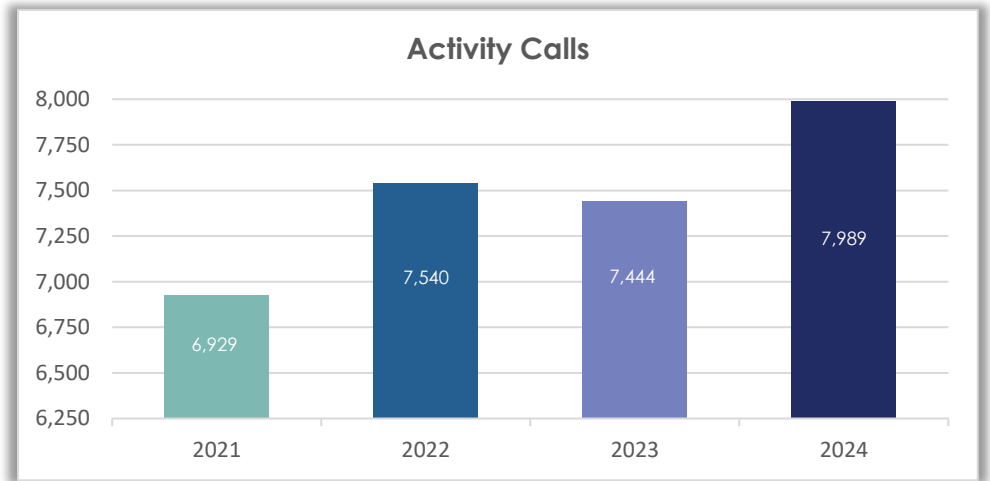


Field Services

Activity Calls by Municipality - 2024

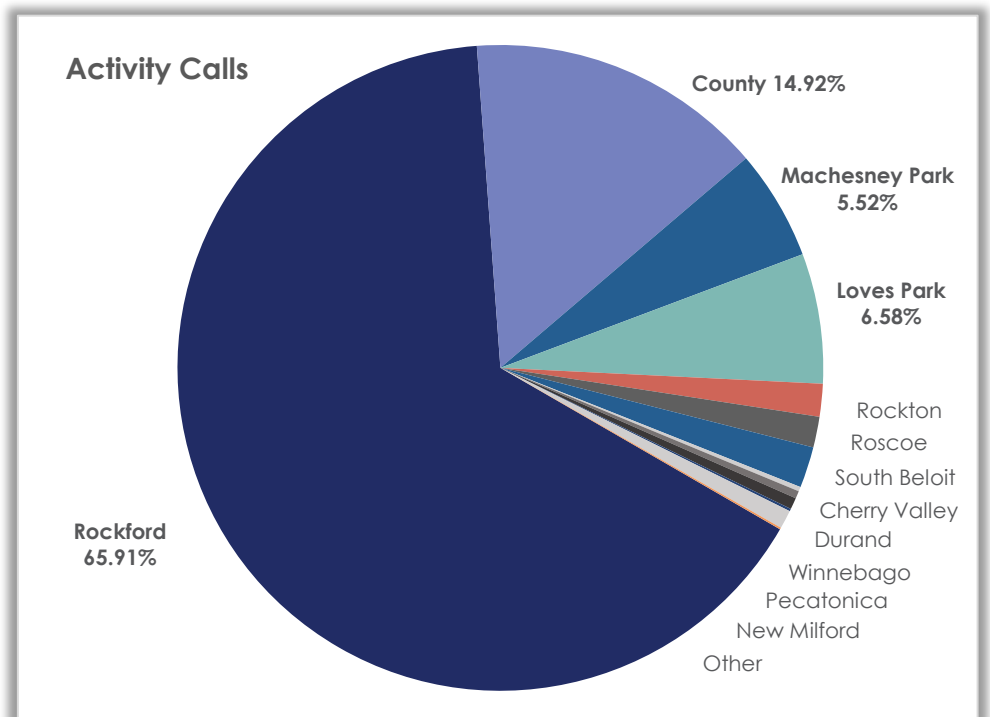
Municipality	2024
Rockford	5,233
County	1,192
Machesney Park	441
Loves Park	520
Rockton	131
Roscoe	123
South Beloit	164
Durand	18
Pecatonica	30
Winnebago	46
New Milford	10
Cherry Valley	74
Boone County	0
Other	7
Total	7,989

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.



Activity Calls by Municipality - 2024

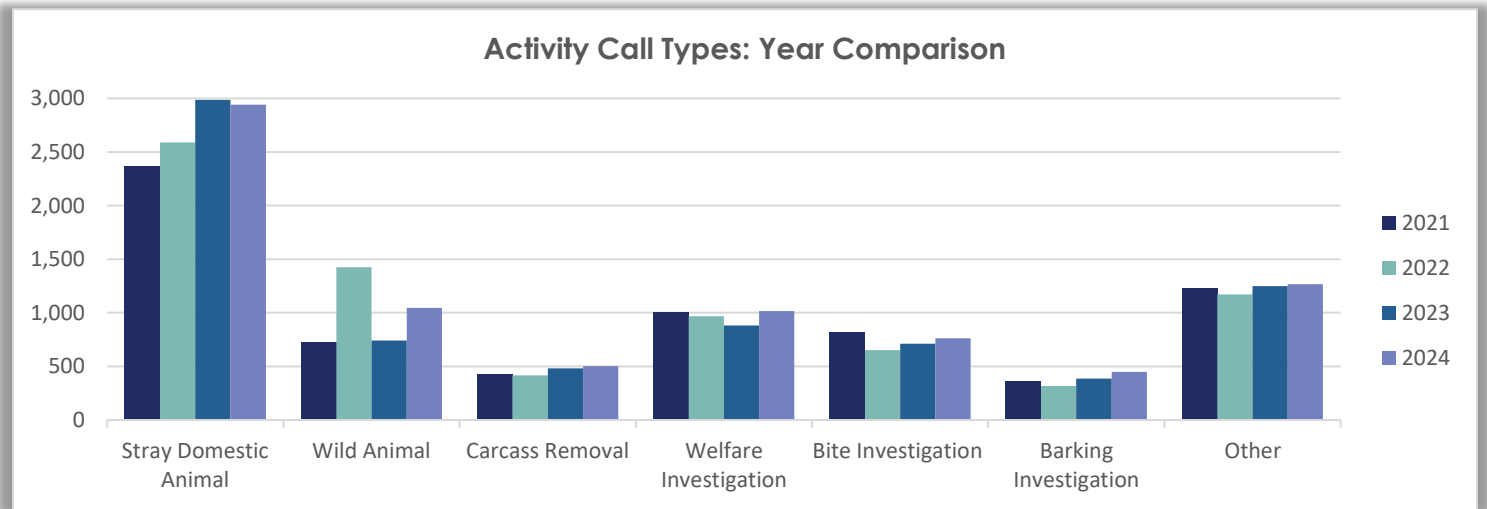
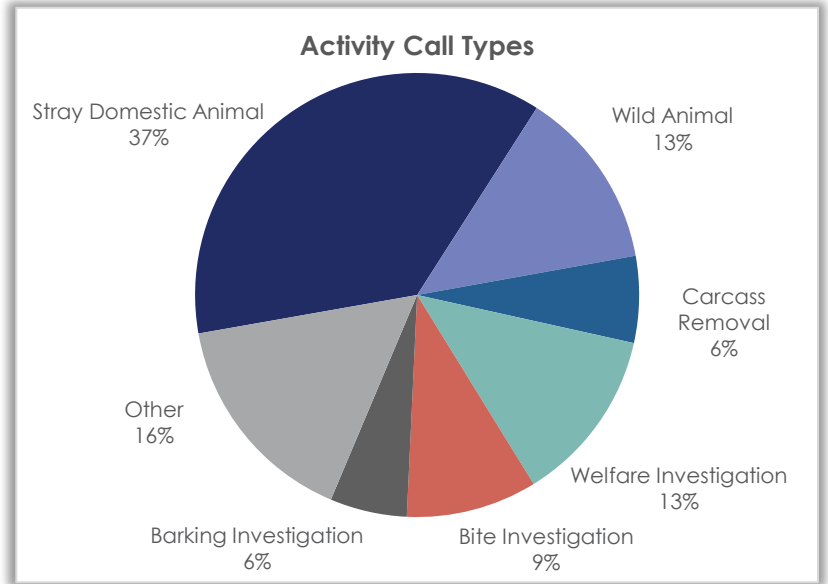
Out of the over 7,900 activity calls that our Animal Services officers responded to, 65.91% of those calls were within the City of Rockford. Subsequently, 14.92% of those calls were to Winnebago County, 5.52% were in Machesney Park, and 6.58% to Loves Park.



Officer Activity

In 2024, Animal Services Officers handled over 7,900 calls. 37% of the calls were for a stray domestic animal, usually a dog running loose. Investigation for welfare, a bite, or barking made up 33% 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.

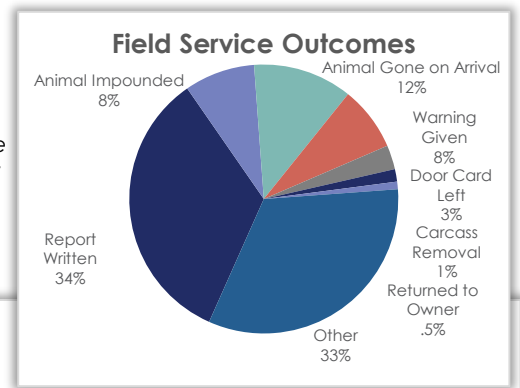
Statistics for 2021-2024 are shown below.



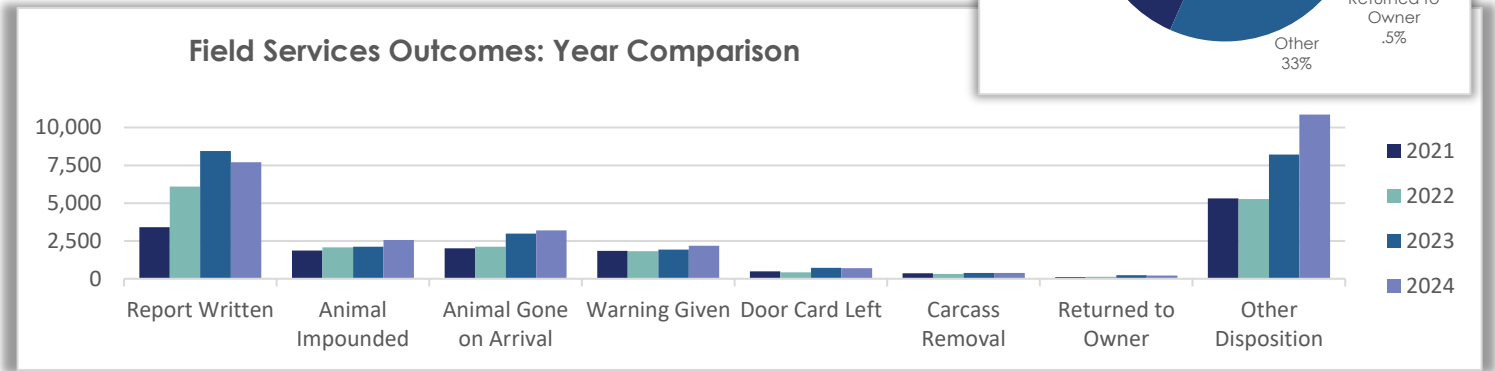
Activity Call Types	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stray Domestic Animal	2,367	2,590	2,987	2,943
Wild Animal	724	1,426	743	1,047
Carcass Removal	424	416	483	504
Welfare Investigation	1,006	967	882	1,017
Bite Investigation	820	653	712	762
Barking Investigation	358	318	387	448
Other	1,230	1,170	1,250	1,268
Total	6,929	7,540	7,444	7,989

Field Service Outcomes

Officers responded to 7,989 calls in 2024. 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 for the call. 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: made contact, no service needed, unable to catch animal, owner or complainant not home, wild animal relocated, trap set/checked/picked up, and full compliance.



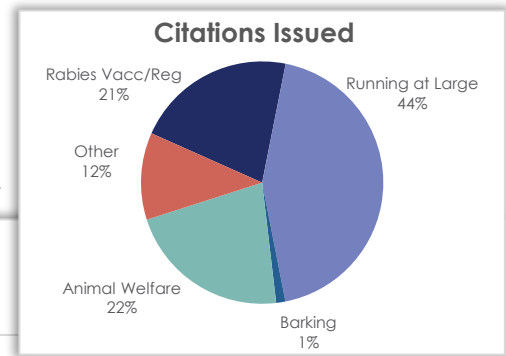
Field Services Outcomes: Year Comparison



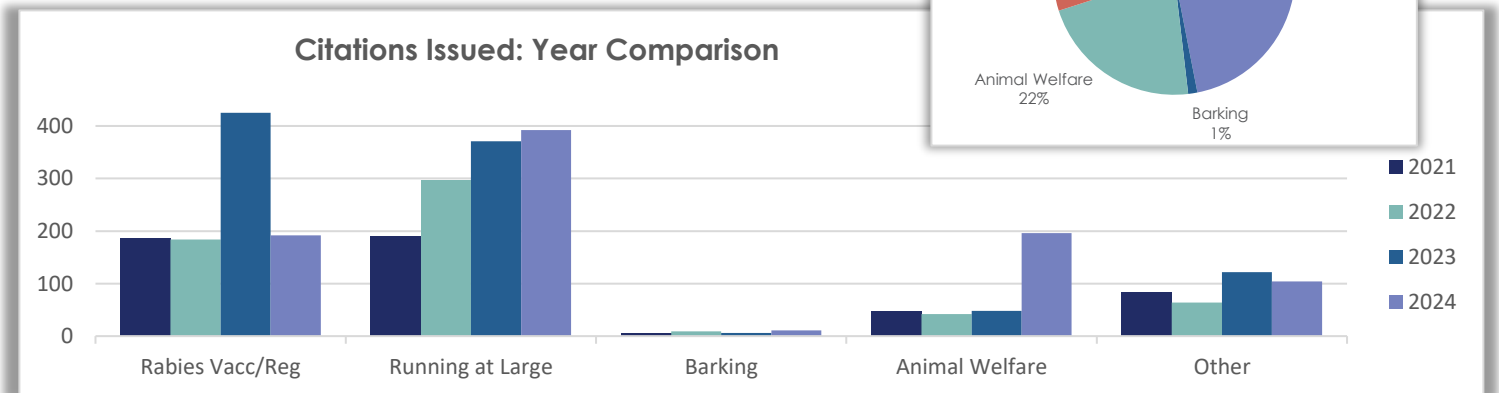
Field Service Outcomes	2021	2022	2023	2024
Report Written	3,409	6,093	8,435	7,700
Animal Impounded	1,863	2,069	2,126	2,556
Animal Gone on Arrival	2,005	2,118	2,988	3,201
Warning Given	1,840	1,820	1,939	2,186
Door Card Left	498	426	728	704
Carcass Removal	357	312	376	392
Returned to Owner	106	124	228	208
Other Disposition	5,321	5,275	8,219	10,847
Total	15,399	18,237	25,039	27,794

Citations Issued

Officers issued 895 citations in 2024, both in the field and at the shelter. Of those, 192 were for rabies vaccination/registration or Code Hearing Unit "Notice of Animal Violation." The other 703 were "Notice to Appear" citations. The majority of those citations were for a dog running at large (392). Animal Welfare (196) includes Owner's Duties, Animal Cruelty, Aggravated Animal Cruelty and Confinement to Motor Vehicle.



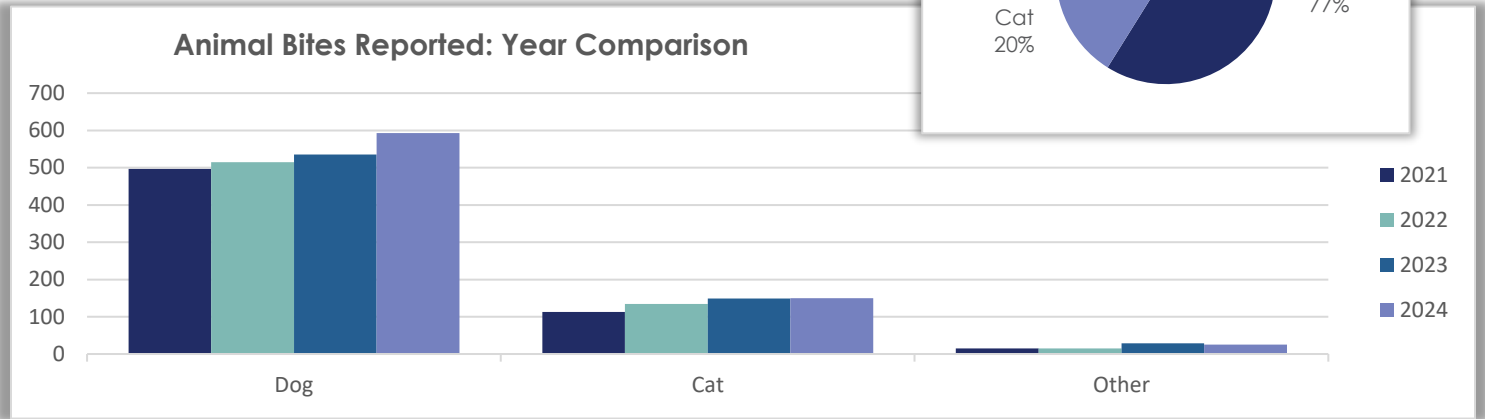
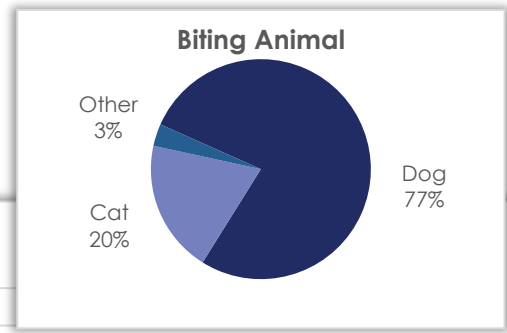
Citations Issued: Year Comparison



Citations Issued	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rabies Vacc/Reg	186	184	425	192
Running at Large	189	297	371	392
Barking	5	9	6	11
Animal Welfare	48	42	48	196
Other	84	64	122	104
Total	512	596	972	895

Animal Bites

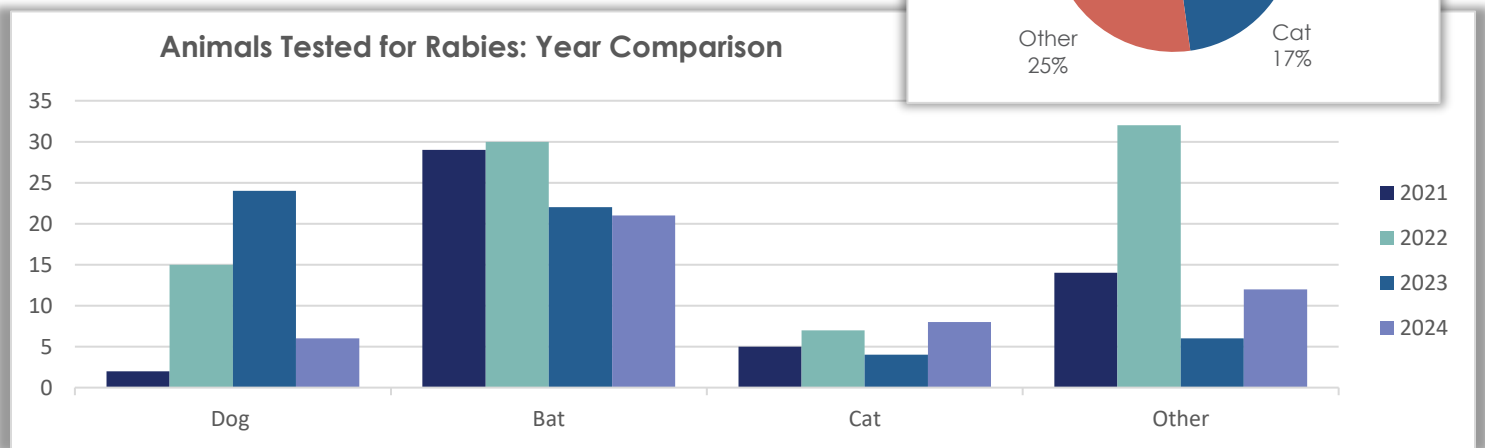
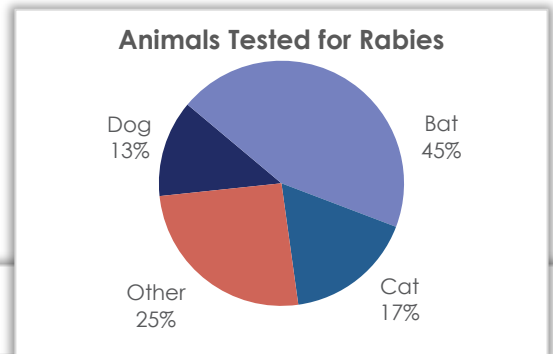
In 2024, there were 768 animal bites reported to Animal Services. The majority (77%) of the bites were from dogs, with 20% reported from cats. Bites were also reported for 25 other small mammals (3% of bites).



Animal Bites	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	497	515	535	593
Cat	113	134	149	150
Other	15	15	29	25
Total	625	664	713	768

Animal Rabies Testing

There were 47 animals sent to an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) lab and the University of Illinois for rabies testing. The animals tested were dogs (6), bats (21), cats (8) and (12) 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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	2	15	24	6
Bat	29	30	22	21
Cat	5	7	4	8
Other	14	32	6	12
Total	50	84	56	47

Shelter and Adoption Services

Kennel Visitors

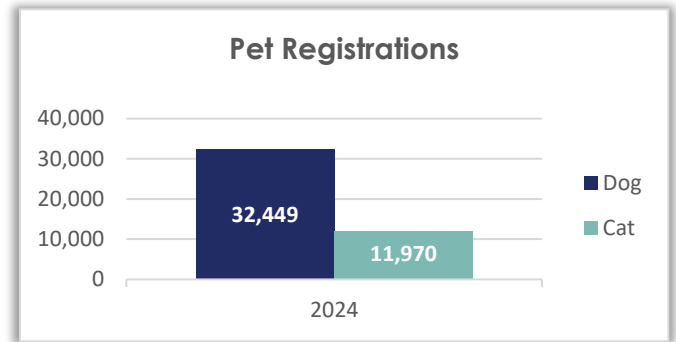
Sign-in records show that over 5,854 people visited the shelter kennel areas in 2024. Most of the visitors indicated they were looking for a pet to adopt or trying to find their missing pet.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Visits	11,600+	9,100+	9,100+	5,800+

Pet Registrations

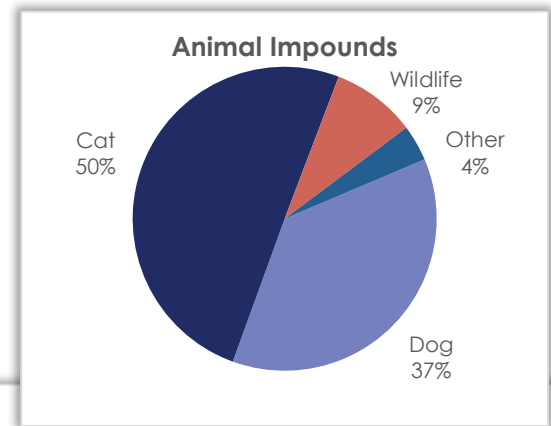
In 2024, there were 44,419 tags sold within Winnebago County. 27% of the registrations were for cats and 73% were for dogs. Registrations were done at the shelter or area veterinary clinics.

Winnebago County pet owners are required to vaccinate and register all owned cats and dogs.

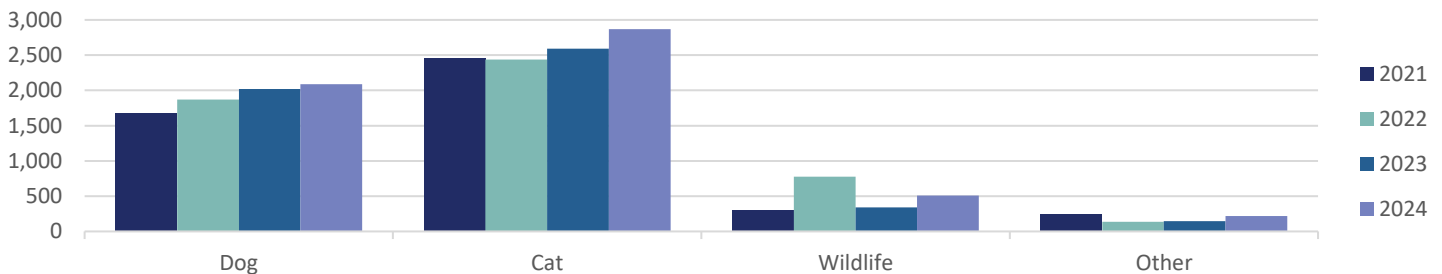


Animals Impounded

During 2024, 5,683 animals were impounded. Of the 5,683 animals impounded, 37% were dogs, 50% cats, and 9% were wildlife. Other impounds (4%) were other pets, primarily rats, guinea pigs, domestic rabbits, and chickens.



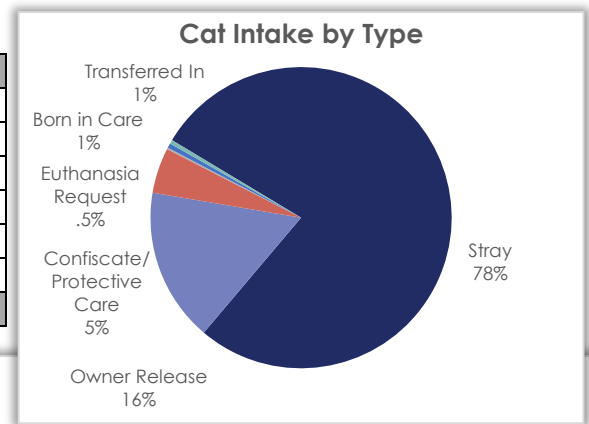
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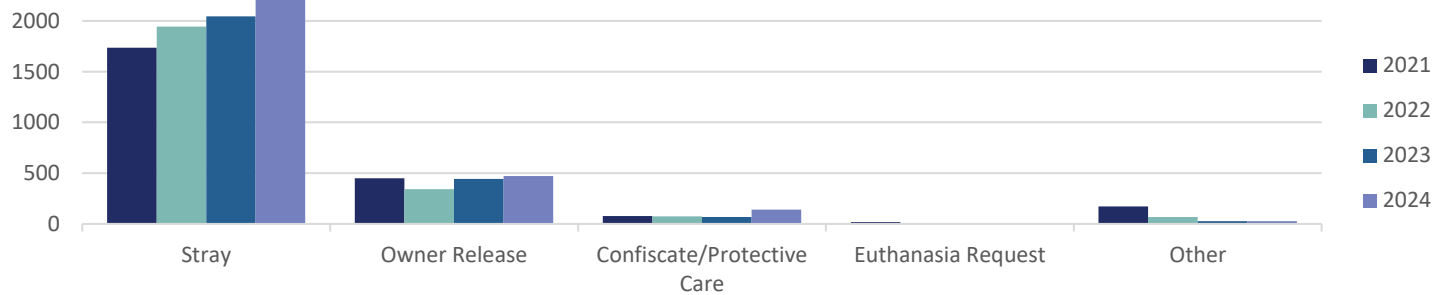
Species	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	1,673	1,871	2,020	2,088
Cat	2,455	2,439	2,593	2,870
Wildlife	307	777	339	508
Other	242	135	144	217
Total	4,677	5,222	5,096	5,683

Cat Intake by Type

Intake Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stray	1,736	1,943	2,045	2,226
Owner Release	451	344	442	473
Confiscate/Protective Care	78	76	69	140
Euthanasia Request	17	9	9	5
Born in Care	23	19	20	14
Transferred In	150	48	8	12
	2,455	2,439	2,593	2,870

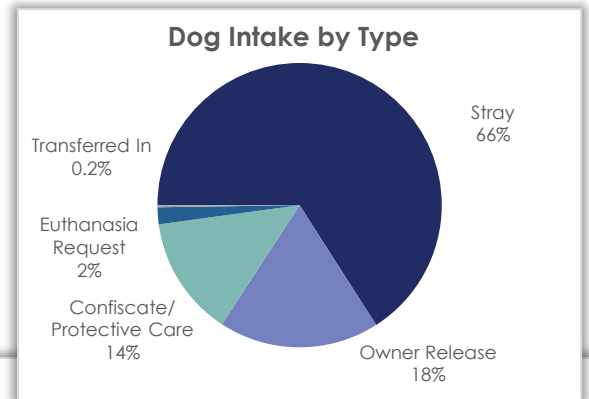


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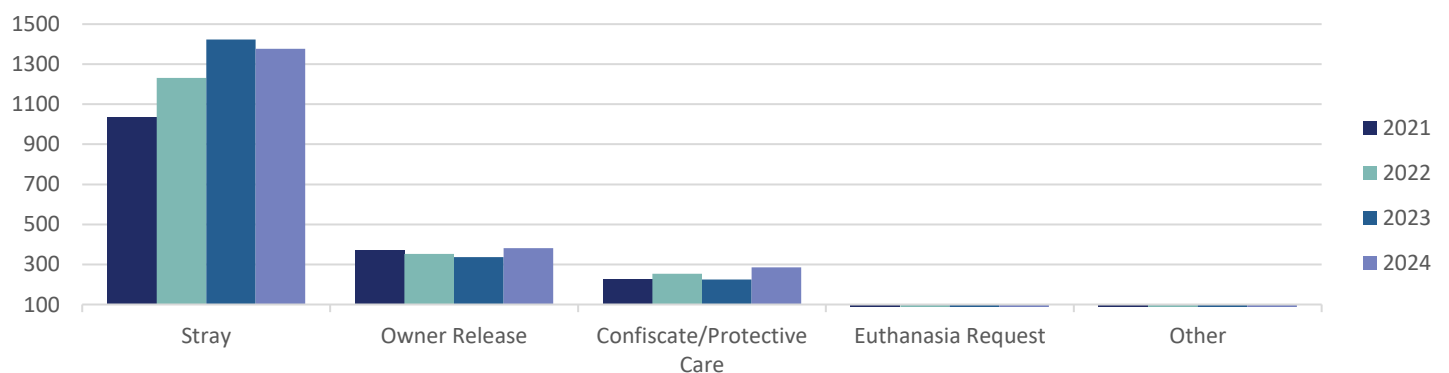


Dog Intake by Type

Intake Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stray	1,037	1,232	1,423	1,377
Owner Release	373	352	337	381
Confiscate/Protective Care	226	254	224	285
Euthanasia Request	32	23	33	40
Born in Care	3	0	0	0
Transferred In	2	10	3	5
	1,673	1,871	2,020	2,088

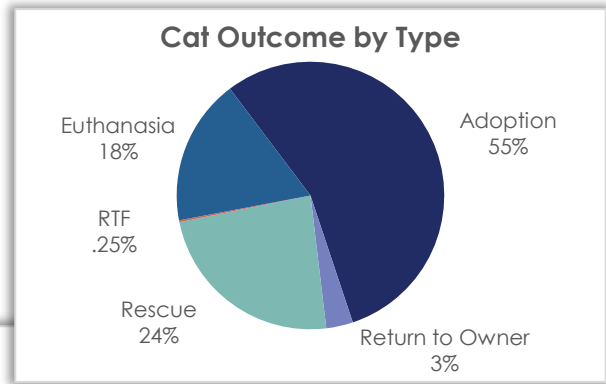


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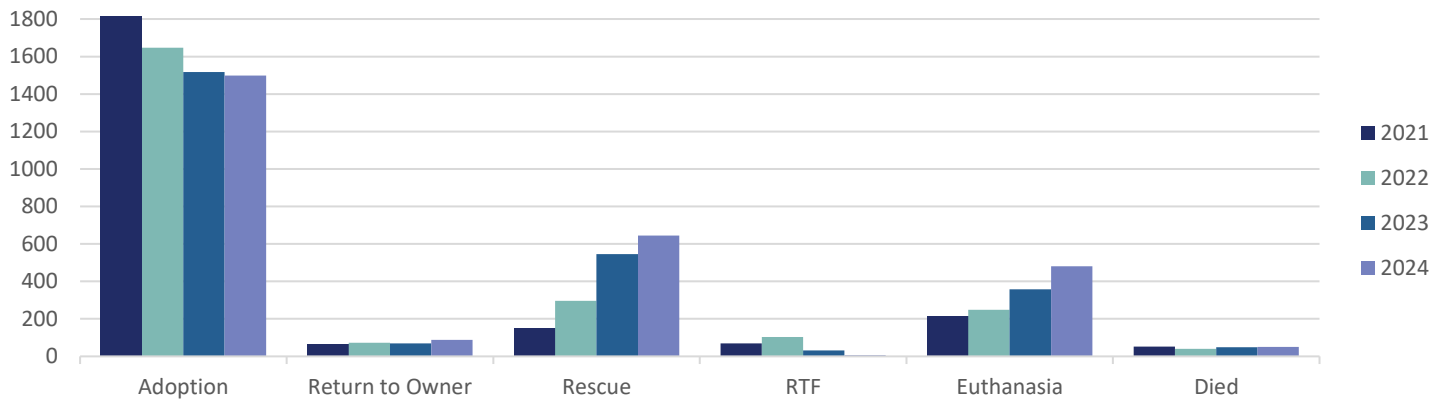


Cat Outcome by Type

Outcome Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adoption	1,818	1,647	1,517	1,499
Return to Owner	67	72	70	88
Rescue	149	297	546	644
RTF	69	104	32	6
Euthanasia	214	248	357	481
Died	53	40	48	50
Total	2,370	2,408	2,570	2,768

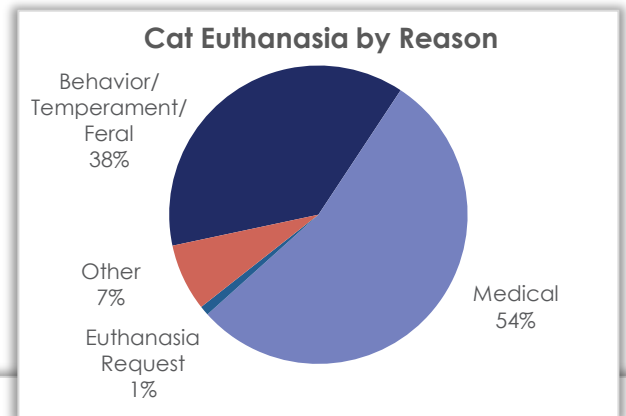


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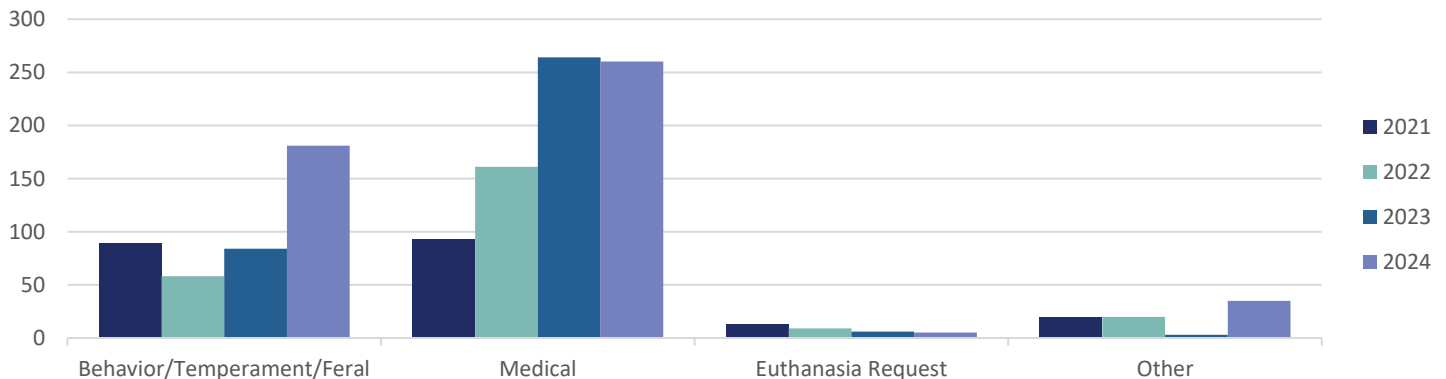


Cat Euthanasia Reason

Euthanasia Reason	2021	2022	2023	2024
Behavior/Temperament/Feral	89	58	84	181
Medical	93	161	264	260
Euthanasia Request	13	9	6	5
Other	19	20	3	35
Total	214	248	357	481

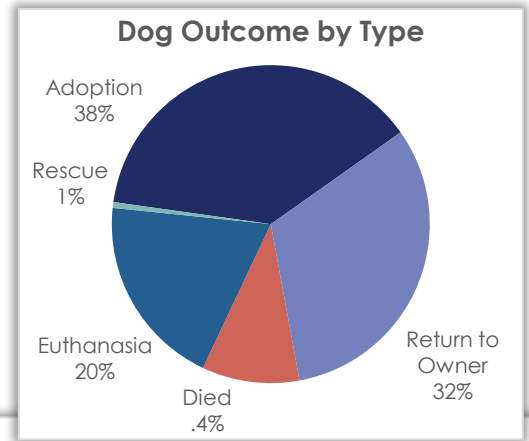


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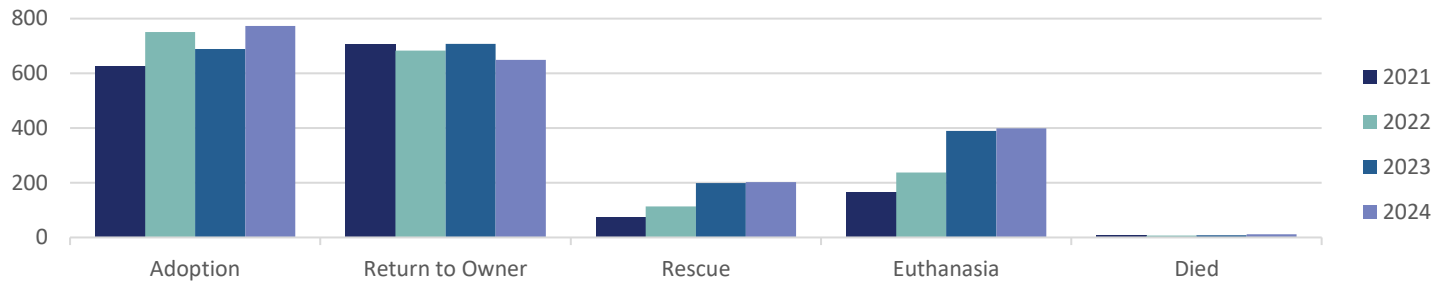


Dog Outcome by Type

Outcome Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adoption	626	751	689	773
Return to Owner	708	683	708	649
Rescue	76	113	199	202
Euthanasia	167	237	389	399
Died	9	7	8	12
Total	1,586	1,791	1,993	2,035

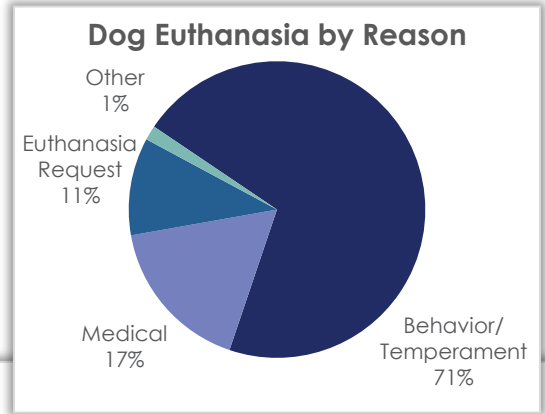


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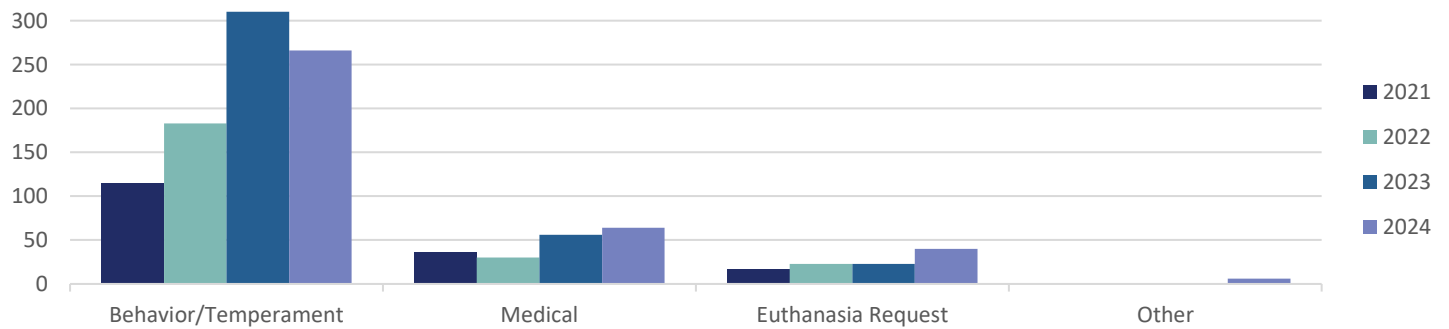


Dog Euthanasia Reason

Euthanasia Reasons	2021	2022	2023	2024
Behavior/Temperament	115	183	310	266
Medical	36	30	56	64
Euthanasia Request	16	23	23	40
Other	0	1	0	6
Total	167	237	389	376

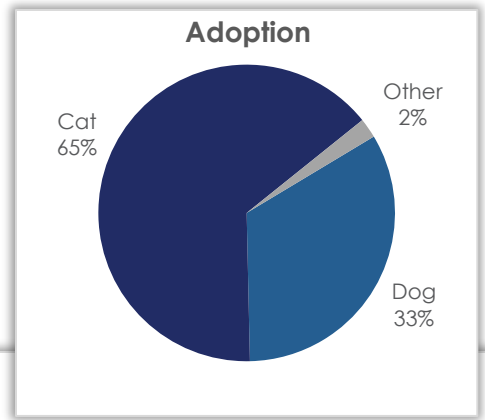


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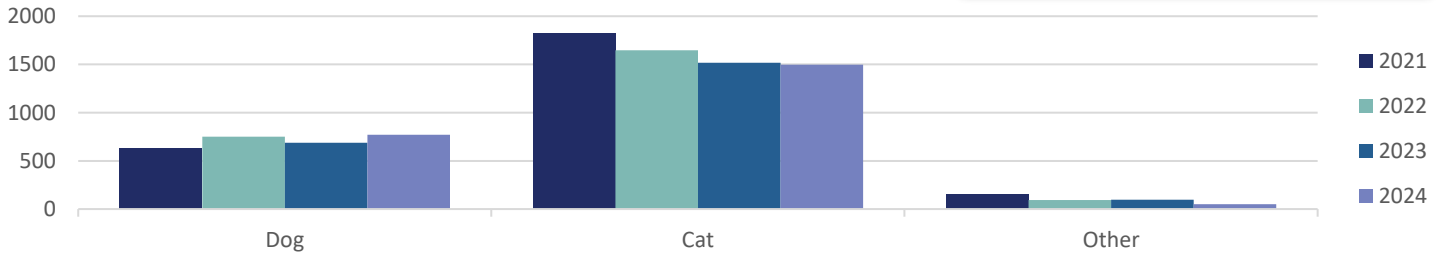


Adoption by Species

During 2024, 2,321 animals were adopted. Of the 2,321 animals adopted, 65% were cats and 33% were dogs. Other adopted animals (2%) included guinea pigs, domestic rabbits, chickens, rats, and domestic birds.



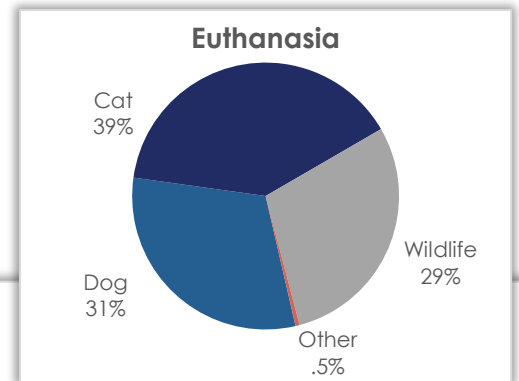
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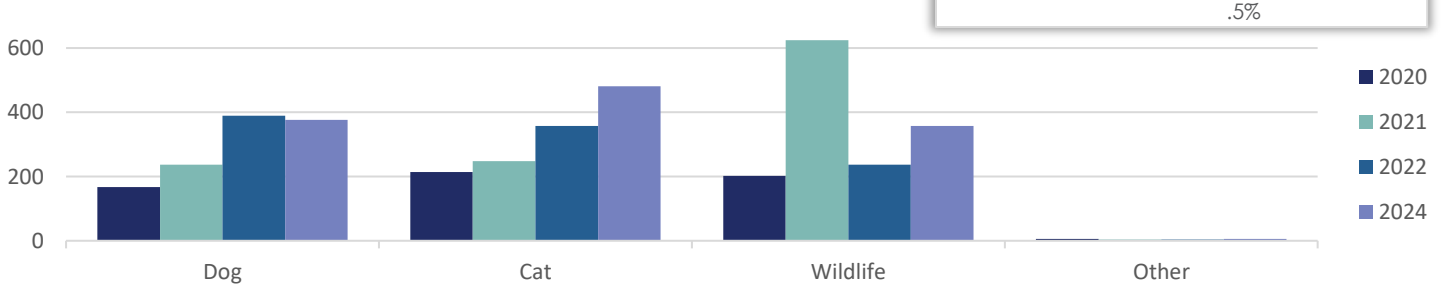
Species	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	626	751	689	772
Cat	1,818	1,647	1,517	1,499
Other	155	94	96	50
Total	2,599	2,492	2,302	2,321

Euthanasia by Species

During 2024, 1,220 animals were euthanized. Of the 1,220 animals euthanized 39% were cats, 29% were wildlife, and 31% were dogs. Other euthanasia (.5%) consisted of four rats, one rabbit, and one hamster.



Euthanasia by Species: Year Comparison



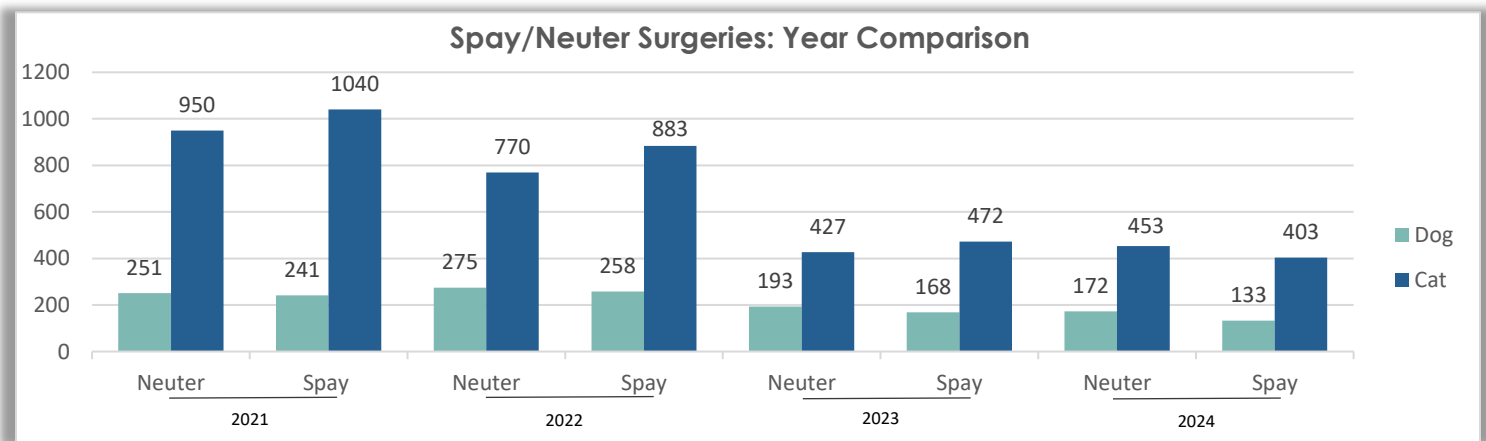
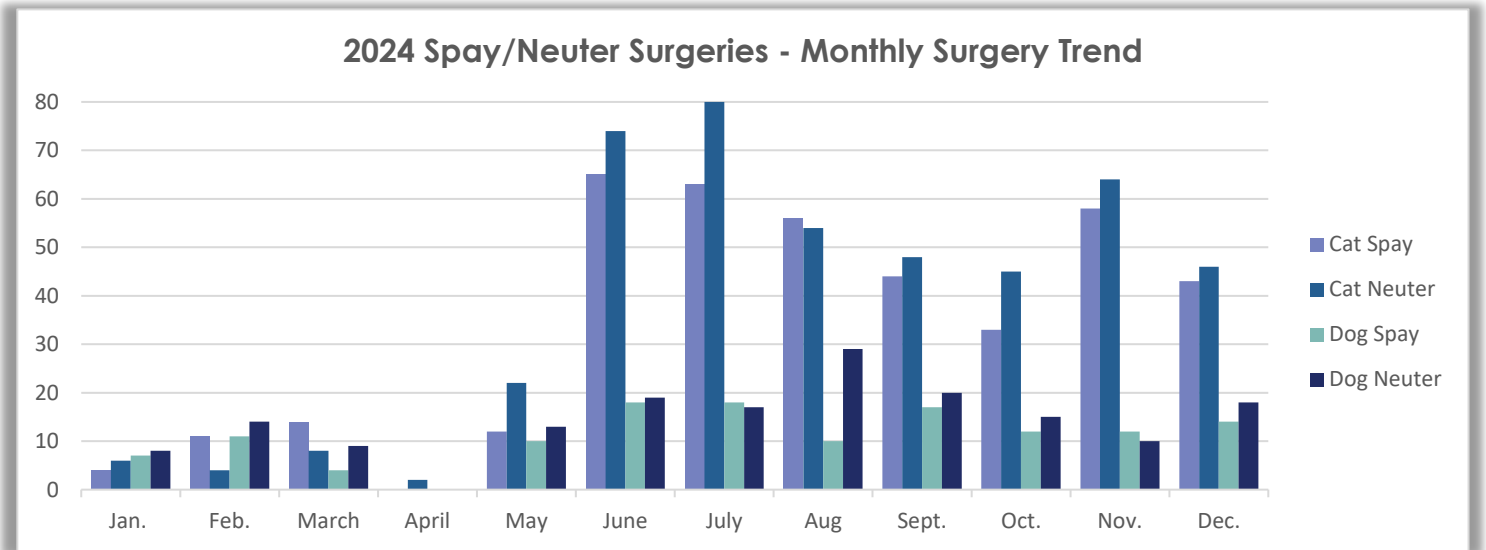
Species	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	167	237	389	376
Cat	214	248	357	481
Wildlife	202	624	237	357
Other	6	4	4	6
Total	589	1,113	987	1,220

Veterinary Operations

Spay/Neuter Surgeries – 2023 Totals

	Dog	Cat	
Spay	133	403	536
Neuter	172	453	625
Total	305	856	1,161

There were 1,161 animals spayed or neutered in the shelter's surgical suite in 2024. Of the total spay/neuter surgeries, 305 were dogs and 856 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 54 other surgeries performed in the suite in 2024; the majority of these other surgeries were wound closures, growth removals, enucleations, and amputations.



Dog Surgery	2021	2022	2023	2024
Neuter	251	275	193	172
Spay	241	258	168	133
Total	492	533	361	305

Cat Surgery	2021	2022	2023	2024
Neuter	950	770	472	453
Spay	1,040	883	427	403
Total	1,990	1,653	899	856