

2020



WINNEBAGO COUNTY
— ANIMAL SERVICES —
ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you for your interest in Winnebago County Animal Services and for picking up our 2020 annual report!



We are a busy department tasked with a number of responsibilities stemming from state statute and local ordinances. We operate 365 days a year, managing rabies vaccination and registration compliance for dogs and cats, investigating animal welfare and animal cruelty, maintaining public safety involving animals, and impounding stray pets in an effort to control pet population to keep pets and people safe. We also help thousands of pets go home each year by facilitating reunions and new adoptions.

This past year has been . . . well, we all know 2020 was beyond challenging. It was unpredictable in so many ways for everyone in our community and country. Here at Animal Services, our work is essential, and while we made some modifications, we never stopped working to serve the people and the animals of Winnebago County. Despite 2020 challenges and the very unique year we just experienced—so very different from what we had planned—we are very proud of the work we did and the lives we touched.

Throughout this report, you will see we have attempted to present data in a way that provides insight into the impact COVID-19 had on our numbers. When efforts to slow the spread got underway in March, we were able to continue to provide emergency and essential services, but it wasn't until June 1 that our facility re-opened and resumed somewhat normal operations. We followed the National Animal Care & Control Association recommendations to keep staff and the public safe, ensuring that we were able to continue to provide essential services as the pandemic spread.

Despite it all, we achieved some wonderful successes in 2020. More lost dogs were reclaimed in 2020, with 43% of impounded dogs reunited with their families. The total number of cats and kittens adopted grew by 7.7%. Our foster program grew as well, with fosters providing 7,451 days of care for 255 pets in need. And as our efforts in veterinary, adoption, and reclaim continued to improve, we were able to provide live outcomes to 85% of dogs and 83% of cats.

This annual report is intended to share the stories and numbers that made up 2020 at WCAS. There is always so much more to say than we could possibly fit within its pages and that is especially true of 2020. The first half includes stories and photos of our 2020 highlights. The second half delves into the numbers, providing additional detail. I hope you find the information to be useful and enlightening.

Our goal at WCAS is to provide excellent care to animals in need and to provide professional service to the residents of Winnebago County and all visitors to our facility. Every day, every case, every intake, and every outcome is different, but it all boils down to serving this community.

Thank you for reading!

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BRETT J. FRAZIER • Administrator



DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

Administrator: Brett J. Frazier

Director: Jennifer Stacy

DVM: Dr. Bridget Holck

DVM: Dr. Kent Castelein

Kennel Operations Manager:
Eddie Jackson

Investigator: Teresa Lagerstam

**Adoptions & Volunteer Program
Coordinator:** Amber Pinnon

Shelter Operations Coordinator:
DeShawn Christiansen

Patrol Operations Manager:
Roger Tresemer



1,785
ADOPTIONS



255 ANIMALS
FOSTERED
7,451 DAYS OF FOSTER
CARE PROVIDED



7,575
FIELD
SERVICE
CALLS



3,717 ANIMALS SERVED

2,087 CATS – 1,221 DOGS – 320 WILDLIFE – 89 OTHER

566 LOST PETS
REUNITED
WITH THEIR FAMILIES



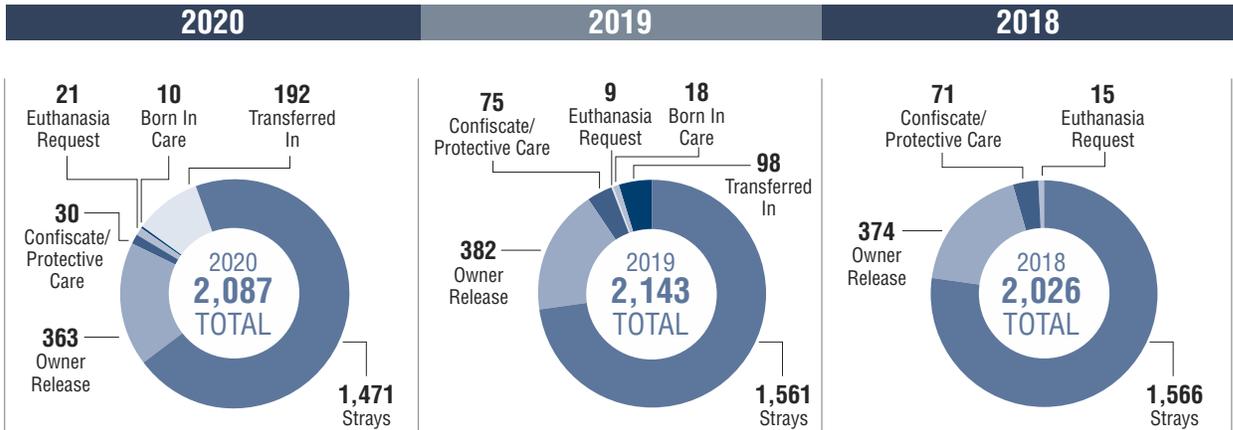
By the Numbers: INTAKE



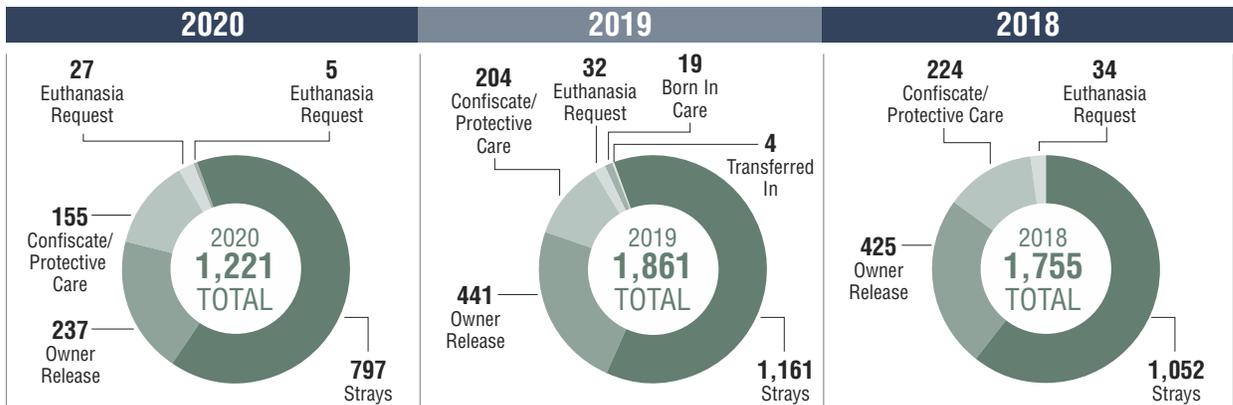
Each year, thousands of animals come through our doors in need of food, water, shelter, and a little help getting back home. We're always working to become more efficient in how we serve those animals. We intake thousands of animals annually, primarily lost and homeless pets, the vast majority of which are cats and dogs.



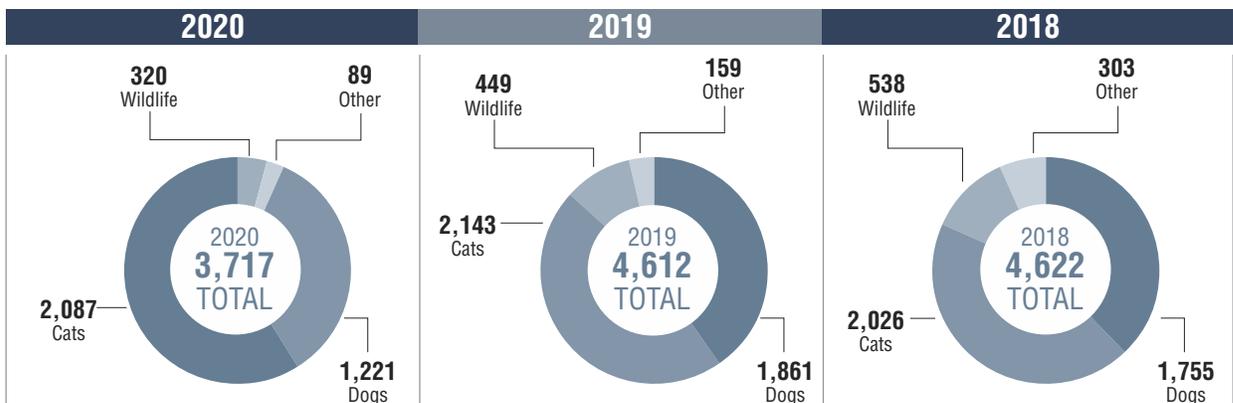
CAT



DOG



TOTAL ANIMAL INTAKE



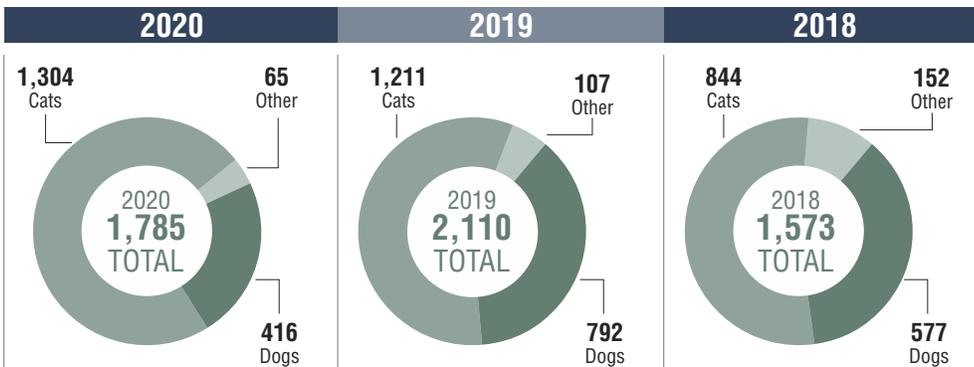
“ Every day at the shelter we have an opportunity to change lives by providing care and compassion to pets and people in need. One animal at a time, thousands of times every year. ”

By the Numbers: **OUTCOME**

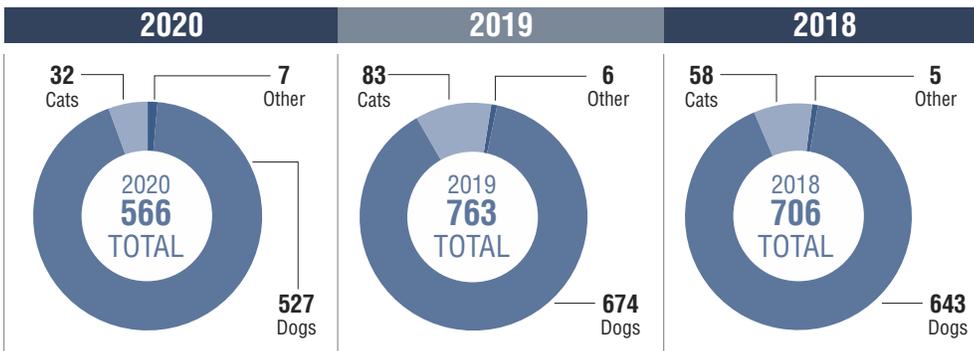
Creating positive outcomes for animals is a top priority at WCAS. With lost pets, our first hope is to reunite them with their families and in 2020 we helped just over 43% of dogs do just that. The majority of those we are unable to reunite are offered for adoption in the hope that they will find a new place to call home with a new family to love them. Between return to owner, adoption, and other live outcomes, more than 84% of all cat and dog outcomes in 2020 were live. Last year, we saw improvement in many areas, including cat adoptions which were up by 7.7% in 2020. Euthanasia is limited at WCAS to those instances where sickness, injury, or safety make euthanasia the right decision.

In the past three years, WCAS has focused on serving people in need, helping pets and other animals in need, and working to build systems and programs to improve outcomes. And, despite all the efforts of staff and volunteers, reclaim and adoption rely on people from the community being willing to open their homes to a new pet. Positive outcomes simply are not possible without the involvement of the community.

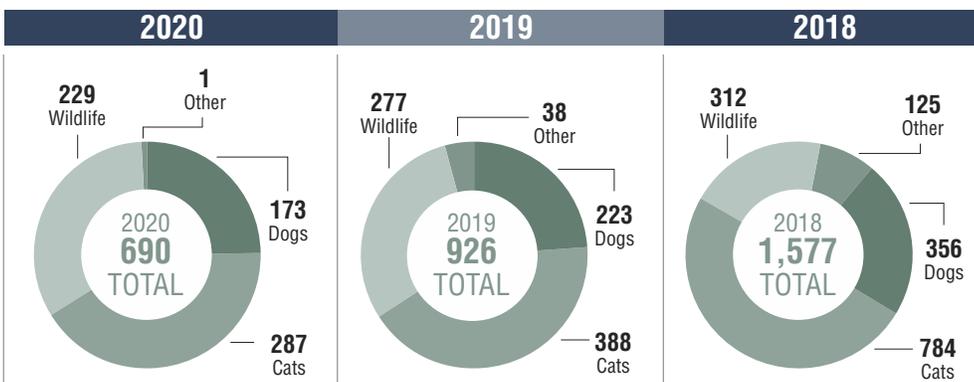
Adoption - Year Comparison



Return to Owner - Year Comparison



Euthanasia - Year Comparison



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Each animal that enters our shelter system is treated with compassion and respect. Animal Services staff works hard to create the best possible outcome for every individual animal.
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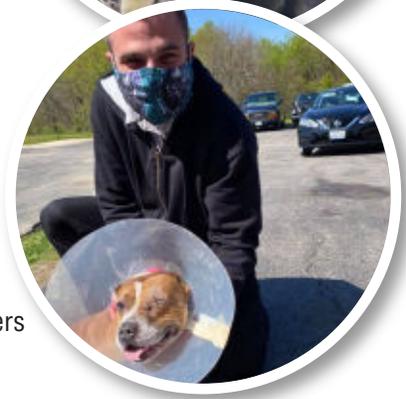
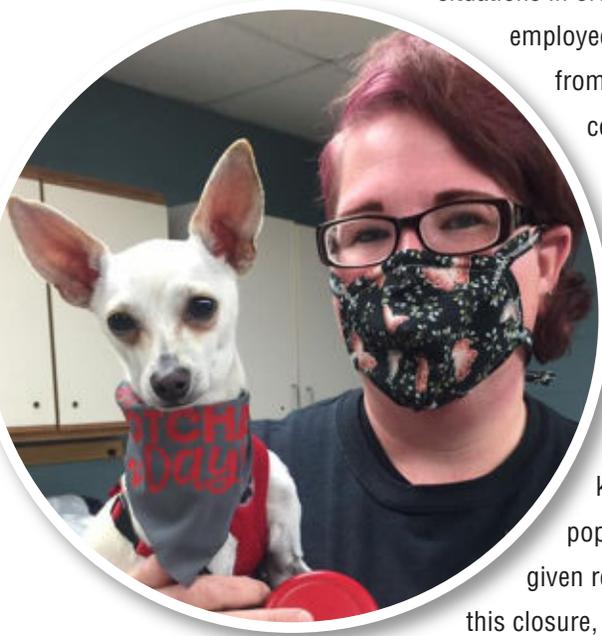


NAVIGATING COVID-19 Together

We certainly cannot talk about 2020 without addressing COVID-19 and the impact the pandemic had on all facets of our operations. During the Governor's Stay at Home order, WCAS provided essential services, responding only to emergency

situations in order to protect both employees and residents from person-to-person contact. This meant closing our facility to the public in late-March and minimizing the number of animals in our building in order to keep the shelter population manageable given reduced staff. Prior to this closure, we were able to

successfully find placement for all animals in our care thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and rescue. We offered adoptions by appointment, encouraged community members when they were able to hold found animals, and utilized social media in order to reunite pets with their owners. On June 1, we reopened with enhanced safety measures in place and were able to provide all services for the remainder of the year thanks to the creativity and dedication of our outstanding staff members and volunteers.



2020 COVID-19 TIMELINE

MARCH 19TH
PetSmart Locations temporarily suspend in-store adoptions

MARCH 21ST
Governor's Stay At Home Order goes into affect

MARCH 23RD
WCAS reduces services to only essential services

MARCH

APRIL 6TH
WCAS begins offering Adoptions by Appointment

APRIL

JUNE 1ST
WCAS re-opens to the public, resuming regular business hours

JUNE 5TH
Brookfield, WI PetSmart resumes in-store adoptions

JUNE

JULY 31ST
Greenfield, WI PetSmart resumes in-store adoptions

JULY

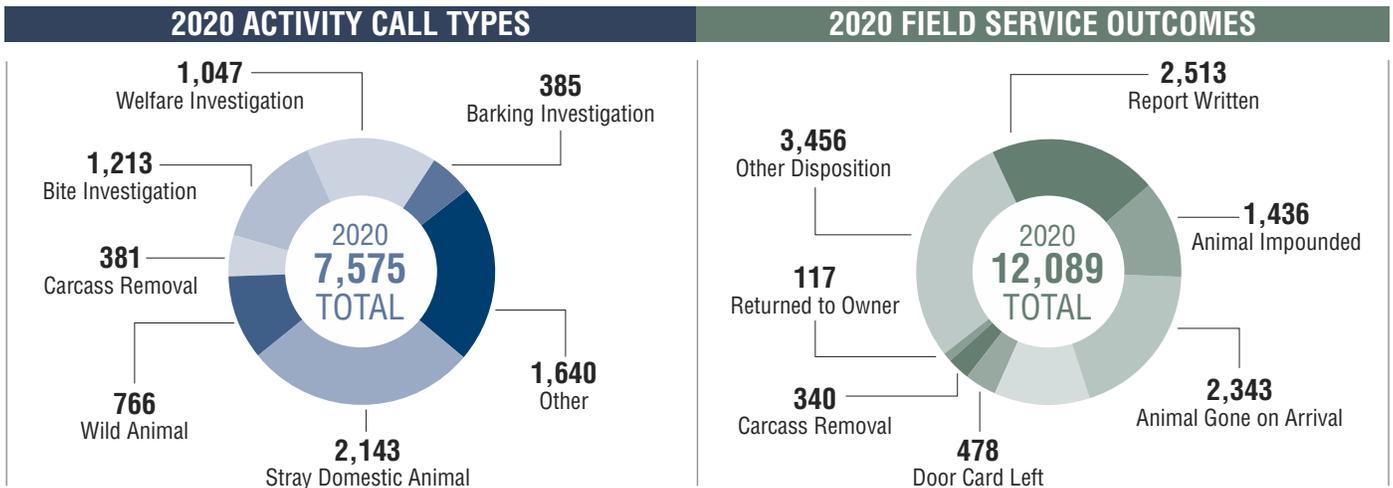
SEPTEMBER 4TH
WCAS begins partnering with Pewaukee, WI PetSmart

SEPTEMBER 30TH
Janesville, WI PetSmart resumes in-store adoptions

SEPTEMBER

ANIMAL SERVICES in Action

Animal Services plays a vital role in Winnebago County. Our Animal Welfare and Investigations Team works on the frontlines, serving our community in a myriad of ways that are not always readily apparent. In 2020, for example, our Animal Service officers responded to 7,575 calls for service that included everything from checking on a report of an animal running at large or a barking dog to investigating a bite incident or a welfare concern. Our team's priority is to support responsible pet ownership and community standards by enforcing animal-related laws and ordinances. Serving the residents of Winnebago County and ensuring both their and their pet's safety is key to our success.



“ Our work to protect the safety and welfare of people and animals in Winnebago County is the top priority for our Patrol and Investigation group every day of the year. ”



FIELD SERVICE STATS



SERVING 11 MUNICIPALITIES

7,575
ACTIVITY CALLS



HELPING 285k+  **PEOPLE**



ACROSS 520 SQUARE MILES

Amber Pinnon, Adoption & Volunteer Coordinator, does a Pet of the Week segment via a video conferencing session.

MEET OUR STARS:

TV & Radio Appearances Help Promote Adoption



In 2020, a total of 1,785 pets were adopted from WCAS. This remarkable number could not have been reached without the promotion our adoptable pets receive courtesy of our three partner TV networks—WREX, WIFR, and WQRF—and our partner radio station, Q98.5.

Featuring our animals on a variety of media outlets keeps WCAS top-of-mind in the community in a very positive way and is an especially helpful platform to show off a pet who has a unique story. We, as well as our furry friends, are extremely grateful for all the support!

Pet of the week



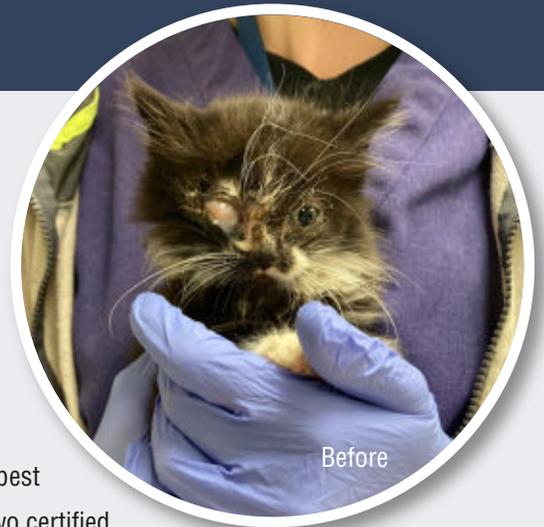
“The Pet of the Week has been a beloved feature on Q98.5 for well over 10 years, not only because we LOVE animals, but more importantly because it helps raise awareness for animal adoption. Our listeners are loyal, and when we tell them there is a pet in need, they respond immediately which usually leads to a pet’s quick adoption. Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic we’ve had to temporarily move the feature solely online, but that has not changed the public’s response to it. More people are sharing the pet photos on Instagram and Facebook which means even more exposure, and that is a definite win/win!”

Shannon Zimmerman- Q98.5



VETERINARY Operations

At Winnebago County Animal Services, we are dedicated to providing animals with the best care while they are with us. Every cat and dog is given vaccinations, dewormers, and a flea preventative. These measures both protect our population from common infectious disease and allows us to offer healthier, happier animals for adoption in our community. The WCAS Medical and Surgery Team is always working to improve upon surgical protocols and practices in order to provide the best medical care to animals in need. “We take tremendous pride in the work we do every day. We are an efficient surgical team while always aiming to provide the very best care to each individual patient,” says Shelter Veterinarian, Dr. Bridget Holck. “With two certified



veterinary technicians on our team, we are able to monitor each patient during the entire surgical process and we are continuing to expand the limits of the level of medical treatment we can

provide.” All animals who are adopted from WCAS are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We also perform specialty surgeries such as amputation, enucleation, mass removal, cystotomy, wound repair, and/or hernia repair. An excellent example of the medical care we provide that goes above and beyond the spay/neuter surgery can be found in the story of kitten Mike Wazowski. Mike was discovered by a Winnebago County resident along with a few other kittens; however, Mike was in the worst shape.

He had a badly infected eye and was underweight. After examining his eye, our veterinary team decided it best to perform an enucleation, removing the eye, during Mike’s neuter surgery. Once the infected eye was removed, Mike was quickly feeling much better. To further

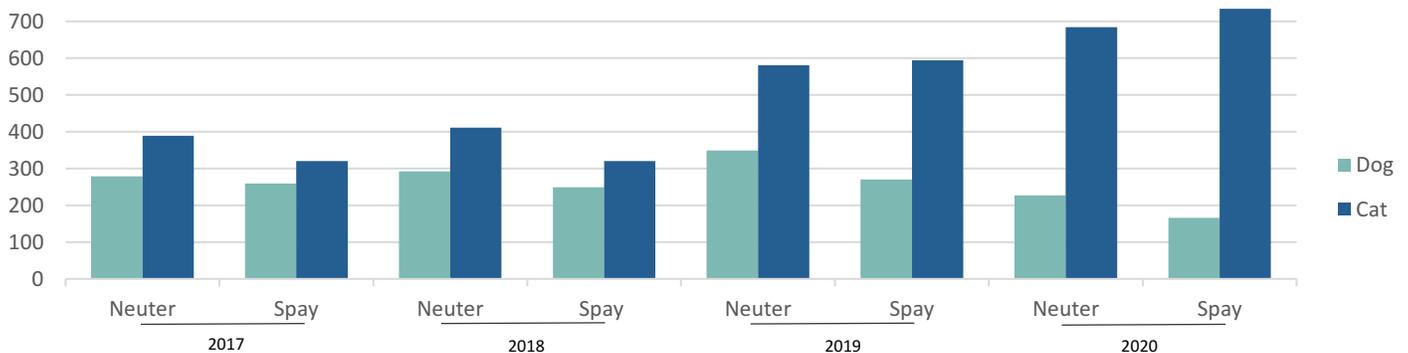
demonstrate the care and compassion our team shows on a daily basis, Mike and his friends were

even fostered by Dr. Bridget Holck, our shelter veterinarian who performed his surgery. Thanks to our veterinary team’s lifesaving work, Mike healed beautifully and was quickly adopted into his forever home.



“ Every one of the thousands of pets adopted from Animal Services leaves spayed or neutered, but many need veterinary care even beyond that. Our veterinary team does outstanding work providing care and treatment to thousands of patients each year. ”

Spay/Neuter Surgeries: Year Comparison



CREATING POSITIVE OUTCOMES for Community Cats

TNR Initiative

In early 2020, WCAS announced the launch of our TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) Initiative. Available to Winnebago County residents, this program allows for barn and/or feral cats to be trapped and transported to WCAS by community members, where they are same-day spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and ear-tipped at no cost to the resident. The resident then returns the cat back to their original territory.

TNR is a humane and effective method for managing feral and stray cat populations. Studies show that targeted TNR efforts result in significant reduction in feral cat populations. WCAS heard the requests of local rescue organizations and county residents, acknowledged the need for a TNR program on the county level, and developed and executed the initiative's implementation. In working with numerous TNR transporters and colony caretakers, WCAS is pleased to have altered and vaccinated dozens of cats through the TNR Initiative.

Trap • Neuter • Return



TRAP

The evening/morning prior to their appointment, feral cats are captured by community members using humane live traps.



NEUTER

Captured cats are brought to WCAS by the community member to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated, and picked up the same day.



RETURN

The recovered cats are returned and released into their original territory.



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I never thought I'd be doing all of this for stray cats! It all started with feeding kittens three years ago. I had learned how to make shelters for them, and then eventually, another dedicated TNR community advocate taught me how to trap and shared with me how I could get them fixed and receive vaccinations through WCAS' TNR Initiative. My heart is so happy and I'm so excited for them!

• TNR Transporter •

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Working Cat Adoption Program

GOT MICE? In March of 2020, WCAS started asking that question of interested adopters. We expanded our Adoption Program to not only include the obvious and easy adoption candidates, but to also include cats that may not be comfortable living in a traditional home and are better suited to an outdoor lifestyle.

The Working Cat Adoption Program is focused on cats that are under-socialized, feral or semi-feral, not incredibly fond of people, or are friendly but have behavioral concerns that make them less suited for traditional adoption.



WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Spay/Neuter
- Microchip
- Vaccinations (Rabies and FVRCP)
- Treated with basic dewormers and parasite prevention
- Ear-tipped (to signify their altered status)

WHAT THE WORKING CAT ADOPTER PROVIDES:

- Access to fresh food and water daily
- Shelter
- Veterinary care as needed
- A secure, dedicated space to allow the cat to acclimate to its new environment for 2 to 4 weeks.

“ *A life as a house cat isn't right for every cat. We don't think that feral or fearful cats should be euthanized simply because they are feral or fearful. Finding suitable homes for these cats is a little extra work, but it's part of what we do.* ”



In July, Kirstin Anderson reached out to WCAS expressing interest in adopting a working cat for her horse boarding facility and the timing couldn't have been more perfect. One of our young cats was an excellent fit for the program, and Kirstin was able to complete the adoption and pick her up the very next day. “We named her Nala. She loves attention, and when she hears a car pull up to the barn, she's right there to greet you at the door. She helps me get my horse in the pasture by climbing up my leg and laying on my shoulder like a parrot. She constantly chases bugs, hay, and anything that could possibly move. If you sit down, she instantly climbs up into your lap. If you have a zip up vest or hoodie on, she loves to be zipped up inside and will fall asleep in your sweatshirt no matter what you are doing.”

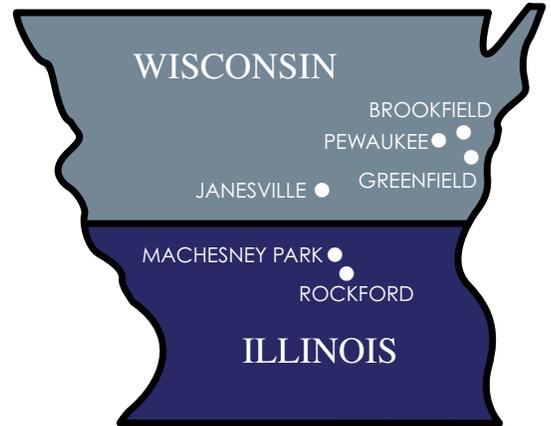
Working Cats fulfill a mutually beneficial need—a forever home with pet patrol job security. Most working cat adopters get the added benefit of feline friendship. The once fearful, unadoptable cats often become close companions to their human counterparts.

PETSMART ADOPTION Partnerships

There is power in partnership, and WCAS is certainly thankful for the powerful, life-saving partnerships we have with six PetSmart locations across northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. This is made possible through the PetSmart Charities In-Store Adoption Program, which focuses on connecting homeless pets with loving families and optimizing pet adoption awareness within the community. Cats who are showcased at PetSmart Adoption Centers have a far shorter length of stay and are adopted much more quickly than if they'd remained at our facility.

PETSMART PARTNER LOCATIONS

Rockford, IL • Machesney Park II • Janesville, WI
 Brookfield, WI • Greenfield, WI • Pewaukee, WI

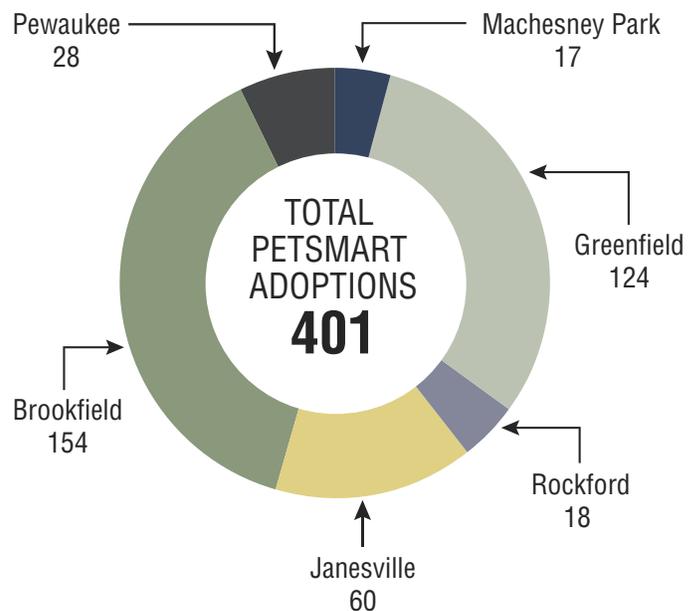


In 2020 we were especially thankful for our Milwaukee-area PetSmart locations, as they were the first to re-open their Adoption Center after the pandemic shutdown. They recognized the importance of their role in getting our cats and kittens into forever homes. We appreciate these locations making the homeless cats and kittens of Winnebago County a priority during such unprecedented times.

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Our PetSmart adoptions are truly a team effort and a really great example of partnership and working together. Our staff at Animal Services, wonderful volunteers, and PetSmart staff and management all coordinate to make hundreds of adoptions happen each year.

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**YOU'RE
Adopted!**



SPOTLIGHT on our dedicated Fosters, Volunteers, and Donors

Our foster base is filled with loyal and caring folks dedicated to providing in-need shelter animals with the most attentive care. These fosters allow WCAS to care for hundreds more disadvantaged pets than would otherwise be possible. In 2020, more than 40 foster families opened up their homes, fostering over 250 pets. These pets included nursing moms with neonate kittens, heartworm-positive animals, and pets with injuries or other medical conditions.



Kitten Foster Kit Project

Often times the need for a foster is urgent. In 2020, dozens of stray, motherless litters of kittens were brought to WCAS. In these instances, the need for a foster is critical, as these kittens are unable to survive on their own and require immediate care. In an effort to support the fosters who take in kittens and provide them with all of the information and supplies they would need while fostering, WCAS kicked off our Kitten Foster Kit project. The goal was to assemble 50+ ready-to-share kits, fully stocked with all of the kitten fostering essentials. To make this program a reality, we received donations of more than \$500, dozens of in-kind donations, and a \$2,500 grant from Maddie's Fund®.



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Foster Spotlight

TERRI WOODCOCK – Terri, a foster with WCAS for many years, is always willing to assist where needed. When we call Terri, she immediately asks how she can help. With the 2020 kitten season being particularly challenging, there was an instance where we found ourselves in immediate need of a bottle baby foster. Terri jumped right in, even though she'd never fostered a bottle baby before. Her kitten thrived thanks to Terri's around-the-clock care. Terri's willingness to help where needed is what makes our foster program succeed.



AMI ORAVA - Ami is a brand new foster whose assistance has been absolutely priceless this year. Although, we don't normally start a new foster with animals facing a medical issue, we knew we could trust her with an urgent case that arose soon after she joined the program. Two kittens were brought to WCAS with eye infections so bad that we were concerned we would not be able to save their eyes. However, Ami took these kittens into her home, provided them with the best of care, and brought them back to WCAS daily for our Veterinary Team to examine and treat. Both kittens made a full recovery and were adopted together. Ami has become one of our go-to fosters for tough cases, mom and kittens, and big litters. Thank you, Ami!



Thank You For Donating!

A huge thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who donated their time and resources in 2020! Your generosity, especially during such an uncertain year, is truly appreciated. Every donation received, from blankets, carriers and handcrafted cat hiding spaces to monetary donations, positively impacted our operations here at WCAS. We are so grateful!



Volunteer Spotlight



Terry has been a volunteer with Winnebago County Animal Service for more than six years, and his role is absolutely crucial to our animal care and adoption operations at WCAS. Terry volunteers every Monday and Wednesday without fail, giving his time aiding in the exercise, socialization, and training of the dogs in our care, all of which are incredibly important in maintaining their mental and physical health. “I don’t have any pets at home,” says Terry, “so, all of the dogs I take out and interact with while I’m at the shelter are family to me.”

In addition to working directly with dogs at the shelter, Terry works directly with interested adopters to find the best match for their home. “Terry really knows how to match adopters with their ideal pet. He’s honest and fair and truly wants the best for both the adopter and the pet,” says Amber Pinnon, Adoption and Volunteer Coordinator.

“ In 2020, there were 2,782 volunteer hours logged and 7,451 days of foster care provided! Apparently not even a global pandemic stop our fosters and volunteers from donating their time to help pets in need! ”





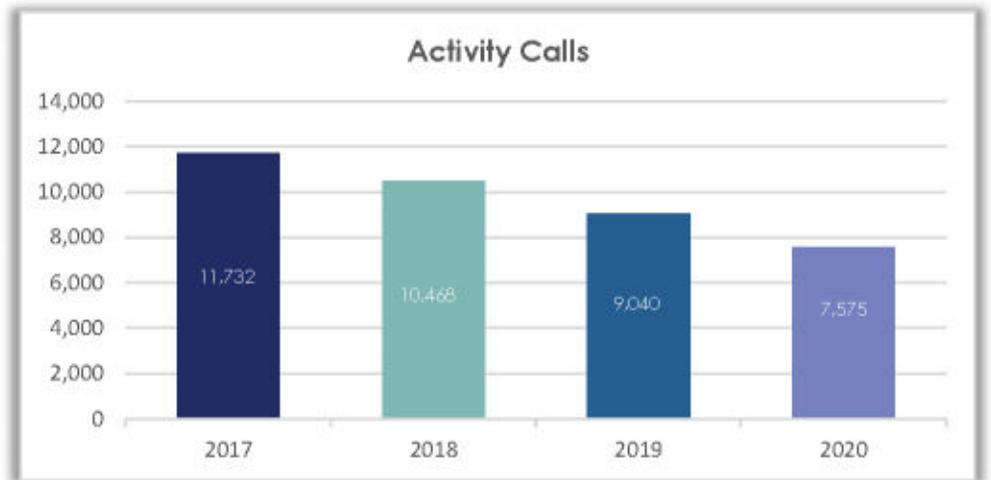
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Field Services

Activity Calls by Municipality - 2020

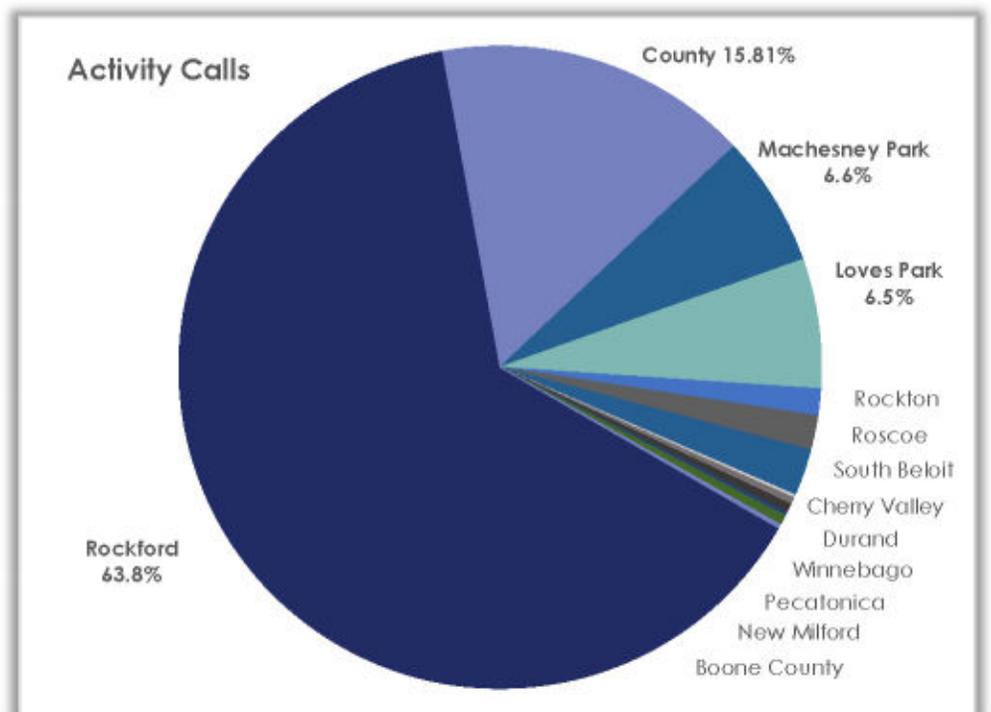
Municipality	2020
Rockford	4,833
County	1,198
Machesney Park	500
Loves Park	494
South Beloit	102
Roscoe	131
Rockton	179
Cherry Valley	37
Winnebago	34
Durand	11
Pecatonica	27
New Milford	15
Boone County	14
Total	7,575

Animal Services officers investigate animal related calls. Services include animal bite reports, animal welfare and cruelty checks, rabies control, stray animals, and emergency response for sick and injured stray animals. Officers also enforce all State of Illinois and local animal ordinances in Winnebago County, helping to keep pets and people safer. The COVID impact was more acutely felt in the months of March through May 2020 when COVID-19 related precautions were followed as recommendations of the National Animal Care & Control Association. During that three-month period, total calls were down 977 versus 2019.



Activity Calls by Municipality - 2020

Out of the over 7,500 activity calls that our Animal Services offers responded to, 63.8% of those calls were within the City of Rockford. Subsequently, 15.81% of those calls were to Winnebago County, 6.6% were in Machesney Park, and 6.5% to Loves Park.

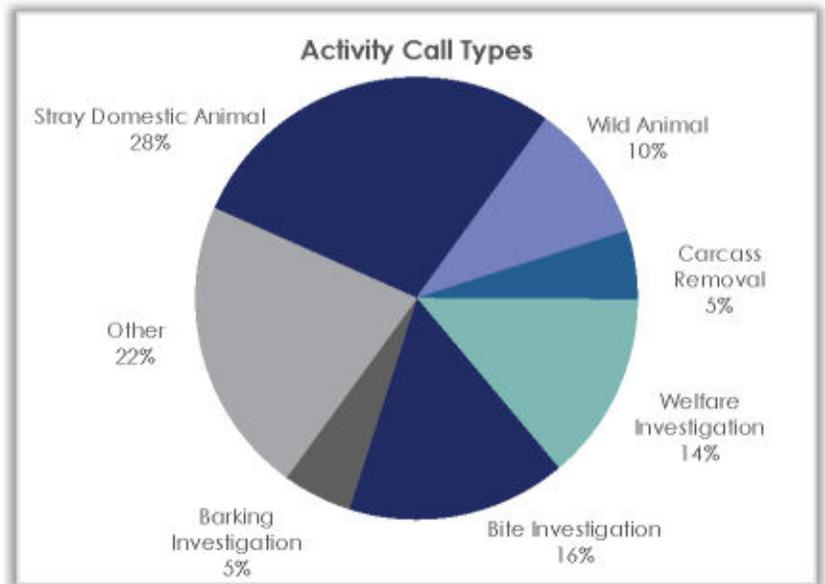


Officer Activity

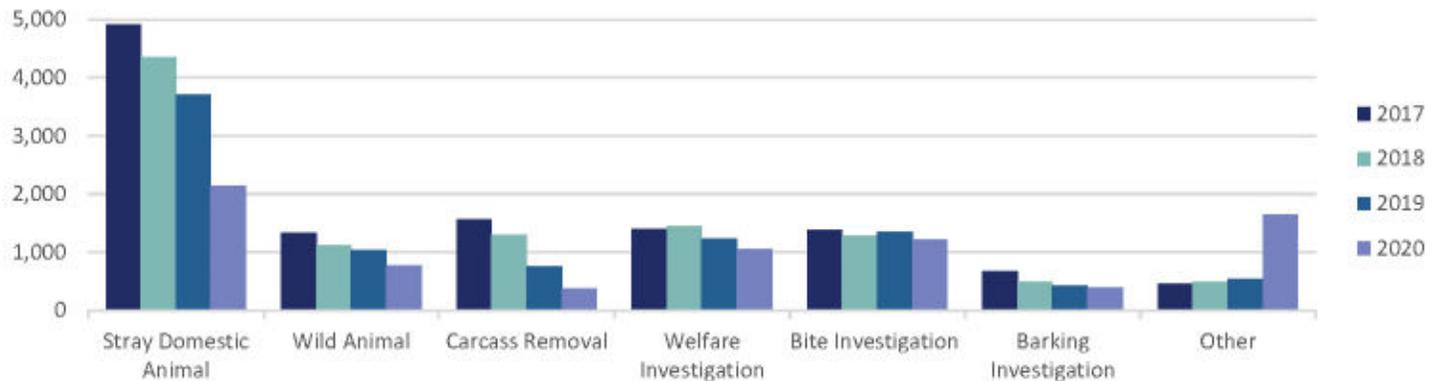
In 2020, Animal Services Officers handled over 7,500 calls. 28% of the calls were for a stray domestic animal, usually a dog running loose. Investigation for welfare, a bite, or barking made up 35% of calls. "Other" calls included other investigations (e.g. running at large, rabies vaccination/registration, animal fighting) and assisting other agencies (e.g. police, fire departments) or assisting animal owners.

Statistics for 2017-2020 are shown below. There was a significant decrease in the number of calls responded to by Animal Services Officers.

During the months of March through May, Animal Services followed COVID-19 related recommendations from the National Animal Care & Control Association and limited in-person officer responses to only emergency calls. Once the stay at home order was lifted on June 1, patrol and investigations resumed responding to all call types.



Activity Call Types: Year Comparison



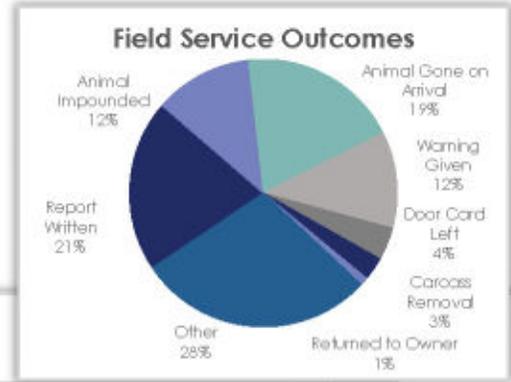
Activity Call Types	2017	2018	2019	2020
Stray Domestic Animal	4,916	4,355	3,713	2,143
Wild Animal	1,339	1,122	1,041	766
Carcass Removal	1,564	1,296	749	381
Welfare Investigation	1,405	1,449	1,232	1,047
Bite Investigation	1,381	1,280	1,349	1,213
Barking Investigation	665	483	421	385
Other	462	483	535	1,640
Total	11,732	10,468	9,040	7,575

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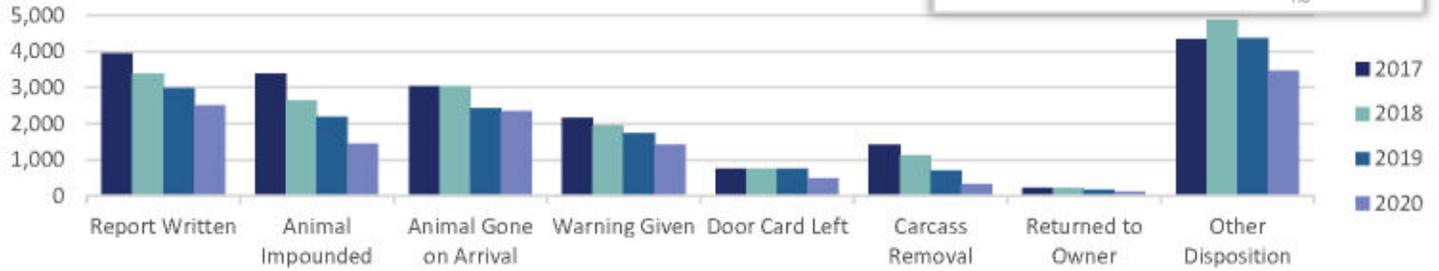
ANIMAL SERVICES

Field Service Outcomes

Officers responded to 7,575 calls in 2020. There are more outcomes than calls because more than one outcome was recorded for some calls. For example, if an officer impounded a stray dog and left a written warning for the owner, both outcomes, were recorded. The most common outcomes are listed below (except for citations, which are described in the following section). Warnings include both verbal and written. Other outcomes not specifically listed include: animal returned to owner, no service needed, unable to catch animal, owner or complainant not home, wild animal relocated, trap set/checked/picked up, and full compliance.



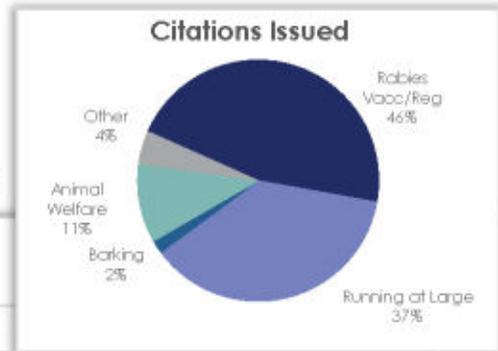
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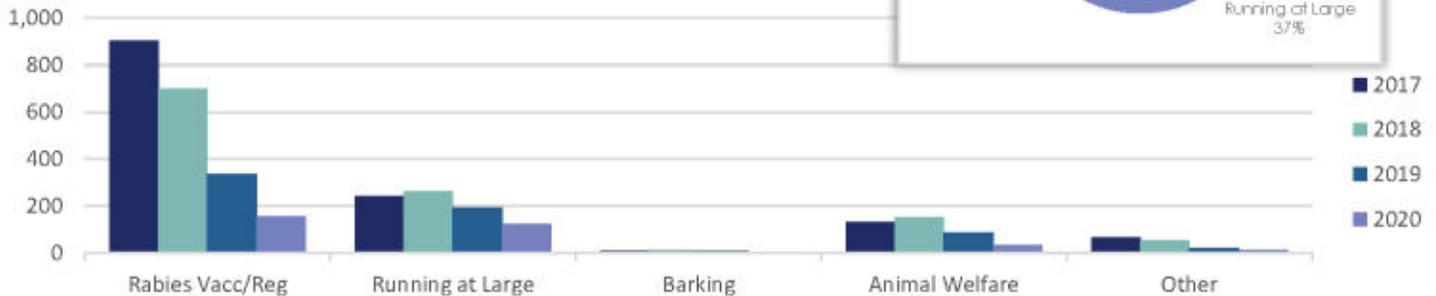
Field Service Outcomes	2017	2018	2019	2020
Report Written	3,953	3,382	2,989	2,513
Animal Impounded	3,365	2,642	2,178	1,436
Animal Gone on Arrival	3,038	3,041	2,436	2,343
Warning Given	2,154	1,940	1,720	1,406
Door Card Left	749	750	742	478
Carcass Removal	1,420	1,122	704	340
Returned to Owner	218	225	166	117
Other Disposition	4,346	4,861	4,363	3,456
Total	19,243	17,963	15,298	12,089

Citations Issued

Officers issued 340 citations in 2020, both in the field and at the shelter. Of those, 157 were for rabies vaccination/registration or Code Hearing Unit "Notice of Animal Violation." The other 183 were "Notice to Appear" citations. The majority of those citations were for a dog running at large (126). Animal Welfare (36) includes Owner's Duties, Animal Cruelty, Aggravated Animal Cruelty and Confinement to Motor Vehicle.



Citations Issued: Year Comparison



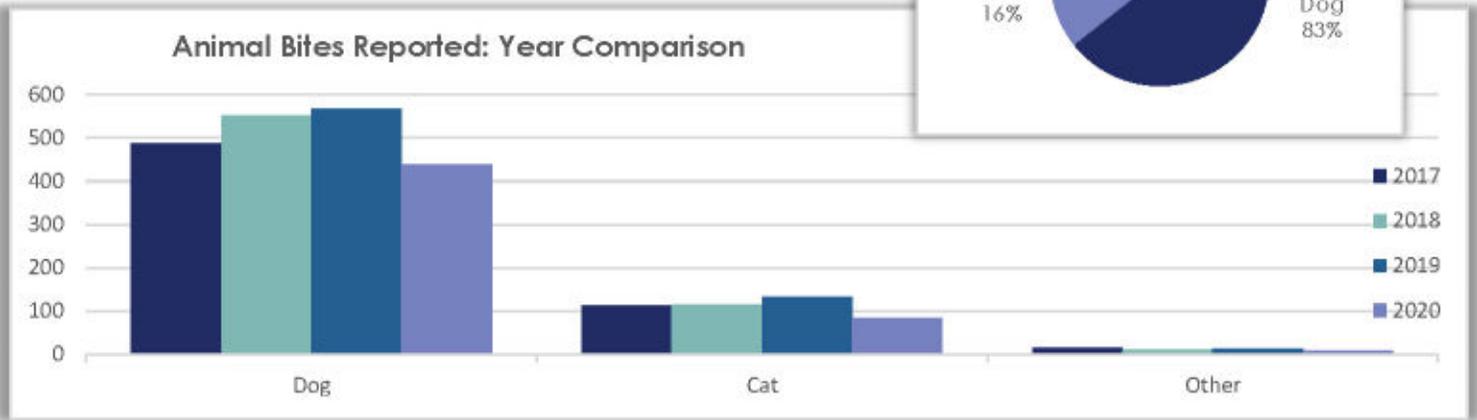
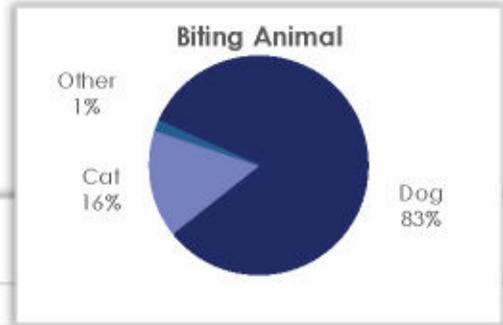
Citations Issued	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rabies Vacc/Reg	905	700	337	157
Running at Large	242	263	195	126
Barking	10	15	9	6
Animal Welfare	134	154	86	36
Other	68	56	21	15
Total	1,359	1,188	648	340

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Animal Bites

In 2020, there were 541 animal bites reported to Animal Services. The majority (83%) of the bites were from dogs, with 16% reported from cats. Bites were also reported for 8 other small mammals (1% of bites)

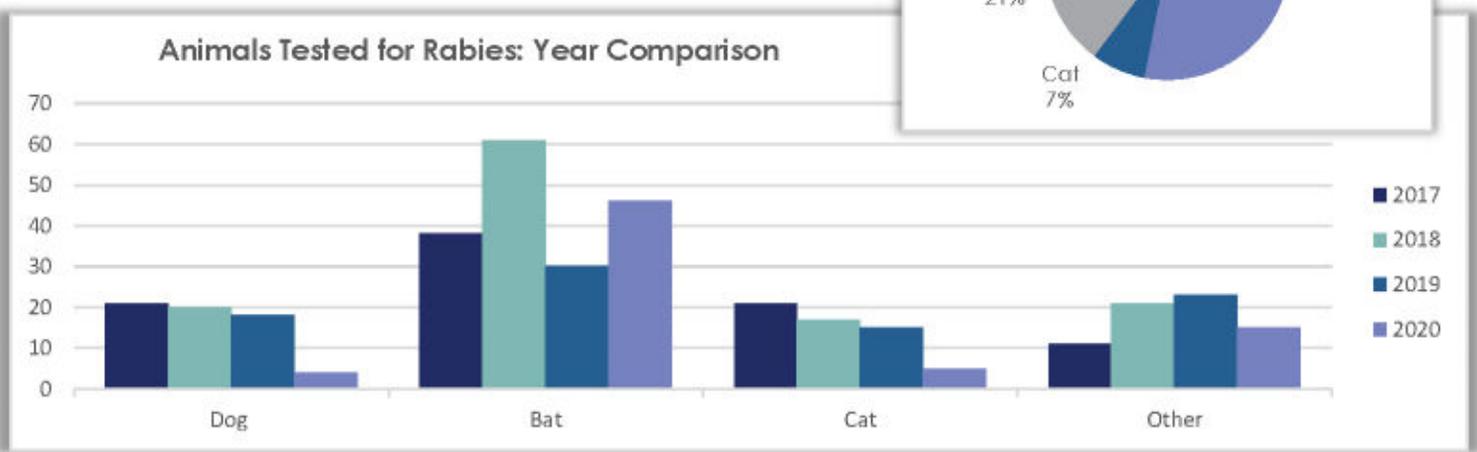
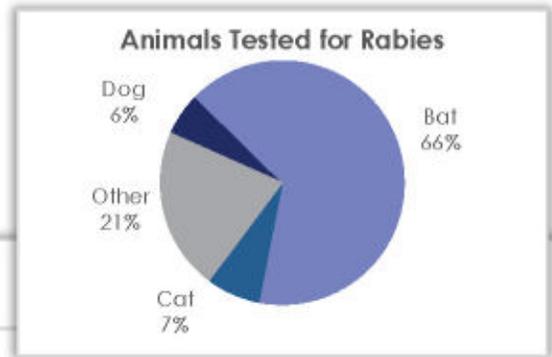


Animal Bites	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dog	448	551	568	439
Cat	112	114	133	94
Other	15	11	13	8
Total	615	676	714	541

Animal Rabies Testing

There were 70 animals sent to an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) lab and the University of Illinois for rabies testing. The animals tested were dogs (4), bats (46), cats (5) and (15) other small mammals.

Reasons for testing include a human bitten by an animal, a domestic animal exposure to a wild animal, or a human possibly exposed to a wild animal (primarily bats in homes).



Animals Tested for Rabies	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dog	21	20	18	4
Bat	38	61	30	46
Cat	21	17	15	5
Other	11	21	23	15
Total	91	119	86	70

Shelter and Adoption Services

Kennel Visitors

Like most businesses, overall foot traffic was significantly reduced in 2020. Sign-in records show that over 8,000 people visited the shelter kennel areas in 2020. Most of the visitors indicated they were looking for a pet to adopt or trying to find their missing pet.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Visits	13,500+	12,000+	11,150+	8,150+

Pet Registrations

In 2020, there were 51,820 tags sold within Winnebago County. 25% of the registrations were for cats and 75% were for dogs. Registrations were done at the shelter or area veterinary clinics.

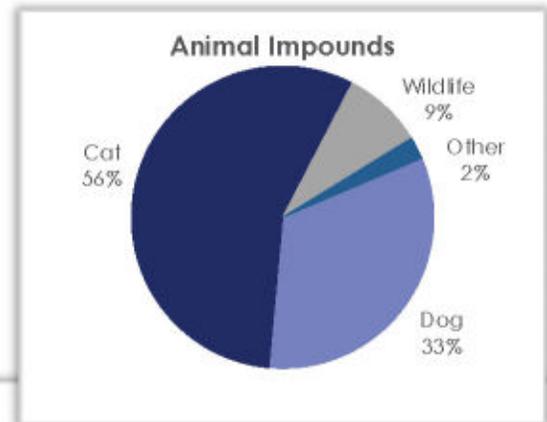
Registrations were actually up in 2020 with 2,756 more registration tags sold in 2020 than the year prior. Winnebago County pet owners are required to vaccinate and register all owned cats and dogs and in 2020 there were 1,390 more cats and 1,366 more dogs vaccinated and registered.



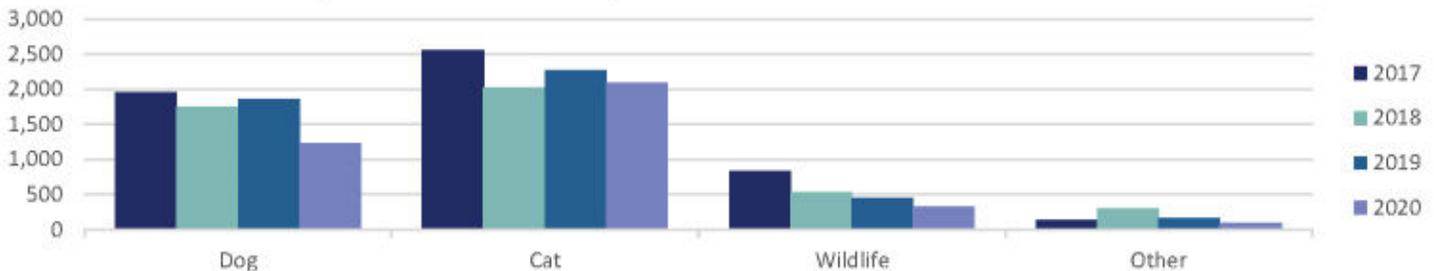
Animals Impounded

During 2020, 3,717 animals were impounded. Of the 3,717 animals impounded, 33% were dogs, 56% cats, and 9% were wildlife. Other impounds (3%) were other pets, primarily guinea pigs, domestic rabbits and birds.

The months of March through May while following COVID-19 related recommendations of the National Animal Care & Control Association, Animal Services saw 310 fewer dogs and 278 fewer cats than during the same period in 2019.



Live Animals Impounded: Year Comparison



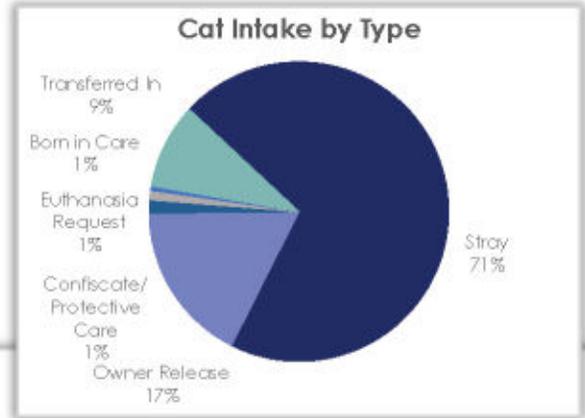
Species	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dog	1,958	1,755	1,861	1,221
Cat	2,562	2,026	2,143	2,087
Wildlife	831	538	449	320
Other	138	303	159	89
Total	5,489	4,622	4,612	3,717

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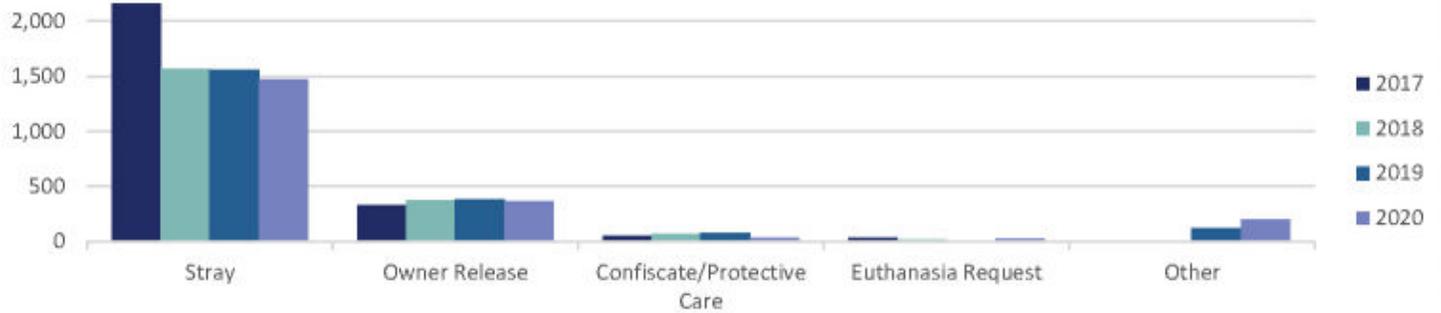
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Cat Intake by Type

Intake Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Stray	2,158	1,566	1,561	1,471
Owner Release	325	374	382	363
Confiscate/Protective Care	47	71	75	30
Euthanasia Request	32	15	9	21
Born in Care	-	-	18	10
Transferred In	-	-	98	192
Total	2,562	2,026	2,143	2,087

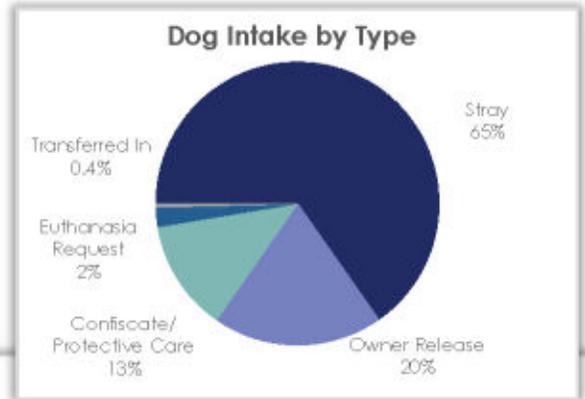


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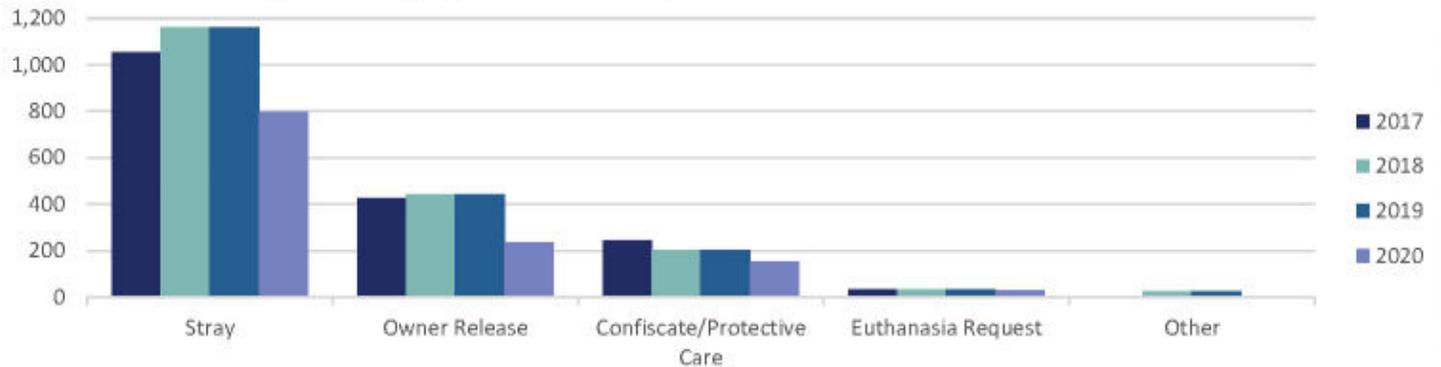


Dog Intake by Type

Intake Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Stray	1,206	1,052	1,161	797
Owner Release	461	425	441	237
Confiscate/Protective Care	253	224	204	155
Euthanasia Request	38	34	32	27
Born in Care	-	-	19	0
Transferred In	-	-	4	5
Total	1,958	1,755	1,861	1,221



Dog Intake by Type: Year Comparison

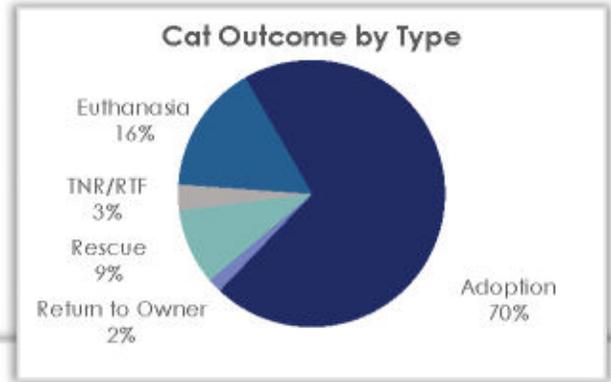


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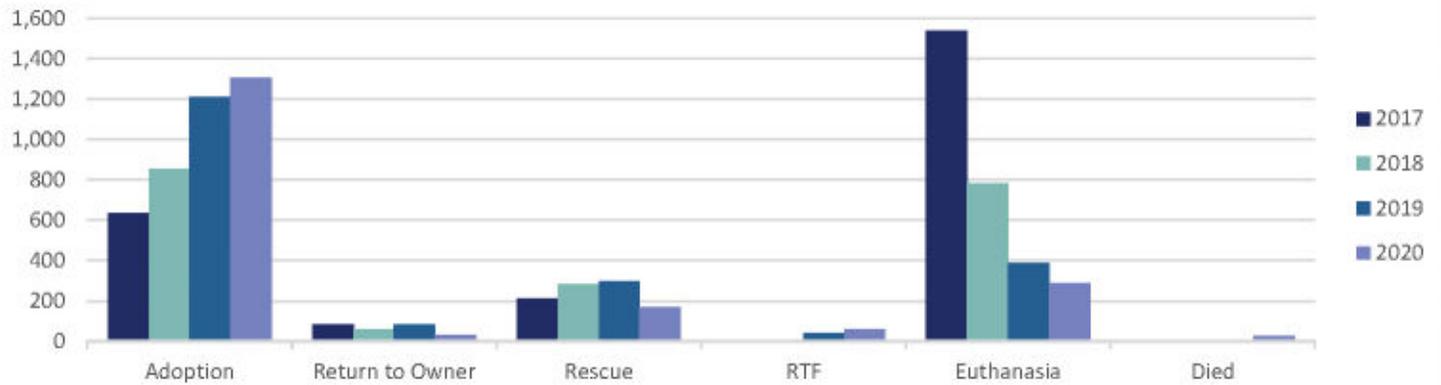
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Cat Outcome by Type

Outcome Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adoption	633	856	1,211	1,304
Return to Owner	85	58	83	32
Rescue	211	283	295	170
RTF	-	-	41	58
Euthanasia	1,540	784	388	287
Died	-	-	-	28
Total	2,759	1,981	2,018	1,879

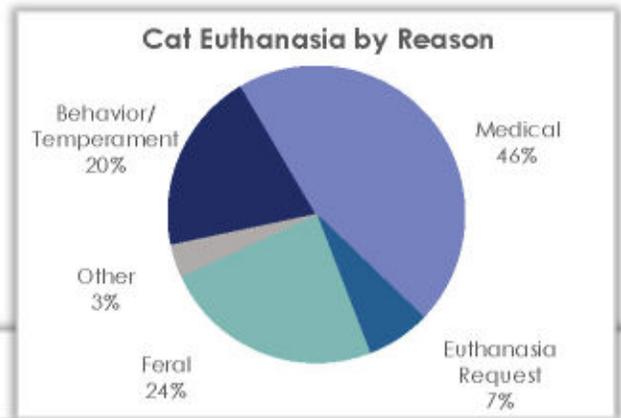


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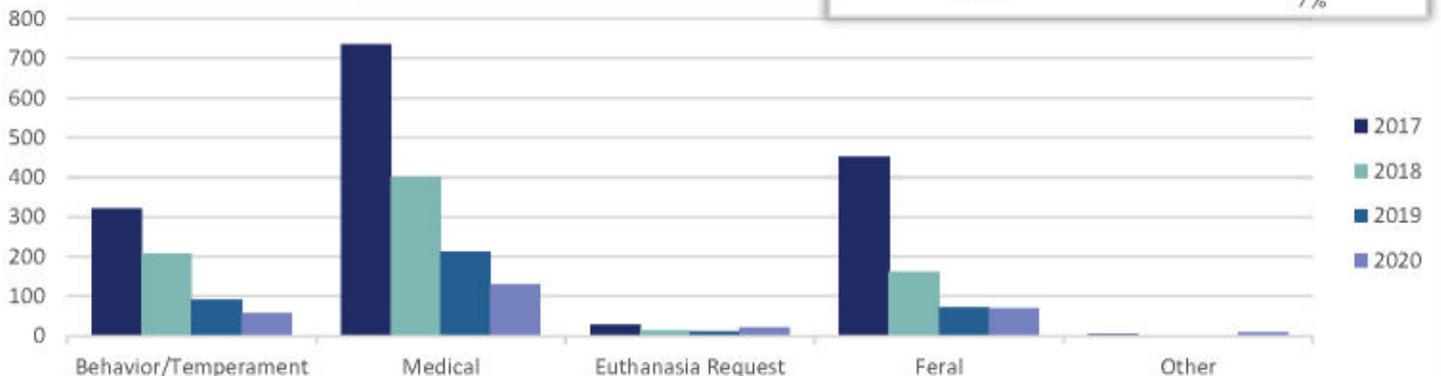


Cat Euthanasia Reason

Euthanasia Reason	2017	2018	2019	2020
Behavior/Temperament	320	206	92	57
Medical	735	401	213	131
Euthanasia Request	28	14	12	20
Feral	453	161	71	69
Other	4	2	0	10
Total	1,540	784	388	287



Cat Euthanasia by Reason: Year Comparison

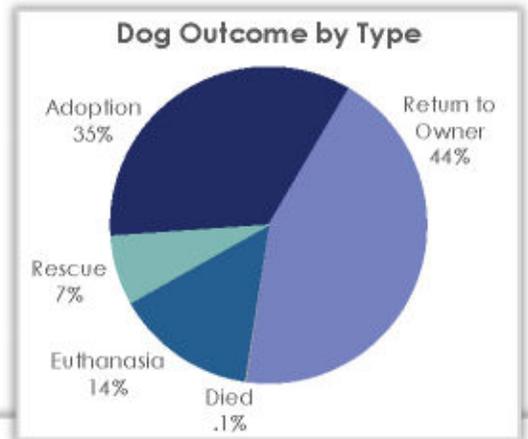


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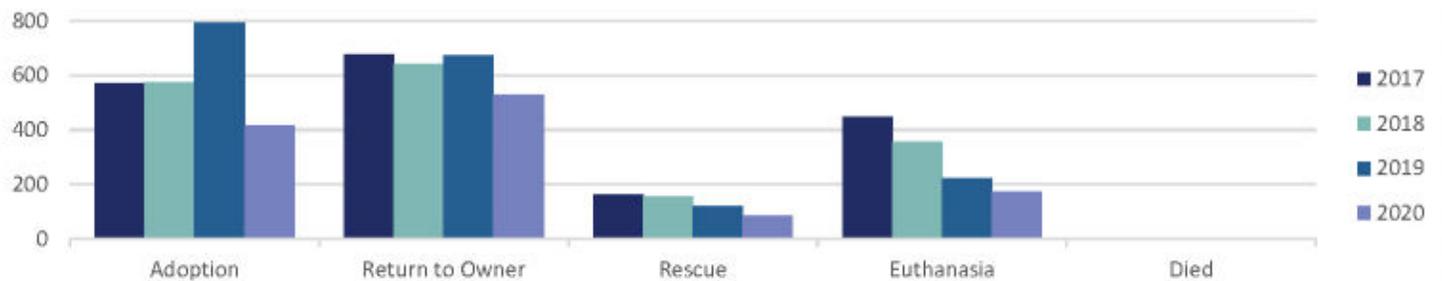
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Dog Outcome by Type

Outcome Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adoption	571	576	792	416
Return to Owner	677	643	674	527
Rescue	160	156	121	85
Euthanasia	446	356	223	173
Died	-	-	-	2
Total	1,854	1,731	1,810	1,203

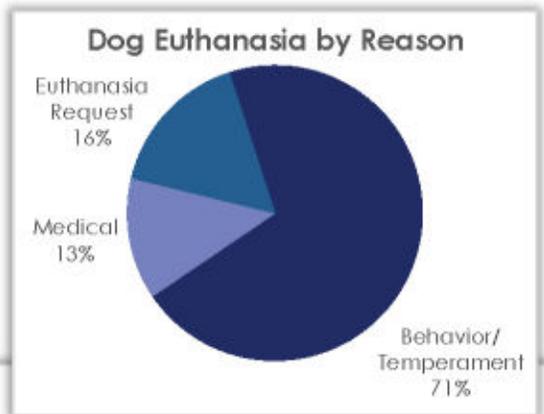


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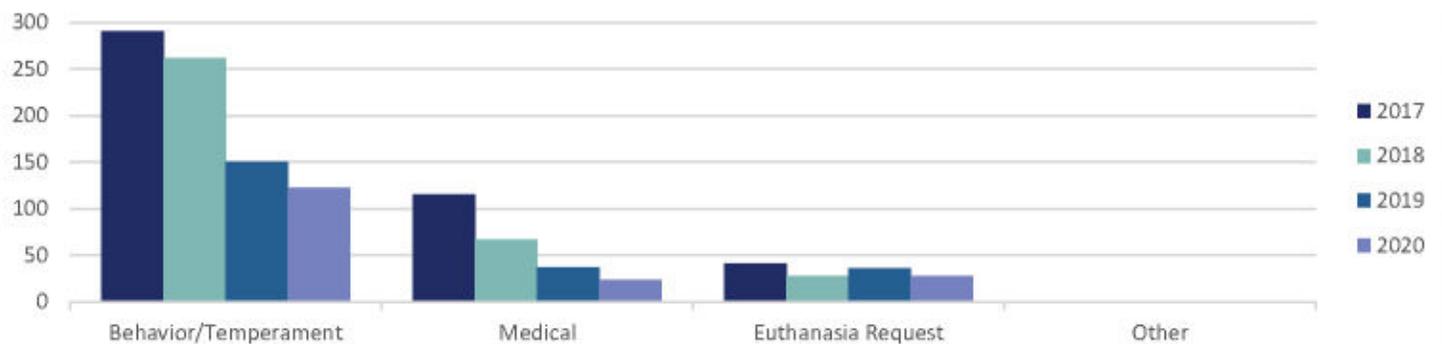


Dog Euthanasia Reason

Euthanasia Reasons	2017	2018	2019	2020
Behavior/Temperament	290	261	150	122
Medical	115	67	37	23
Euthanasia Request	41	28	36	28
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	446	356	223	173

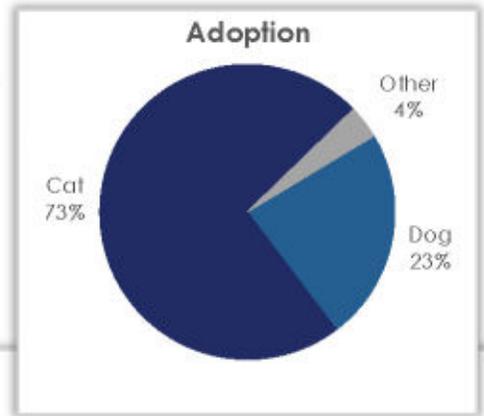


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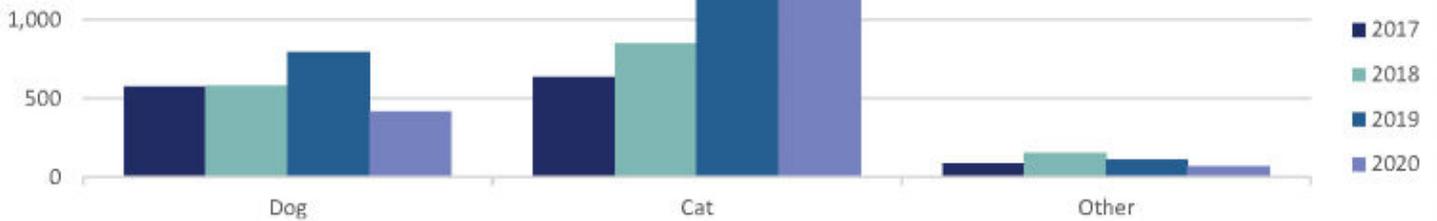


Adoption by Species

During 2020, 1,785 animals were adopted. Of the 1,785 animals adopted, 73% were cats and 23% were dogs, which is a shift from 2019 where 57% of adoptions were cats and 38% dogs. Other adopted animals (4%) included guinea pigs, fish, domestic rabbits, ferrets, and lizards. In March through May 2020, adoptions were significantly affected by COVID-19 related precautions. During that period of time compared to 2019, 197 fewer adoptions were completed (115 fewer dogs and 82 fewer cats).



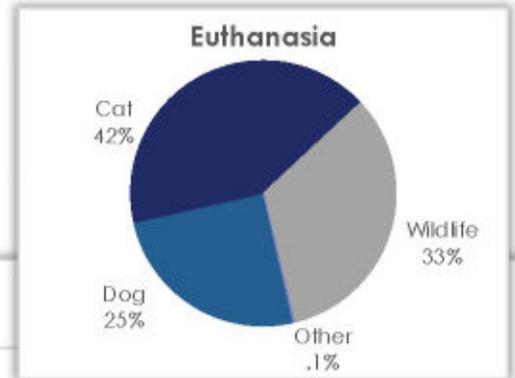
Adoption by Species: Year Comparison



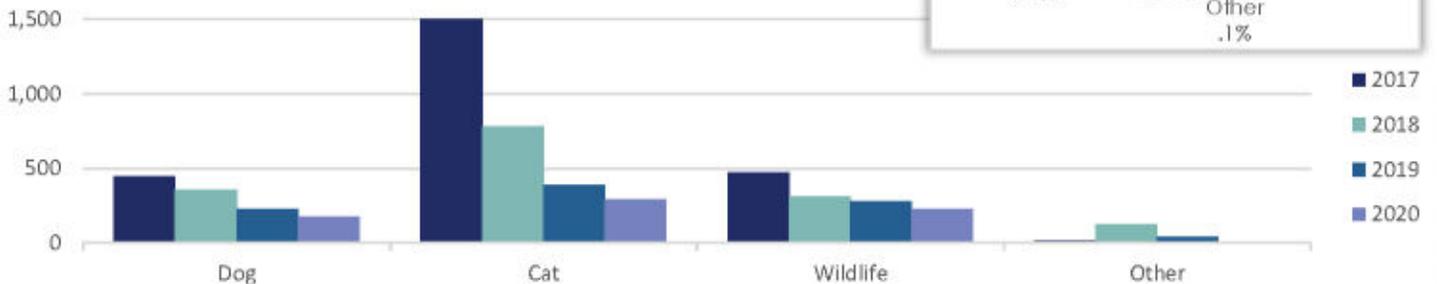
Species	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dog	571	577	792	416
Cat	634	844	1,211	1,304
Other	84	152	107	65
Total	1,289	1,573	2,110	1,785

Euthanasia by Species

During 2020, 690 animals were euthanized, which is a significant decrease compared to the 926 euthanasias performed in 2019 and the 1,577 performed in 2018. Of the 690 animals euthanized 42% were cats, 33% were wildlife, and 25% were dogs. Other euthanasia (.1%) consisted of one guinea pig.



Euthanasia by Species: Year Comparison



Species	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dog	446	356	223	173
Cat	1,539	784	388	287
Wildlife	474	312	277	229
Other	17	125	38	1
Total	2,476	1,577	926	690

Veterinary Operations

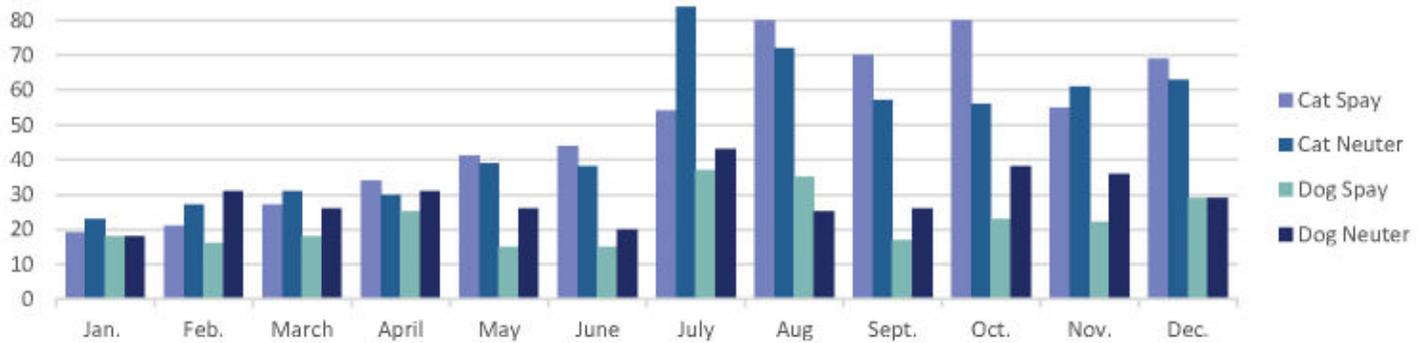
Spay/Neuter Surgeries – 2020 Totals

	Dog	Cat	
Spay	166	734	900
Neuter	227	684	911
Total	393	1,418	1,811

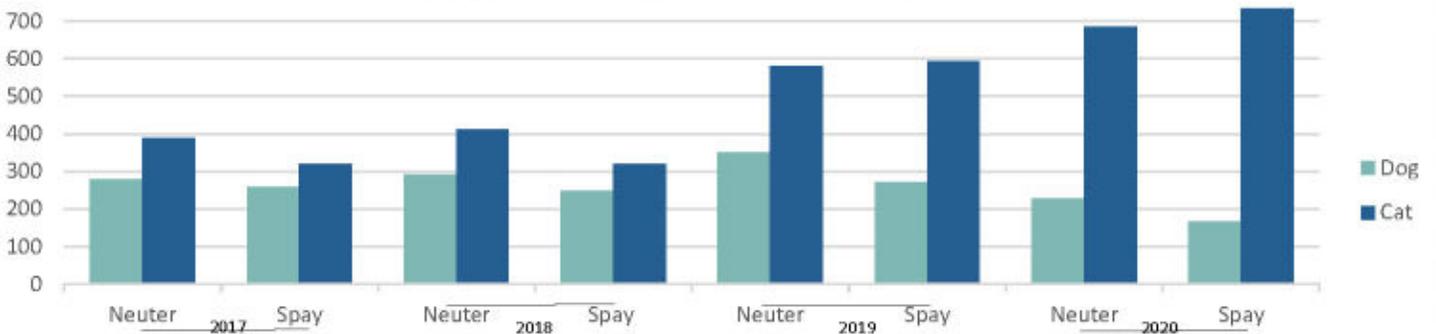
There were 1,811 animals spayed or neutered in the shelter's surgical suite in 2020. Of the total spay/neuter surgeries, 393 were dogs and 1,418 were cats. Any dog or cat that is adopted or sent to a licensed rescue is spayed or neutered prior to leaving Animal Services. There were 58 other surgeries performed in the suite in 2020, compared to 51 other surgeries in 2019.

In late 2019, WCAS started Trap-Neuter-Return and Return-to-Field initiatives where a select number of spay and neuter surgery spots are set aside for TNR appointments as part of an overall community effort. Since beginning this initiative, WCAS has provided TNR and RTF spay/neuter services for a total of 301 community cats, 251 of which were provided in 2020.

2020 Spay/Neuter Surgeries - Monthly Surgery Trend



Spay/Neuter Surgeries: Year Comparison



Dog Surgery	2017	2018	2019	2020
Neuter	279	292	349	227
Spay	259	249	270	166
Total	538	541	619	393

Cat Surgery	2017	2018	2019	2020
Neuter	411	389	581	684
Spay	421	320	594	734
Total	832	709	1,175	1418

A close-up photograph of a happy dog, likely a pit bull mix, with its tongue hanging out. The dog has white fur with brown patches on its ears and face. It is wearing a colorful, patterned collar. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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