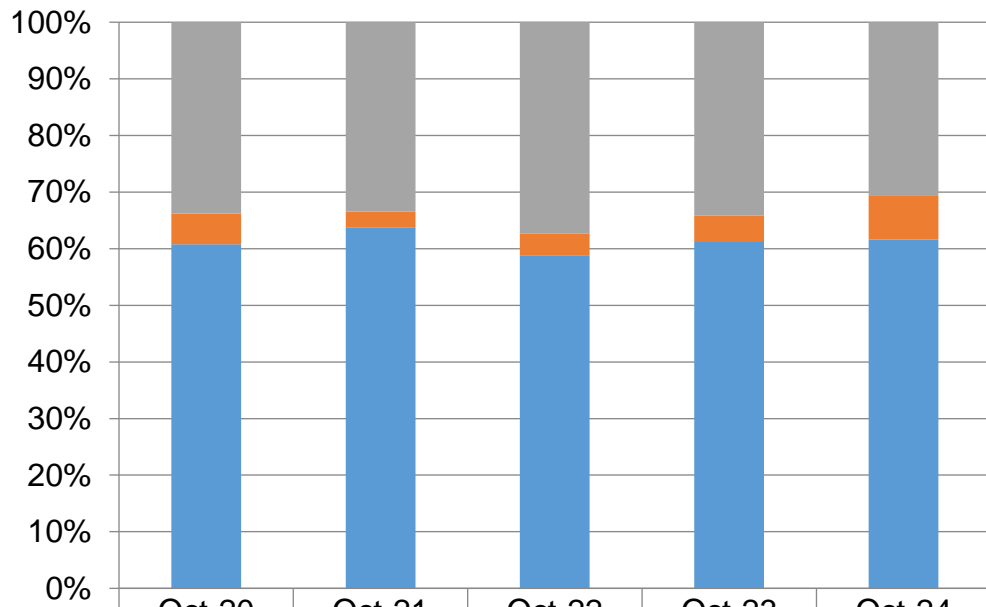


Dane County Humane Society
Rolling Release Rate
&
Save Rate
Overview

October 2024

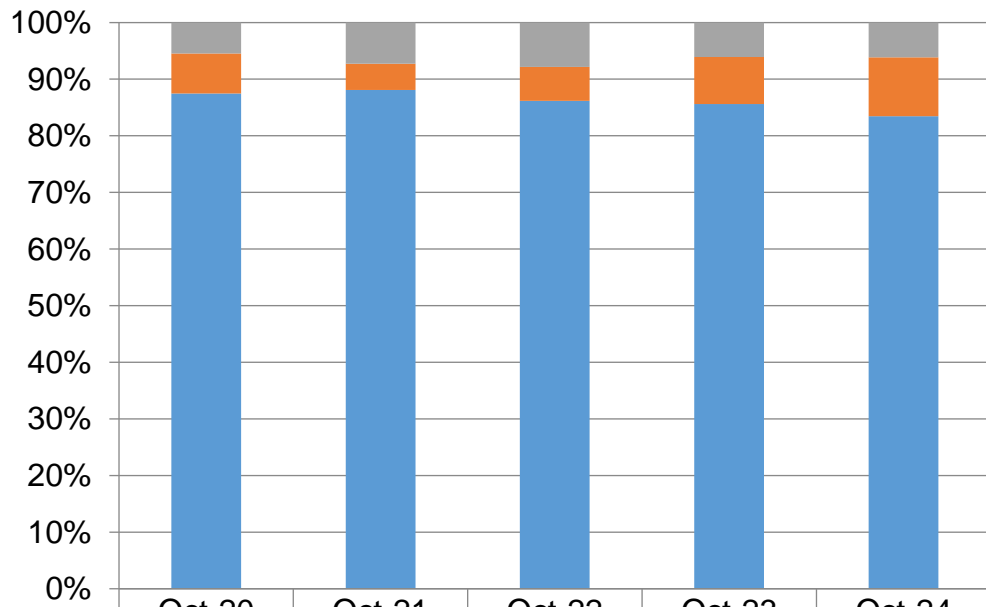
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Cat Rolling Release Rate October



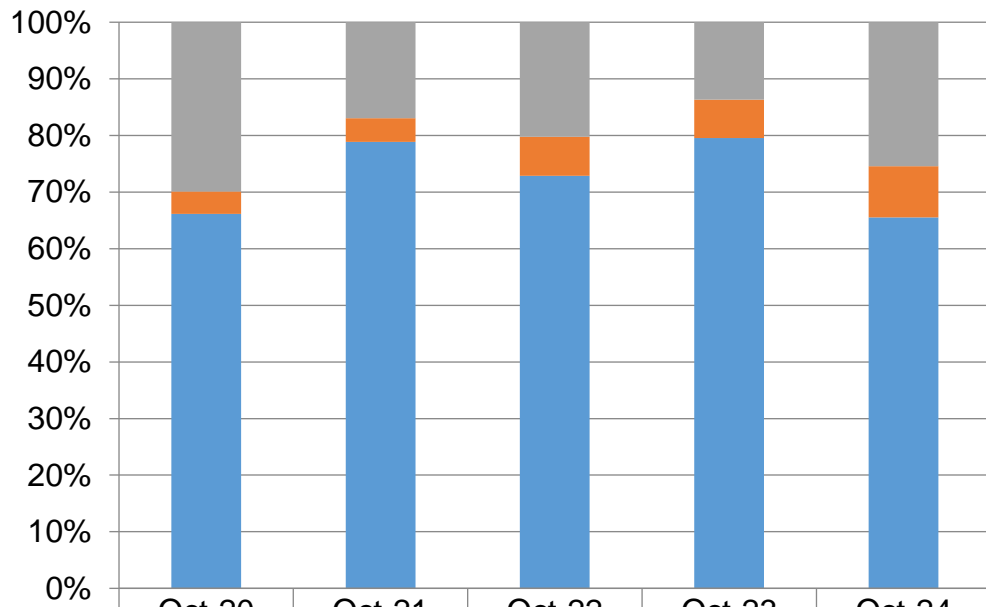
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■ Sanctuary Rate	33.82%	33.44%	37.30%	34.14%	30.69%
■ Euthanasia Rate	5.39%	2.79%	3.97%	4.53%	7.67%
■ Live Release Rate	60.78%	63.78%	58.73%	61.33%	61.64%

Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



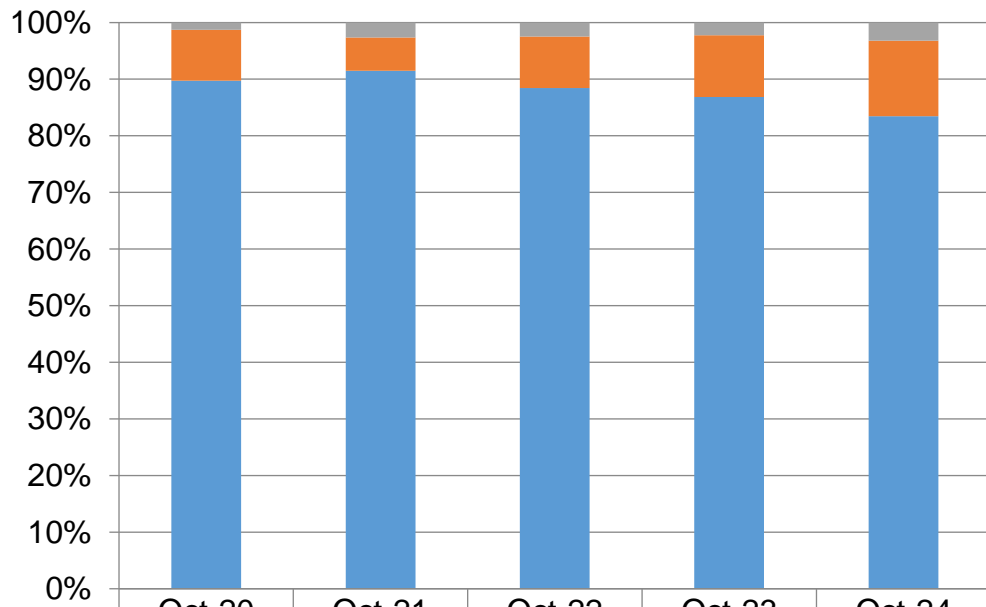
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■ Sanctuary Rate	5.45%	7.25%	7.81%	6.09%	6.14%
■ Euthanasia Rate	7.09%	4.66%	6.02%	8.28%	10.38%
■ Live Release Rate	87.46%	88.09%	86.17%	85.63%	83.48%

Dog Rolling Release Rate October



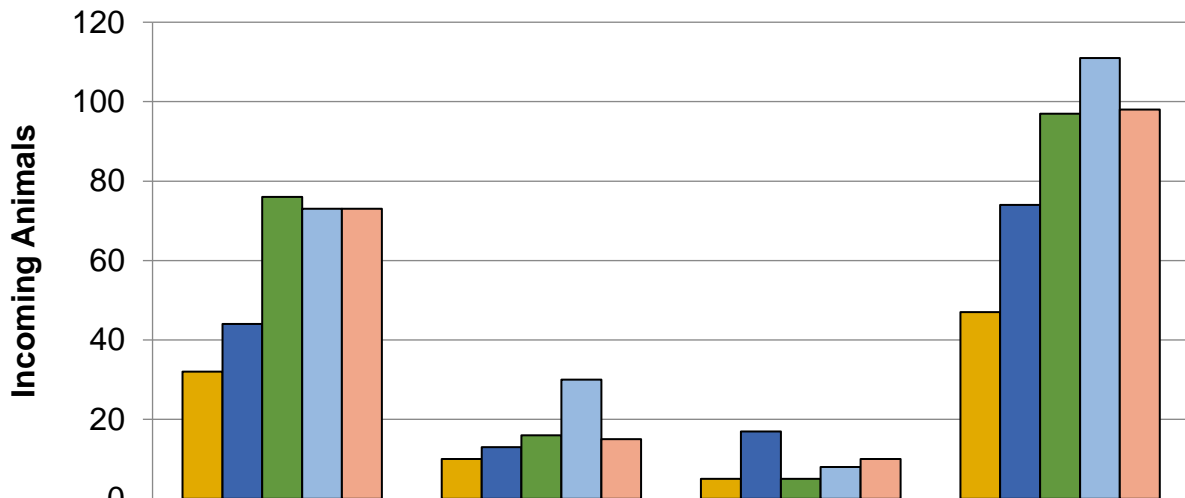
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Sanctuary Rate	29.92%	16.93%	20.21%	13.65%	25.43%
Euthanasia Rate	3.94%	4.23%	6.91%	6.83%	9.05%
Live Release Rate	66.14%	78.84%	72.87%	79.52%	65.52%

Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



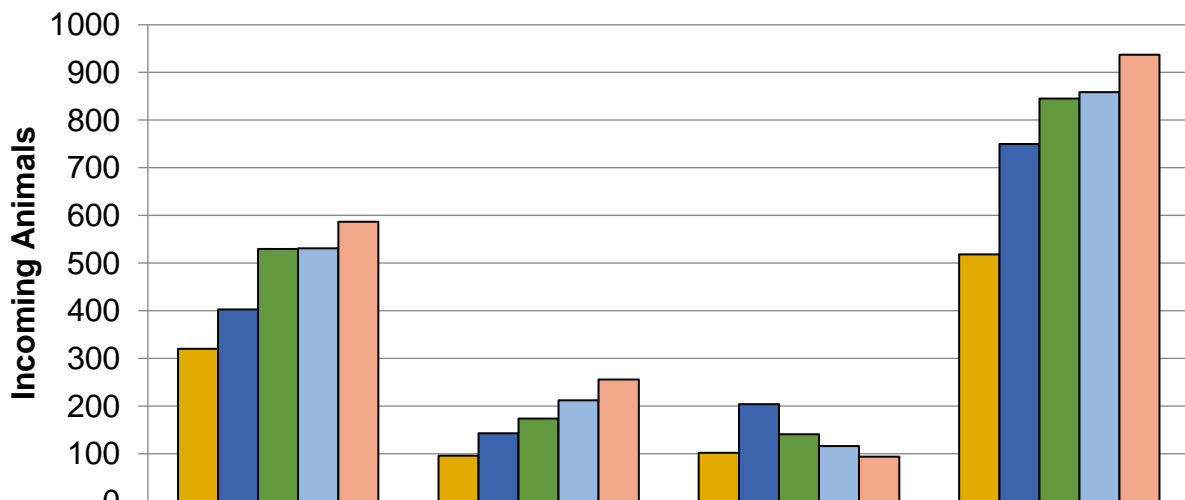
	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
Sanctuary Rate	1.24%	2.61%	2.45%	2.21%	3.19%
Euthanasia Rate	9.02%	5.88%	9.11%	10.94%	13.36%
Live Release Rate	89.73%	91.51%	88.44%	86.85%	83.45%

Surrenders October



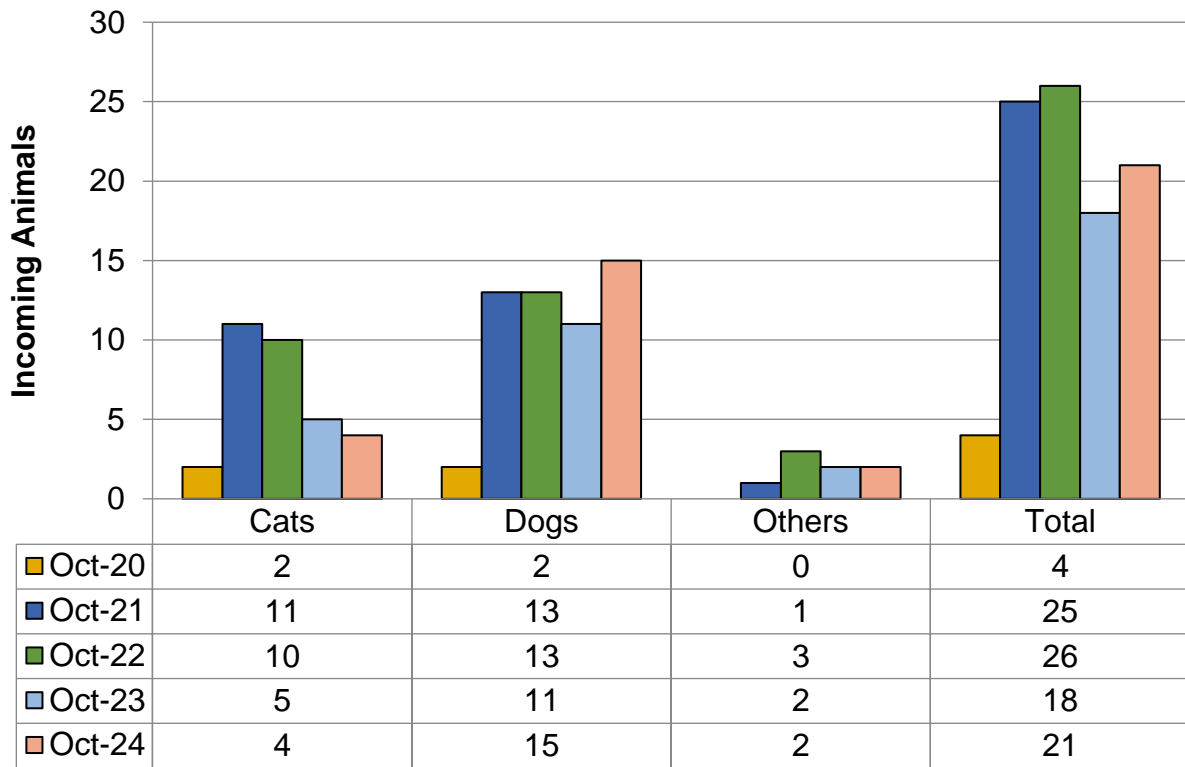
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Oct-20	32	10	5	47
Oct-21	44	13	17	74
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Oct-23	73	30	8	111
Oct-24	73	15	10	98

Surrenders Year to Date

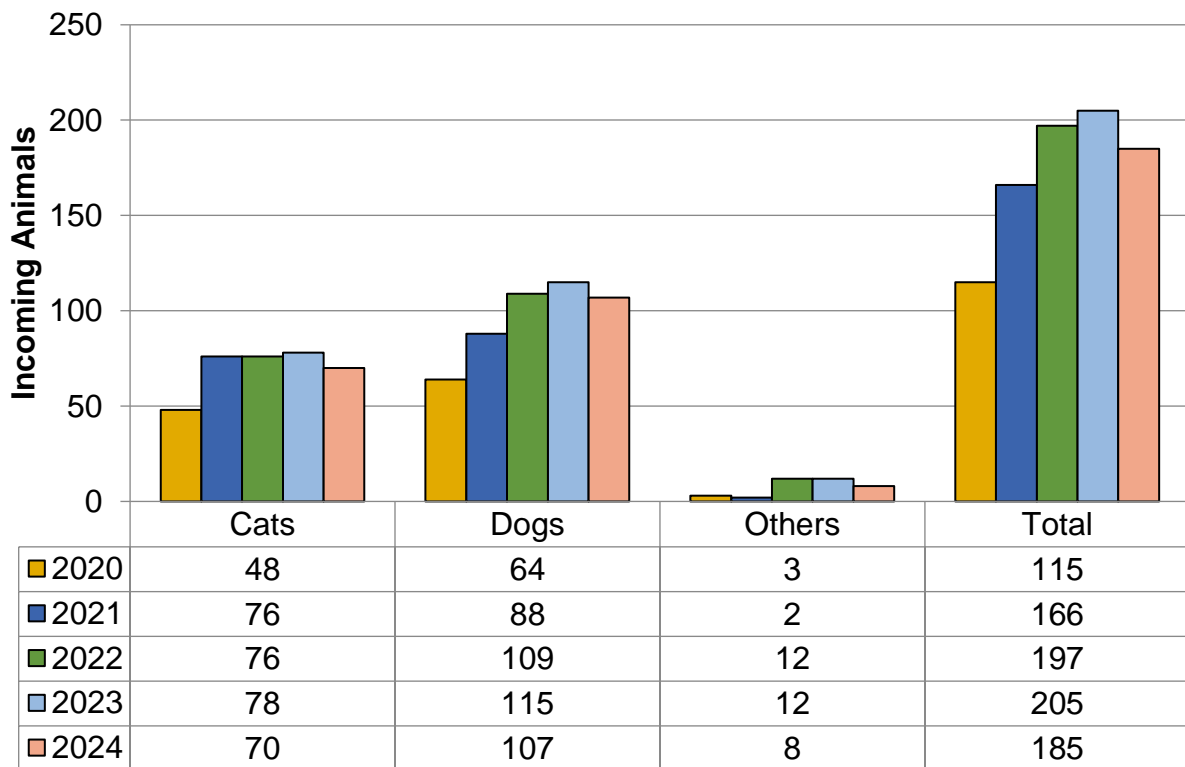


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	320	96	102	518
2021	403	143	204	750
2022	530	174	141	845
2023	531	212	116	859
2024	587	256	94	937

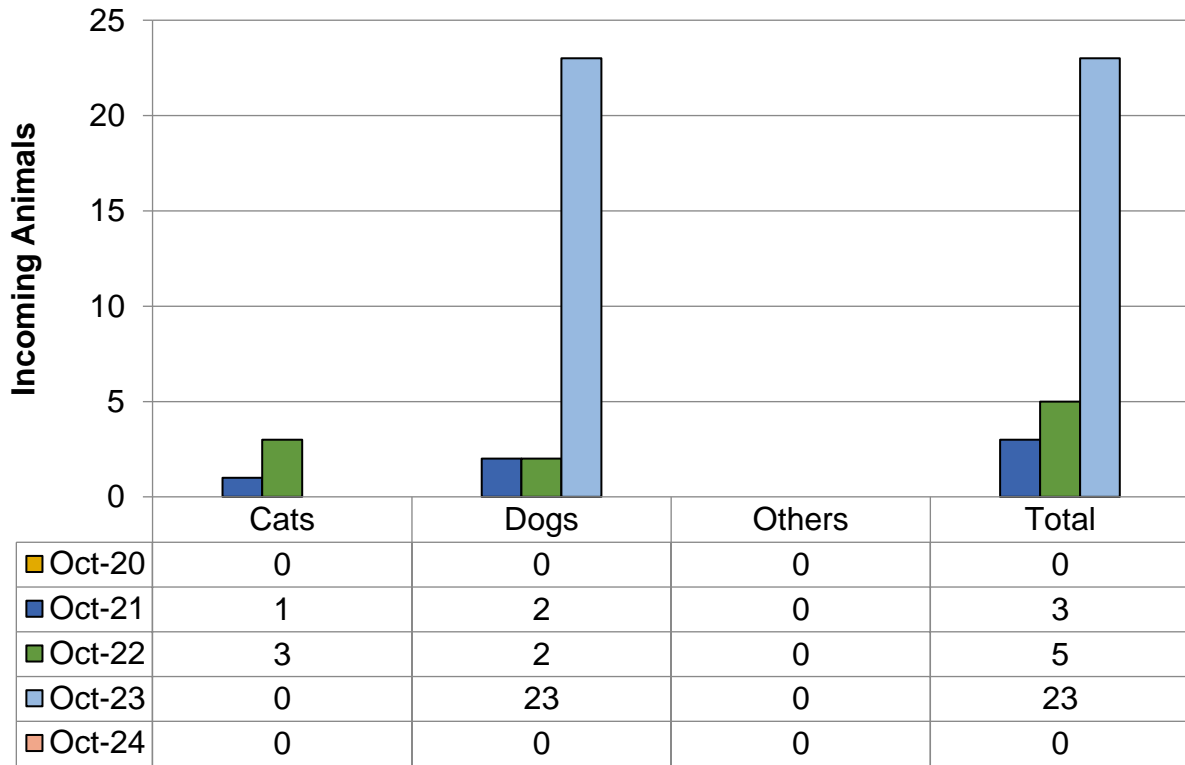
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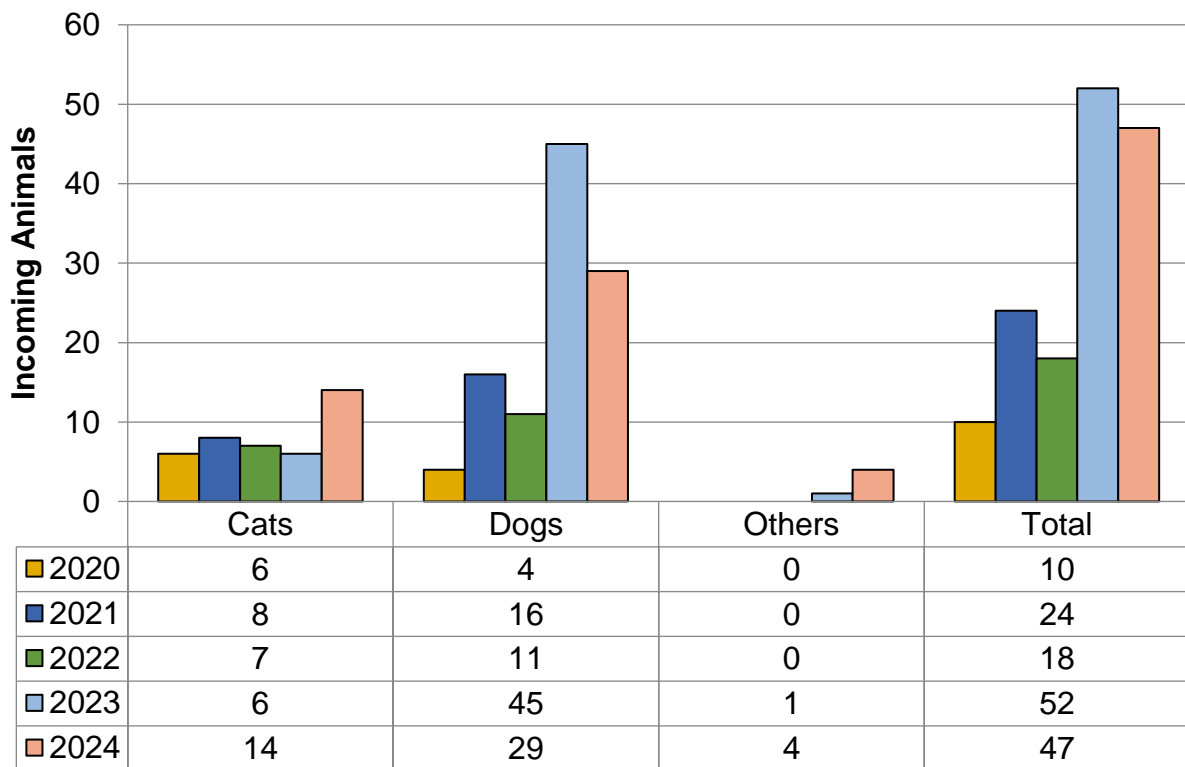
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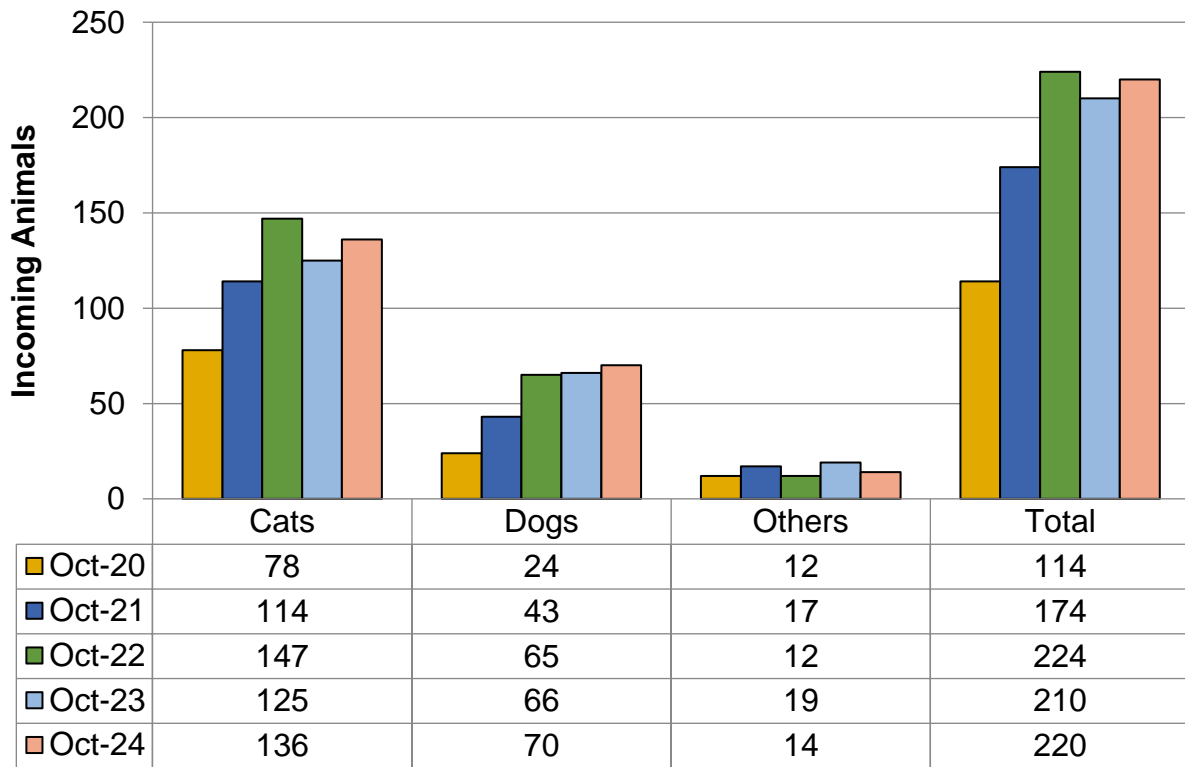
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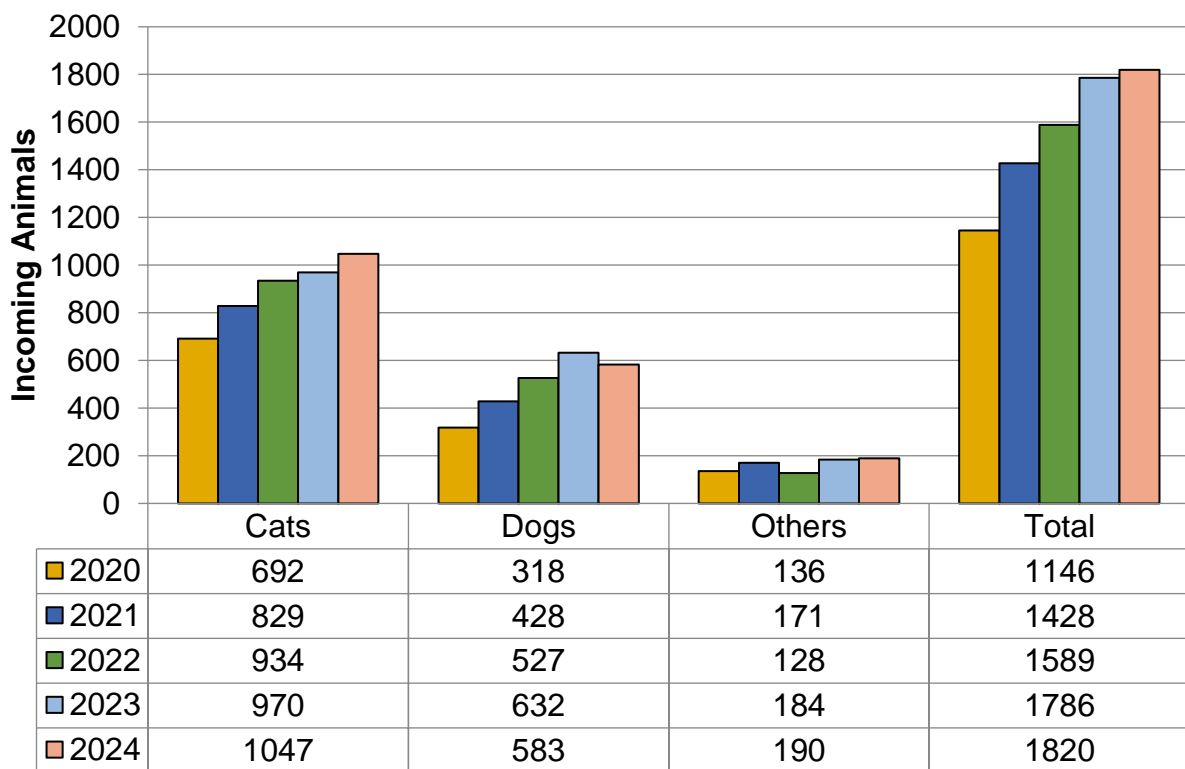
Seized / Custody Year to Date



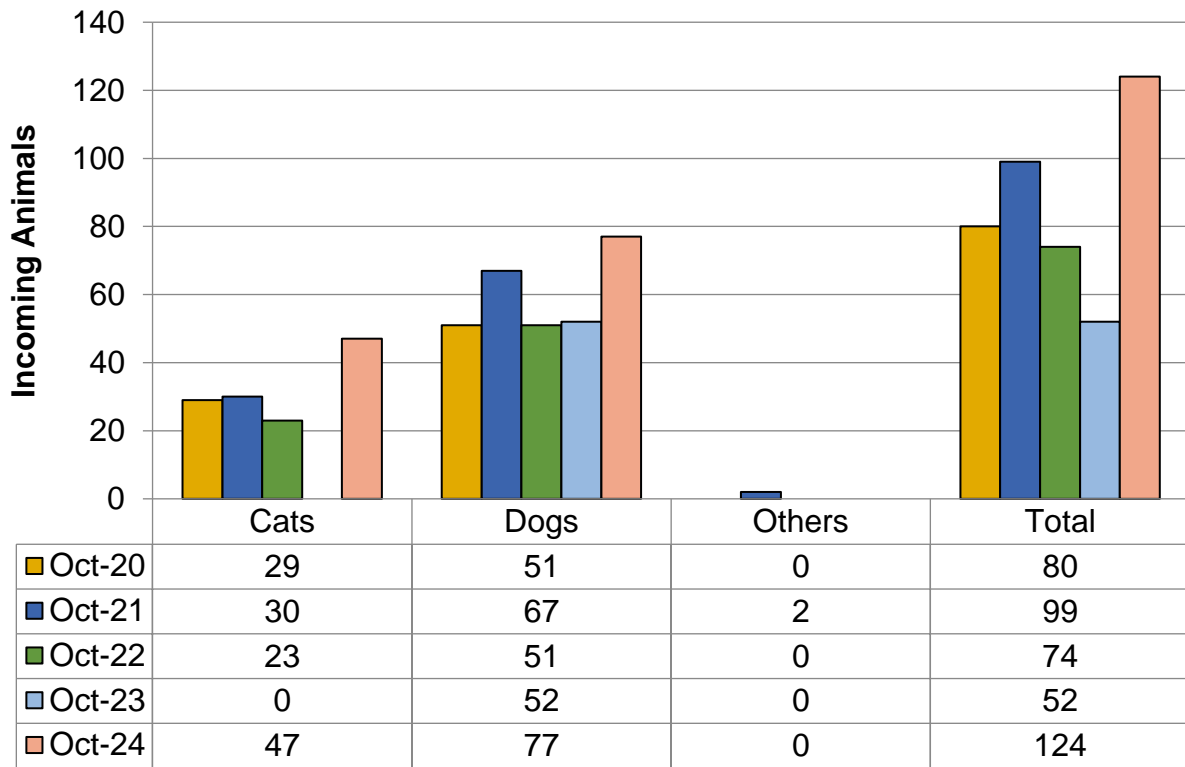
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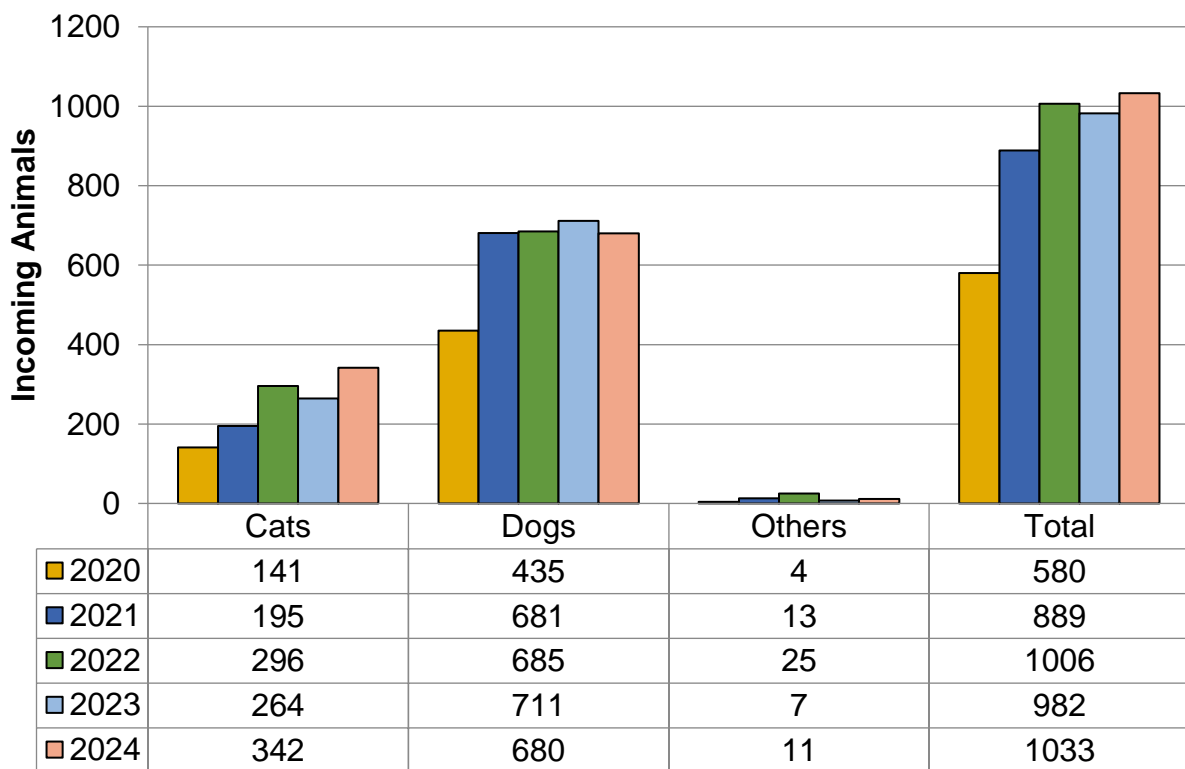
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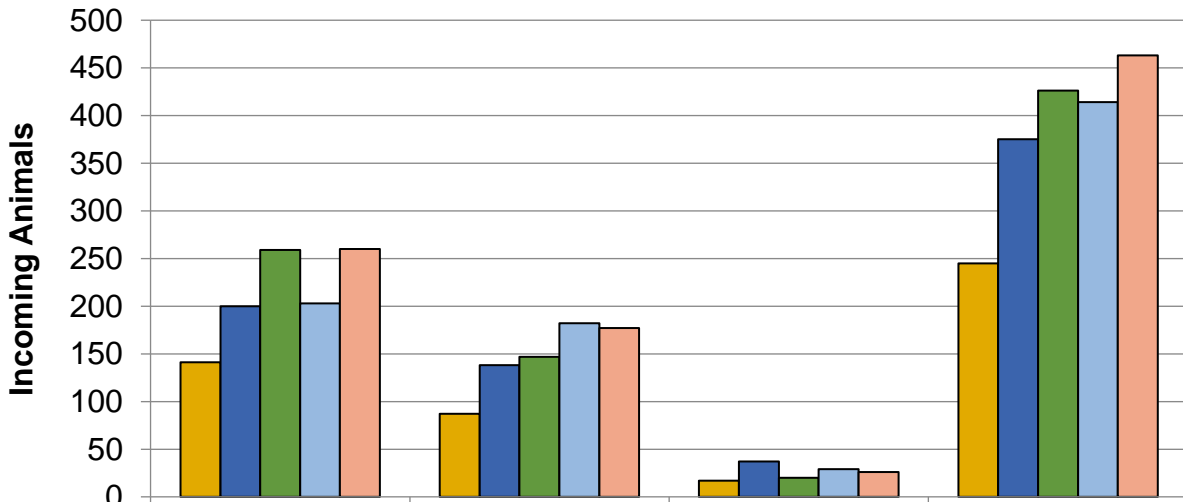
Incoming Transfers October



Incoming Transfers Year to Date

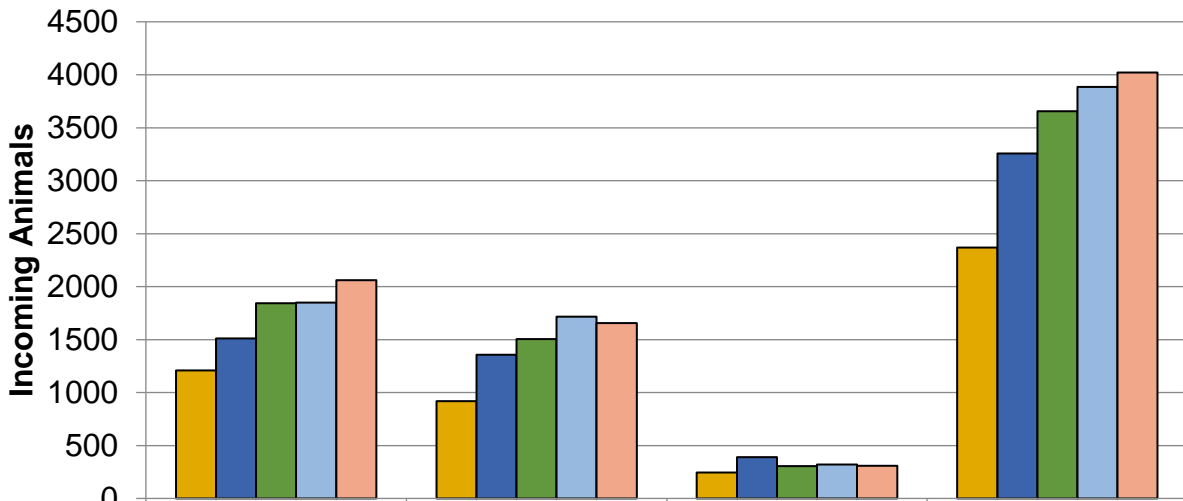


Intake October



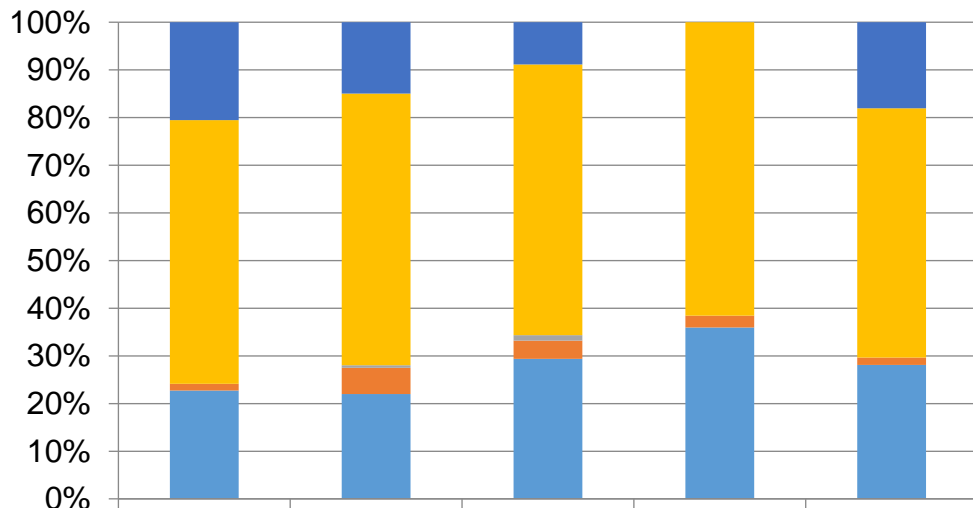
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Oct-20	141	87	17	245
Oct-21	200	138	37	375
Oct-22	259	147	20	426
Oct-23	203	182	29	414
Oct-24	260	177	26	463

Intake Year to Date



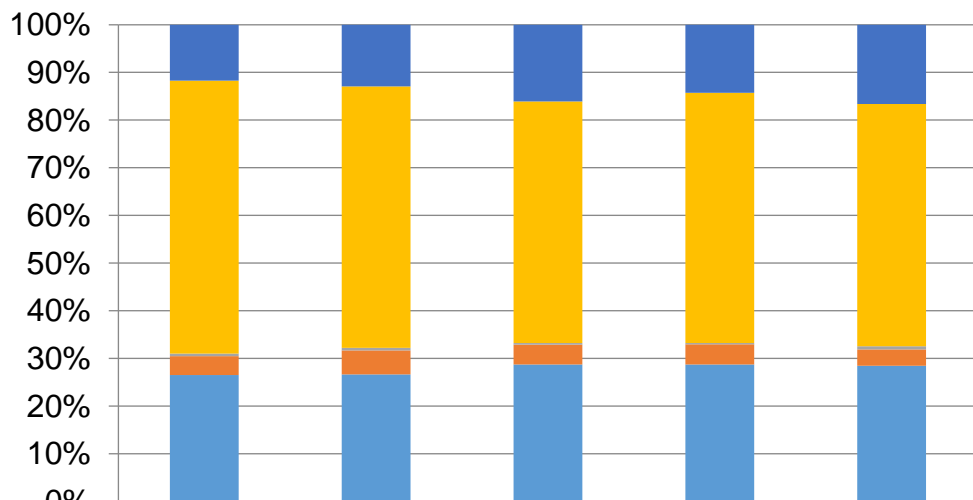
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	1207	917	245	2369
2021	1511	1356	390	3257
2022	1843	1506	306	3655
2023	1849	1715	320	3884
2024	2060	1655	307	4022

Intakes by Percentage Cats - October



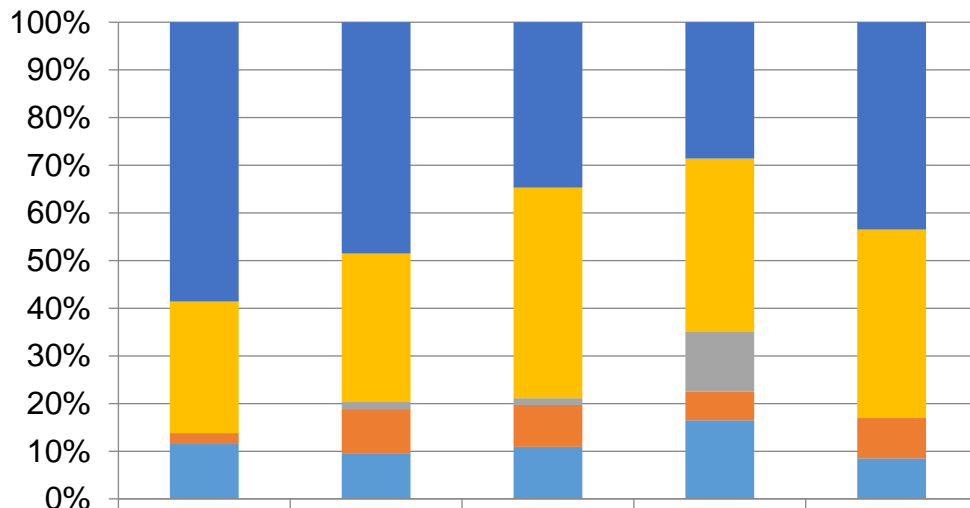
	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
■ Incoming Transfers	20.57%	15.00%	8.88%	0.00%	18.08%
■ Strays	55.32%	57.00%	56.76%	61.58%	52.31%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.50%	1.16%	0.00%	0.00%
■ Returns	1.42%	5.50%	3.86%	2.46%	1.54%
■ Owner Surrenders	22.70%	22.00%	29.34%	35.96%	28.08%

Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



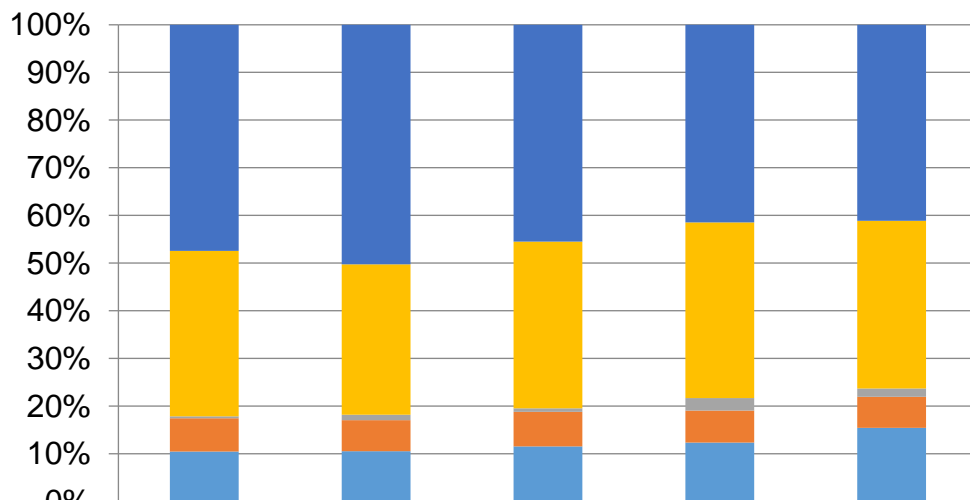
	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
■ Incoming Transfers	11.68%	12.91%	16.06%	14.28%	16.60%
■ Strays	57.33%	54.86%	50.68%	52.46%	50.83%
■ Seized / Custody	0.50%	0.53%	0.38%	0.32%	0.68%
■ Returns	3.98%	5.03%	4.12%	4.22%	3.40%
■ Owner Surrenders	26.51%	26.67%	28.76%	28.72%	28.50%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - October



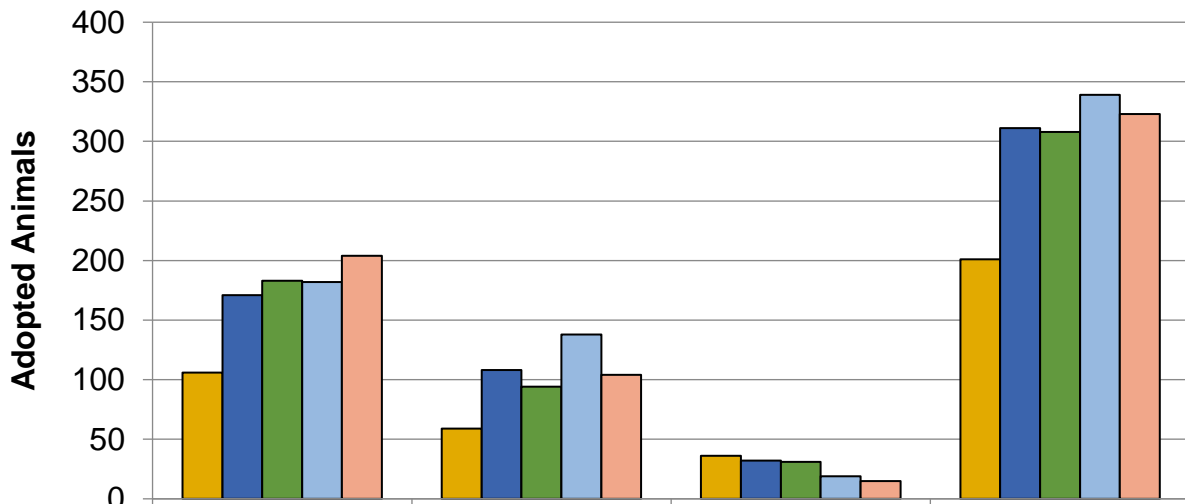
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■ Incoming Transfers	58.62%	48.55%	34.69%	28.57%	43.50%
■ Strays	27.59%	31.16%	44.22%	36.26%	39.55%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	1.45%	1.36%	12.64%	0.00%
■ Returns	2.30%	9.42%	8.84%	6.04%	8.47%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.49%	9.42%	10.88%	16.48%	8.47%

Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



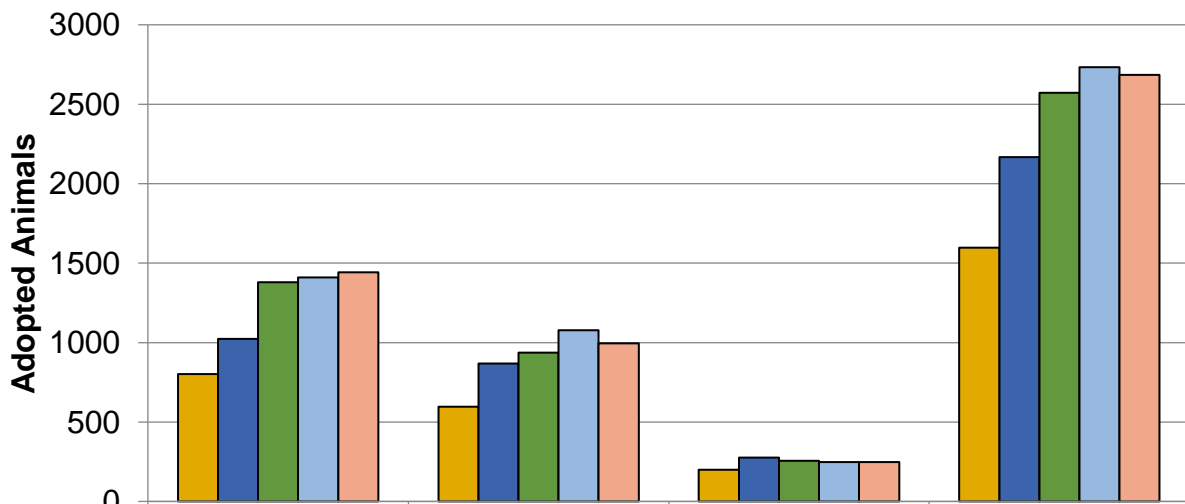
	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	Oct-24
■ Incoming Transfers	47.44%	50.22%	45.48%	41.46%	41.09%
■ Strays	34.68%	31.56%	34.99%	36.85%	35.23%
■ Seized / Custody	0.44%	1.18%	0.73%	2.62%	1.75%
■ Returns	6.98%	6.49%	7.24%	6.71%	6.47%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.47%	10.55%	11.55%	12.36%	15.47%

Adoptions October



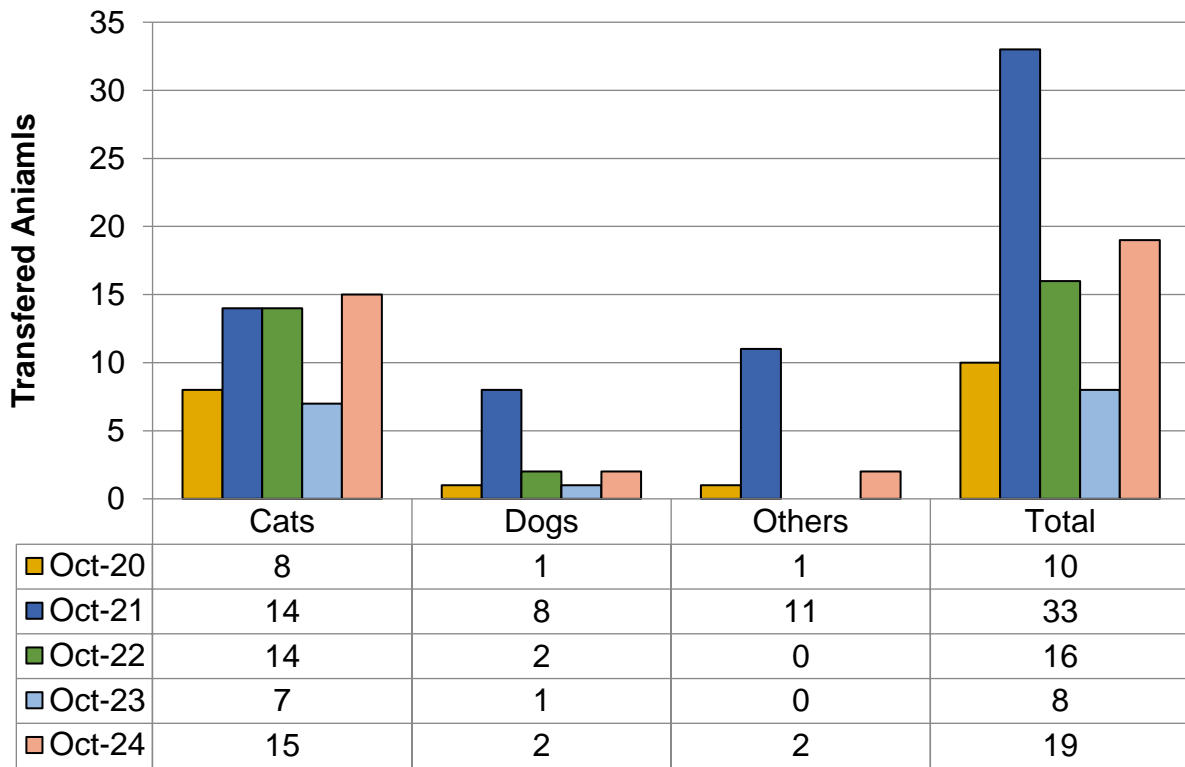
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Oct-20	106	59	36	201
Oct-21	171	108	32	311
Oct-22	183	94	31	308
Oct-23	182	138	19	339
Oct-24	204	104	15	323

Adoptions Year to Date

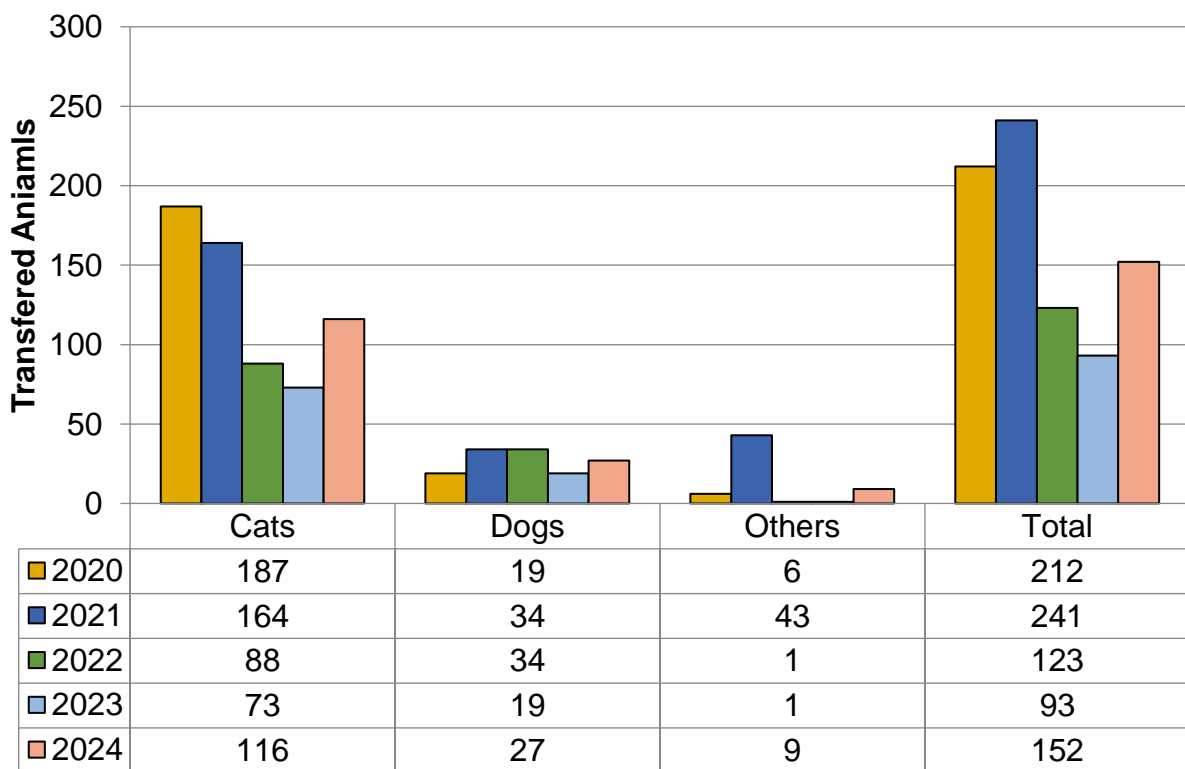


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2020	801	596	200	1597
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2024	1442	995	248	2685

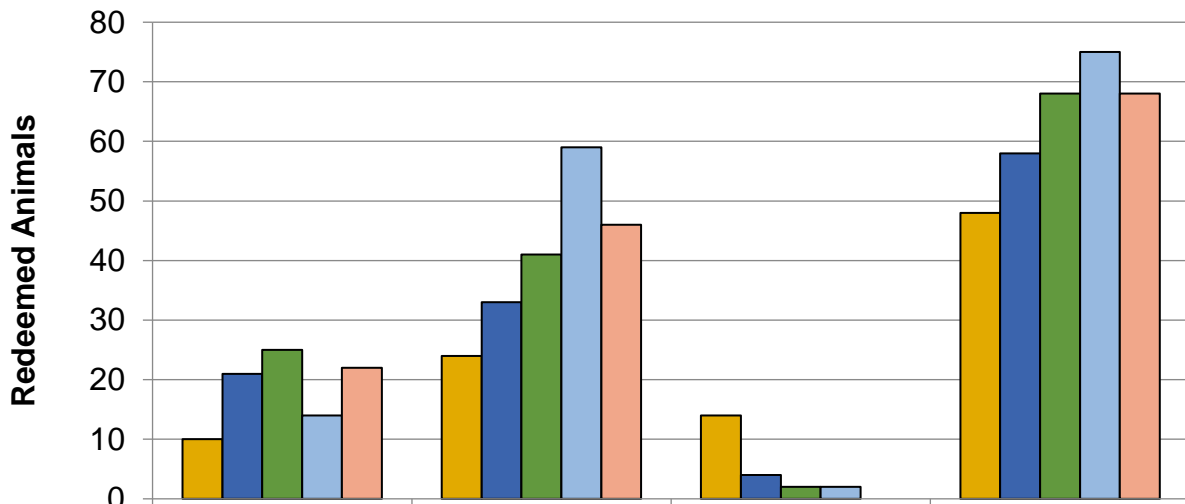
Outgoing Transfers October



Outgoing Transfers Year to Date

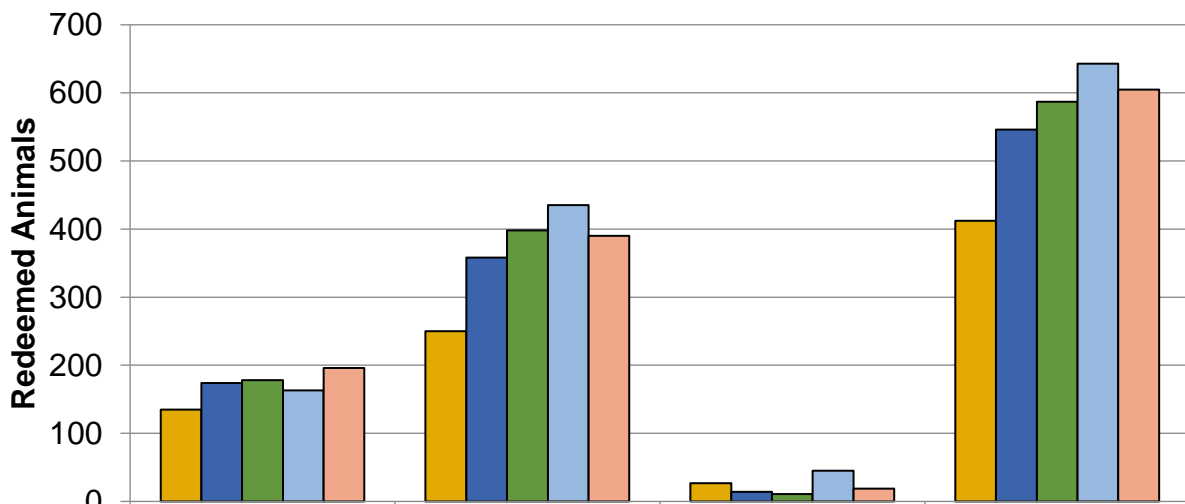


Redemptions October



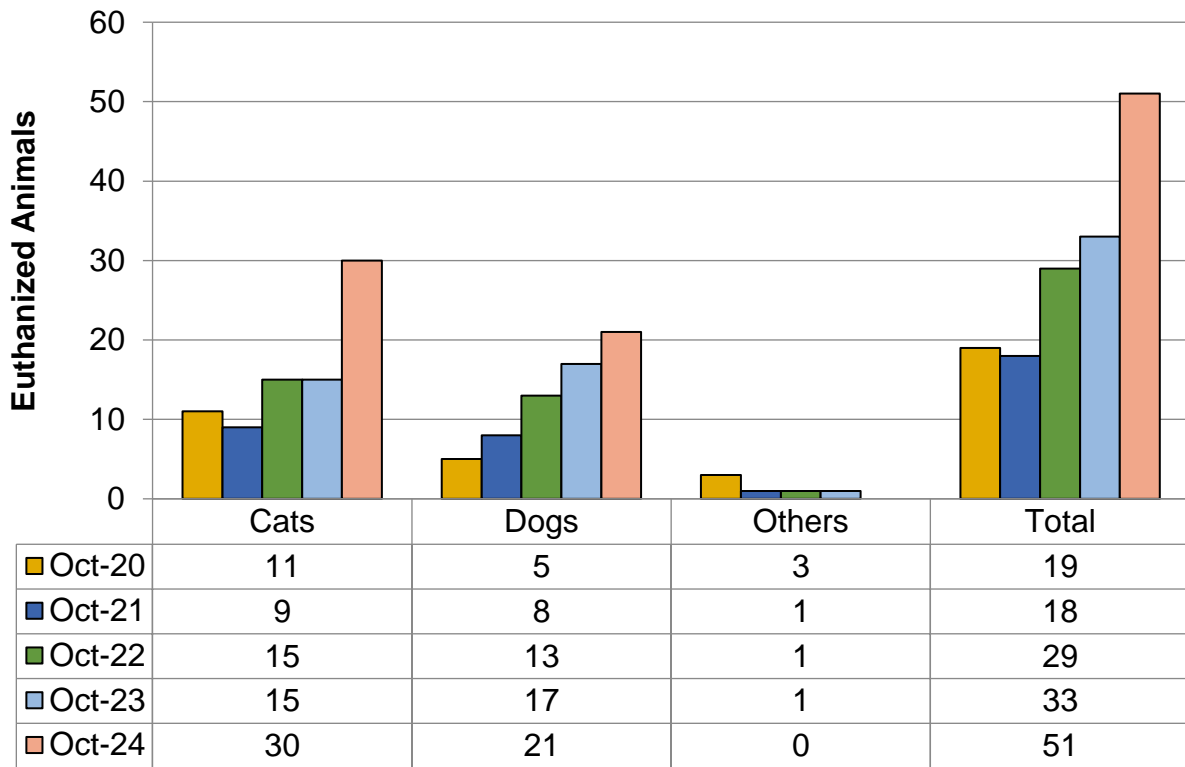
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Oct-20	10	24	14	48
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Oct-23	14	59	2	75
Oct-24	22	46	0	68

Redemptions Year to Date

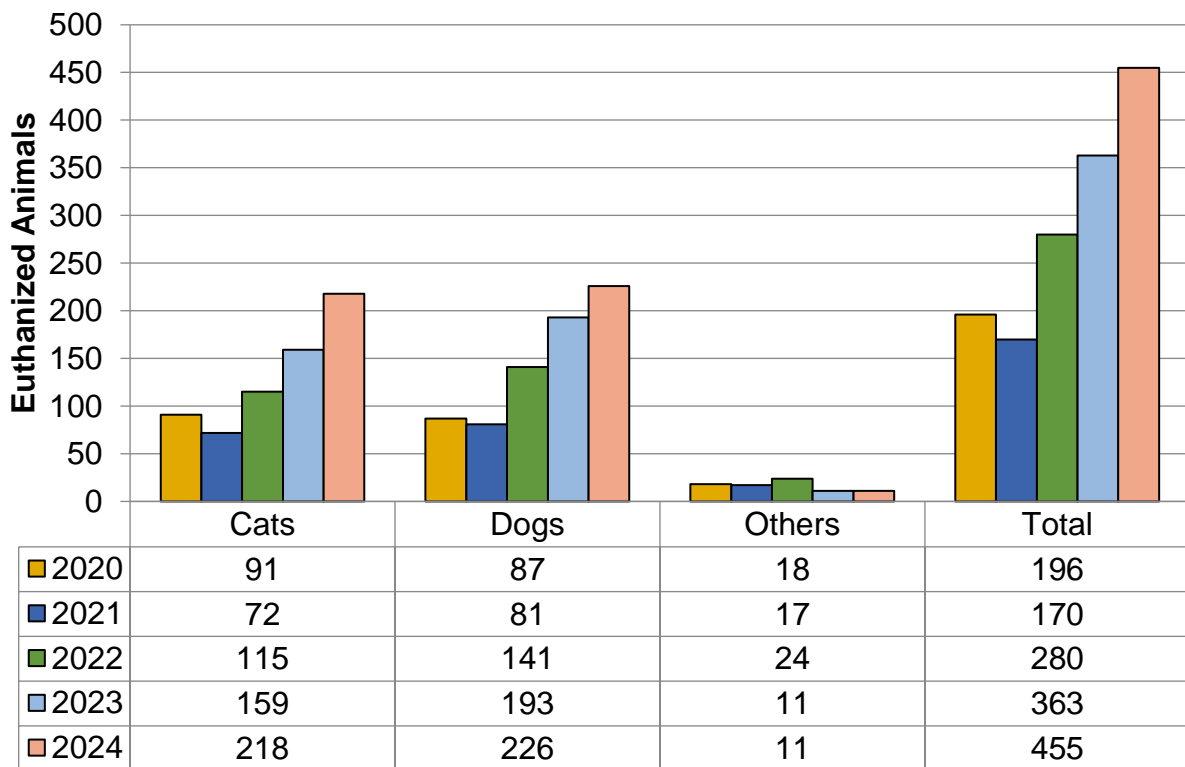


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
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2021	174	358	14	546
2022	178	398	11	587
2023	163	435	45	643
2024	196	390	19	605

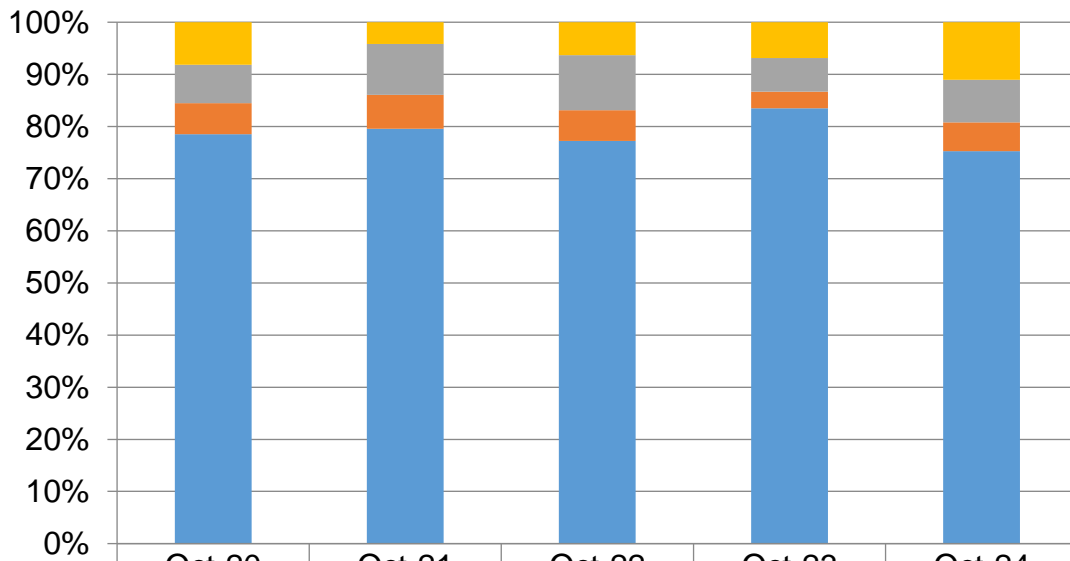
Euthanasia October



Euthanasia Year to Date

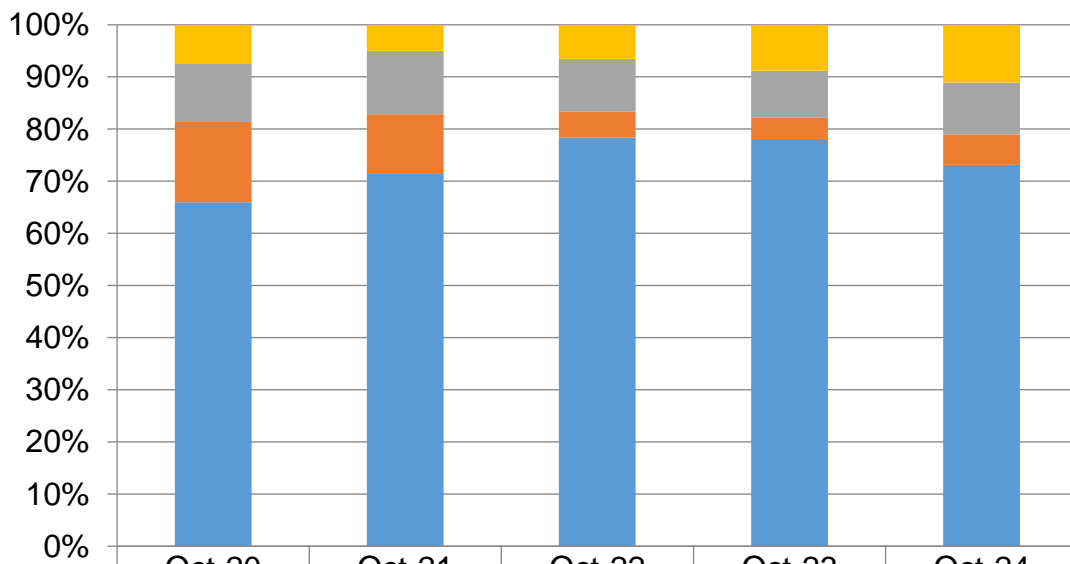


Outcomes by Percentage Cats - October



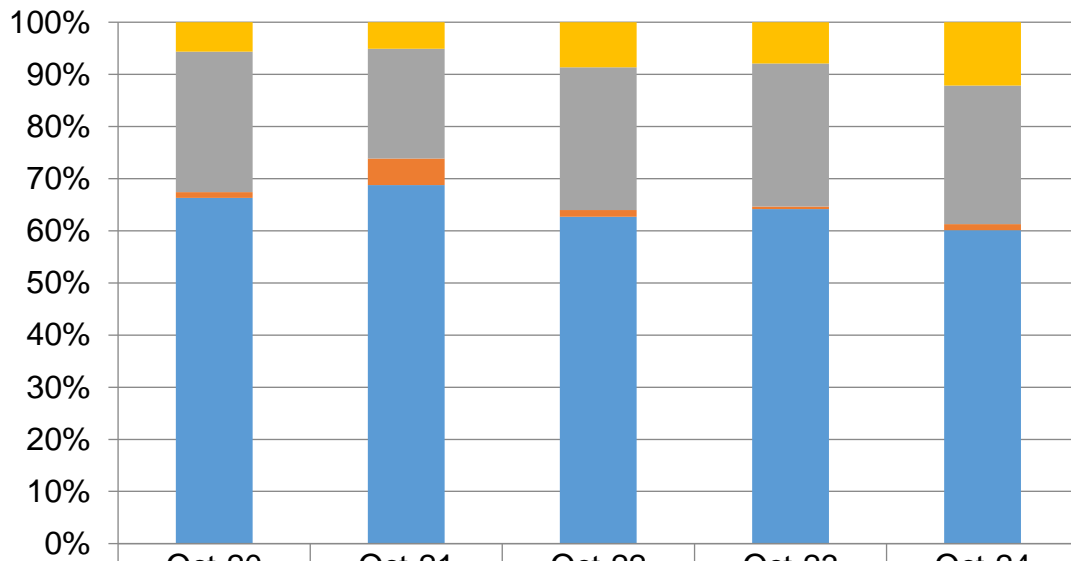
■ Euthanasia	8.15%	4.19%	6.33%	6.88%	11.07%
■ Redemption	7.41%	9.77%	10.55%	6.42%	8.12%
■ Transfer	5.93%	6.51%	5.91%	3.21%	5.54%
■ Adoption	78.52%	79.53%	77.22%	83.49%	75.28%

Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



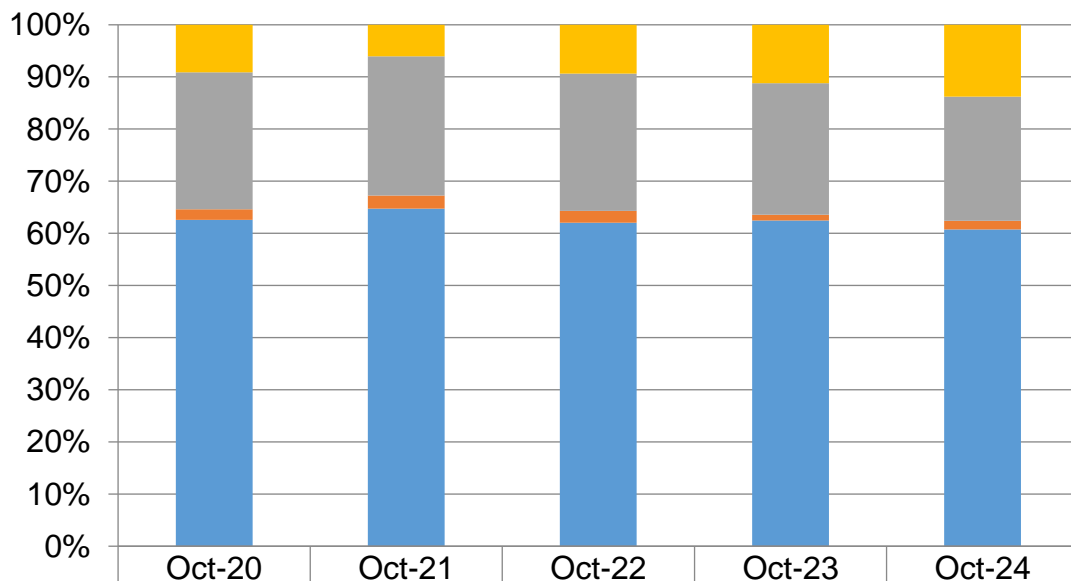
■ Euthanasia	7.50%	5.02%	6.53%	8.81%	11.05%
■ Redemption	11.12%	12.14%	10.11%	9.04%	9.94%
■ Transfer	15.40%	11.44%	5.00%	4.05%	5.88%
■ Adoption	65.98%	71.39%	78.35%	78.10%	73.12%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - October



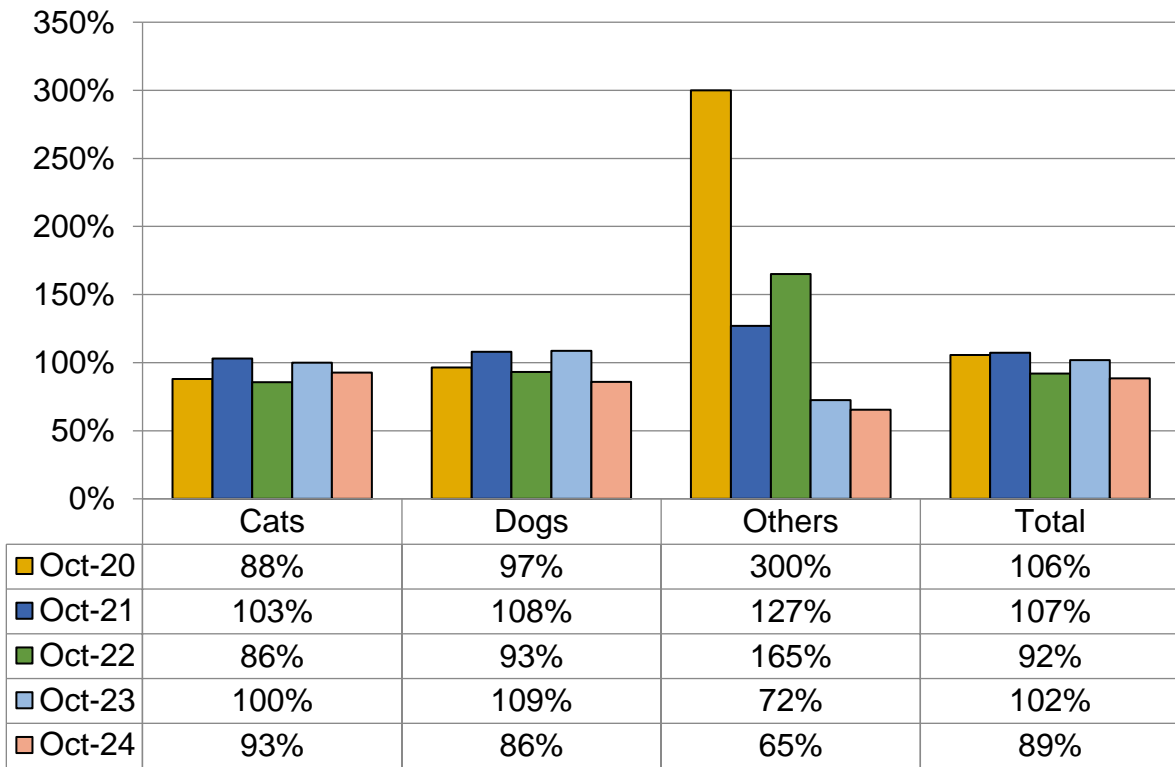
■ Euthanasia	5.62%	5.10%	8.67%	7.91%	12.14%
■ Redemption	26.97%	21.02%	27.33%	27.44%	26.59%
■ Transfer	1.12%	5.10%	1.33%	0.47%	1.16%
■ Adoption	66.29%	68.79%	62.67%	64.19%	60.12%

Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

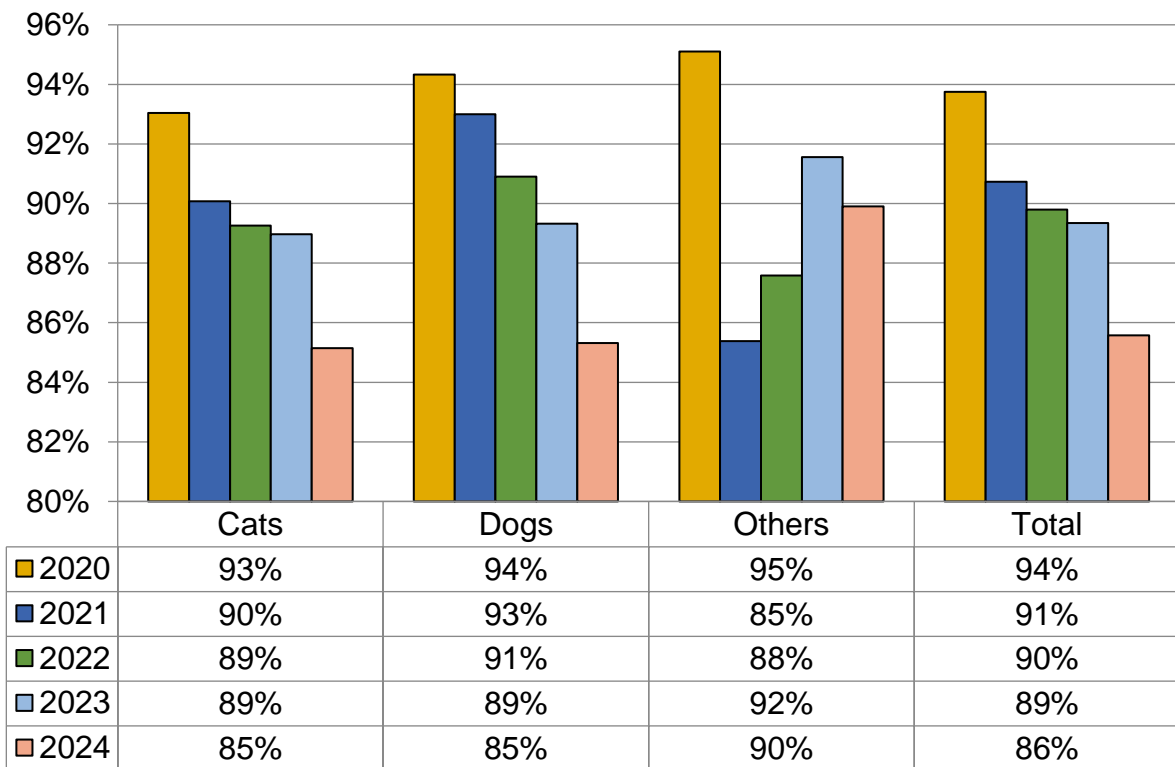


■ Euthanasia	9.14%	6.04%	9.34%	11.19%	13.80%
■ Redemption	26.26%	26.68%	26.36%	25.22%	23.81%
■ Transfer	2.00%	2.53%	2.25%	1.10%	1.65%
■ Adoption	62.61%	64.75%	62.05%	62.49%	60.74%

Save Rate October



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.