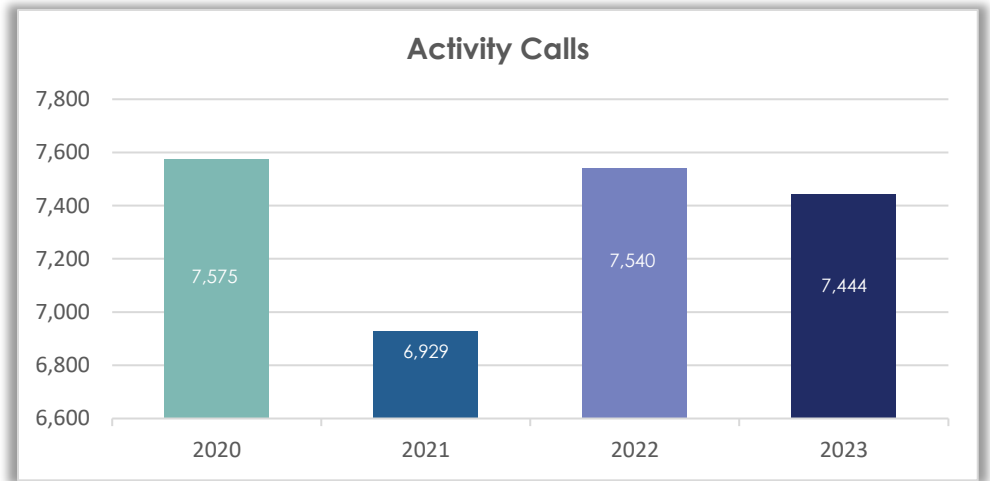


## Field Services

### Activity Calls by Municipality - 2023

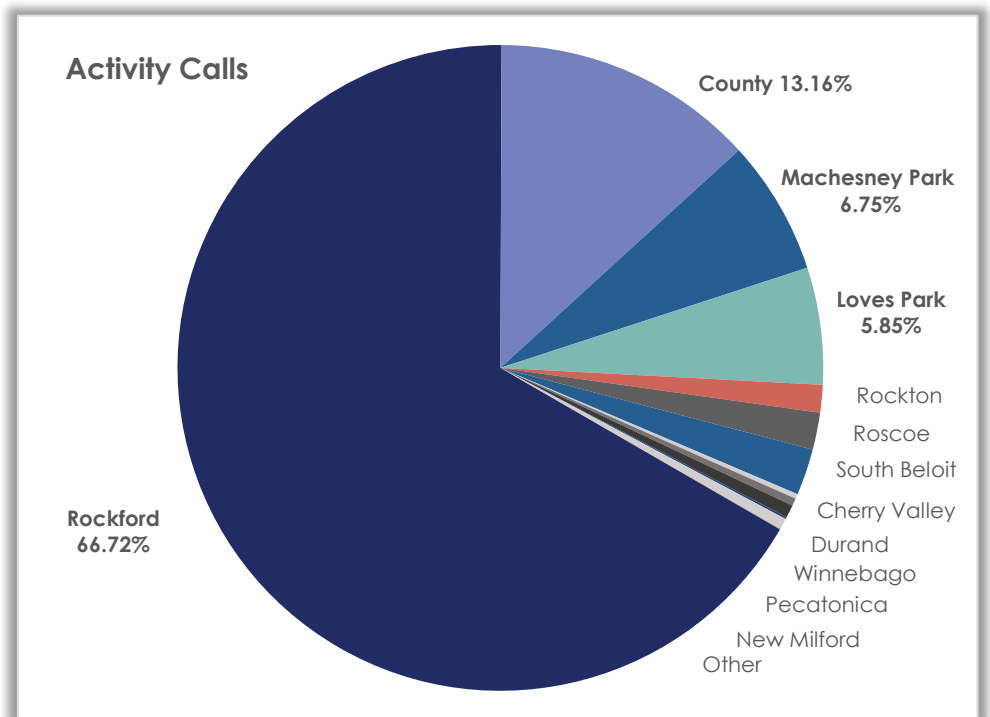
| Municipality   | 2023         |
|----------------|--------------|
| Rockford       | 4,967        |
| County         | 980          |
| Machesney Park | 503          |
| Loves Park     | 436          |
| Rockton        | 103          |
| Roscoe         | 138          |
| South Beloit   | 173          |
| Durand         | 18           |
| Pecatonica     | 28           |
| Winnebago      | 47           |
| New Milford    | 8            |
| Cherry Valley  | 41           |
| Boone County   | 1            |
| Other          | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>7,444</b> |

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 - 2023

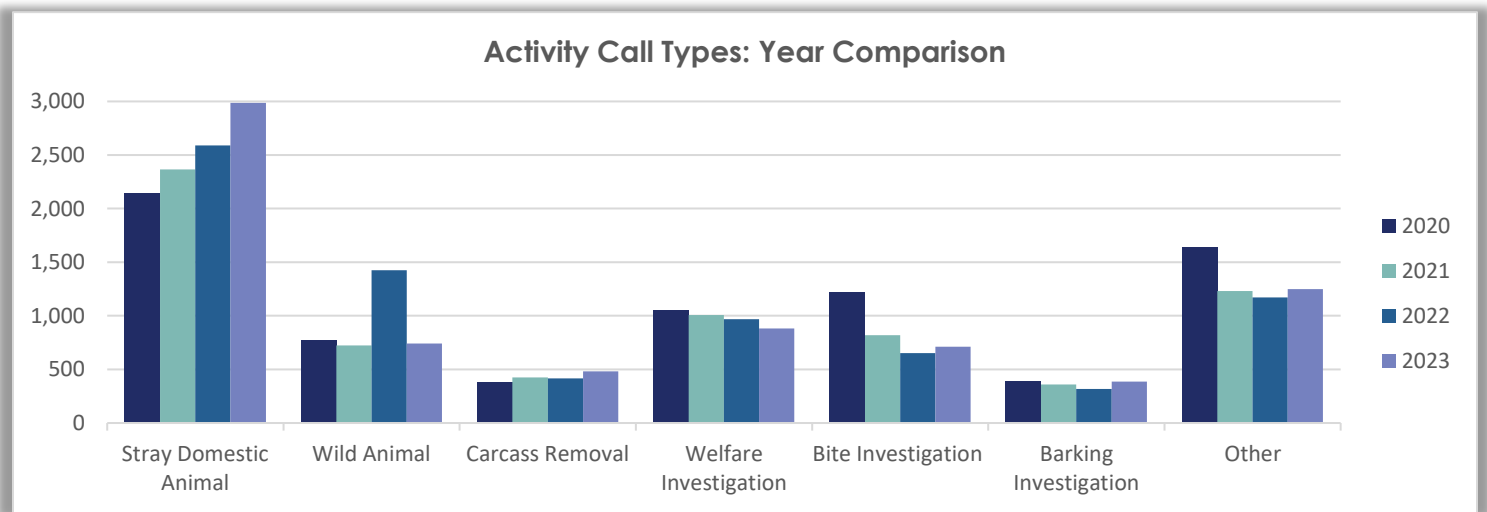
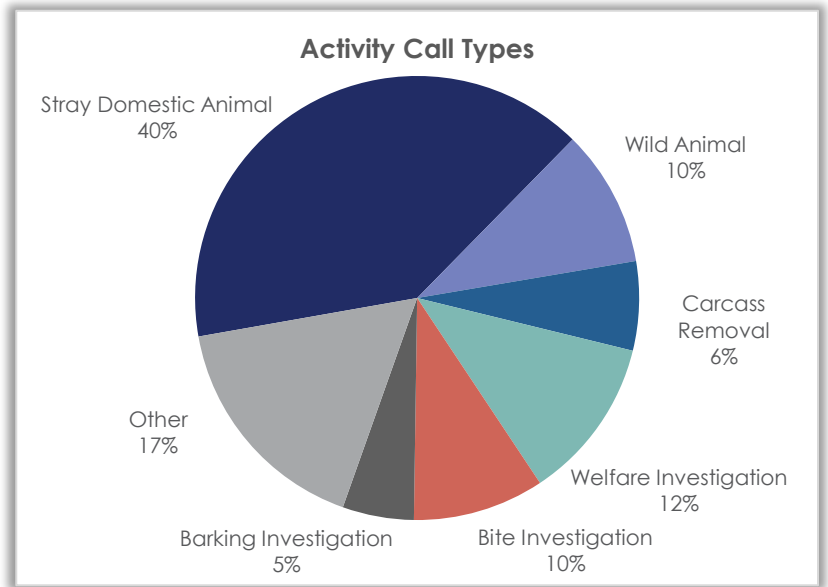
Out of the over 7,400 activity calls that our Animal Services offers responded to, 66.72% of those calls were within the City of Rockford. Subsequently, 13.16% of those calls were to Winnebago County, 6.75% were in Machesney Park, and 5.85% to Loves Park.



## Officer Activity

In 2023, Animal Services Officers handled over 7,400 calls. 40% of the calls were for a stray domestic animal, usually a dog running loose. Investigation for welfare, a bite, or barking made up 27% 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.

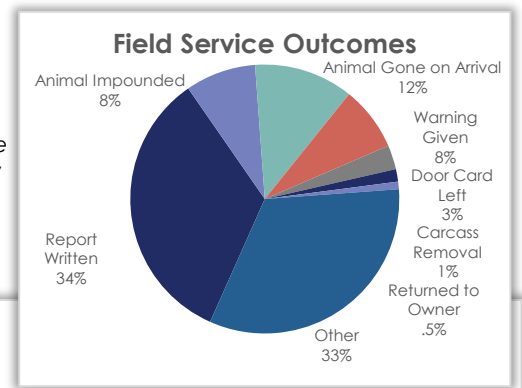
Statistics for 2020-2023 are shown below.



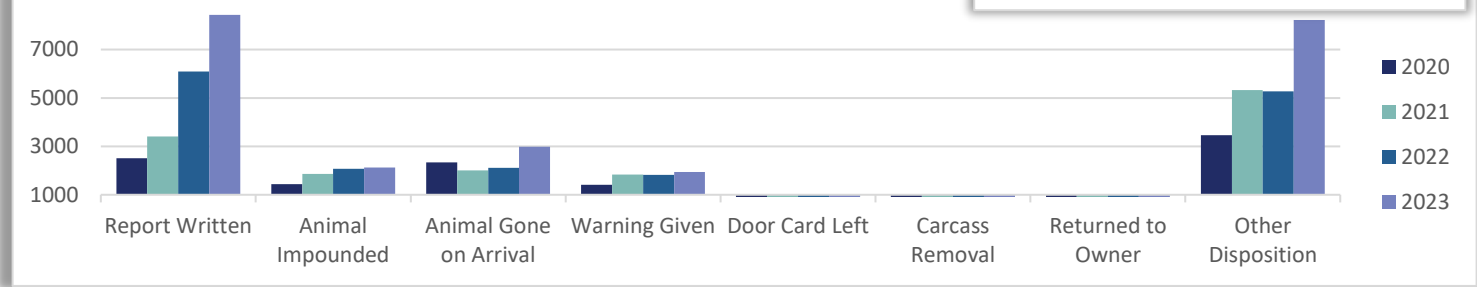
| Activity Call Types   | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stray Domestic Animal | 2,143        | 2,367        | 2,590        | 2,987        |
| Wild Animal           | 766          | 724          | 1,426        | 743          |
| Carcass Removal       | 381          | 424          | 416          | 483          |
| Welfare Investigation | 1,047        | 1,006        | 967          | 882          |
| Bite Investigation    | 1,213        | 820          | 653          | 712          |
| Barking Investigation | 385          | 358          | 318          | 387          |
| Other                 | 1,640        | 1,230        | 1,170        | 1,250        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>7,575</b> | <b>6,929</b> | <b>7,540</b> | <b>7,444</b> |

### Field Service Outcomes

Officers responded to 7,444 calls in 2023. 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: 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.



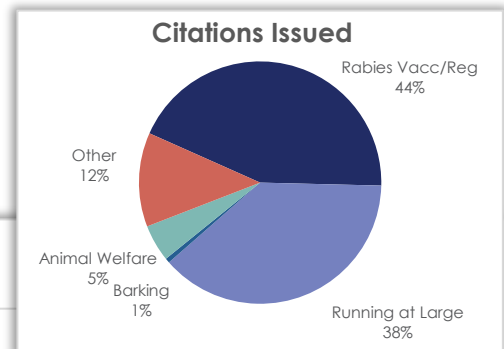
Field Services Outcomes: Year Comparison



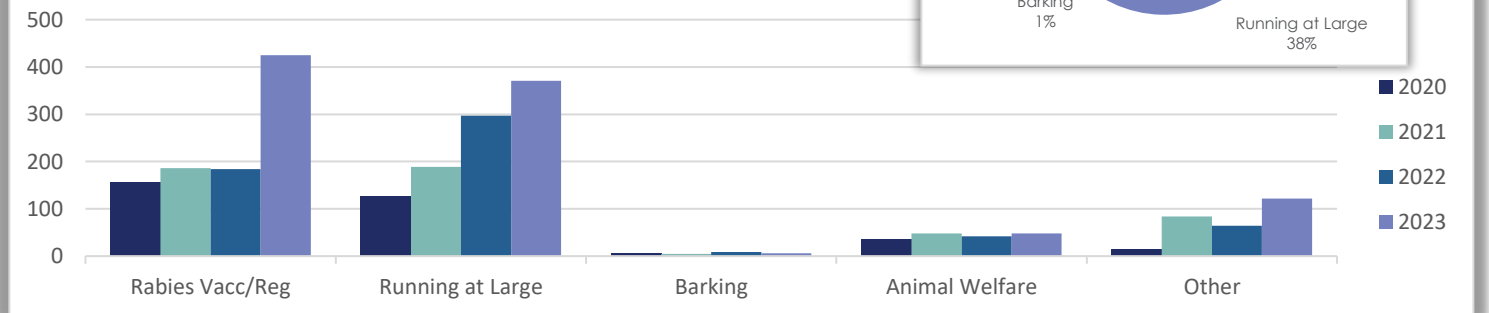
| Field Service Outcomes | 2020          | 2021          | 2022          | 2023          |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Report Written         | 2,513         | 3,409         | 6,093         | 8,435         |
| Animal Impounded       | 1,436         | 1,863         | 2,069         | 2,126         |
| Animal Gone on Arrival | 2,343         | 2,005         | 2,118         | 2,988         |
| Warning Given          | 1,406         | 1,840         | 1,820         | 1,939         |
| Door Card Left         | 478           | 498           | 426           | 728           |
| Carcass Removal        | 340           | 357           | 312           | 376           |
| Returned to Owner      | 117           | 106           | 124           | 228           |
| Other Disposition      | 3,456         | 5,321         | 5,275         | 8,219         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>12,089</b> | <b>15,399</b> | <b>18,237</b> | <b>25,039</b> |

### Citations Issued

Officers issued 972 citations in 2023, both in the field and at the shelter. Of those, 425 were for rabies vaccination/registration or Code Hearing Unit "Notice of Animal Violation." The other 547 were "Notice to Appear" citations. The majority of those citations were for a dog running at large (371). Animal Welfare (48) includes Owner's Duties, Animal Cruelty, Aggravated Animal Cruelty and Confinement to Motor Vehicle.



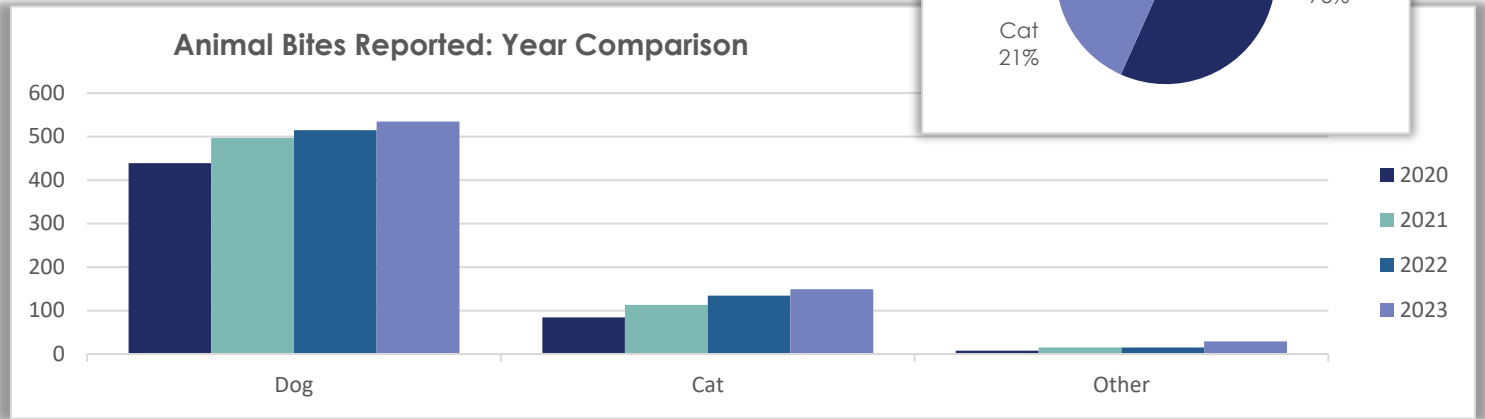
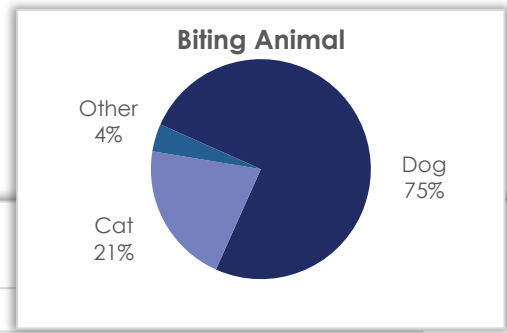
Citations Issued: Year Comparison



| Citations Issued | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rabies Vacc/Reg  | 157        | 186        | 184        | 425        |
| Running at Large | 126        | 189        | 297        | 371        |
| Barking          | 6          | 5          | 9          | 6          |
| Animal Welfare   | 36         | 48         | 42         | 48         |
| Other            | 15         | 84         | 64         | 122        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>340</b> | <b>512</b> | <b>596</b> | <b>972</b> |

## Animal Bites

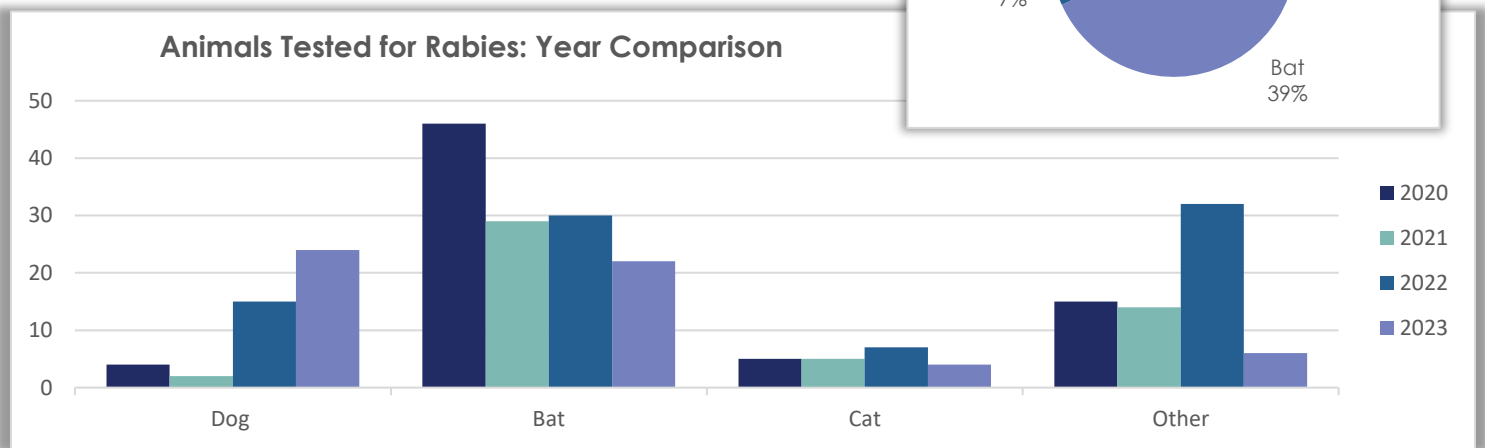
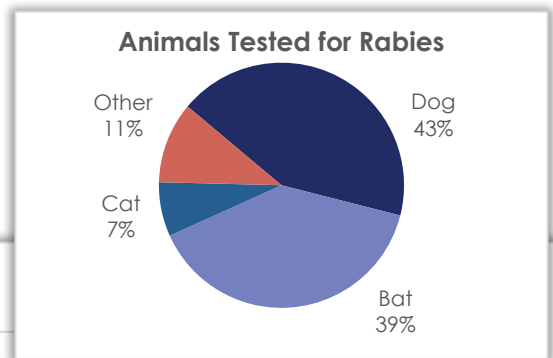
In 2023, there were 713 animal bites reported to Animal Services. The majority (75%) of the bites were from dogs, with 21% reported from cats. Bites were also reported for 29 other small mammals (4% of bites)



| Animal Bites | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dog          | 439        | 497        | 515        | 535        |
| Cat          | 94         | 113        | 134        | 149        |
| Other        | 8          | 15         | 15         | 29         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>541</b> | <b>625</b> | <b>664</b> | <b>713</b> |

## Animal Rabies Testing

There were 56 animals sent to an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) lab and the University of Illinois for rabies testing. The animals tested were dogs (24), bats (22), cats (4) and (6) 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 | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dog                       | 4         | 2         | 15        | 24        |
| Bat                       | 46        | 29        | 30        | 22        |
| Cat                       | 5         | 5         | 7         | 4         |
| Other                     | 15        | 14        | 32        | 6         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>70</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>56</b> |

## Shelter and Adoption Services

### Kennel Visitors

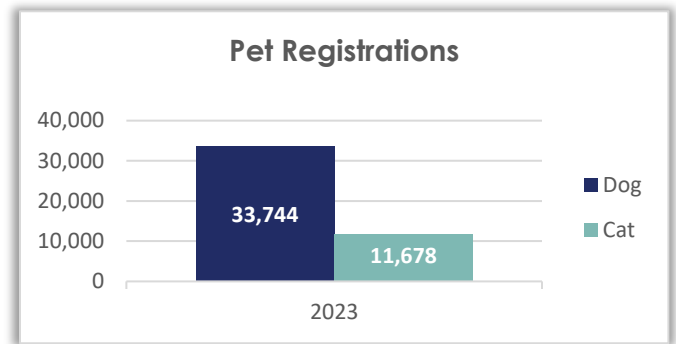
Sign-in records show that over 9,100 people visited the shelter kennel areas in 2023. Most of the visitors indicated they were looking for a pet to adopt or trying to find their missing pet.

|               | 2020   | 2021    | 2022   | 2023   |
|---------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| <b>Visits</b> | 8,150+ | 11,600+ | 9,100+ | 9,100+ |

### Pet Registrations

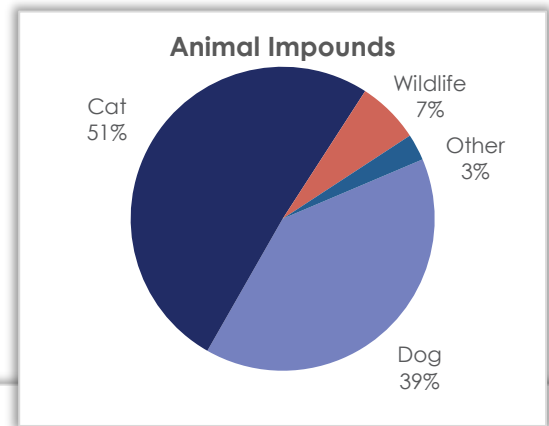
In 2023, there were 45,422 tags sold within Winnebago County. 26% of the registrations were for cats and 74% were for dogs. Registrations were done at the shelter or area veterinary clinics.

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

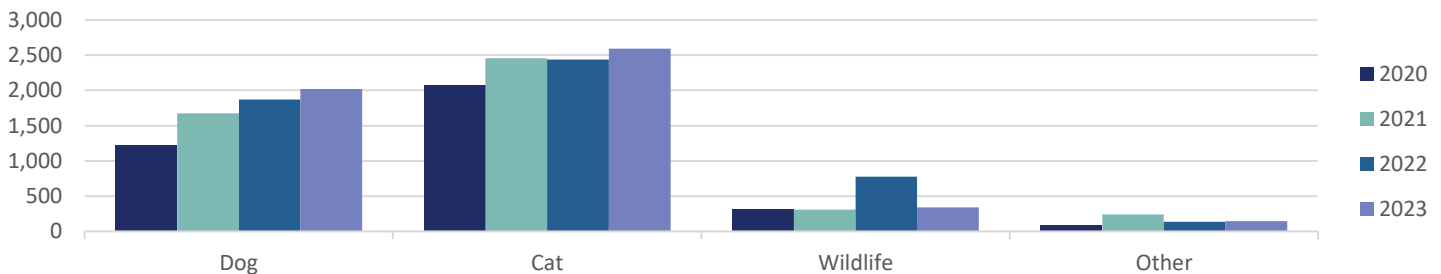


### Animals Impounded

During 2023, 5,096 animals were impounded. Of the 5,096 animals impounded, 39% were dogs, 51% cats, and 7% were wildlife. Other impounds (3%) were other pets, primarily guinea pigs, domestic rabbits, rats and chickens.



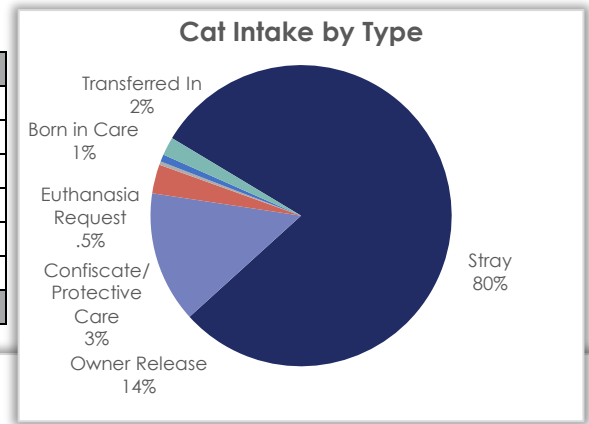
**Live Animals Impounded: Year Comparison**



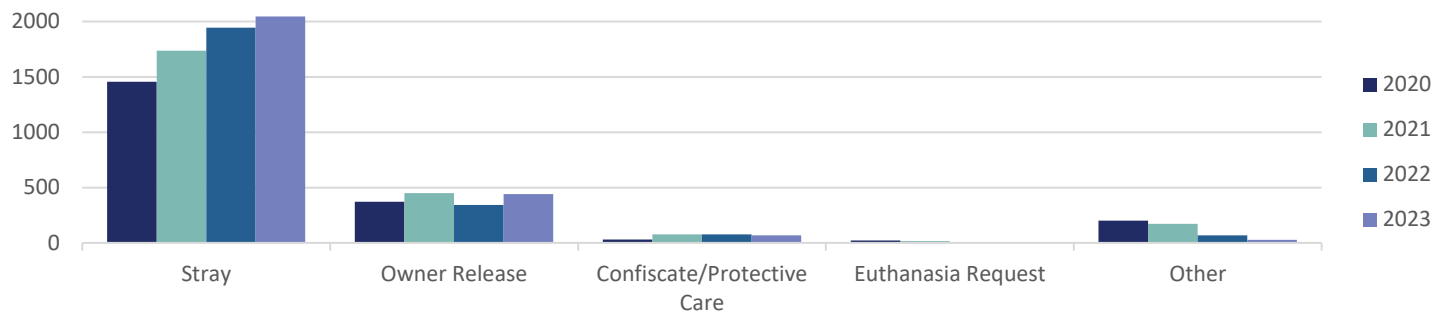
| Species      | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dog          | 1,226        | 1,673        | 1,871        | 2,020        |
| Cat          | 2,079        | 2,455        | 2,439        | 2,593        |
| Wildlife     | 320          | 307          | 777          | 339          |
| Other        | 90           | 242          | 135          | 144          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,715</b> | <b>4,677</b> | <b>5,222</b> | <b>5,096</b> |

## Cat Intake by Type

| Intake Type                | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stray                      | 1,455        | 1,736        | 1,943        | 2,045        |
| Owner Release              | 371          | 451          | 344          | 442          |
| Confiscate/Protective Care | 30           | 78           | 76           | 69           |
| Euthanasia Request         | 22           | 17           | 9            | 9            |
| Born in Care               | 10           | 23           | 19           | 20           |
| Transferred In             | 191          | 150          | 48           | 8            |
|                            | <b>2,079</b> | <b>2,455</b> | <b>2,439</b> | <b>2,593</b> |

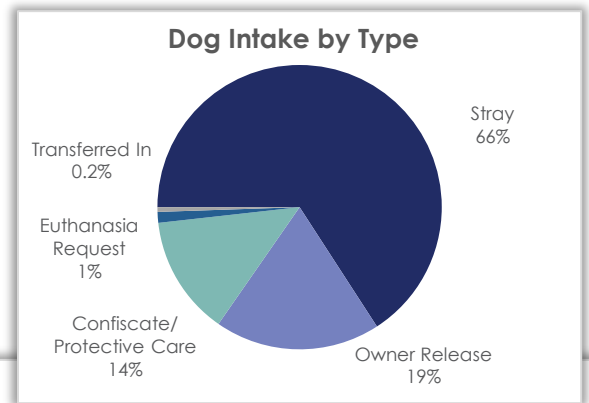


### Cat Intake by Type: Year Comparison

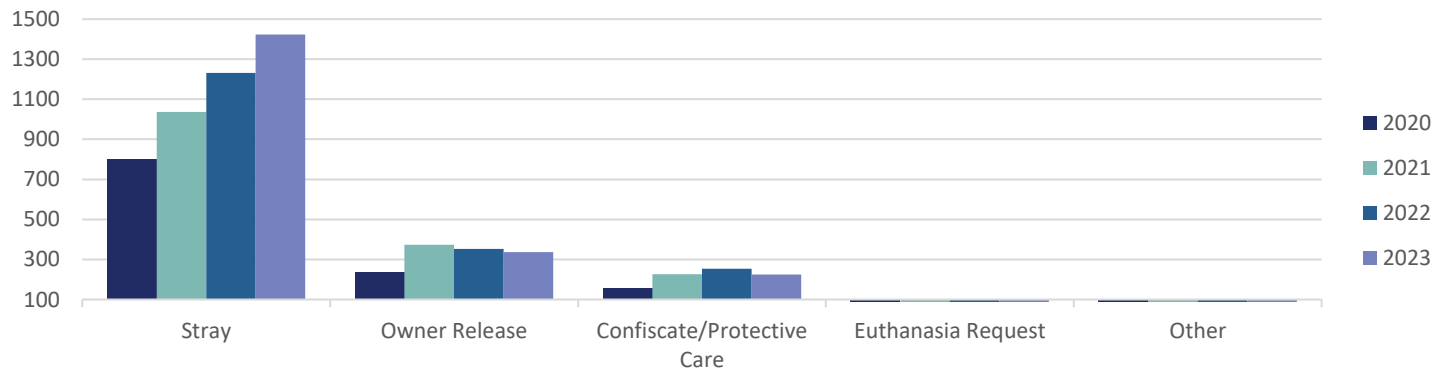


## Dog Intake by Type

| Intake Type                | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stray                      | 800          | 1,037        | 1,232        | 1,423        |
| Owner Release              | 239          | 373          | 352          | 337          |
| Confiscate/Protective Care | 155          | 226          | 254          | 224          |
| Euthanasia Request         | 27           | 32           | 23           | 33           |
| Born in Care               | 0            | 3            | 0            | 0            |
| Transferred In             | 5            | 2            | 10           | 3            |
|                            | <b>1,226</b> | <b>1,673</b> | <b>1,871</b> | <b>2,020</b> |

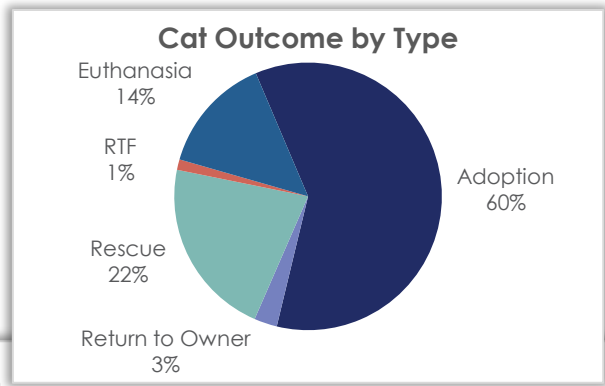


### Dog Intake by Type: Year Comparison

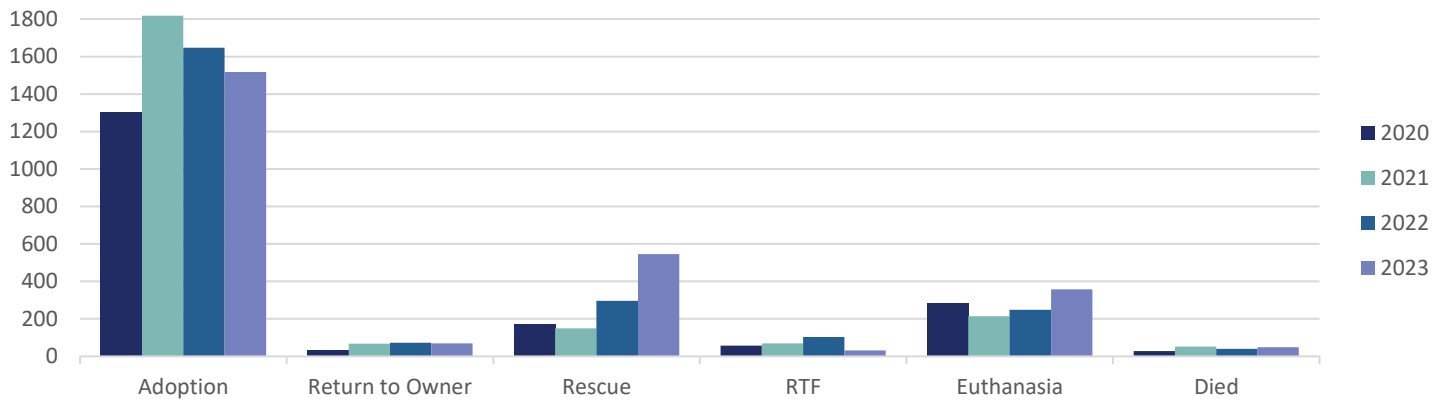


## Cat Outcome by Type

| Outcome Type    | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Adoption        | 1,302        | 1,818        | 1,647        | 1,517        |
| Return to Owner | 32           | 67           | 72           | 70           |
| Rescue          | 172          | 149          | 297          | 546          |
| RTF             | 58           | 69           | 104          | 32           |
| Euthanasia      | 282          | 214          | 248          | 357          |
| Died            | 28           | 53           | 40           | 48           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1,874</b> | <b>2,370</b> | <b>2,408</b> | <b>2,570</b> |

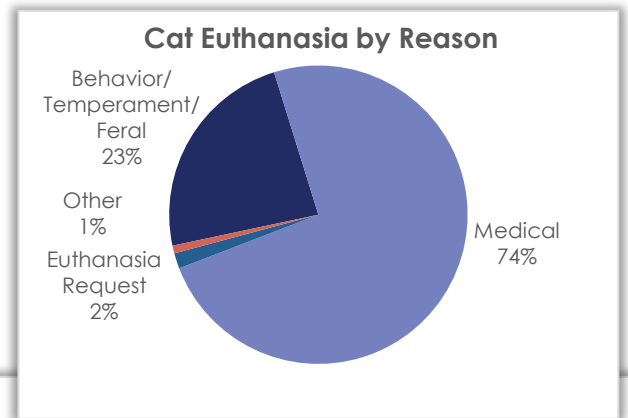


## Cat Outcome by Type: Year Comparison

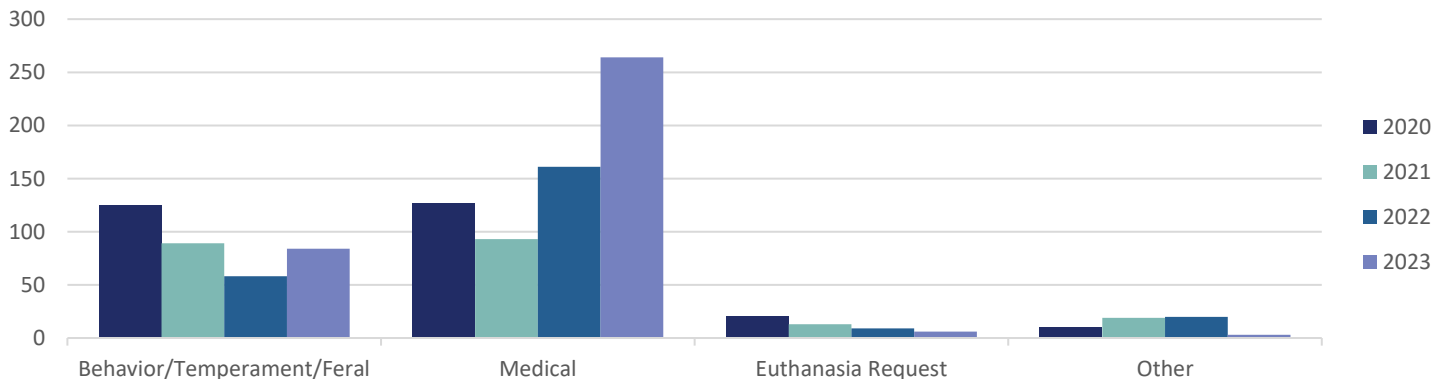


## Cat Euthanasia Reason

| Euthanasia Reason          | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Behavior/Temperament/Feral | 125        | 89         | 58         | 84         |
| Medical                    | 127        | 93         | 161        | 264        |
| Euthanasia Request         | 20         | 13         | 9          | 6          |
| Other                      | 10         | 19         | 20         | 3          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>282</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>248</b> | <b>357</b> |

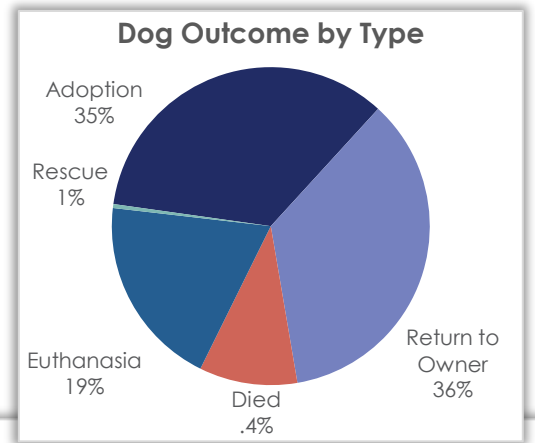


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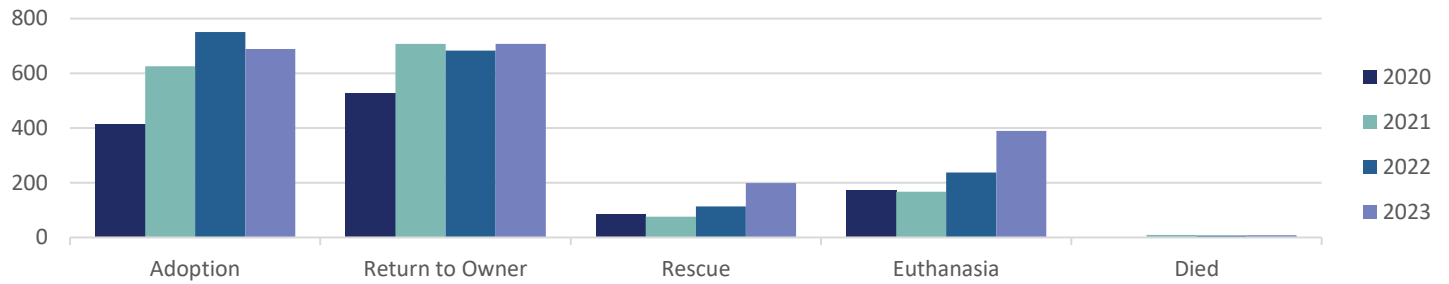


**Dog Outcome by Type**

| Outcome Type    | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Adoption        | 416          | 626          | 751          | 689          |
| Return to Owner | 527          | 708          | 683          | 708          |
| Rescue          | 86           | 76           | 113          | 199          |
| Euthanasia      | 173          | 167          | 237          | 389          |
| Died            | 2            | 9            | 7            | 8            |
|                 | <b>1,204</b> | <b>1,586</b> | <b>1,791</b> | <b>1,993</b> |

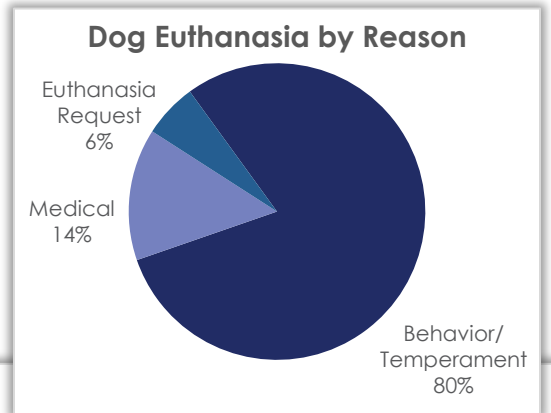


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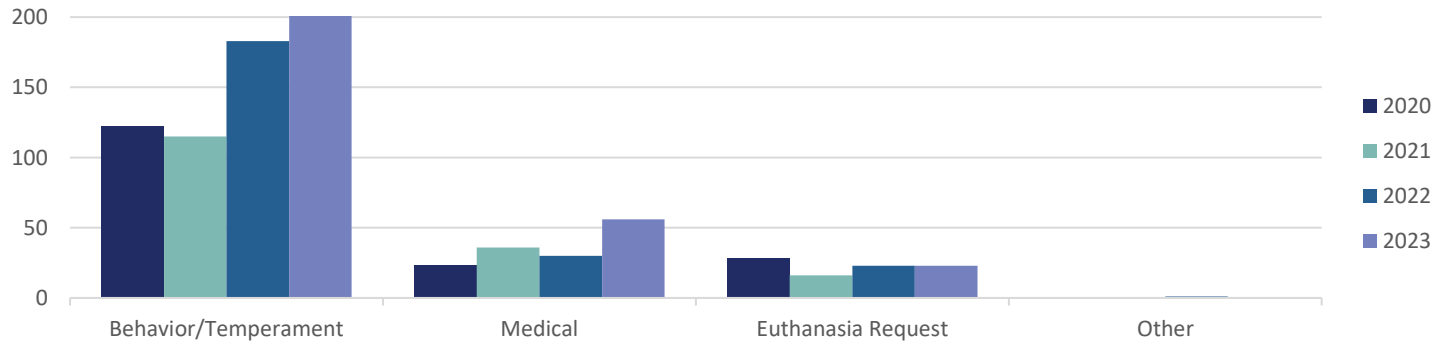


**Dog Euthanasia Reason**

| Euthanasia Reasons   | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Behavior/Temperament | 122        | 115        | 183        | 310        |
| Medical              | 23         | 36         | 30         | 56         |
| Euthanasia Request   | 28         | 16         | 23         | 23         |
| Other                | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          |
|                      | <b>173</b> | <b>167</b> | <b>237</b> | <b>389</b> |

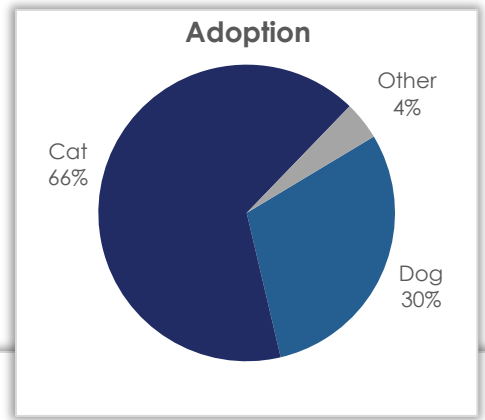


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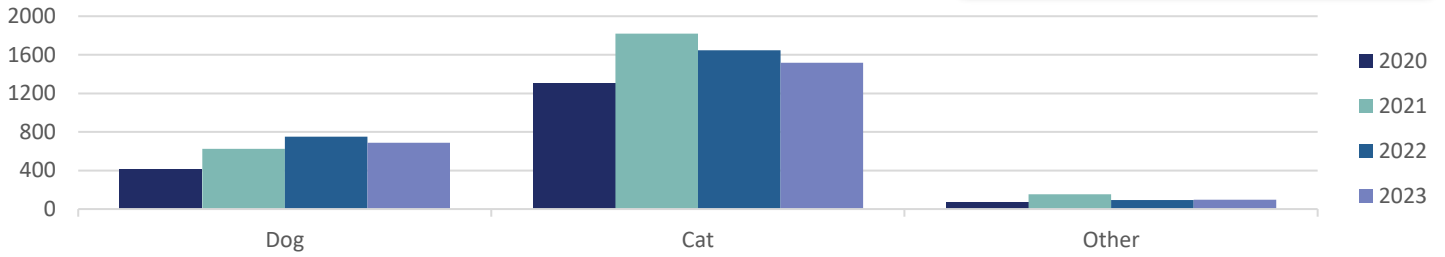


## Adoption by Species

During 2023, 2,302 animals were adopted. Of the 2,302 animals adopted, 66% were cats and 30% were dogs. Other adopted animals (4%) included guinea pigs, domestic rabbits, chickens, rats, and domestic birds.



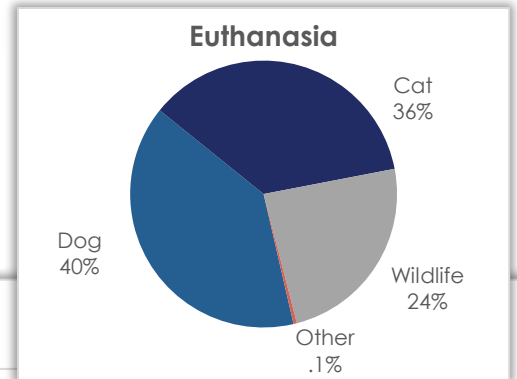
**Adoption by Species: Year Comparison**



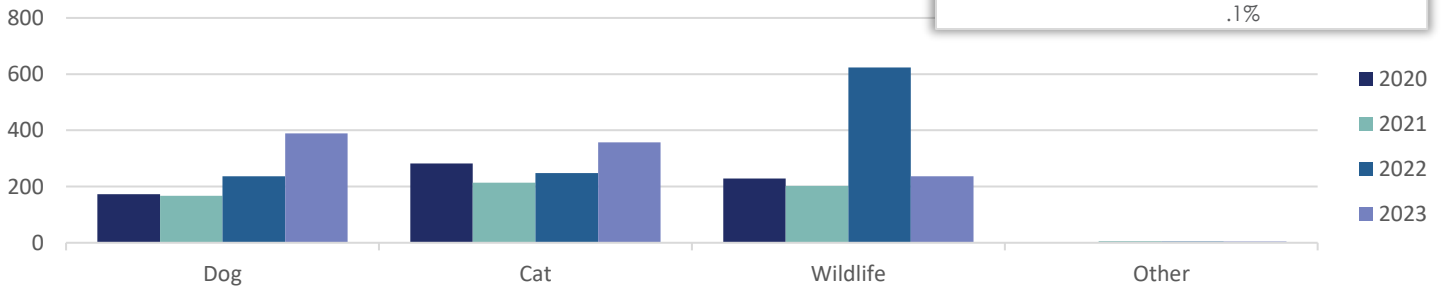
| Species      | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dog          | 416          | 626          | 751          | 689          |
| Cat          | 1,302        | 1,818        | 1,647        | 1,517        |
| Other        | 65           | 155          | 94           | 96           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,783</b> | <b>2,599</b> | <b>2,492</b> | <b>2,302</b> |

## Euthanasia by Species

During 2023, 987 animals were euthanized, compared to the 1,113 euthanasias performed in 2022. Of the 987 animals euthanized 36% were cats, 24% were wildlife, and 39% were dogs. Other euthanasia (.40%) consisted of two rats, one guinea pig, and one hedgehog.



**Euthanasia by Species: Year Comparison**



| Species      | 2020       | 2021       | 2022         | 2023       |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Dog          | 173        | 167        | 237          | 389        |
| Cat          | 282        | 214        | 248          | 357        |
| Wildlife     | 229        | 202        | 624          | 237        |
| Other        | 1          | 6          | 4            | 4          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>685</b> | <b>589</b> | <b>1,113</b> | <b>987</b> |

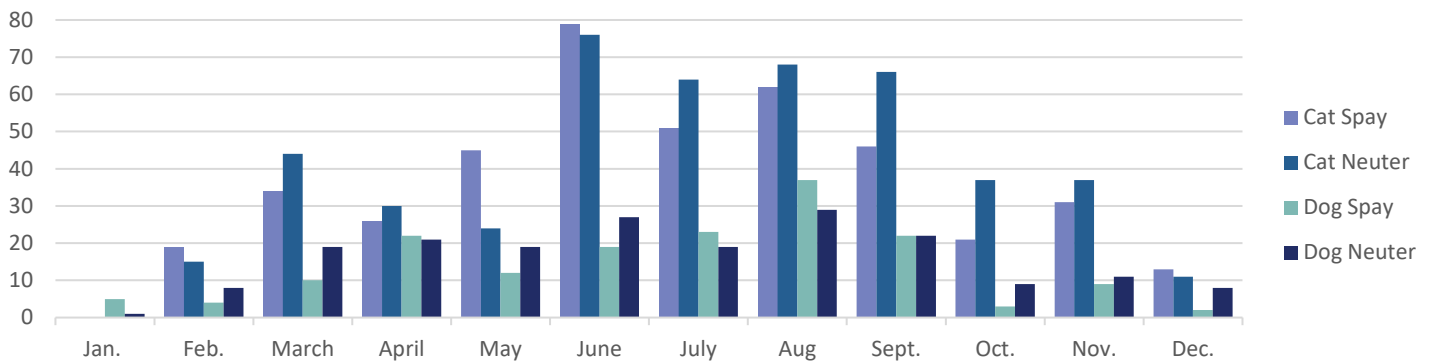
## Veterinary Operations

### Spay/Neuter Surgeries – 20223 Totals

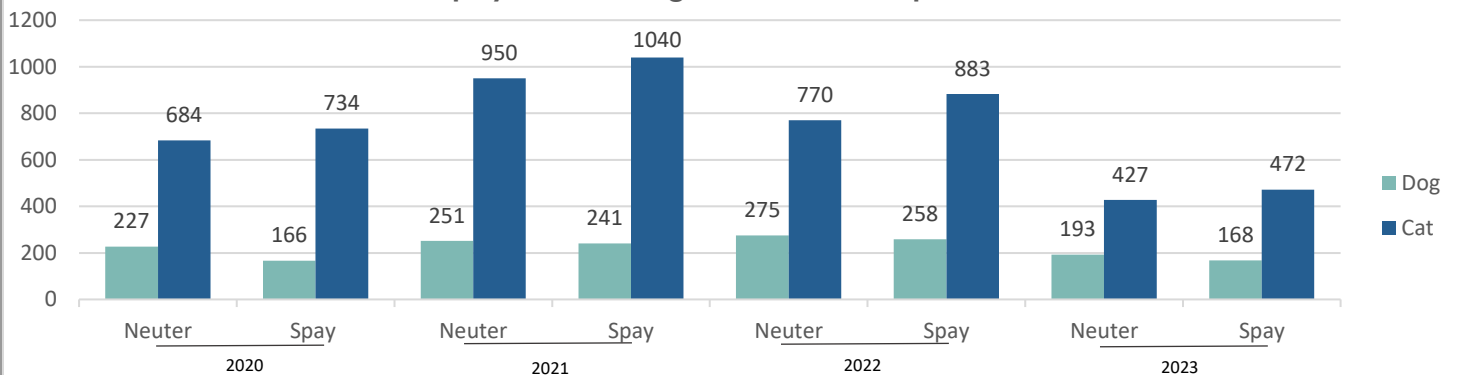
|              | Dog        | Cat        |              |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Spay         | 168        | 427        | <b>595</b>   |
| Neuter       | 193        | 472        | <b>665</b>   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>361</b> | <b>899</b> | <b>1,260</b> |

There were 1,260 animals spayed or neutered in the shelter's surgical suite in 2023. Of the total spay/neuter surgeries, 361 were dogs and 899 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 36 other surgeries performed in the suite in 2023.

### 2023 Spay/Neuter Surgeries - Monthly Surgery Trend



### Spay/Neuter Surgeries: Year Comparison



| Dog Surgery  | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Neuter       | 227        | 251        | 275        | 193        |
| Spay         | 166        | 241        | 258        | 168        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>393</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>533</b> | <b>361</b> |

| Cat Surgery  | 2020        | 2021         | 2022         | 2023       |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Neuter       | 684         | 950          | 770          | 472        |
| Spay         | 734         | 1,040        | 883          | 427        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1418</b> | <b>1,990</b> | <b>1,653</b> | <b>899</b> |