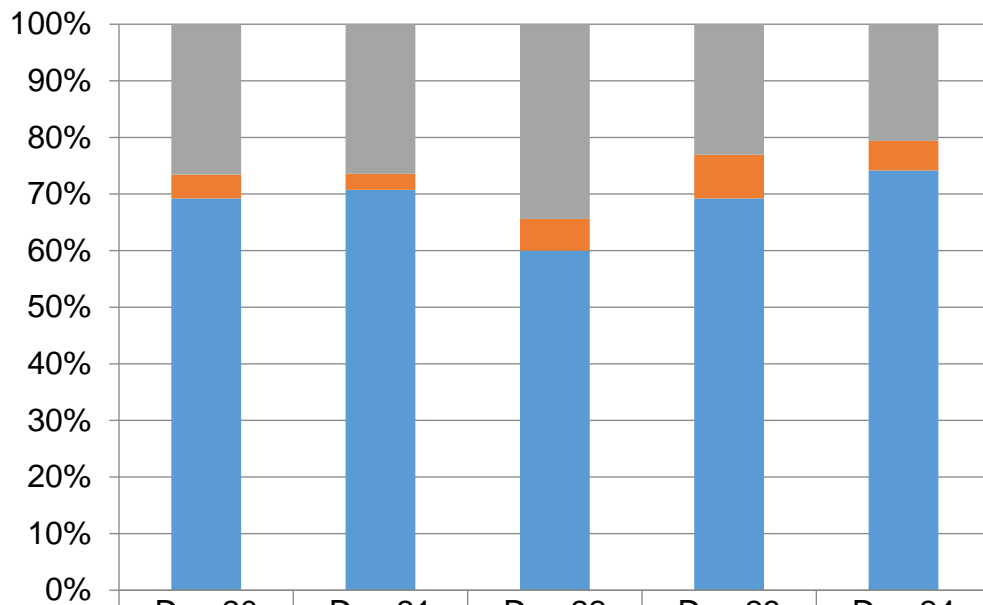


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
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Overview

December 2024

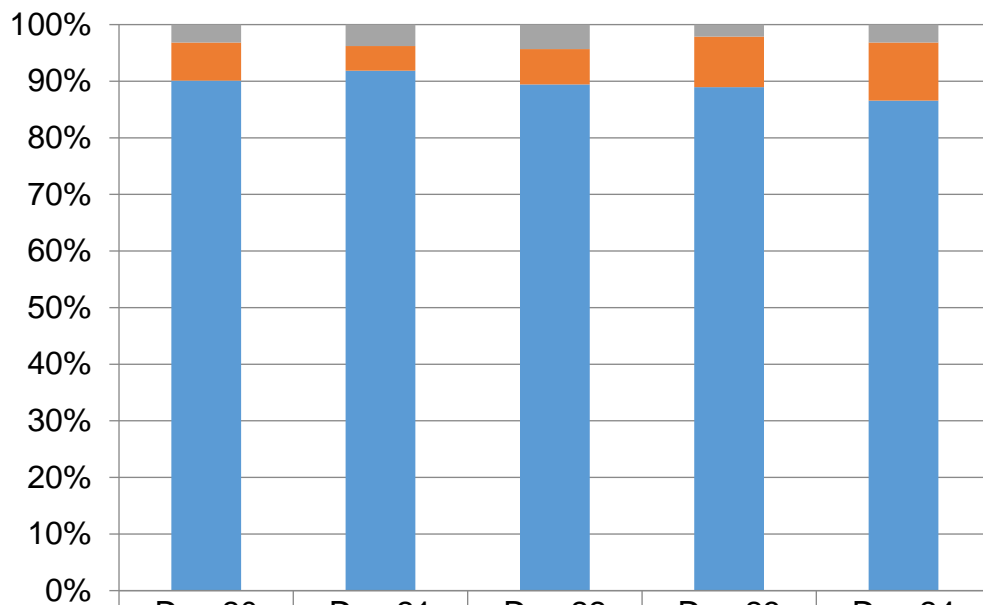
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate December



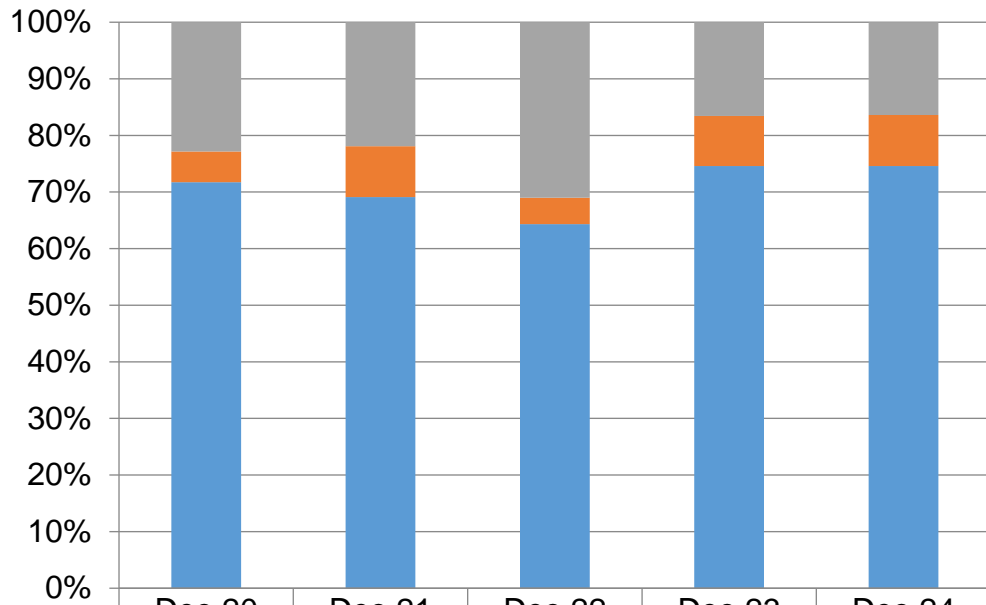
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Sanctuary Rate	26.57%	26.42%	34.39%	23.08%	20.60%
Euthanasia Rate	4.20%	2.83%	5.61%	7.69%	5.24%
Live Release Rate	69.23%	70.75%	60.00%	69.23%	74.16%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



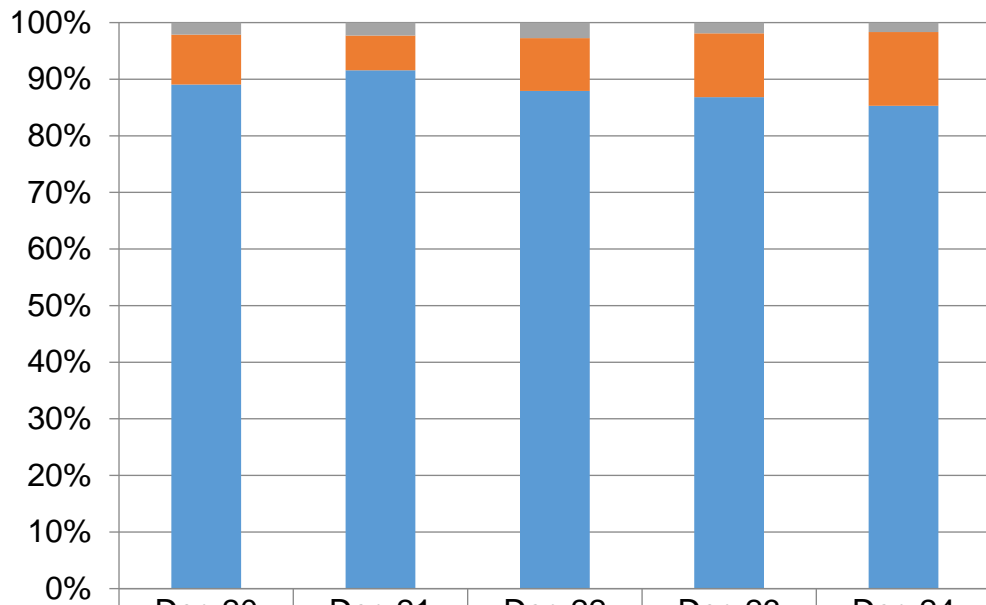
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Sanctuary Rate	3.16%	3.78%	4.33%	2.11%	3.17%
Euthanasia Rate	6.73%	4.37%	6.25%	8.94%	10.26%
Live Release Rate	90.10%	91.86%	89.42%	88.94%	86.58%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate December



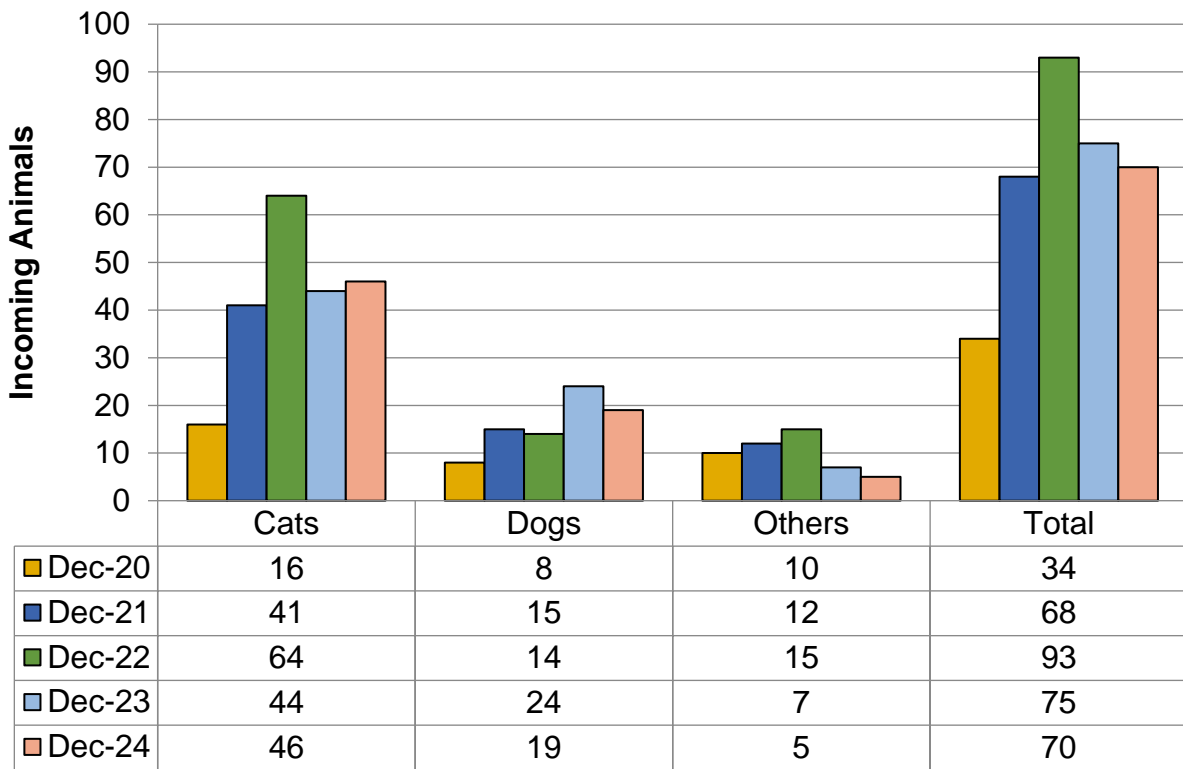
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Sanctuary Rate	22.83%	21.91%	30.99%	16.57%	16.38%
Euthanasia Rate	5.43%	8.99%	4.68%	8.84%	9.04%
Live Release Rate	71.74%	69.10%	64.33%	74.59%	74.58%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

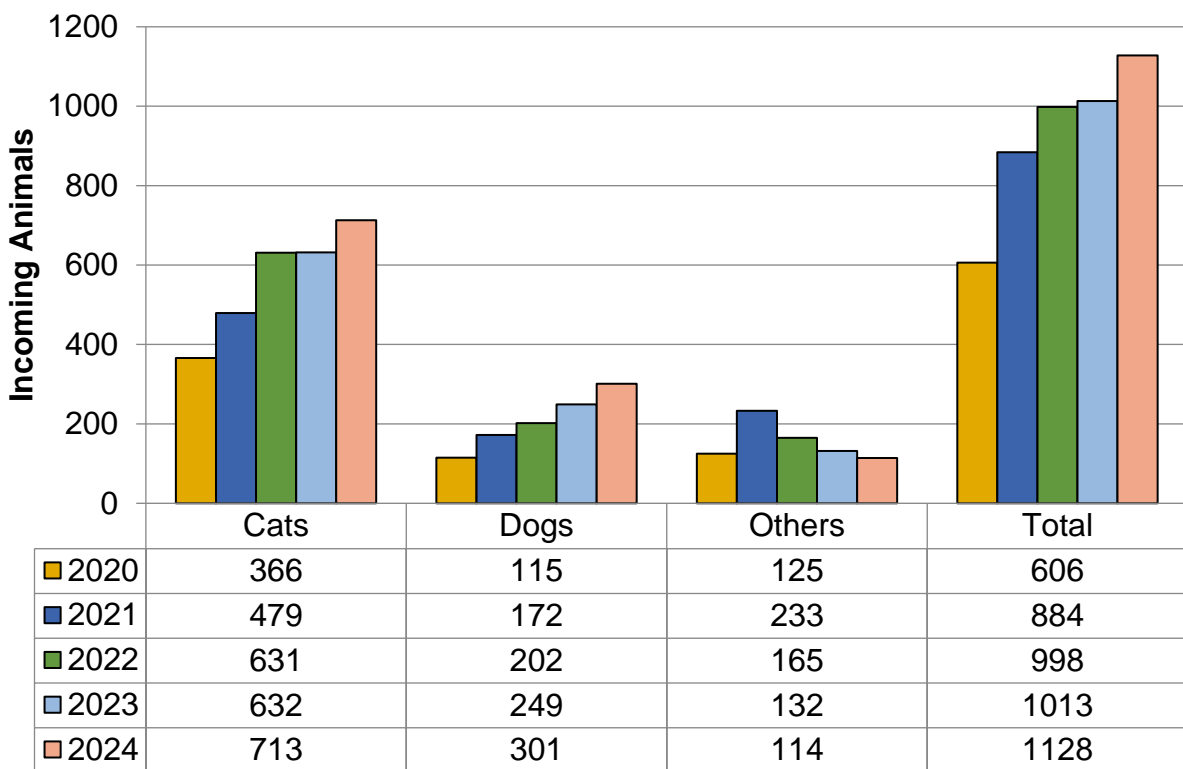


	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
Sanctuary Rate	2.12%	2.29%	2.73%	1.90%	1.67%
Euthanasia Rate	8.83%	6.14%	9.35%	11.27%	13.02%
Live Release Rate	89.06%	91.57%	87.92%	86.83%	85.31%

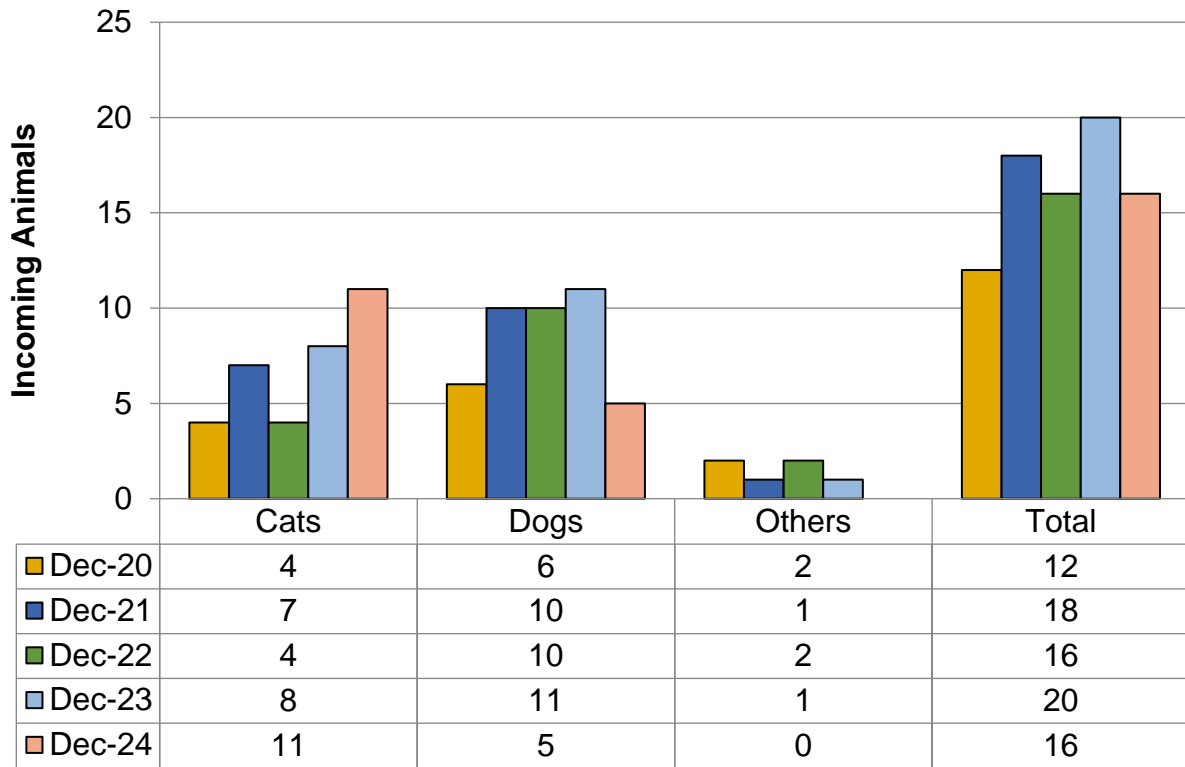
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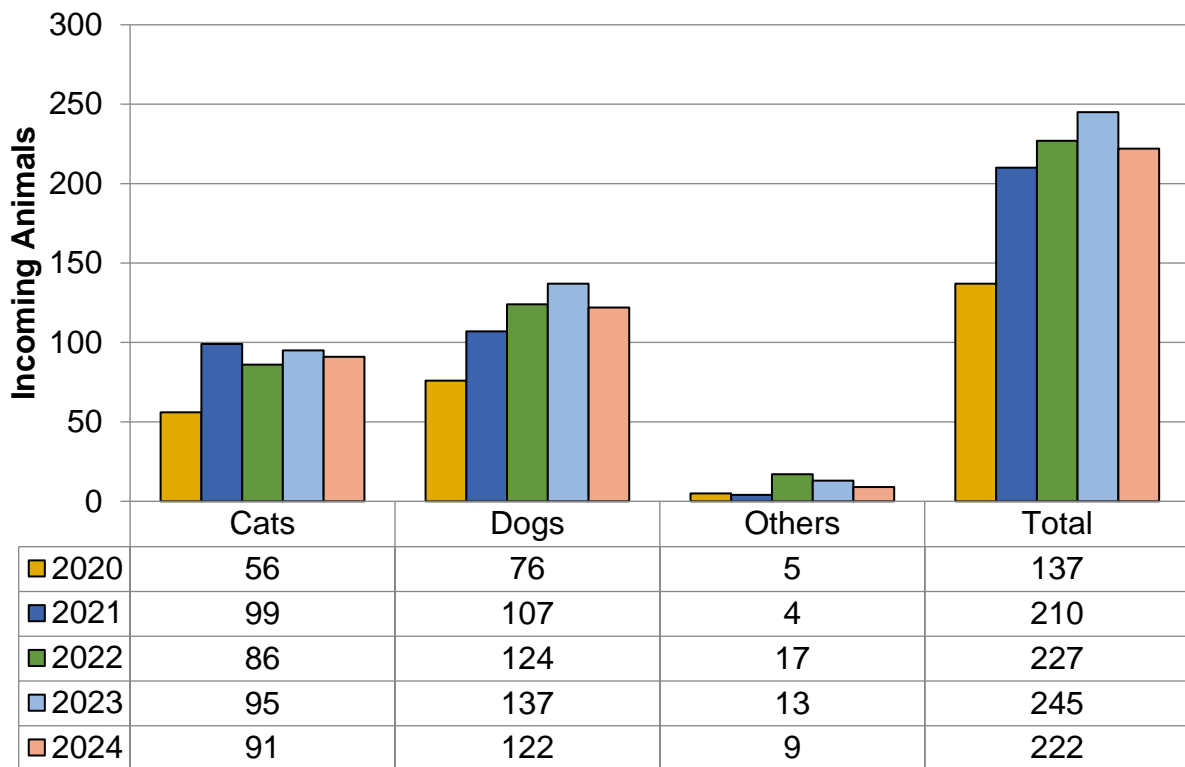
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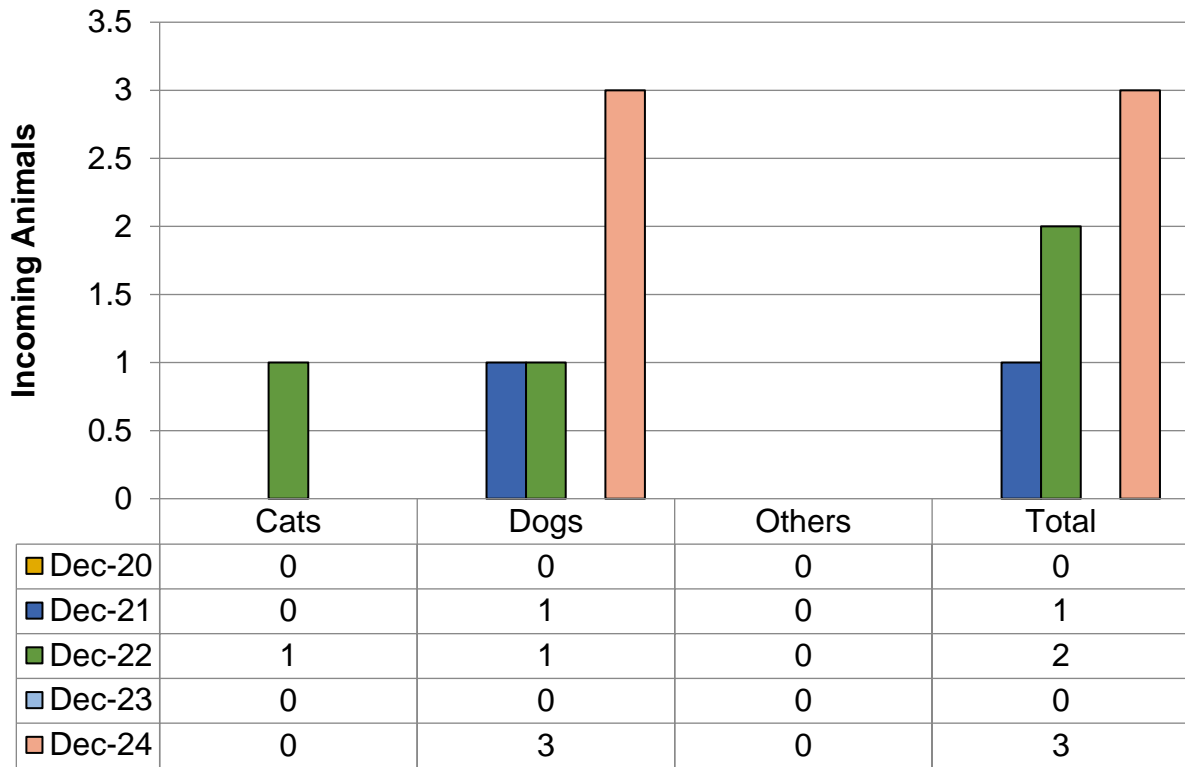
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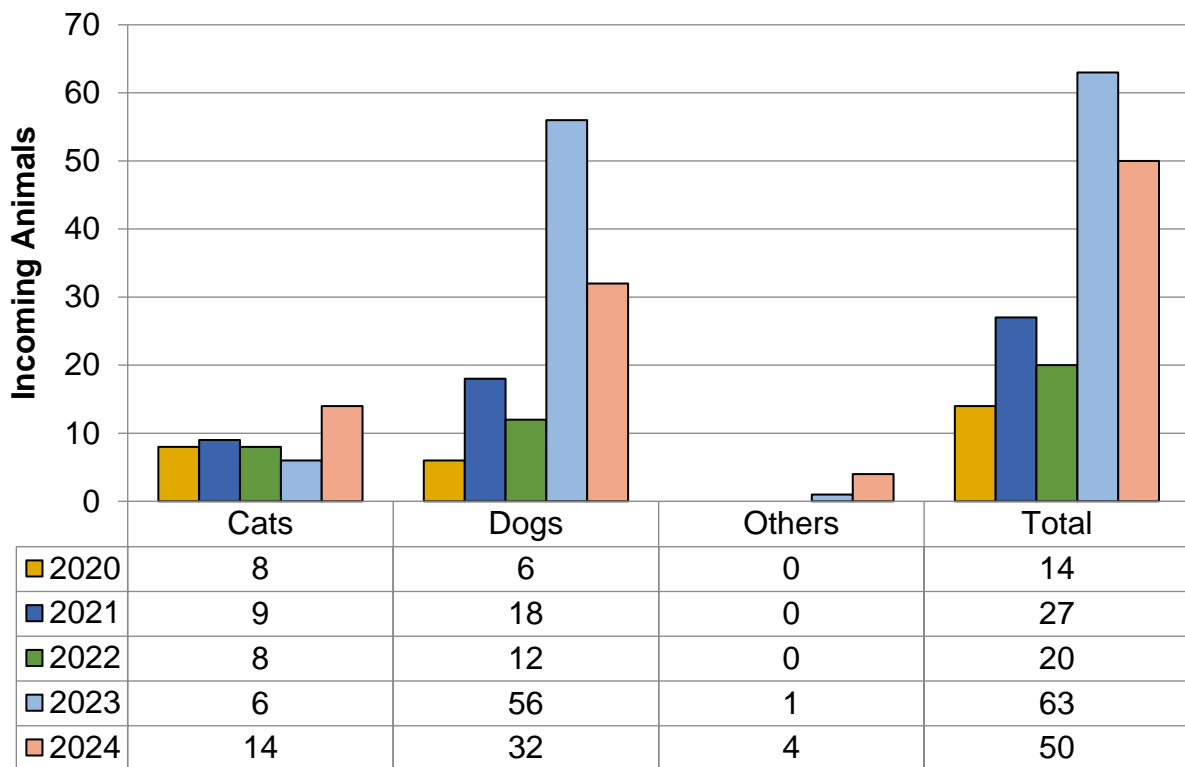
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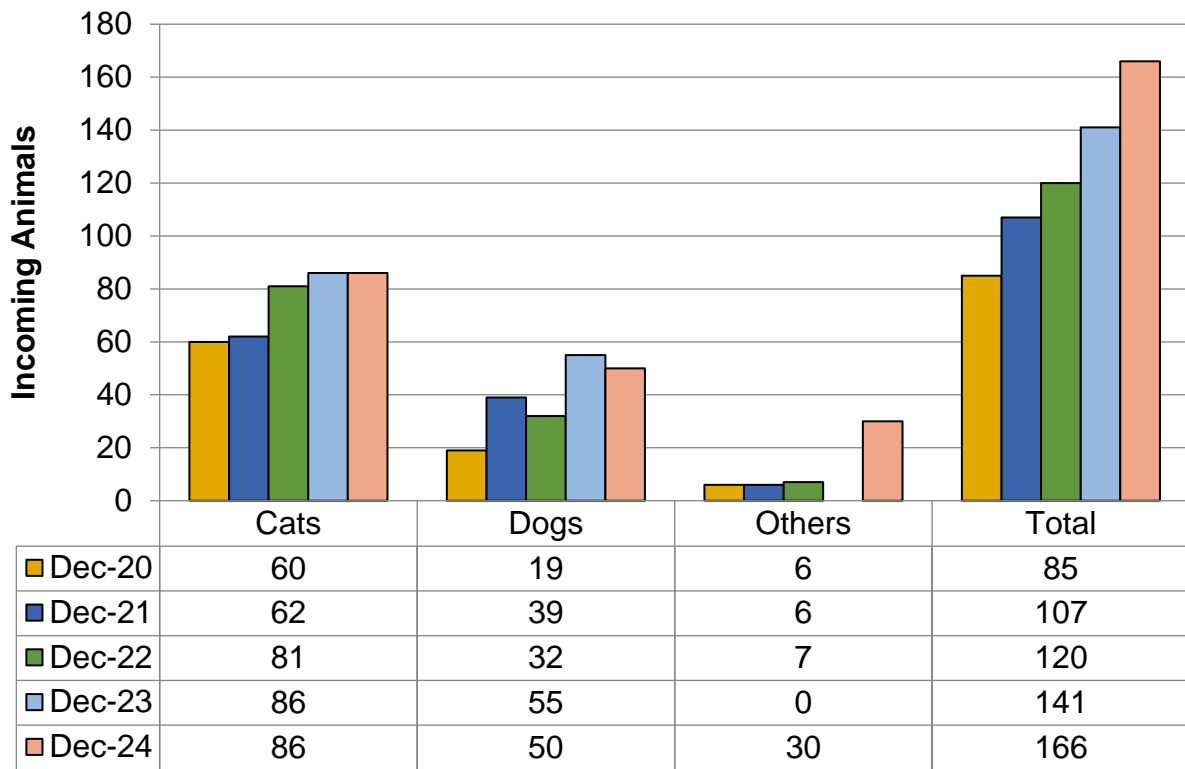
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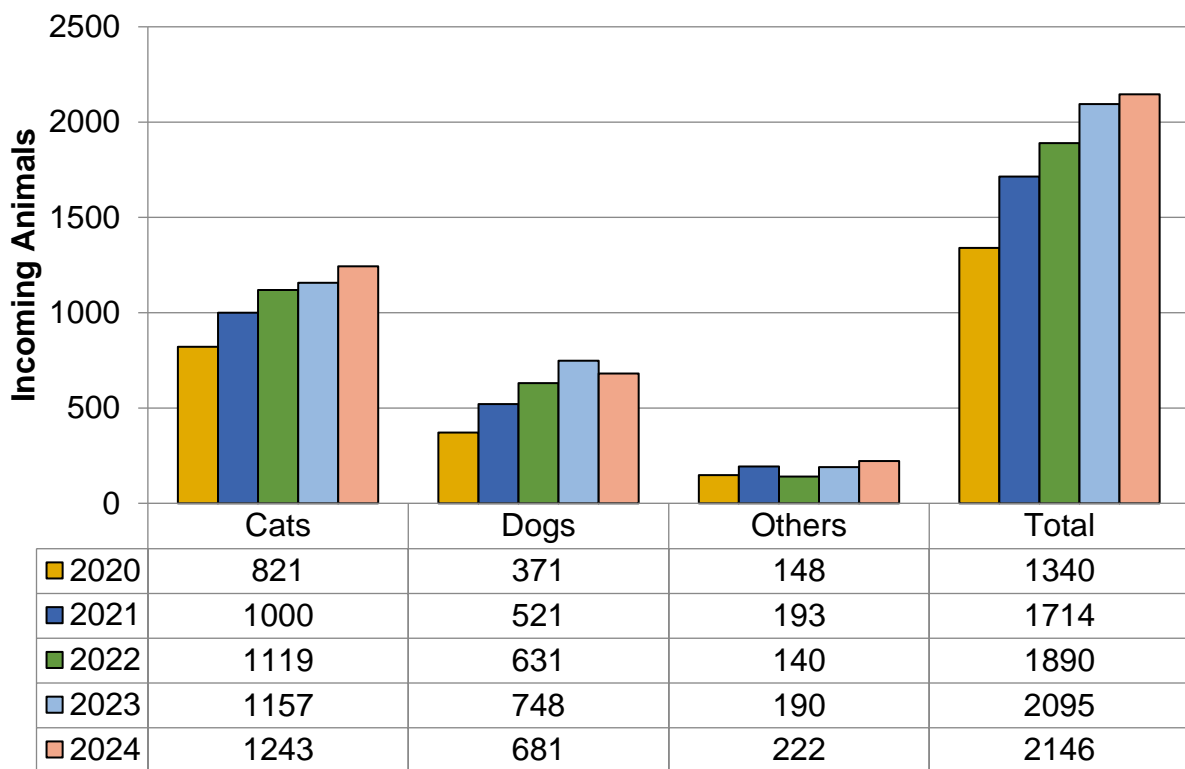
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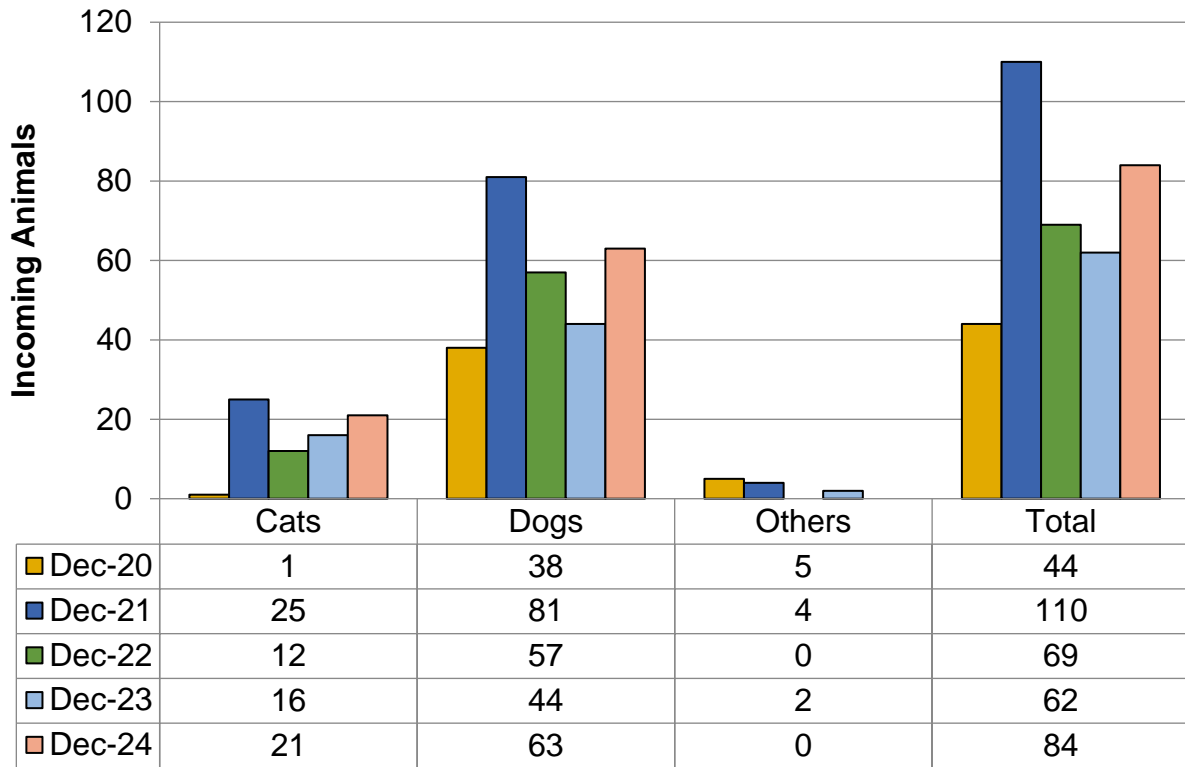
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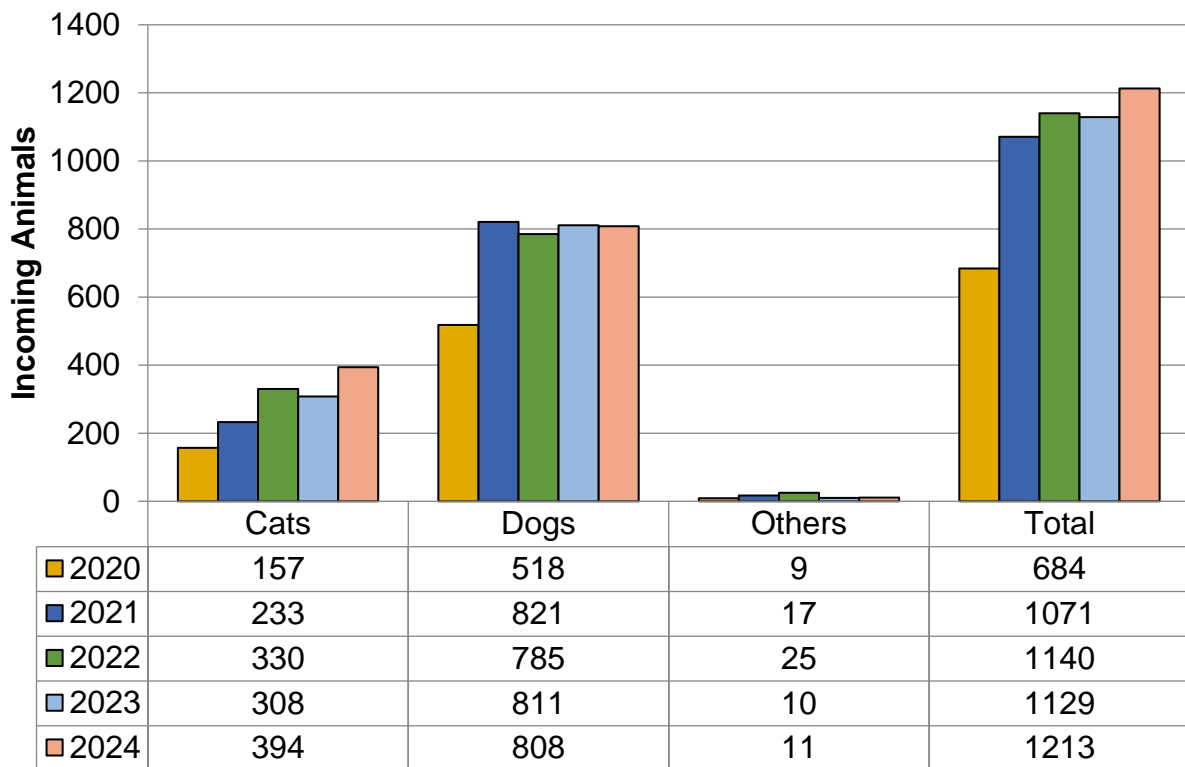
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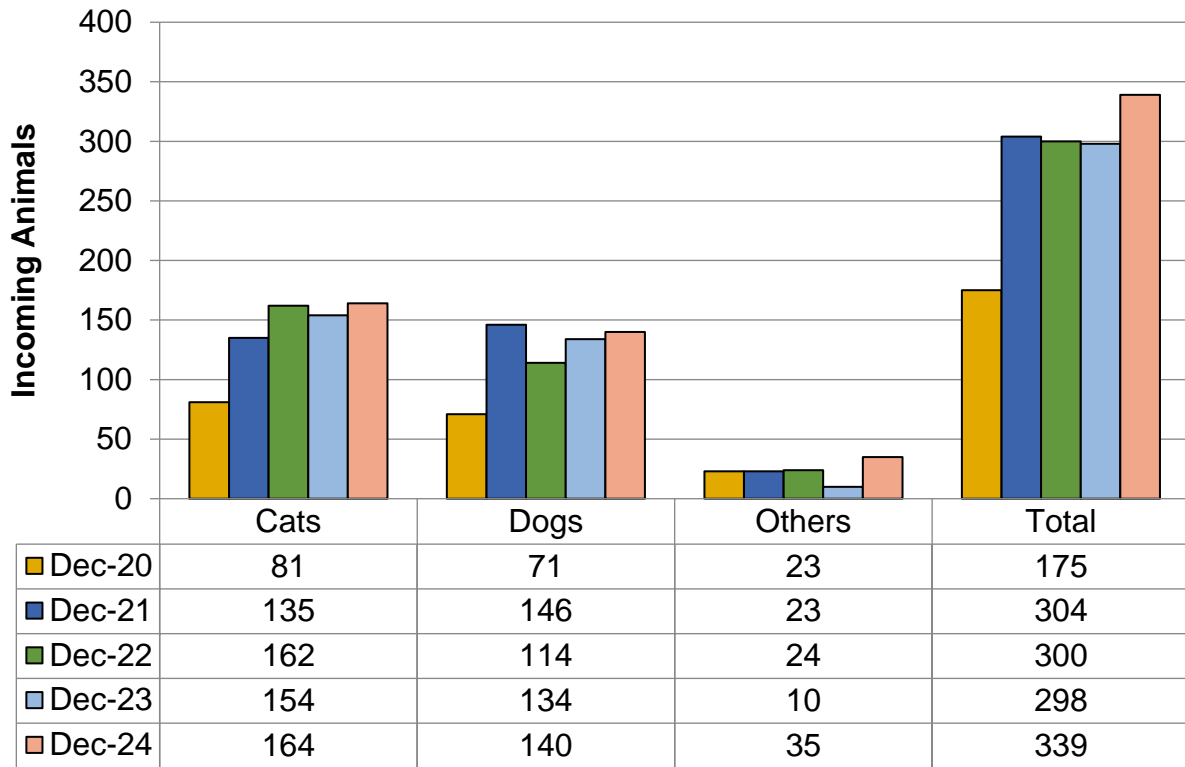


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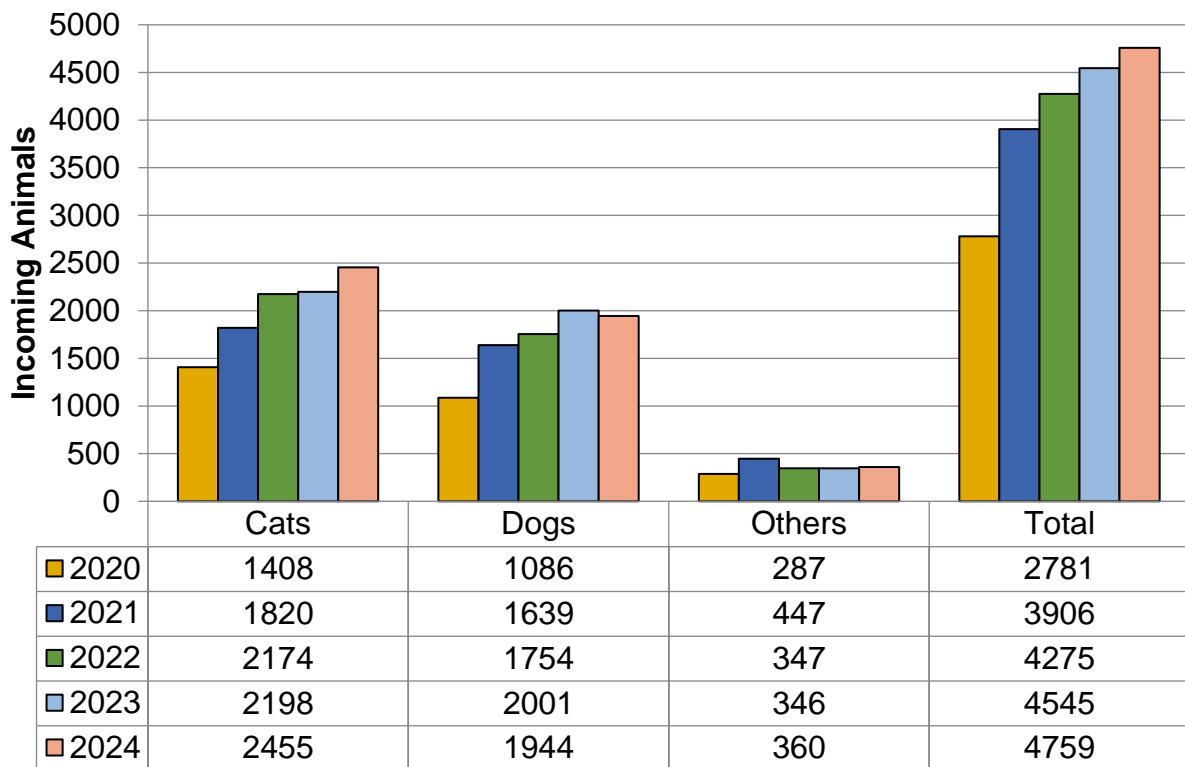




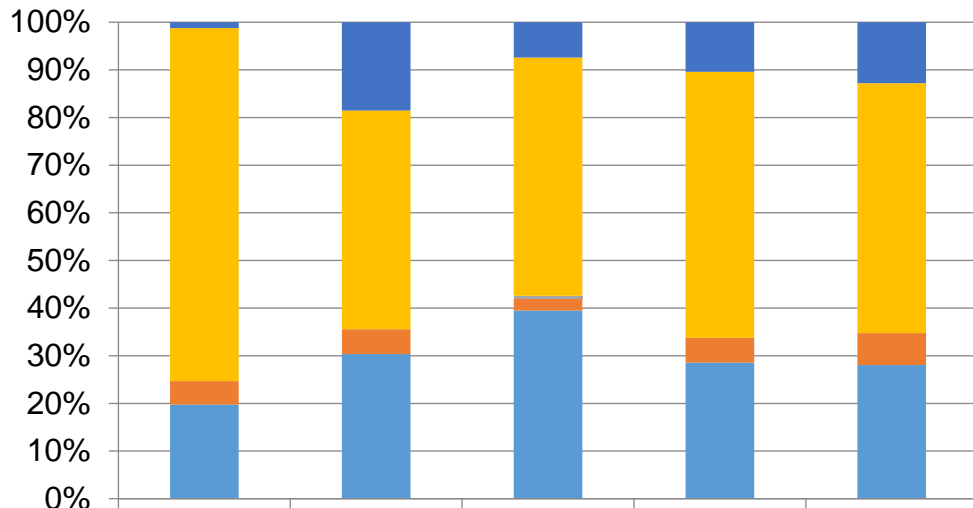
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## Intake Year to Date

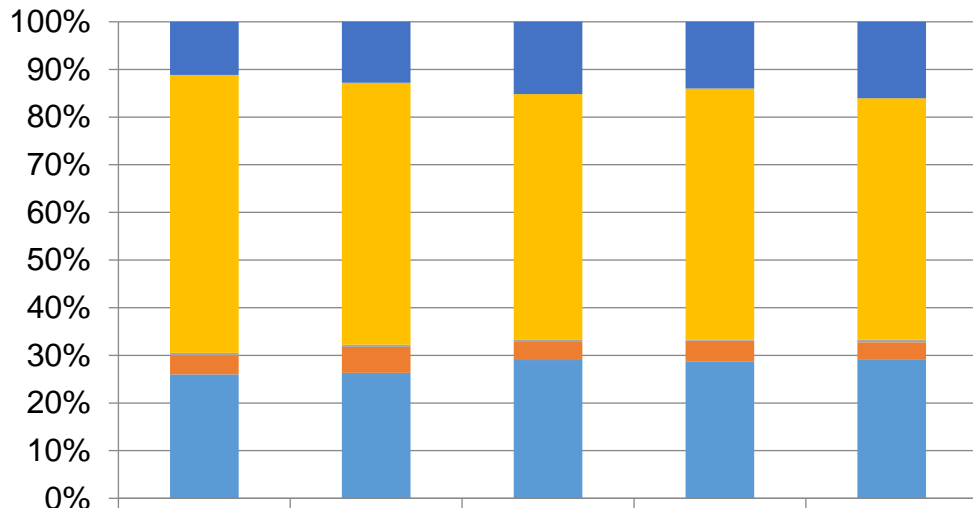


### Intakes by Percentage Cats - December



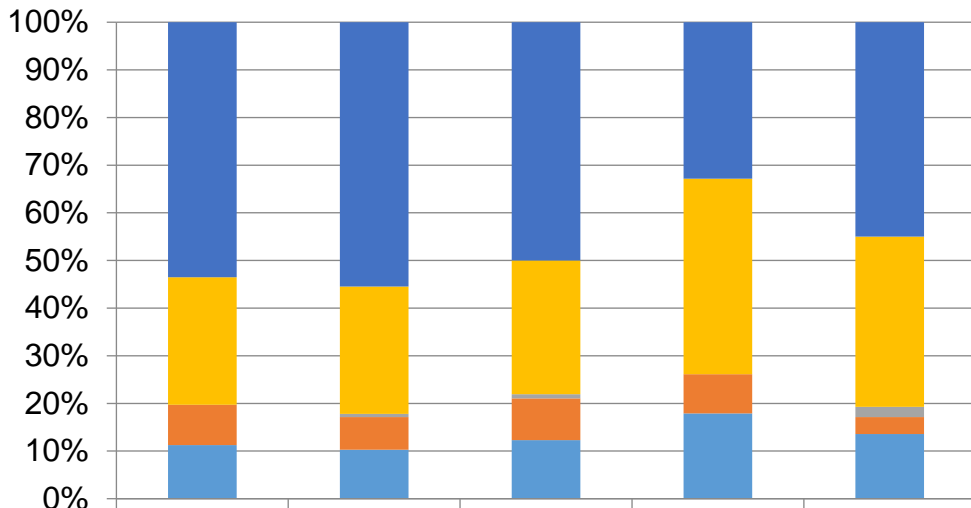
	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
Incoming Transfers	1.23%	18.52%	7.41%	10.39%	12.80%
Strays	74.07%	45.93%	50.00%	55.84%	52.44%
Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	0.62%	0.00%	0.00%
Returns	4.94%	5.19%	2.47%	5.19%	6.71%
Owner Surrenders	19.75%	30.37%	39.51%	28.57%	28.05%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



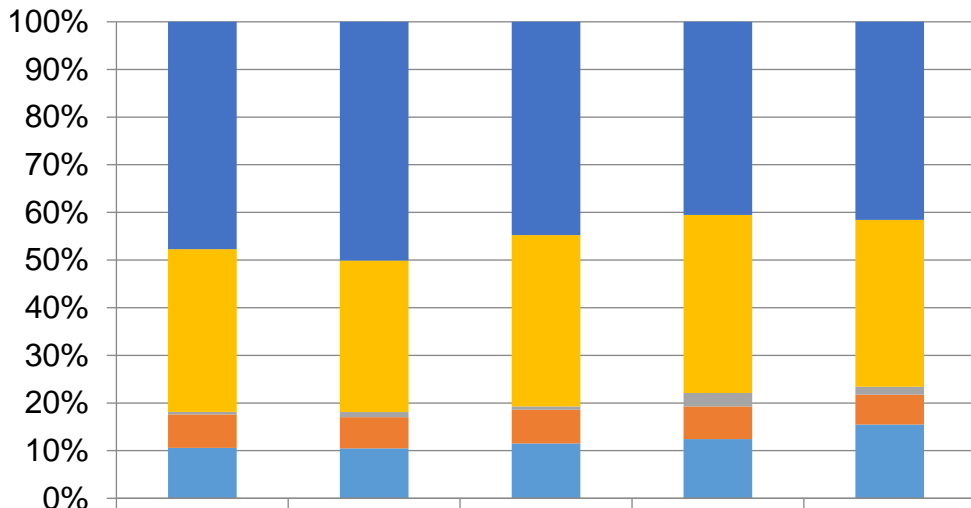
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Incoming Transfers	11.15%	12.80%	15.18%	14.01%	16.05%
Strays	58.31%	54.95%	51.47%	52.64%	50.63%
Seized / Custody	0.57%	0.49%	0.37%	0.27%	0.57%
Returns	3.98%	5.44%	3.96%	4.32%	3.71%
Owner Surrenders	25.99%	26.32%	29.02%	28.75%	29.04%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - December



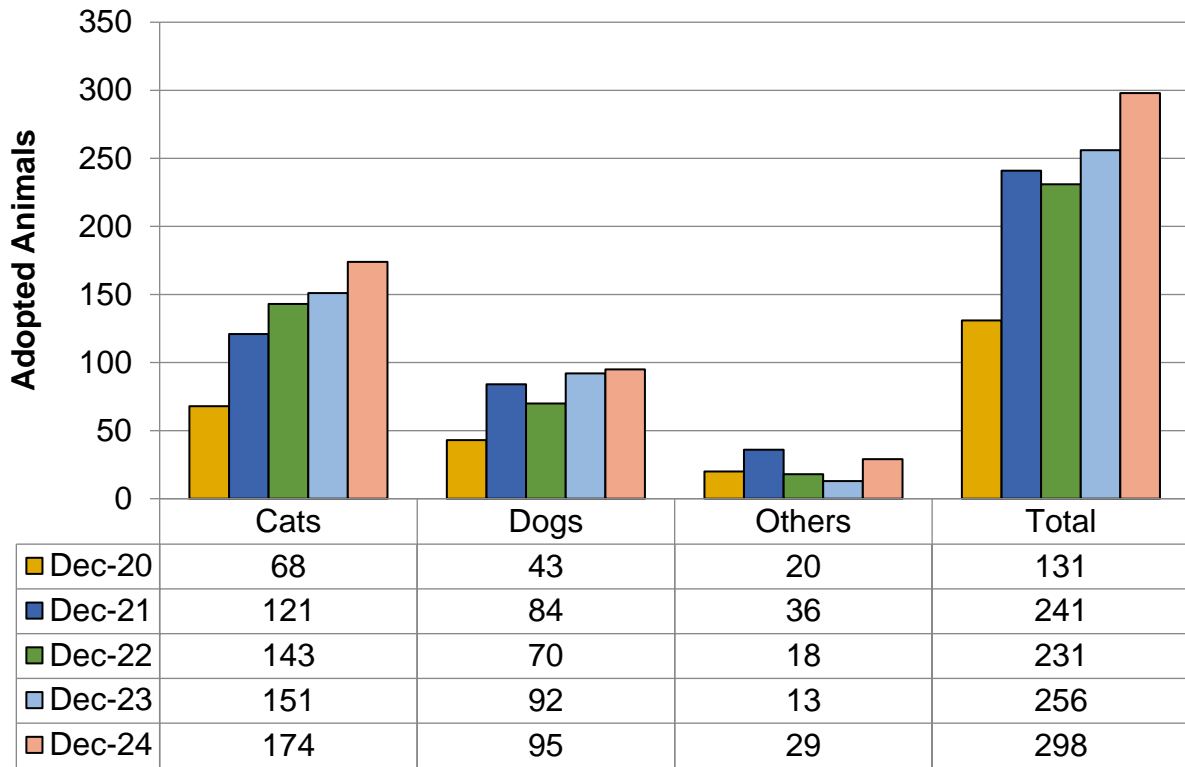
	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
■ Incoming Transfers	53.52%	55.48%	50.00%	32.84%	45.00%
■ Strays	26.76%	26.71%	28.07%	41.04%	35.71%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.68%	0.88%	0.00%	2.14%
■ Returns	8.45%	6.85%	8.77%	8.21%	3.57%
■ Owner Surrenders	11.27%	10.27%	12.28%	17.91%	13.57%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

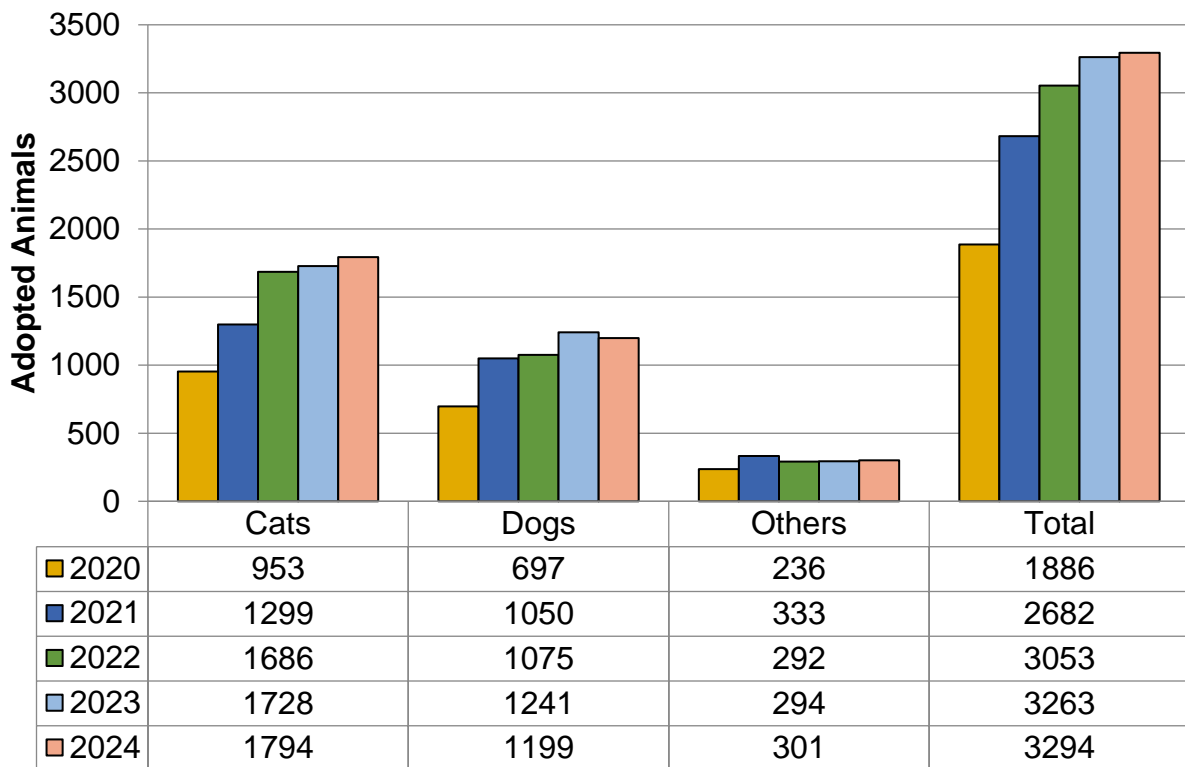


	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
■ Incoming Transfers	47.70%	50.09%	44.75%	40.53%	41.56%
■ Strays	34.16%	31.79%	35.97%	37.38%	35.03%
■ Seized / Custody	0.55%	1.10%	0.68%	2.80%	1.65%
■ Returns	7.00%	6.53%	7.07%	6.85%	6.28%
■ Owner Surrenders	10.59%	10.49%	11.52%	12.44%	15.48%

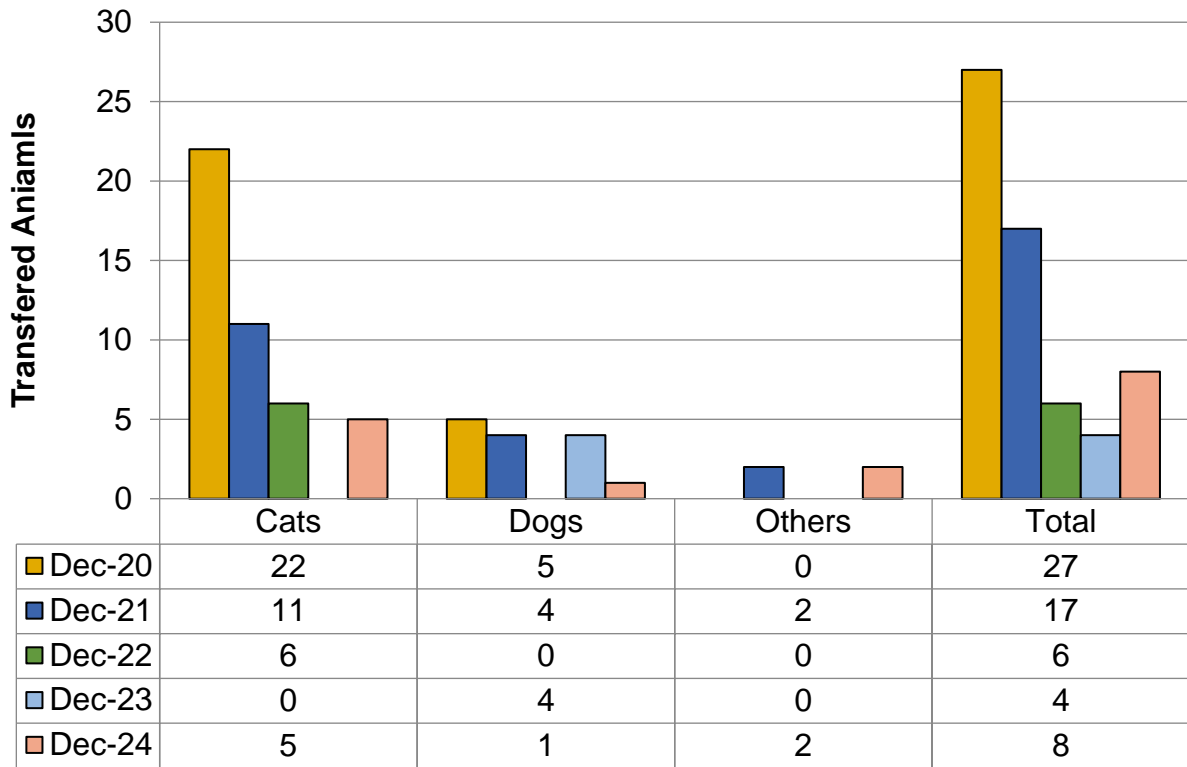
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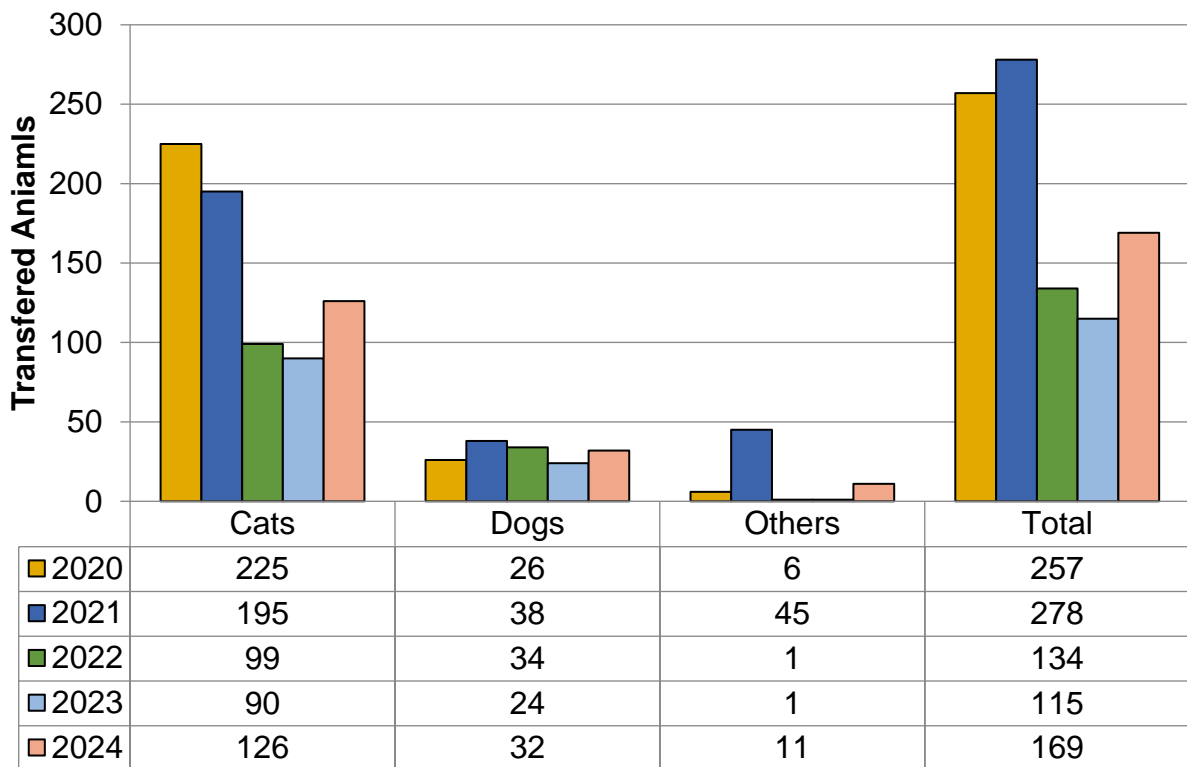
## Adoptions Year to Date



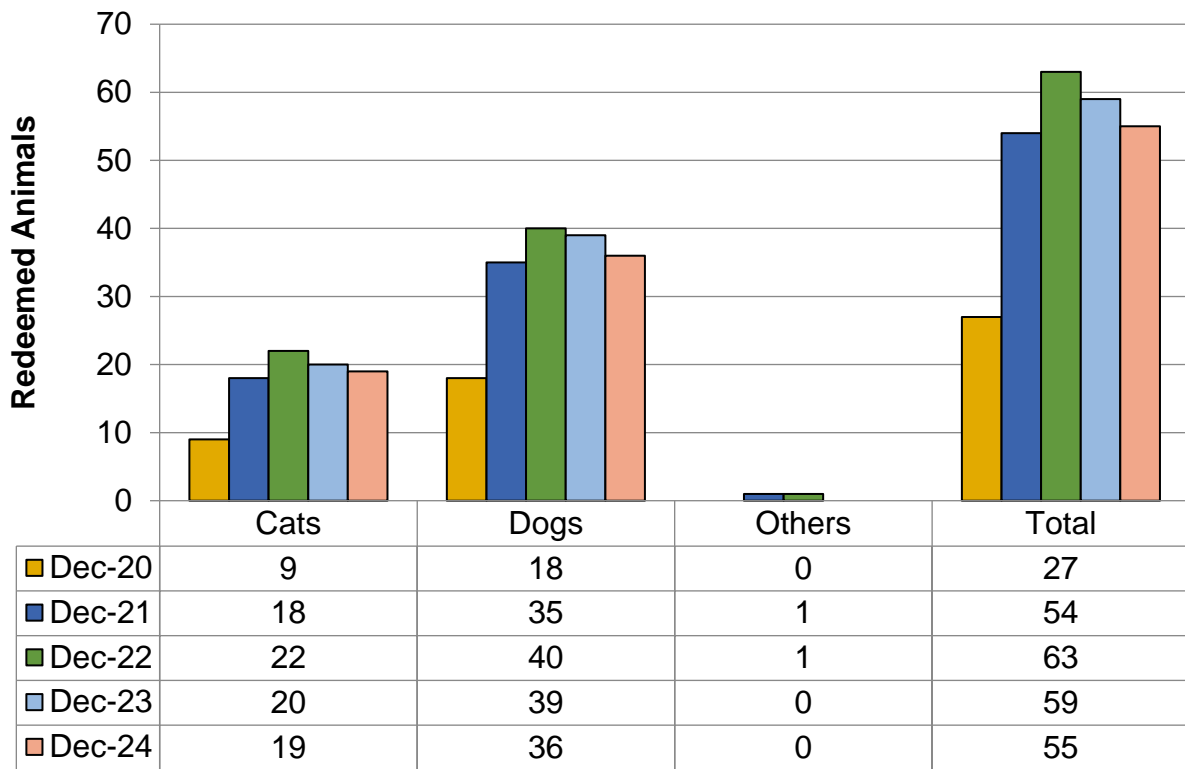
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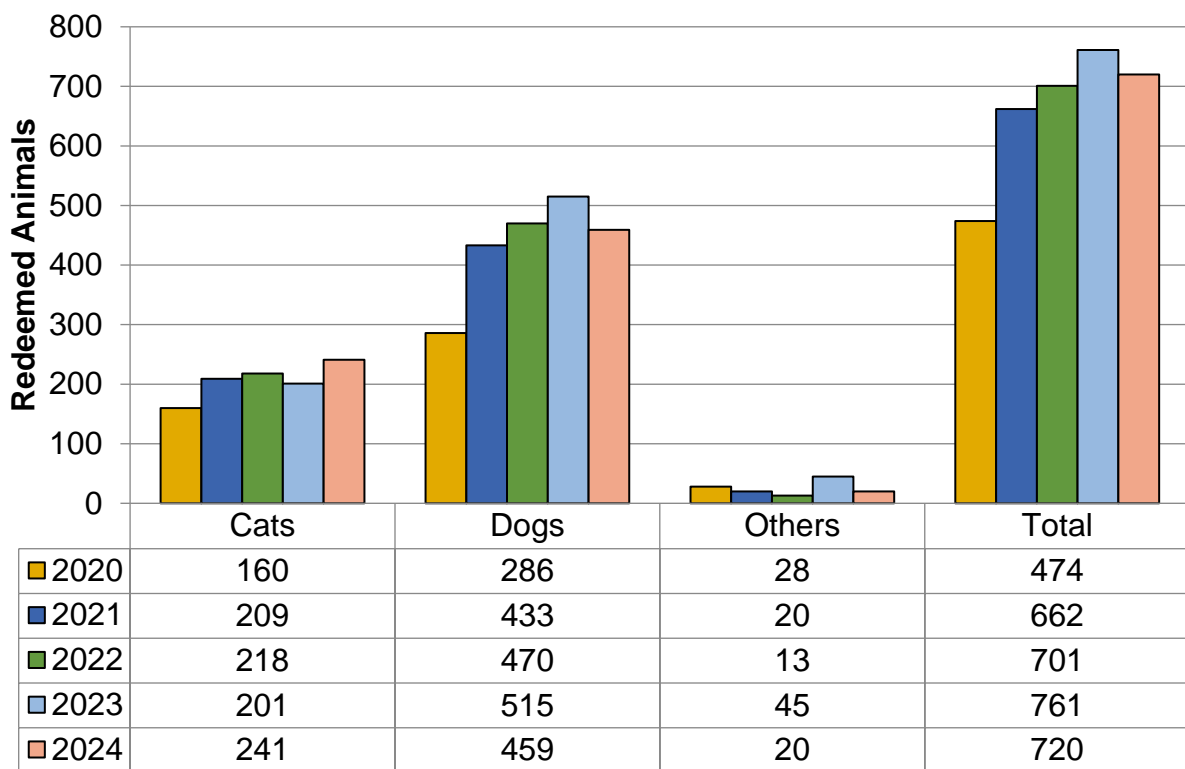
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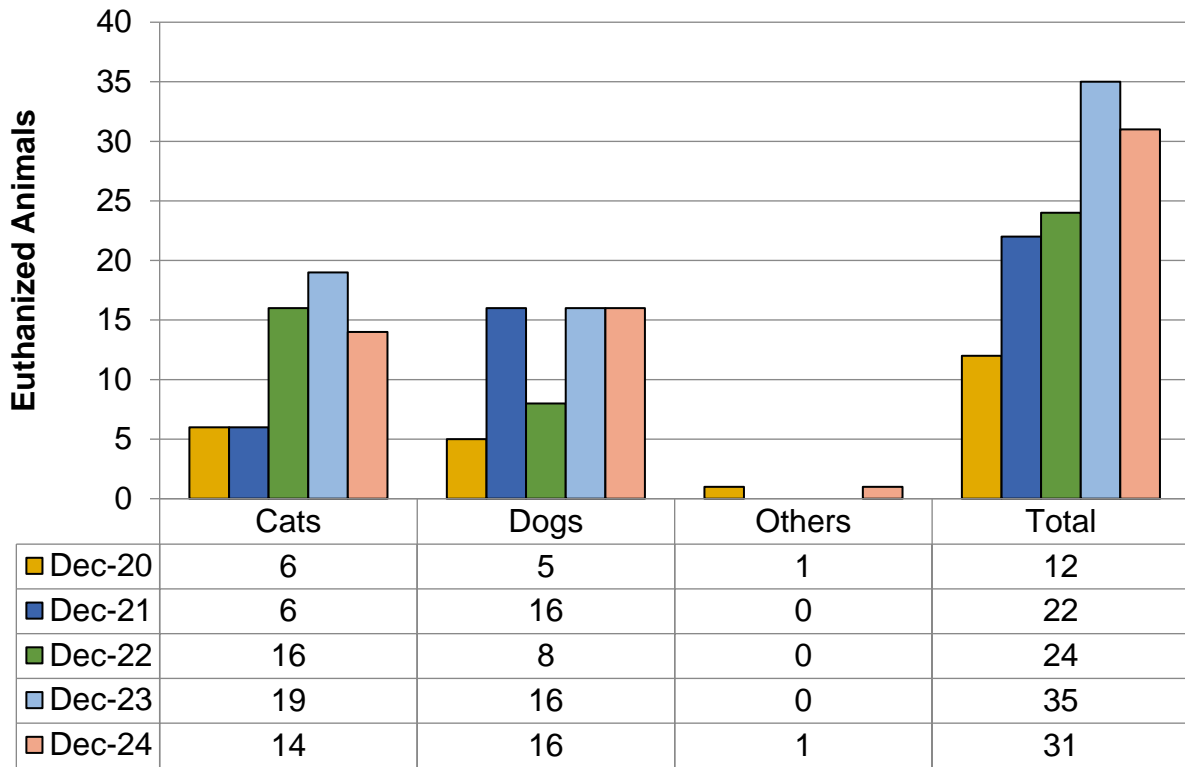
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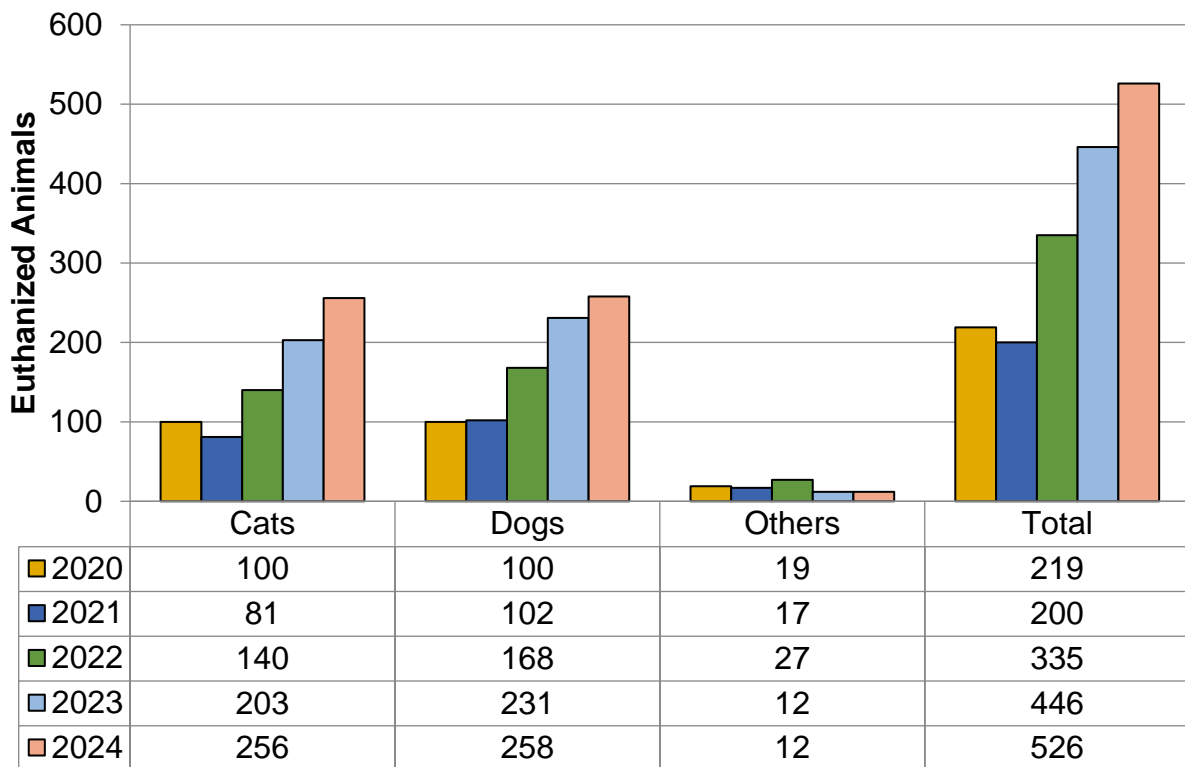
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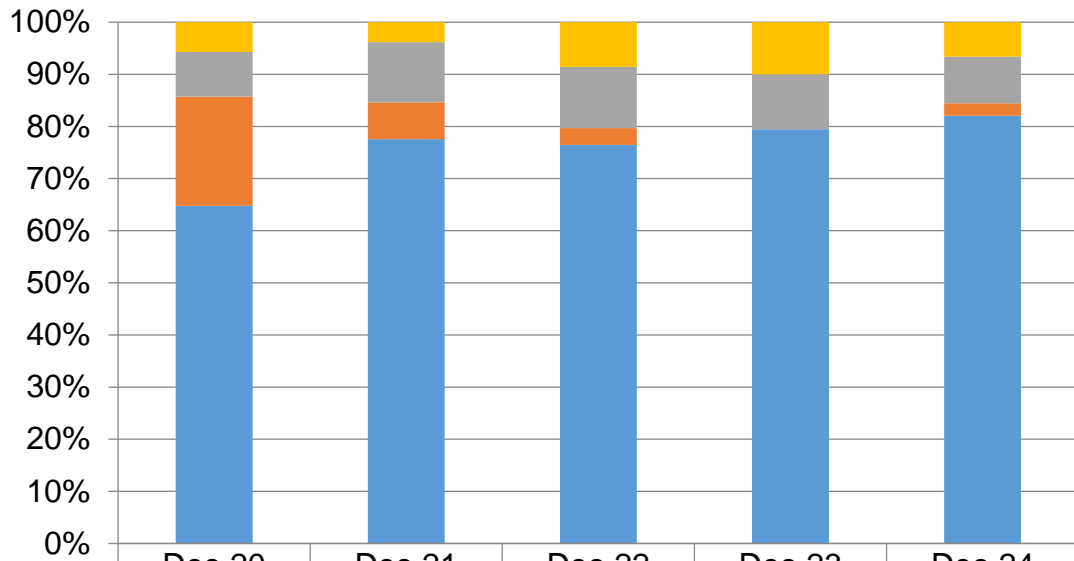
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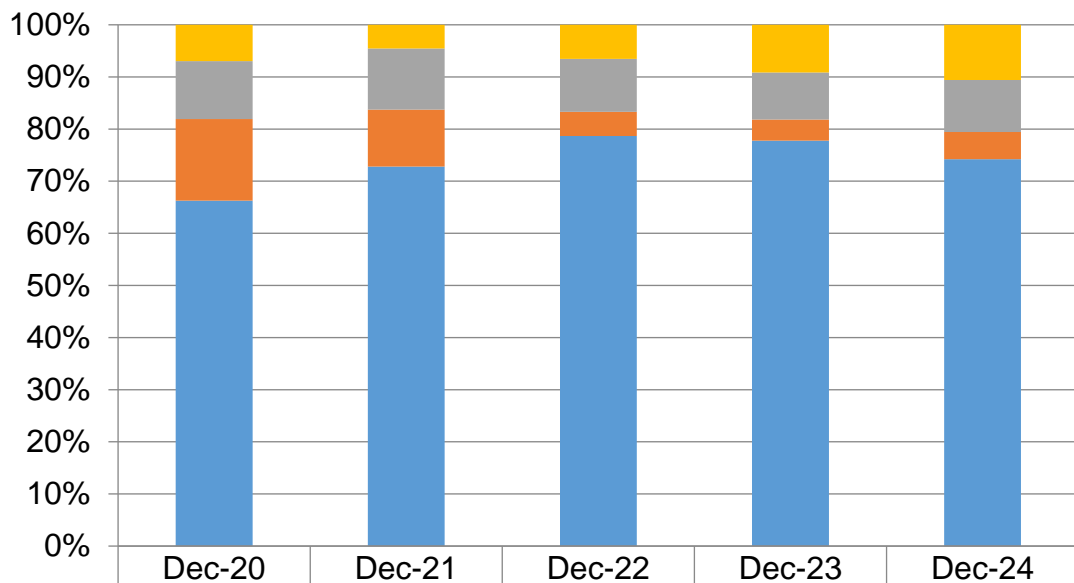


### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - December



■ Euthanasia	5.71%	3.85%	8.56%	10.00%	6.60%
■ Redemption	8.57%	11.54%	11.76%	10.53%	8.96%
■ Transfer	20.95%	7.05%	3.21%	0.00%	2.36%
■ Adoption	64.76%	77.56%	76.47%	79.47%	82.08%

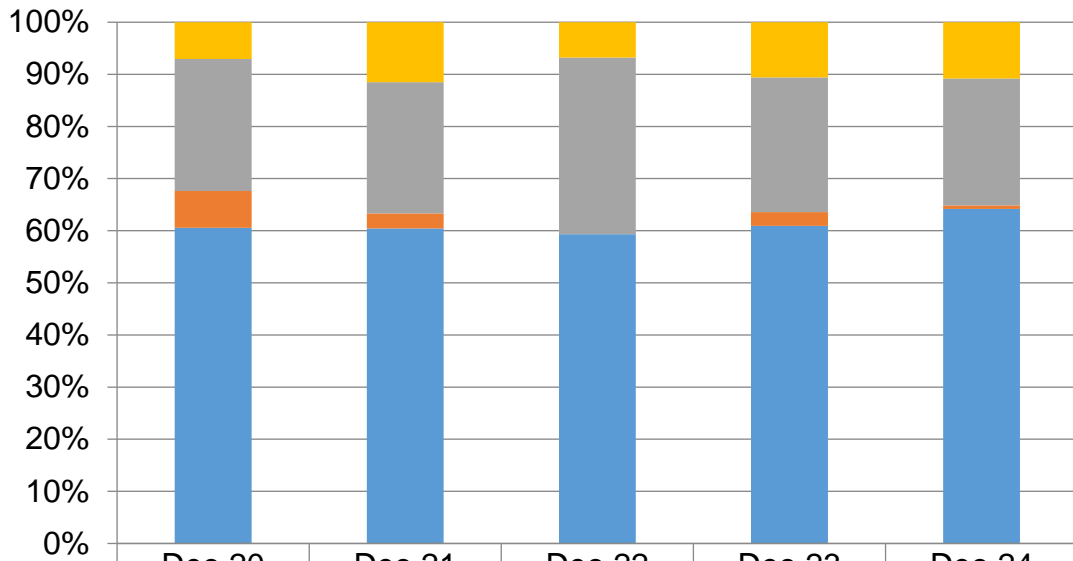
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



■ Euthanasia	6.95%	4.54%	6.53%	9.14%	10.59%
■ Redemption	11.13%	11.72%	10.17%	9.05%	9.97%
■ Transfer	15.65%	10.93%	4.62%	4.05%	5.21%
■ Adoption	66.27%	72.81%	78.67%	77.77%	74.22%

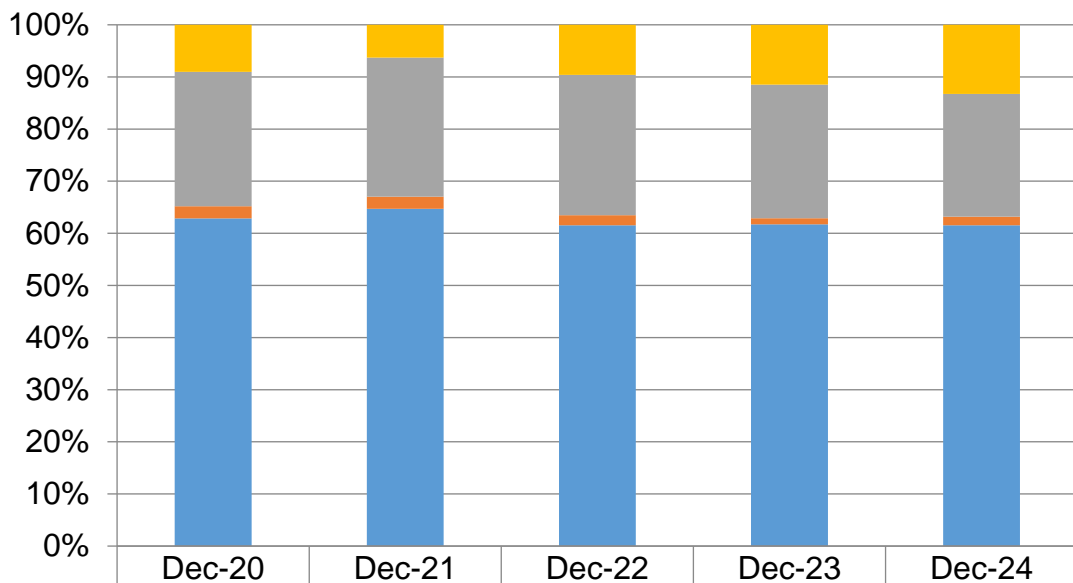


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - December



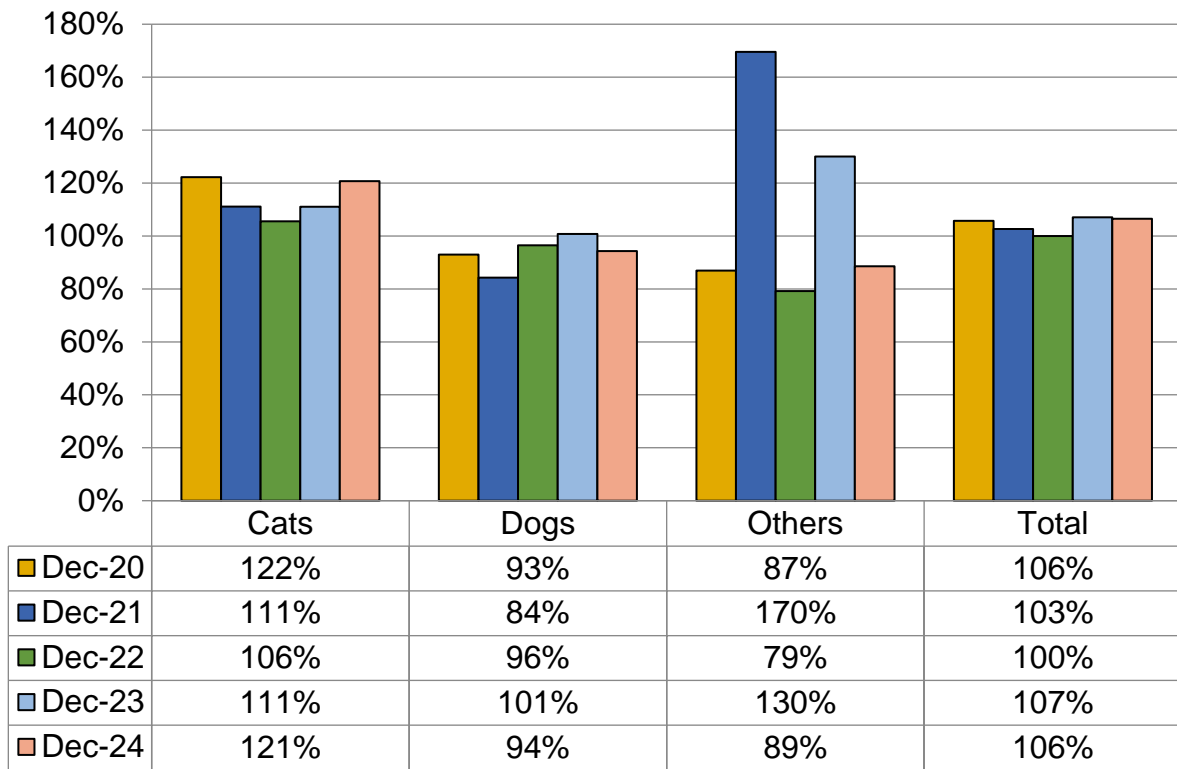
■ Euthanasia	7.04%	11.51%	6.78%	10.60%	10.81%
■ Redemption	25.35%	25.18%	33.90%	25.83%	24.32%
■ Transfer	7.04%	2.88%	0.00%	2.65%	0.68%
■ Adoption	60.56%	60.43%	59.32%	60.93%	64.19%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

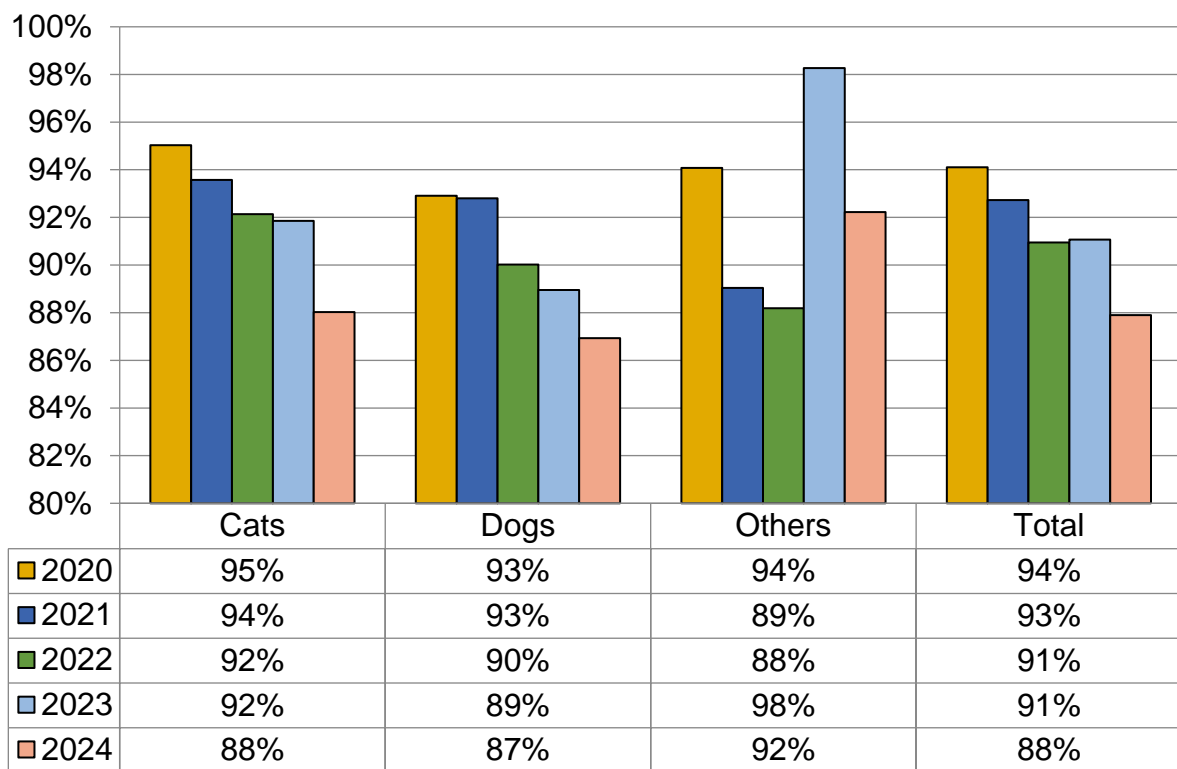


■ Euthanasia	9.02%	6.28%	9.62%	11.49%	13.24%
■ Redemption	25.79%	26.68%	26.90%	25.61%	23.56%
■ Transfer	2.34%	2.34%	1.95%	1.19%	1.64%
■ Adoption	62.85%	64.70%	61.53%	61.71%	61.55%

### Save Rate December



### 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.