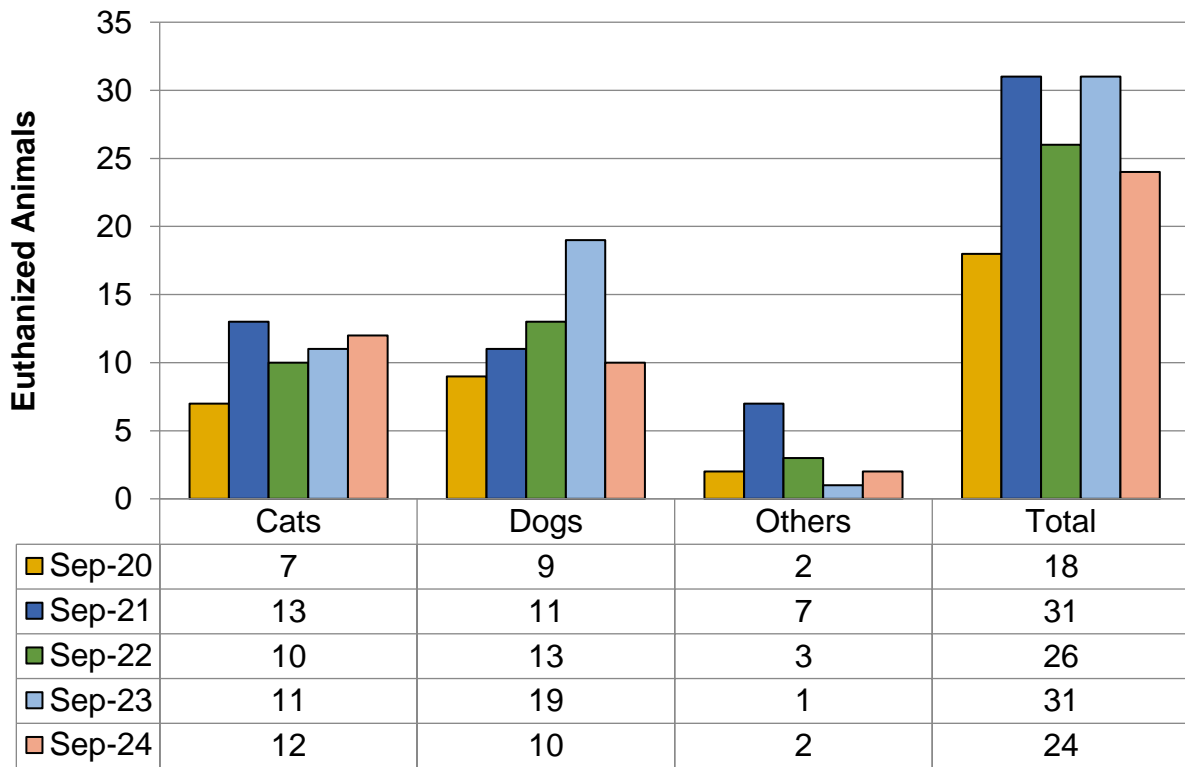
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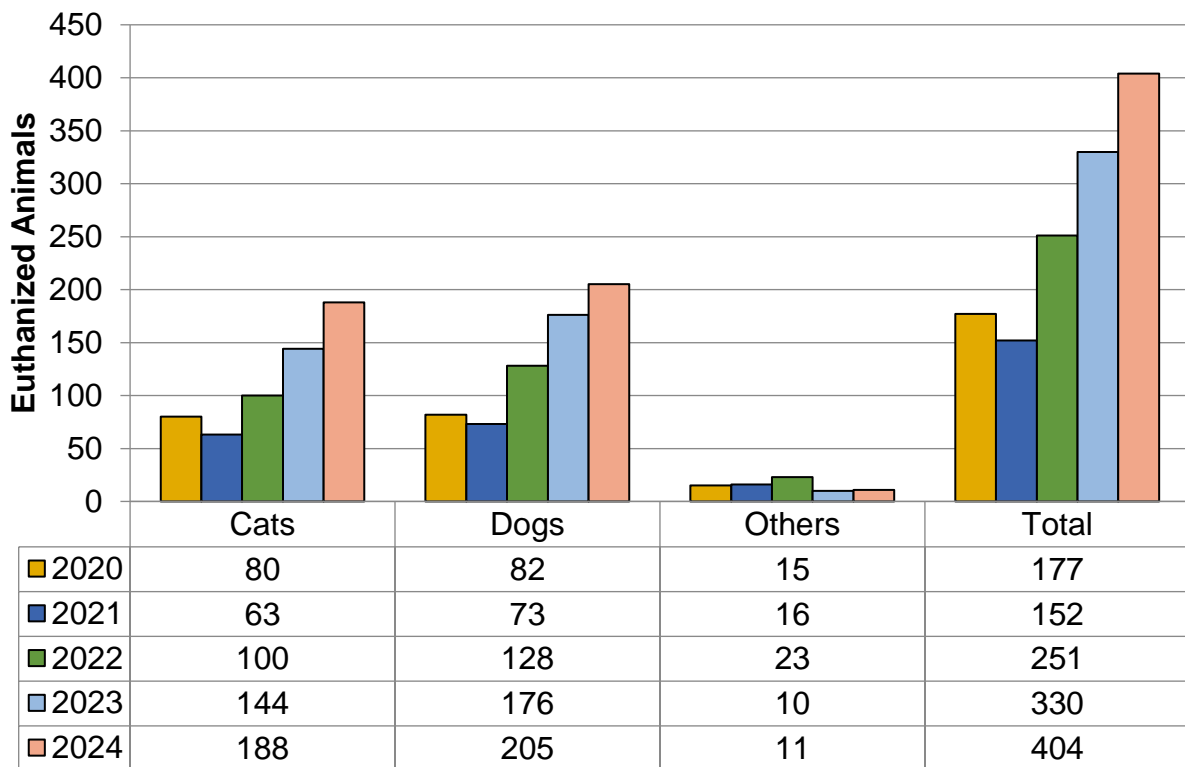
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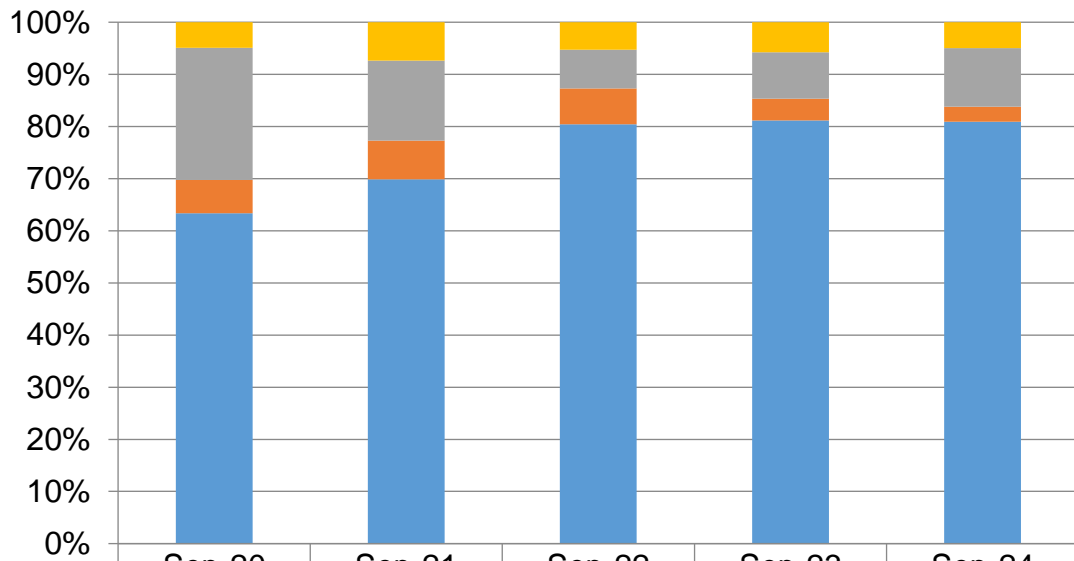
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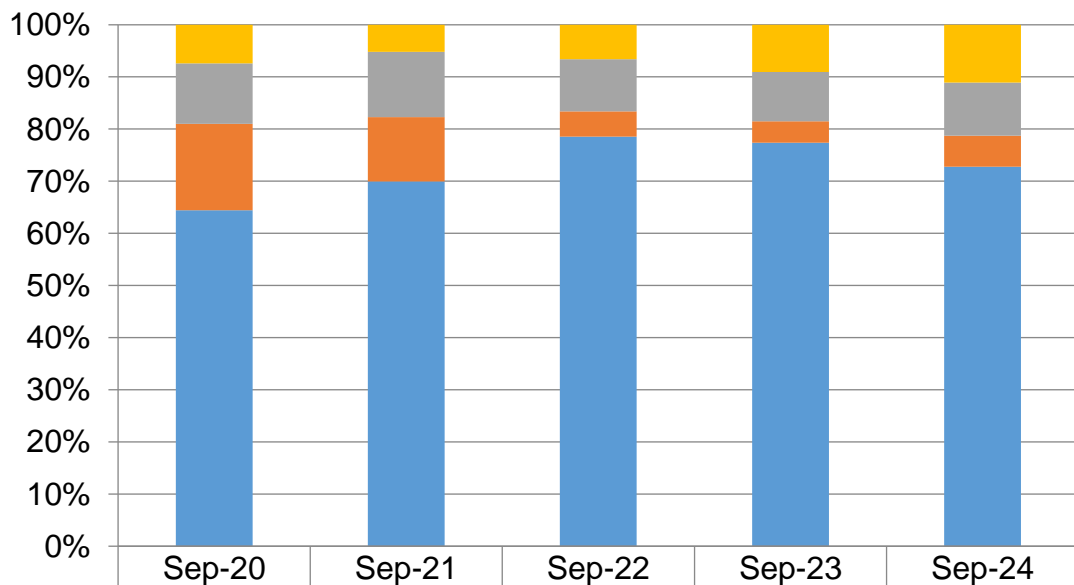


Outcomes by Percentage Cats - September



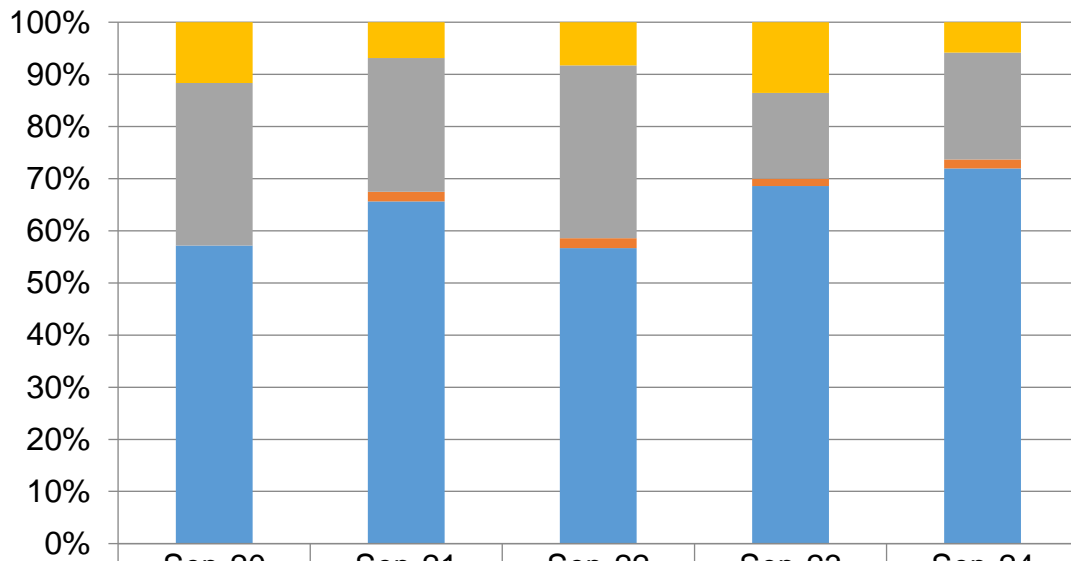
	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
■ Euthanasia	4.93%	7.39%	5.29%	5.76%	4.98%
■ Redemption	25.35%	15.34%	7.41%	8.90%	11.20%
■ Transfer	6.34%	7.39%	6.88%	4.19%	2.90%
■ Adoption	63.38%	69.89%	80.42%	81.15%	80.91%

Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



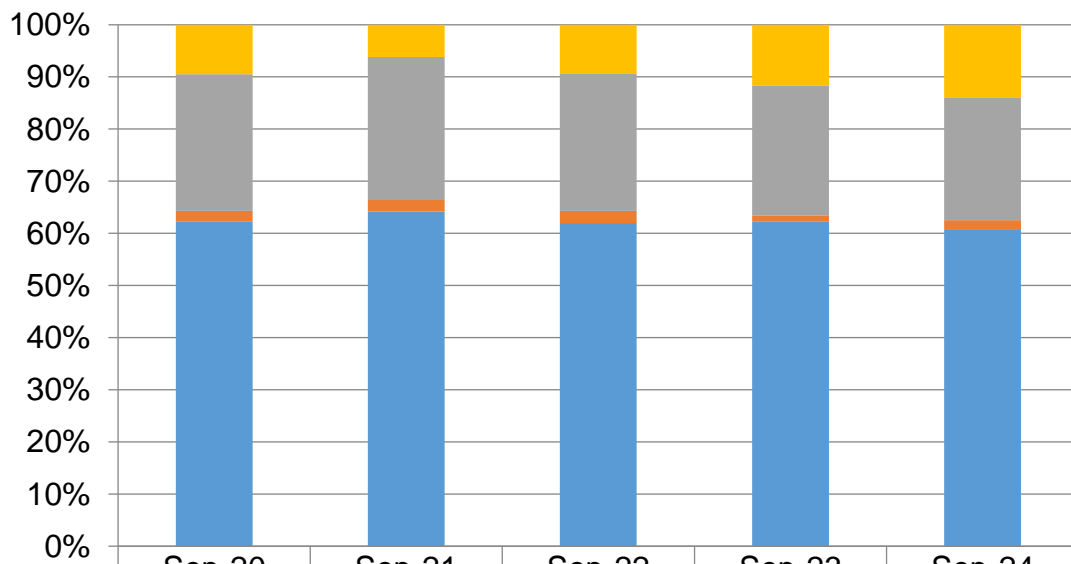
	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
■ Euthanasia	7.41%	5.17%	6.57%	9.08%	11.05%
■ Redemption	11.58%	12.56%	10.05%	9.39%	10.23%
■ Transfer	16.59%	12.32%	4.86%	4.16%	5.94%
■ Adoption	64.41%	69.95%	78.53%	77.36%	72.78%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - September



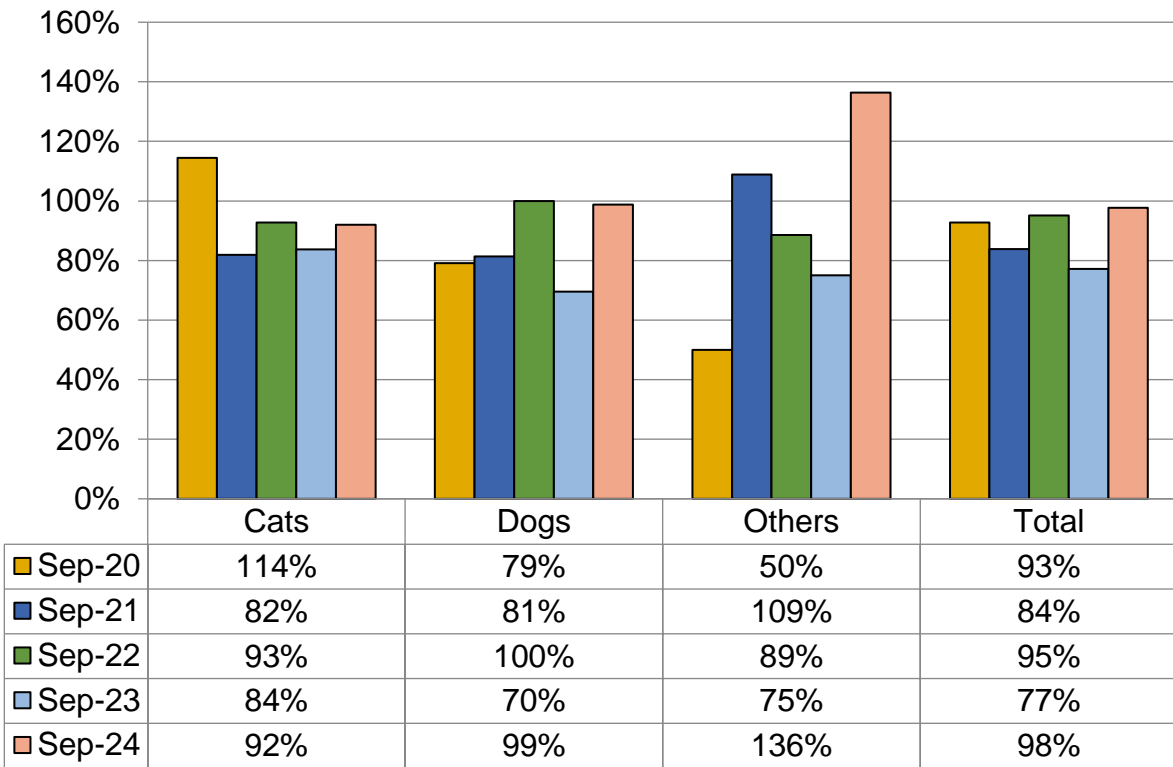
	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
Euthanasia	11.69%	6.88%	8.28%	13.57%	5.85%
Redemption	31.17%	25.63%	33.12%	16.43%	20.47%
Transfer	0.00%	1.88%	1.91%	1.43%	1.75%
Adoption	57.14%	65.63%	56.69%	68.57%	71.93%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

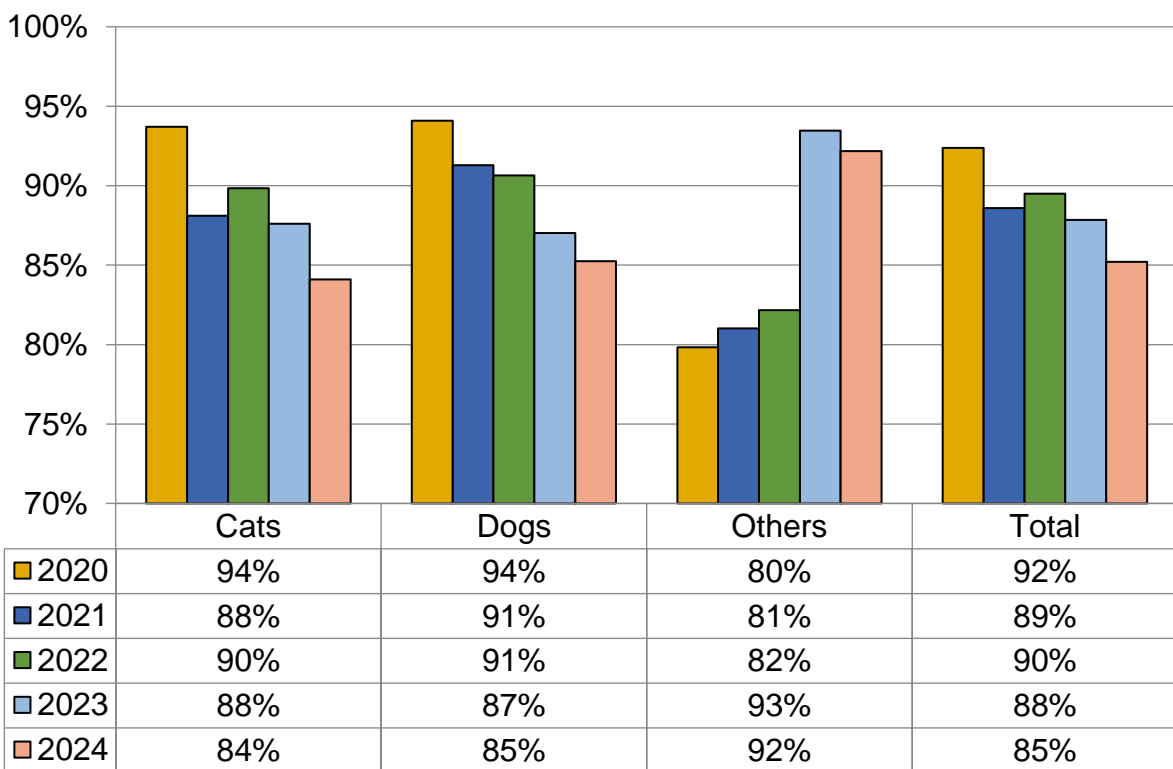


	Sep-20	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Sep-24
Euthanasia	9.50%	6.16%	9.41%	11.66%	13.99%
Redemption	26.19%	27.43%	26.25%	24.90%	23.48%
Transfer	2.09%	2.19%	2.35%	1.19%	1.71%
Adoption	62.22%	64.22%	61.99%	62.25%	60.82%

Save Rate September



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.