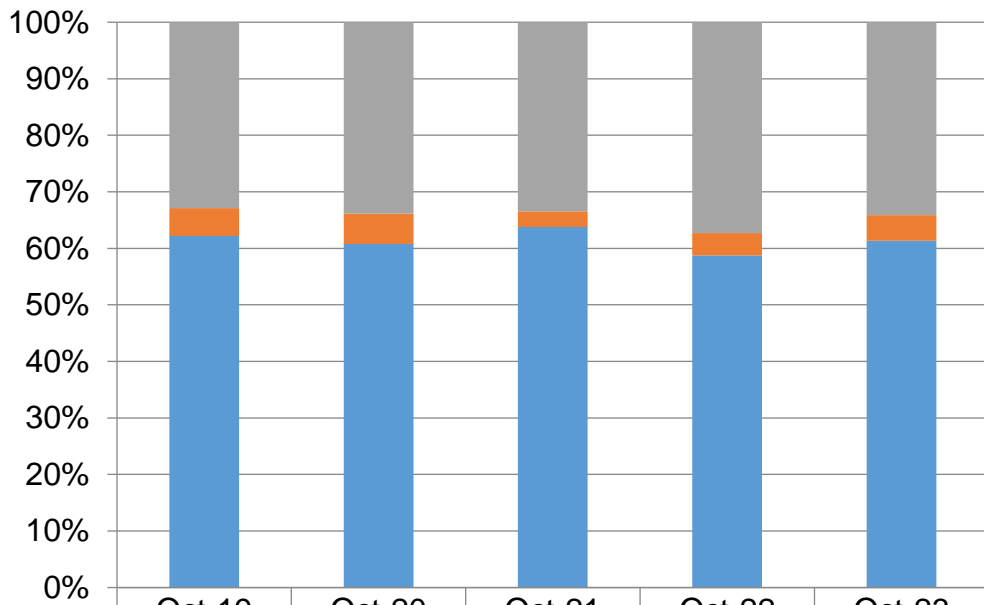


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Rolling Release Rate  
&  
Save Rate  
Overview

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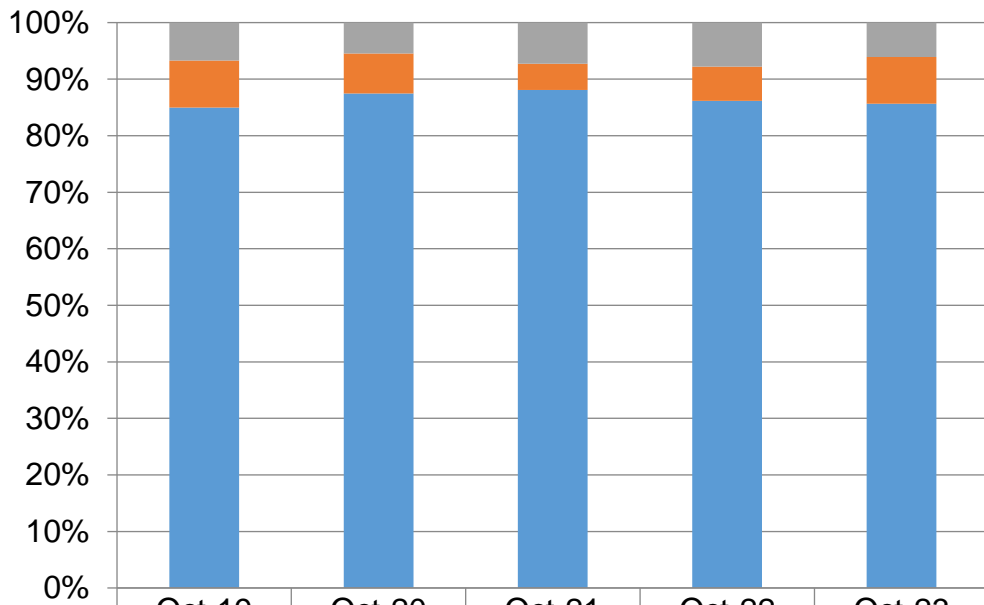
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### Cat Rolling Release Rate October



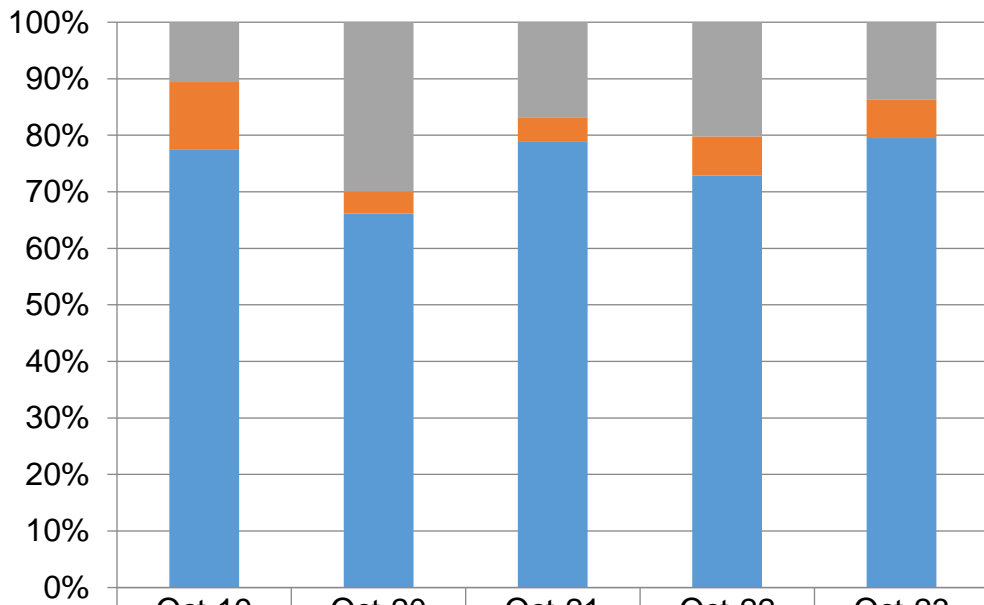
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Sanctuary Rate	32.91%	33.82%	33.44%	37.30%	34.14%
Euthanasia Rate	4.91%	5.39%	2.79%	3.97%	4.53%
Live Release Rate	62.18%	60.78%	63.78%	58.73%	61.33%

### Cat Rolling Release Rate Year to Date



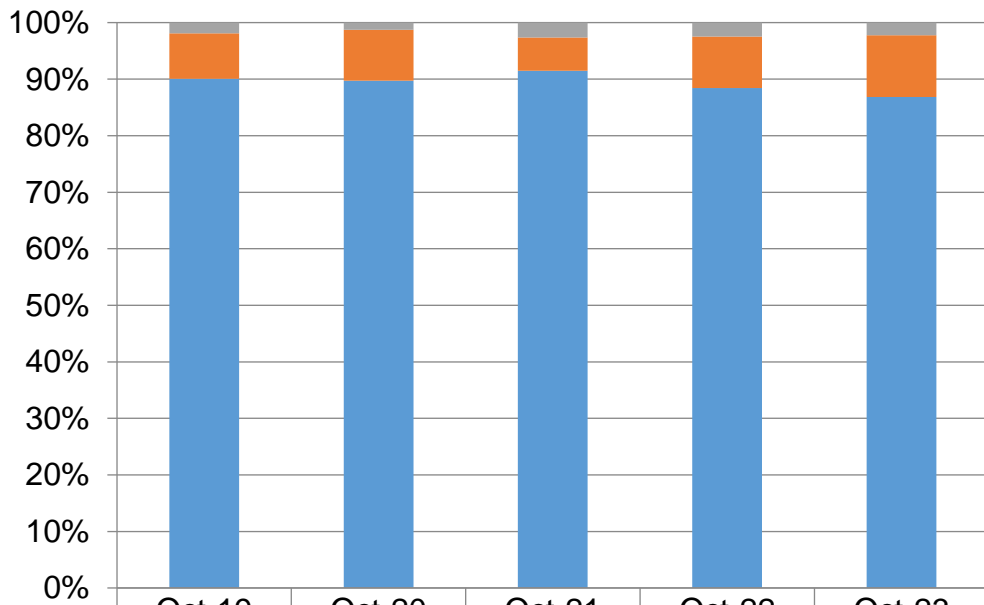
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Sanctuary Rate	6.73%	5.45%	7.25%	7.81%	6.09%
Euthanasia Rate	8.31%	7.09%	4.66%	6.02%	8.28%
Live Release Rate	84.96%	87.46%	88.09%	86.17%	85.63%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate October



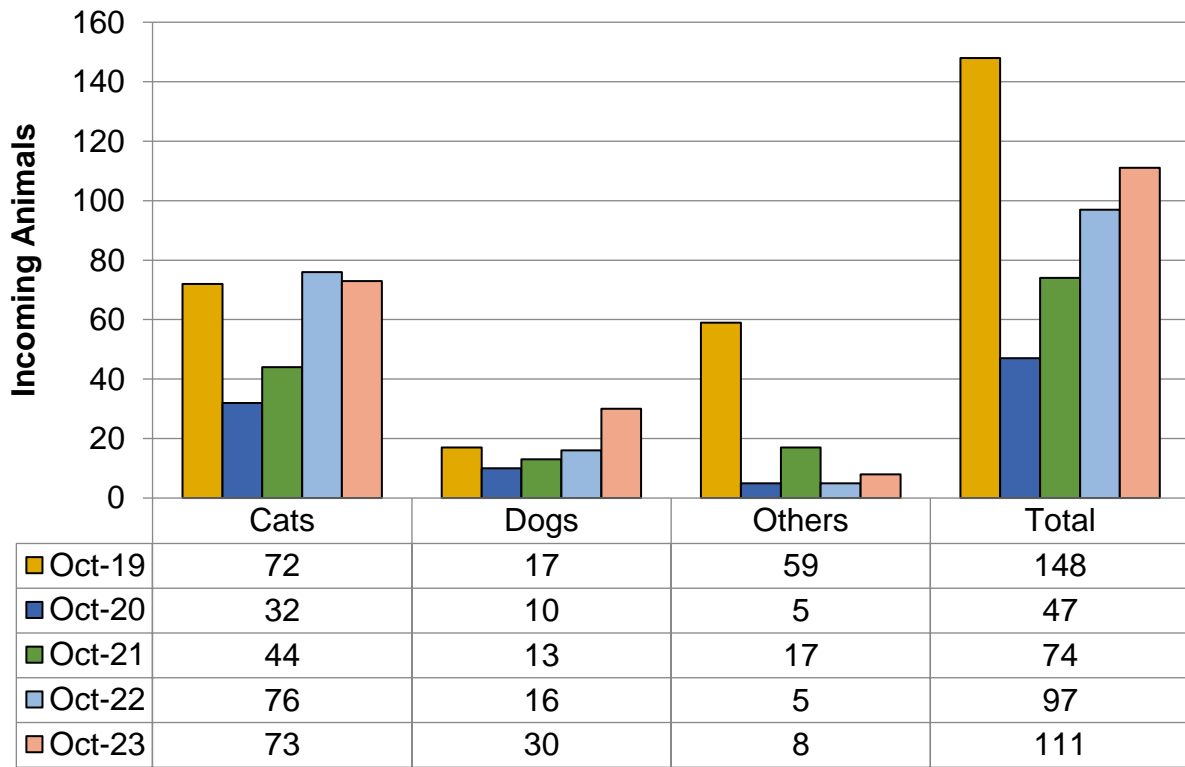
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Sanctuary Rate	10.57%	29.92%	16.93%	20.21%	13.65%
Euthanasia Rate	11.89%	3.94%	4.23%	6.91%	6.83%
Live Release Rate	77.53%	66.14%	78.84%	72.87%	79.52%

### Dog Rolling Release Rate Year to Date

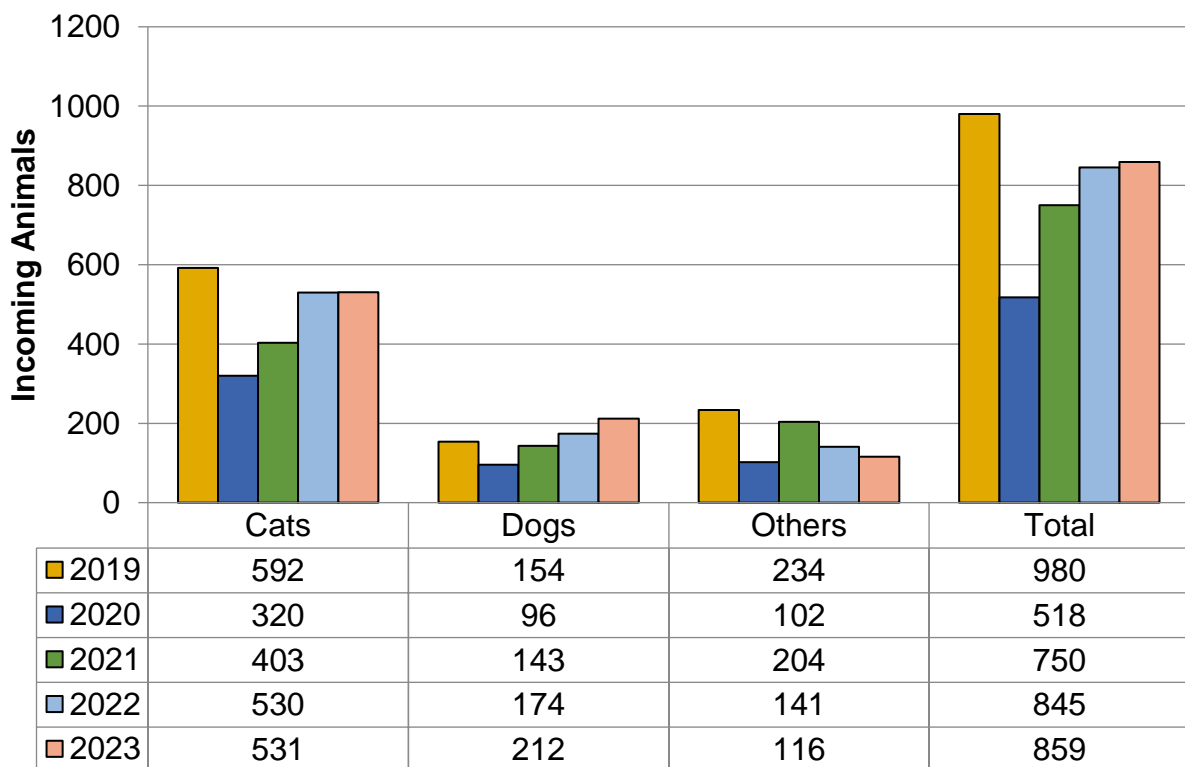


	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
Sanctuary Rate	1.90%	1.24%	2.61%	2.45%	2.21%
Euthanasia Rate	8.03%	9.02%	5.88%	9.11%	10.94%
Live Release Rate	90.07%	89.73%	91.51%	88.44%	86.85%

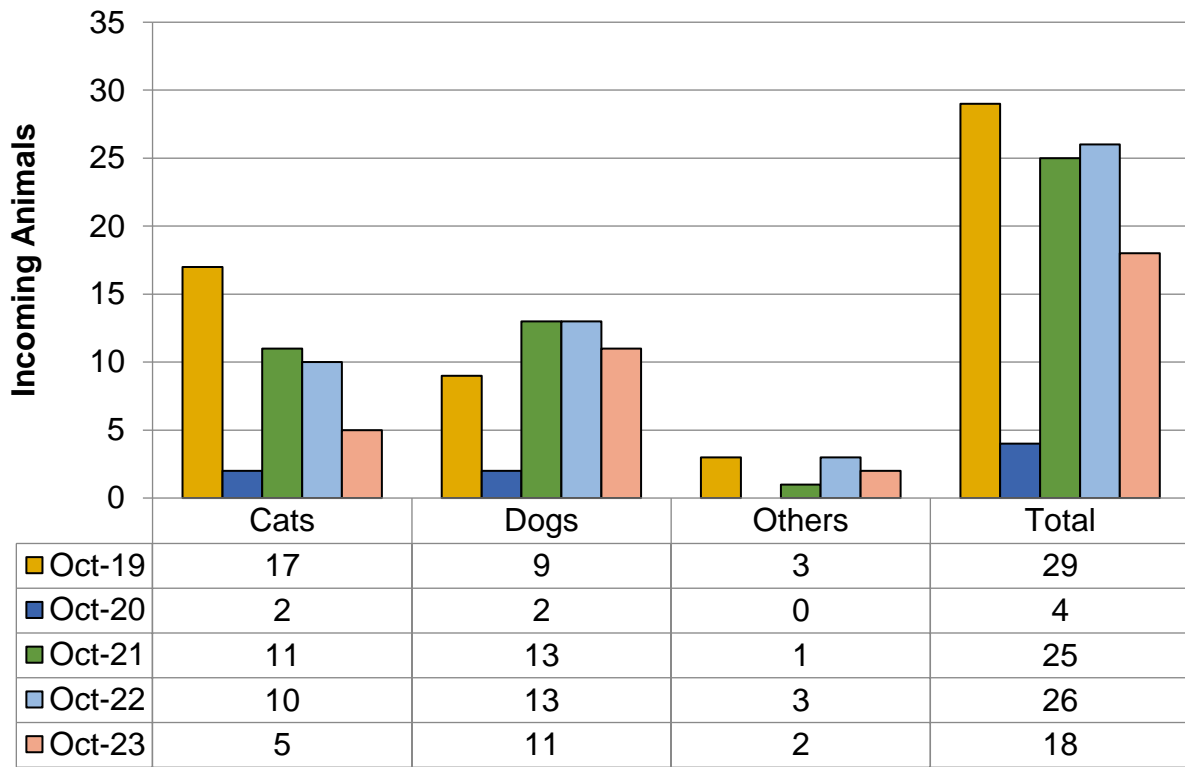
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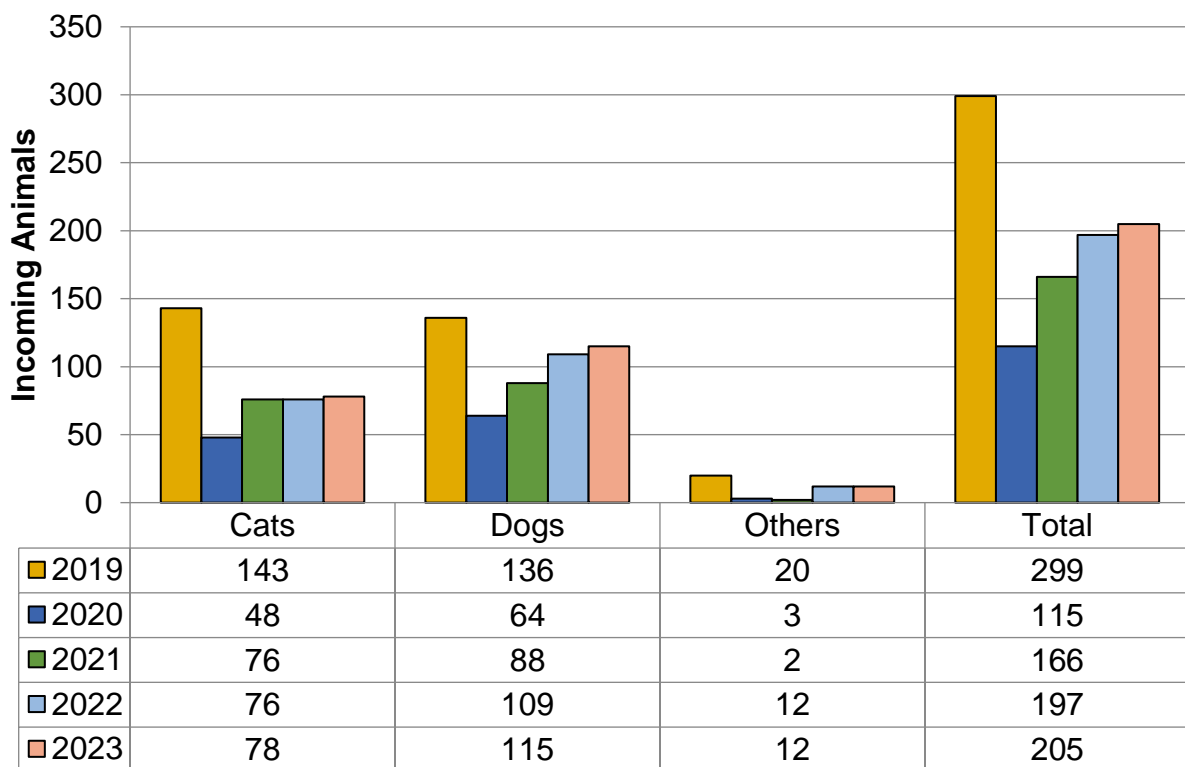
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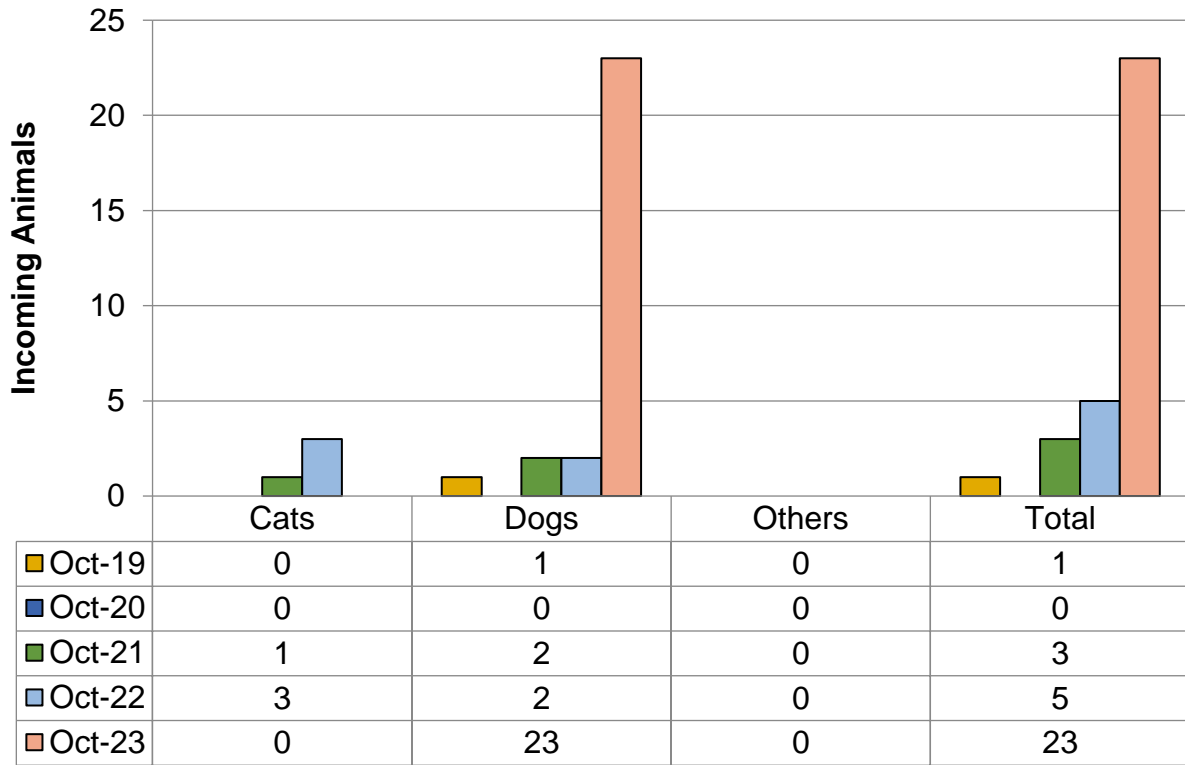
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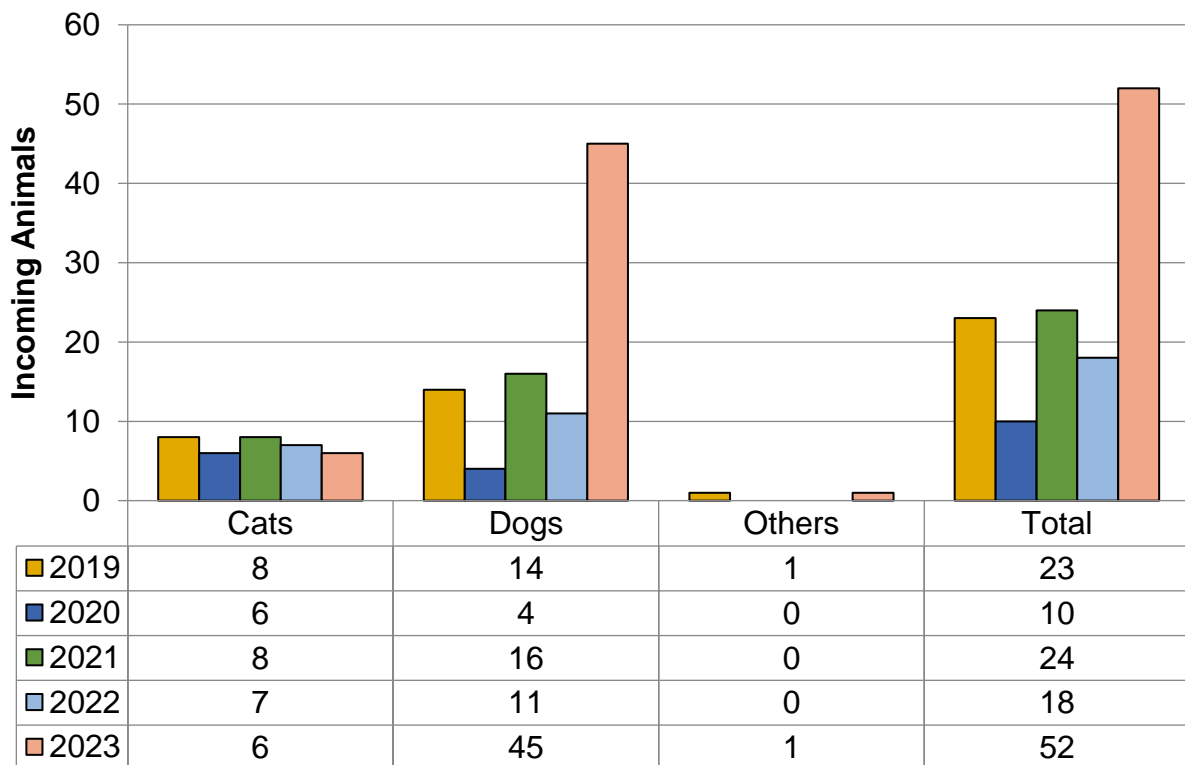
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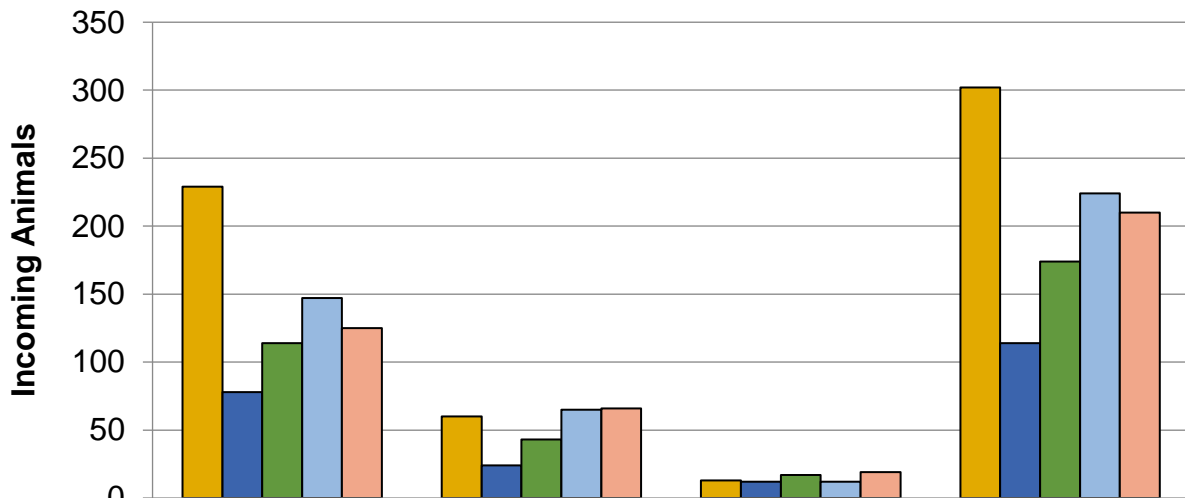
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### Seized / Custody Year to Date

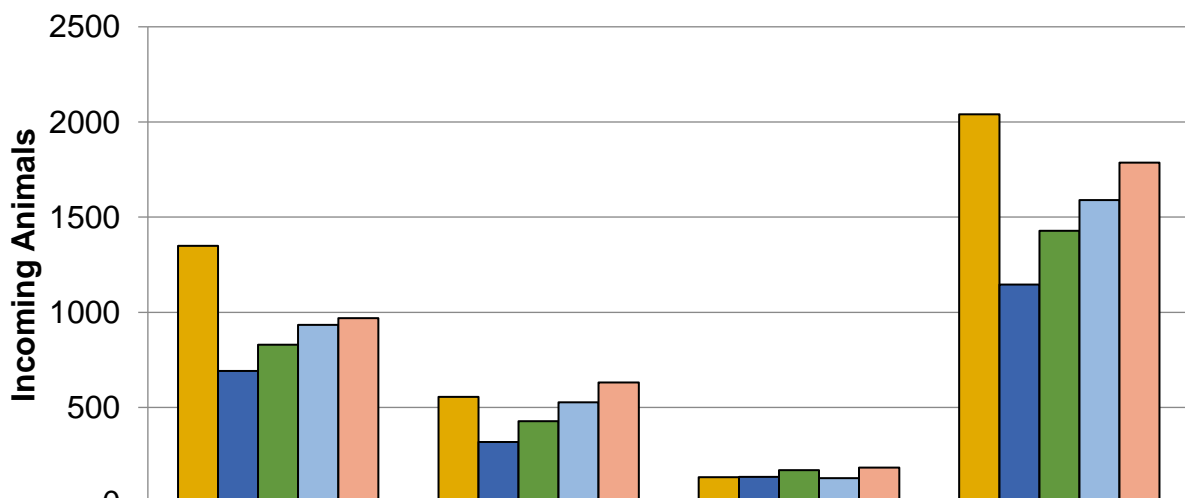


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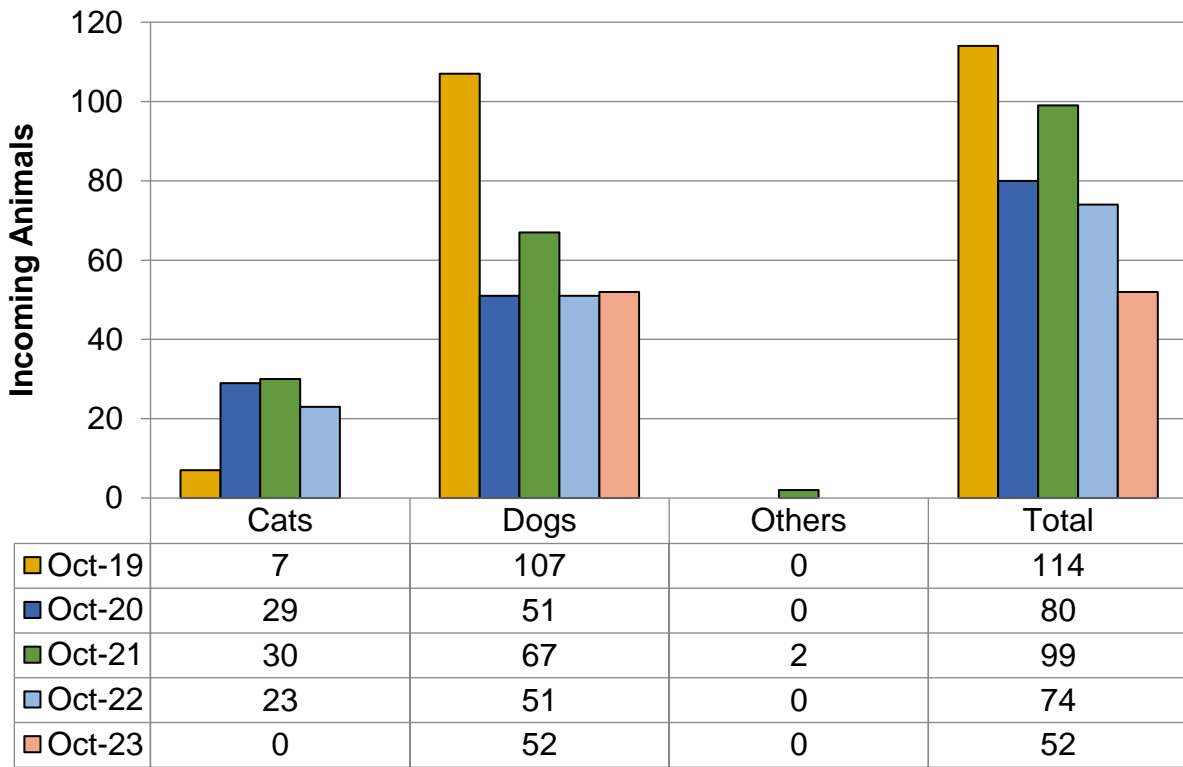
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Oct-19	229	60	13	302
Oct-20	78	24	12	114
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Oct-22	147	65	12	224
Oct-23	125	66	19	210

### Stray Year to Date

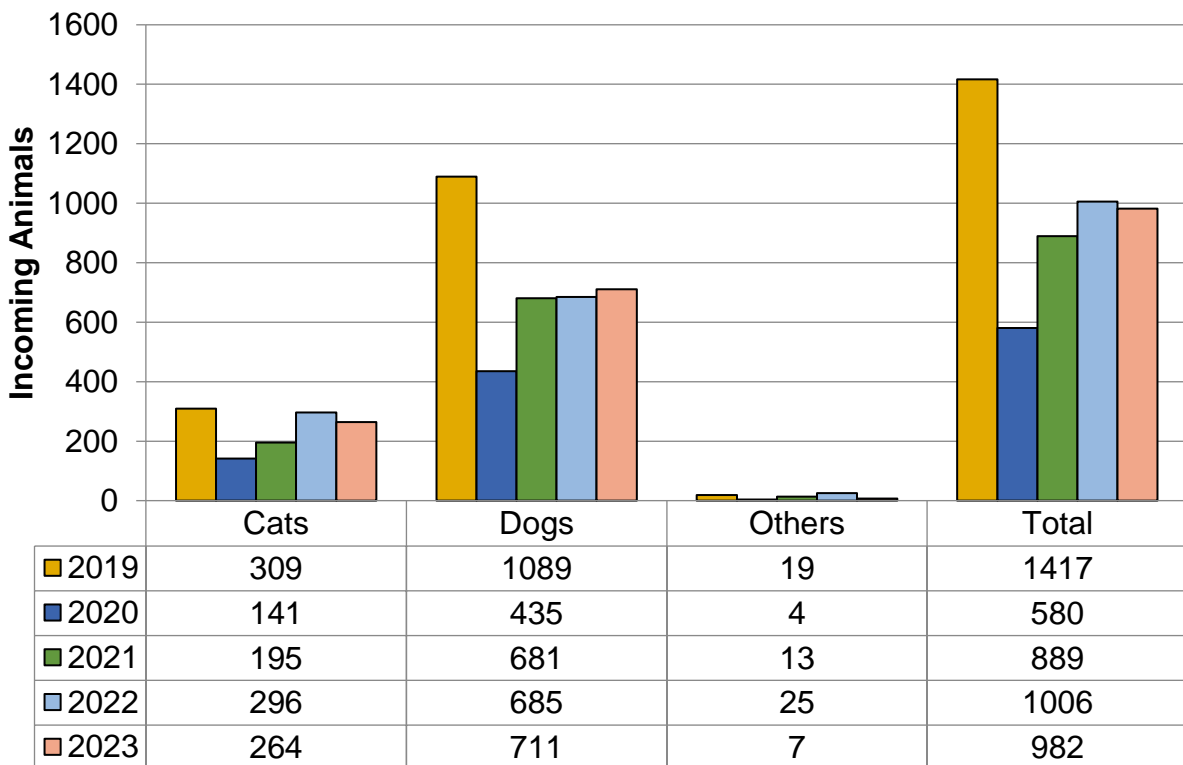


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2019	1350	556	134	2040
2020	692	318	136	1146
2021	829	428	171	1428
2022	934	527	128	1589
2023	970	632	184	1786

### Incoming Transfers October

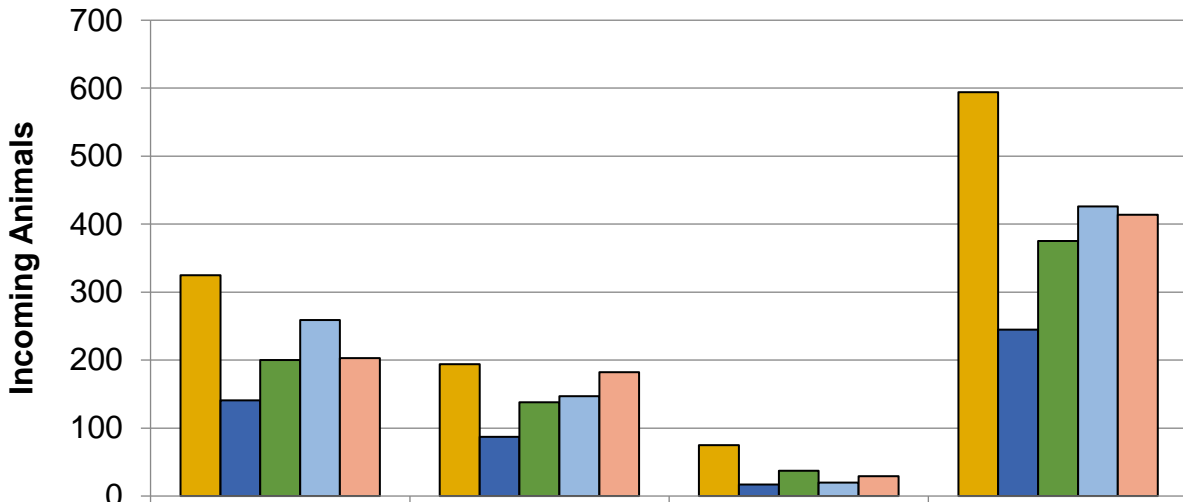


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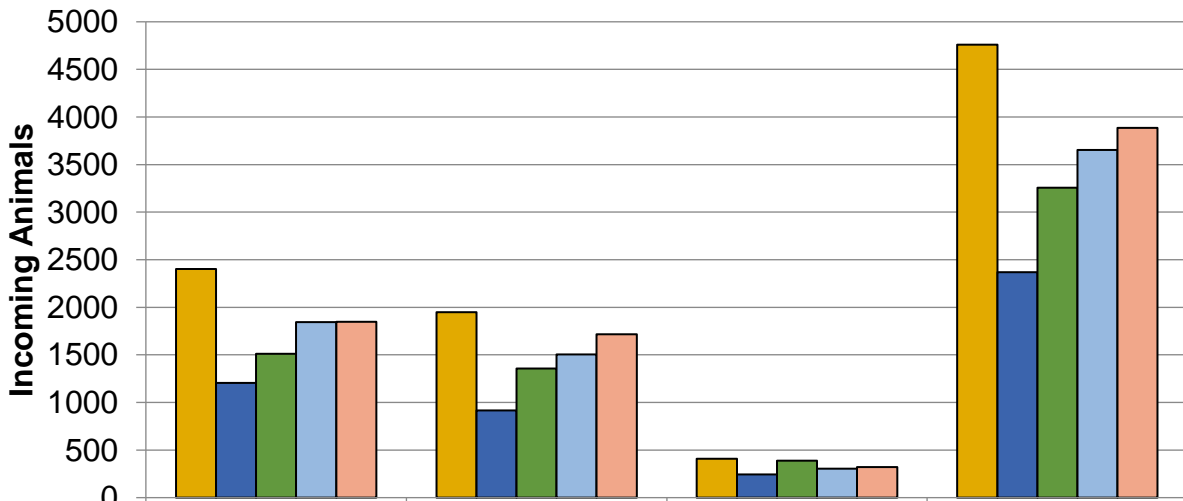


### Intake October



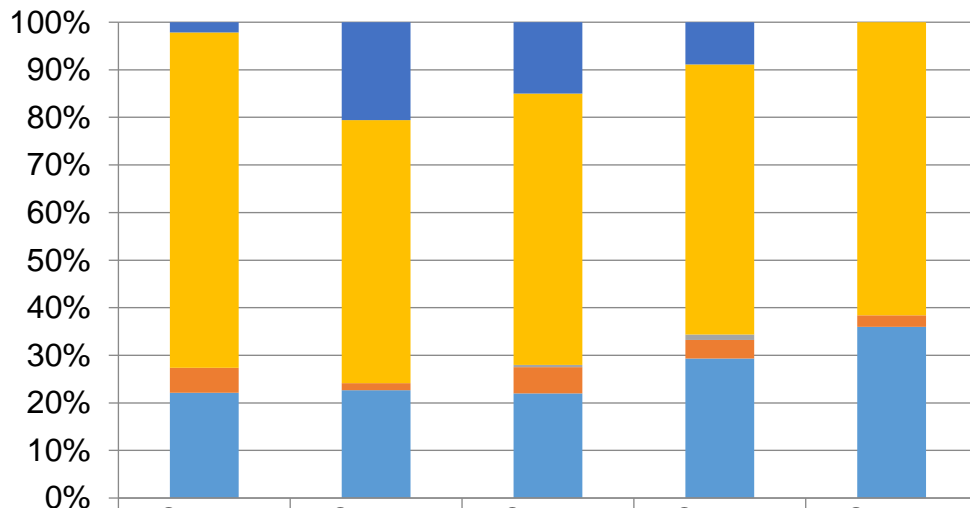
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Oct-19	325	194	75	594
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Oct-23	203	182	29	414

### Intake Year to Date



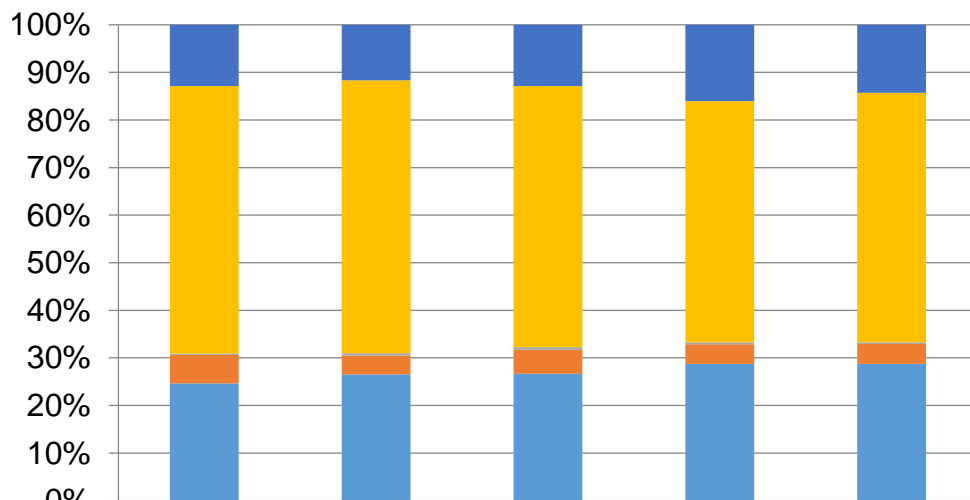
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2019	2402	1949	408	4759
2020	1207	917	245	2369
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2023	1849	1715	320	3884

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - October



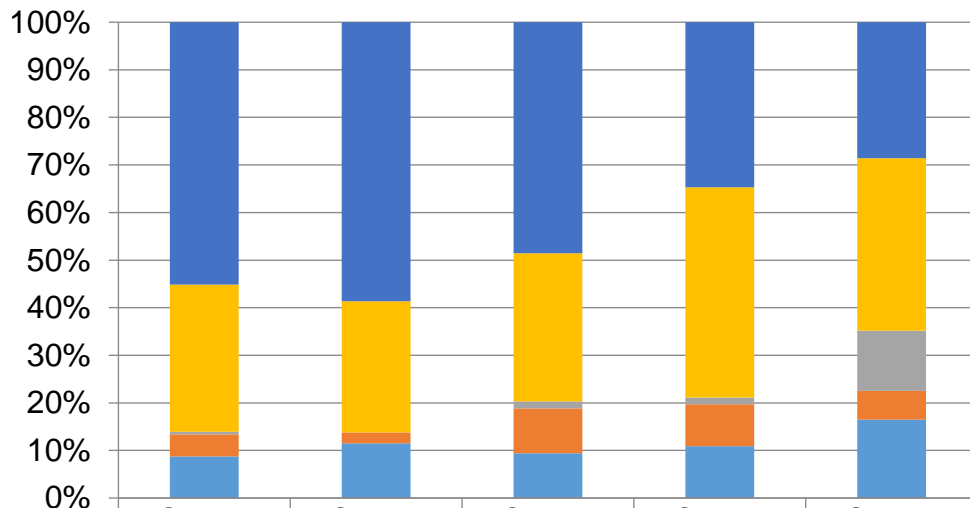
	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Incoming Transfers	2.15%	20.57%	15.00%	8.88%	0.00%
■ Strays	70.46%	55.32%	57.00%	56.76%	61.58%
■ Seized / Custody	0.00%	0.00%	0.50%	1.16%	0.00%
■ Returns	5.23%	1.42%	5.50%	3.86%	2.46%
■ Owner Surrenders	22.15%	22.70%	22.00%	29.34%	35.96%

### Intakes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



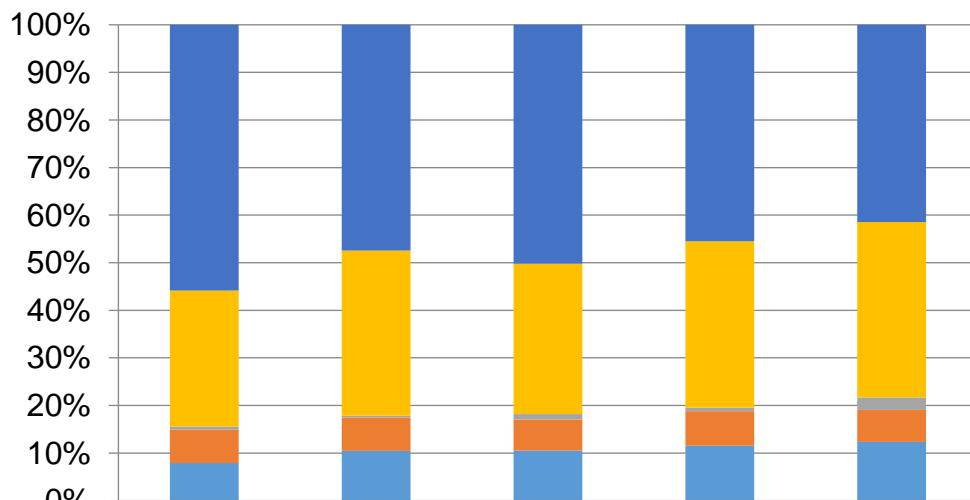
	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Incoming Transfers	12.86%	11.68%	12.91%	16.06%	14.28%
■ Strays	56.20%	57.33%	54.86%	50.68%	52.46%
■ Seized / Custody	0.33%	0.50%	0.53%	0.38%	0.32%
■ Returns	5.95%	3.98%	5.03%	4.12%	4.22%
■ Owner Surrenders	24.65%	26.51%	26.67%	28.76%	28.72%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - October



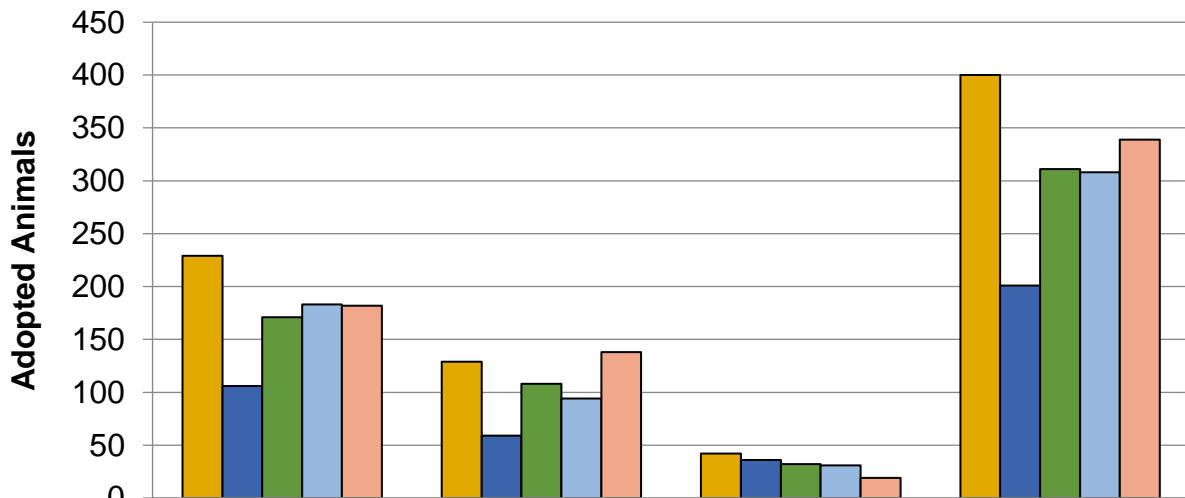
	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Incoming Transfers	55.15%	58.62%	48.55%	34.69%	28.57%
■ Strays	30.93%	27.59%	31.16%	44.22%	36.26%
■ Seized / Custody	0.52%	0.00%	1.45%	1.36%	12.64%
■ Returns	4.64%	2.30%	9.42%	8.84%	6.04%
■ Owner Surrenders	8.76%	11.49%	9.42%	10.88%	16.48%

### Intakes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date



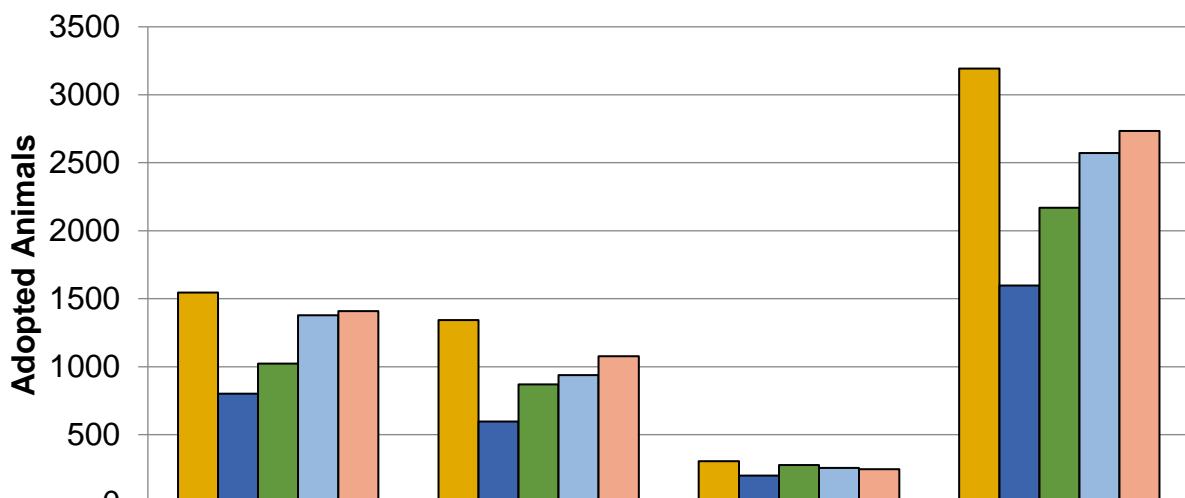
	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Incoming Transfers	55.87%	47.44%	50.22%	45.48%	41.46%
■ Strays	28.53%	34.68%	31.56%	34.99%	36.85%
■ Seized / Custody	0.72%	0.44%	1.18%	0.73%	2.62%
■ Returns	6.98%	6.98%	6.49%	7.24%	6.71%
■ Owner Surrenders	7.90%	10.47%	10.55%	11.55%	12.36%

## Adoptions October



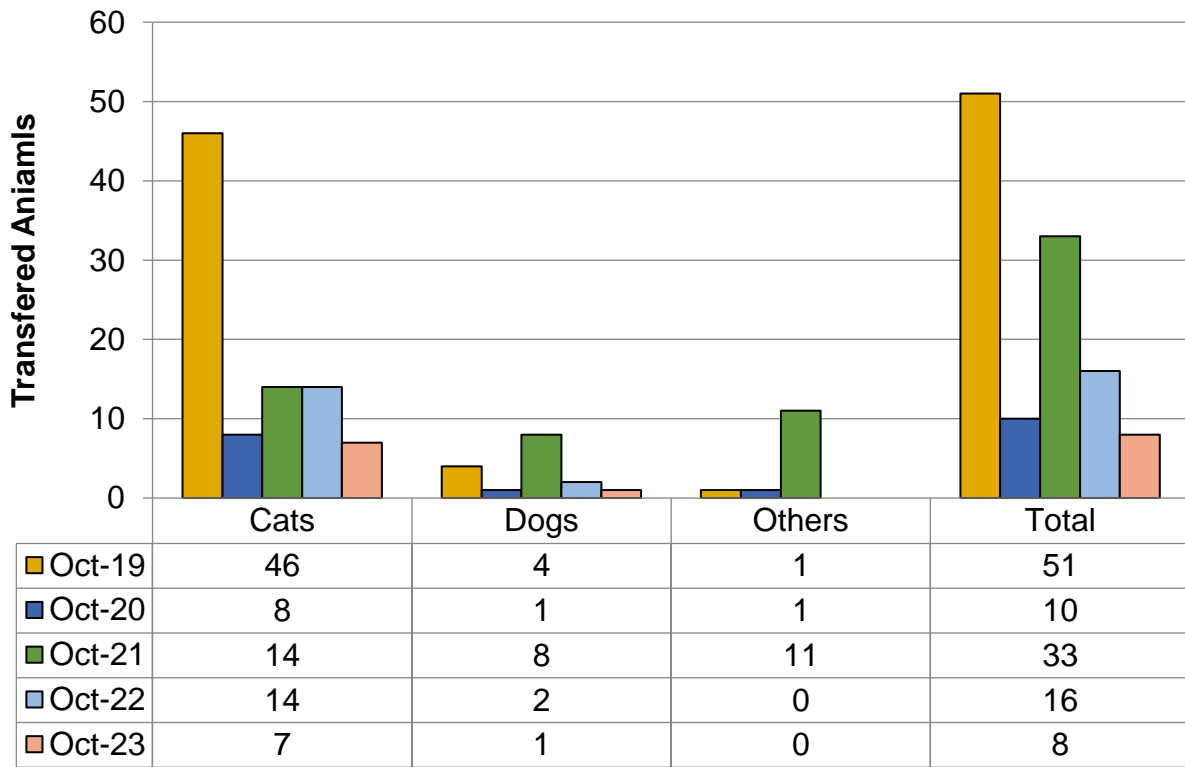
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Oct-19	229	129	42	400
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Oct-21	171	108	32	311
Oct-22	183	94	31	308
Oct-23	182	138	19	339

## Adoptions Year to Date

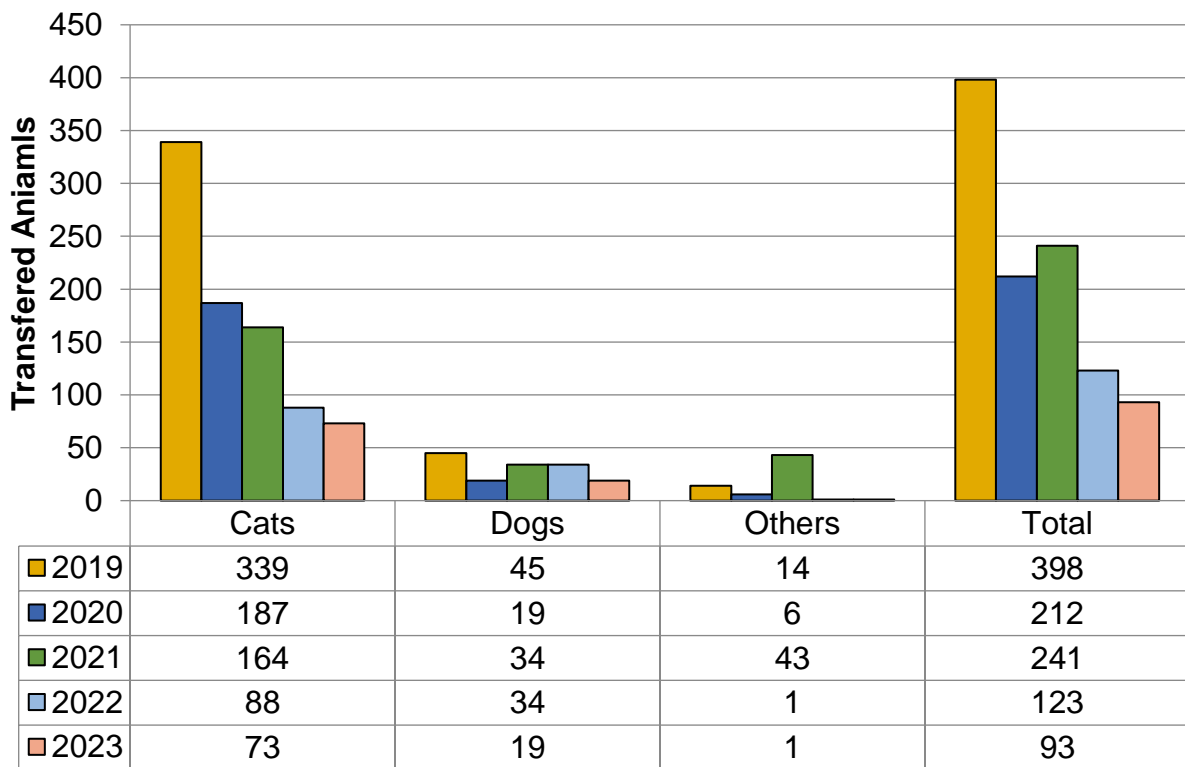


	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2019	1546	1342	305	3193
2020	801	596	200	1597
2021	1023	869	276	2168
2022	1379	937	256	2572
2023	1409	1078	247	2734

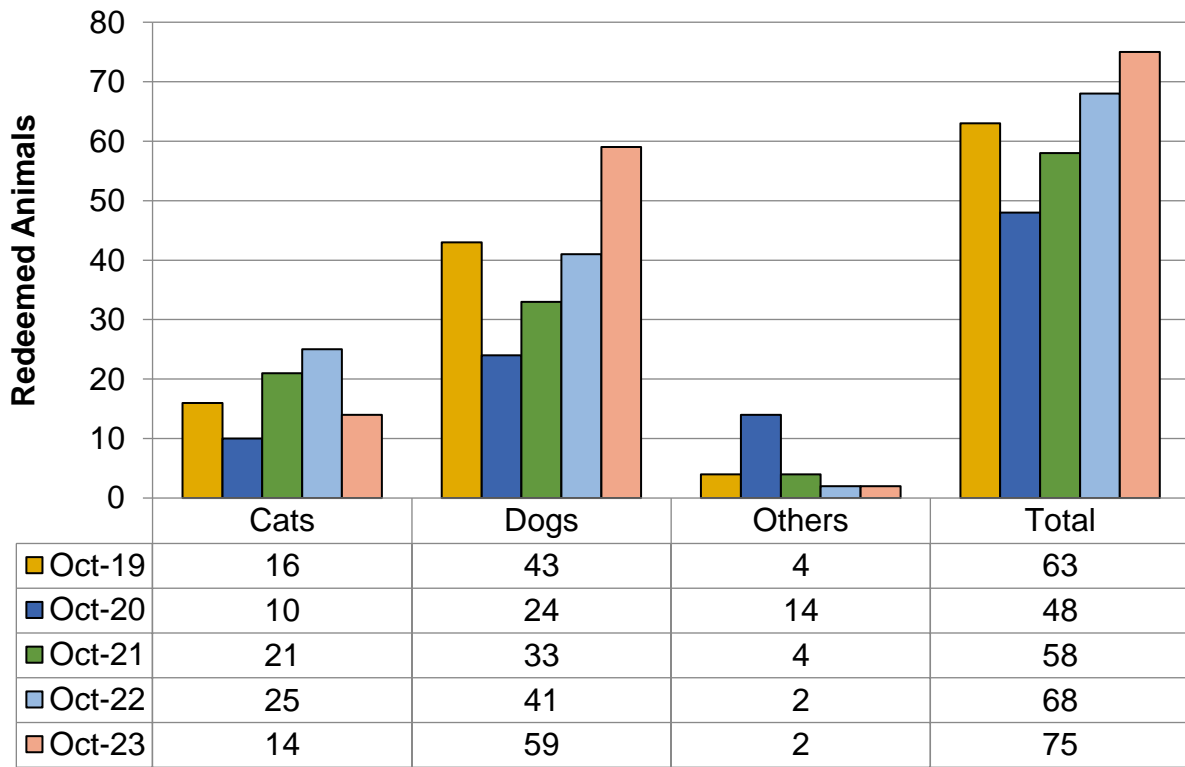
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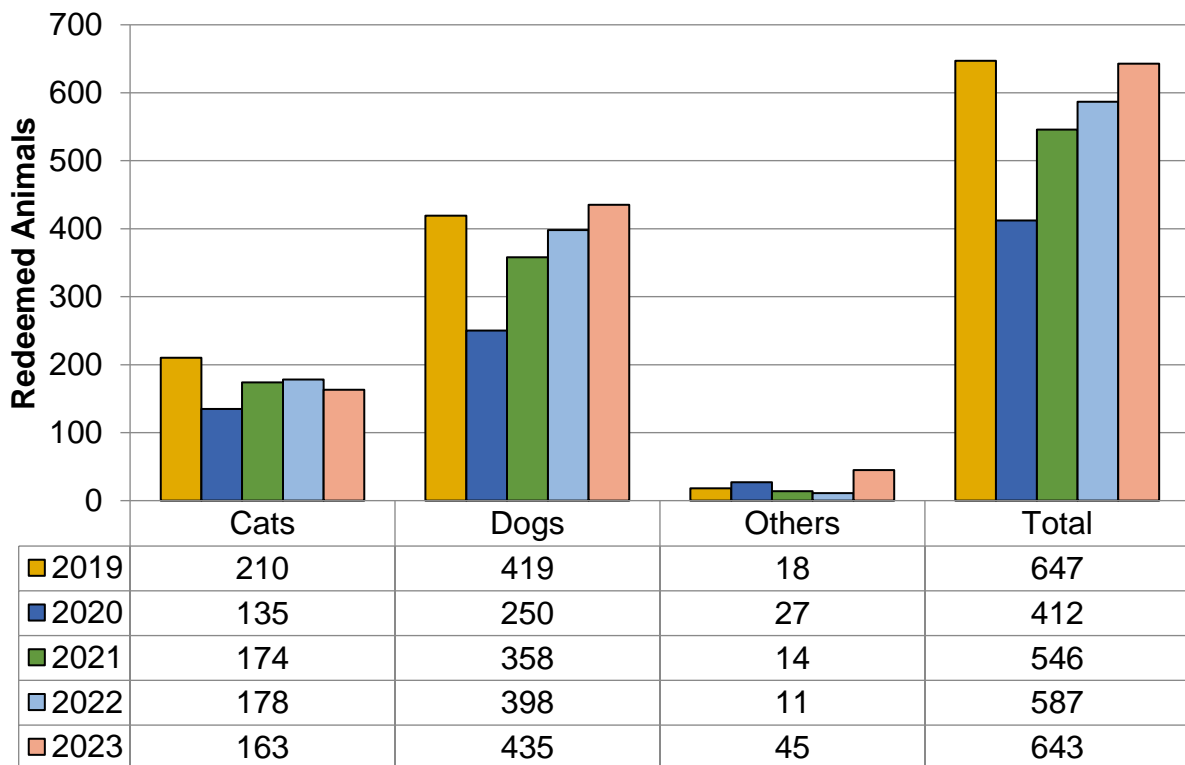
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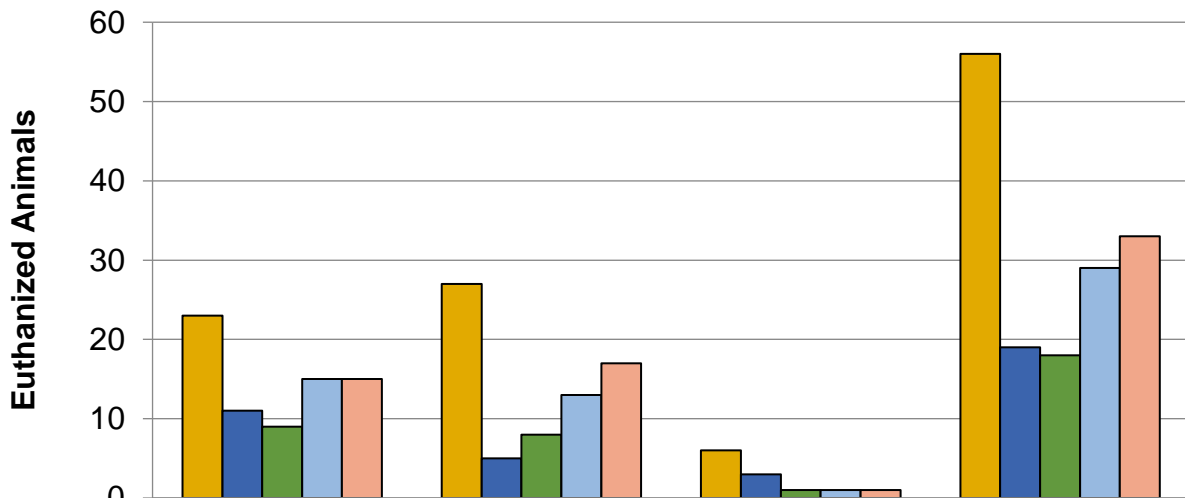
## Redemptions October



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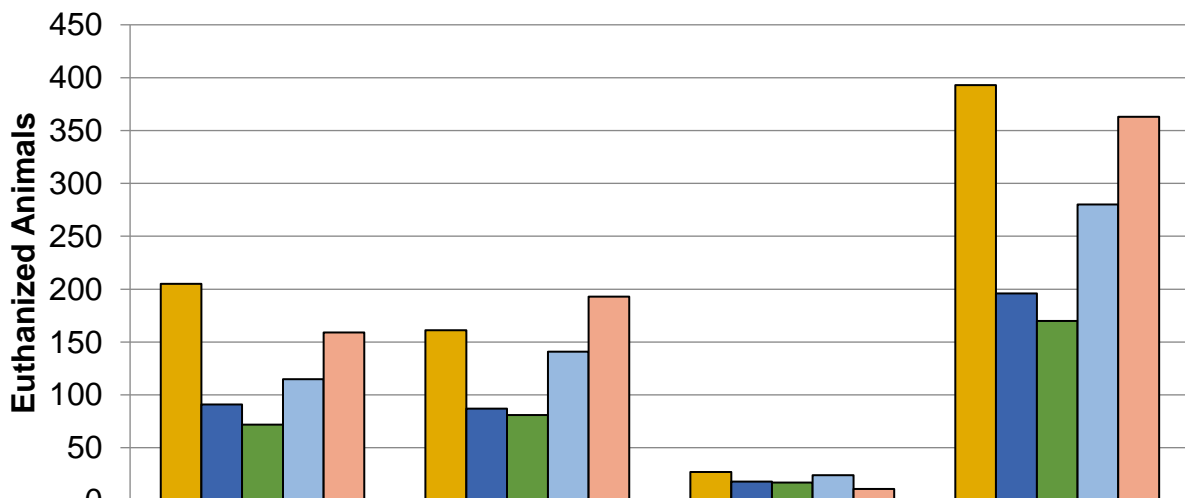


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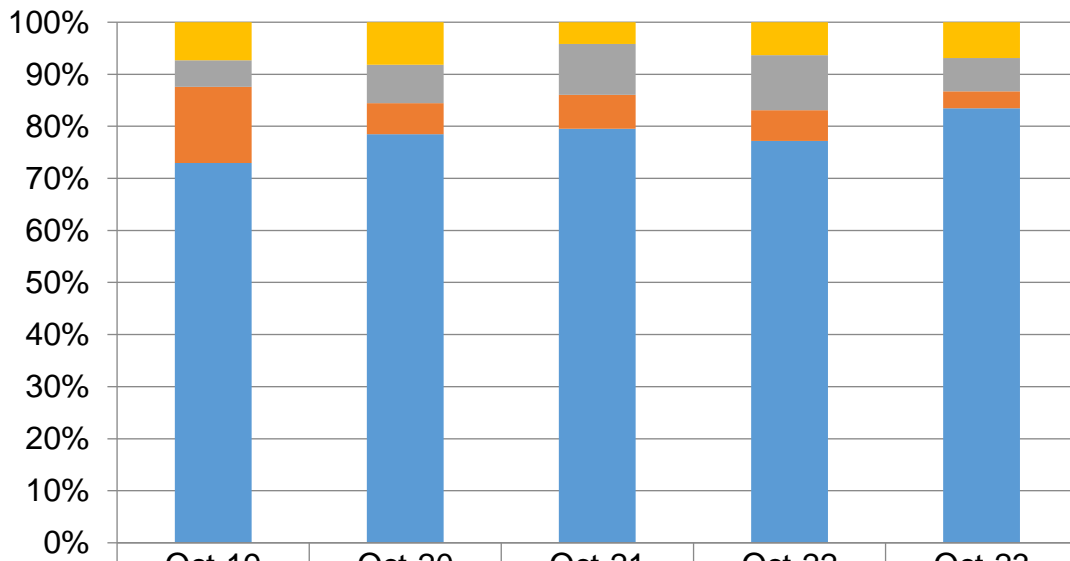
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
Oct-19	23	27	6	56
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Oct-23	15	17	1	33

## Euthanasia Year to Date



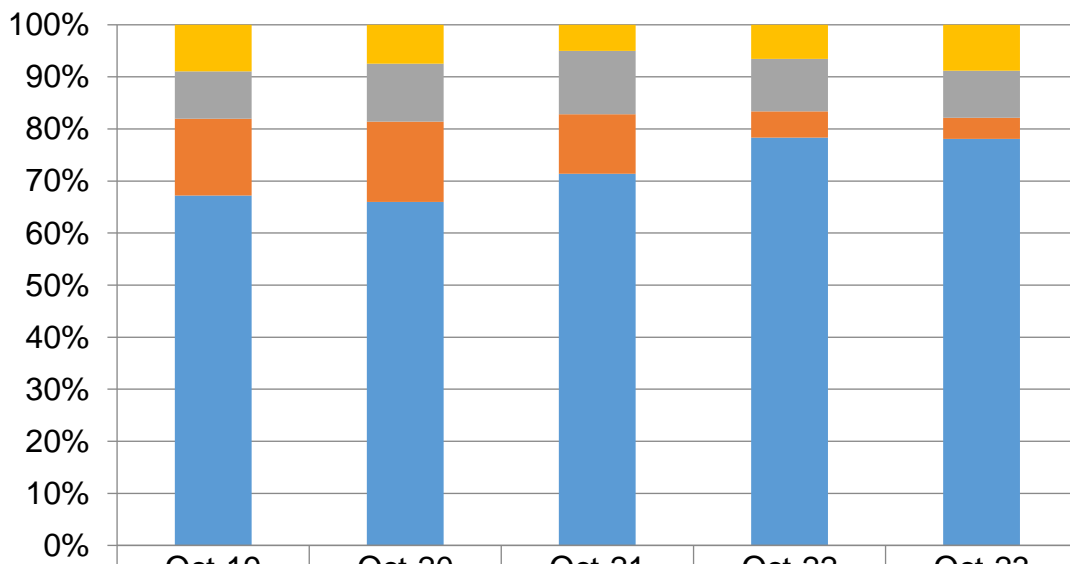
	Cats	Dogs	Others	Total
2019	205	161	27	393
2020	91	87	18	196
2021	72	81	17	170
2022	115	141	24	280
2023	159	193	11	363

### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - October



	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Euthanasia	7.32%	8.15%	4.19%	6.33%	6.88%
■ Redemption	5.10%	7.41%	9.77%	10.55%	6.42%
■ Transfer	14.65%	5.93%	6.51%	5.91%	3.21%
■ Adoption	72.93%	78.52%	79.53%	77.22%	83.49%

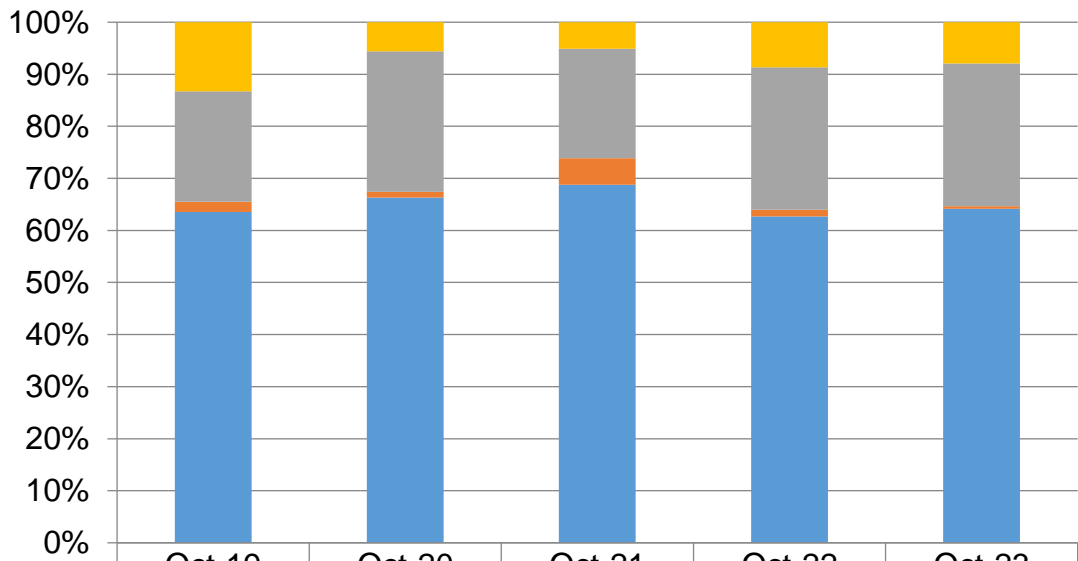
### Outcomes by Percentage Cats - Year to Date



	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Euthanasia	8.91%	7.50%	5.02%	6.53%	8.81%
■ Redemption	9.13%	11.12%	12.14%	10.11%	9.04%
■ Transfer	14.74%	15.40%	11.44%	5.00%	4.05%
■ Adoption	67.22%	65.98%	71.39%	78.35%	78.10%

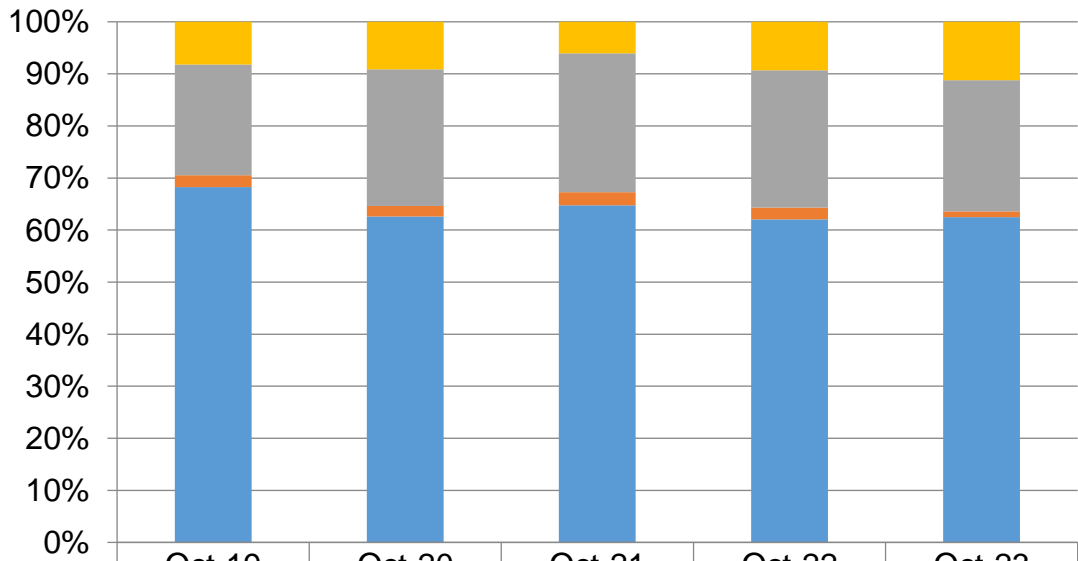


### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - October



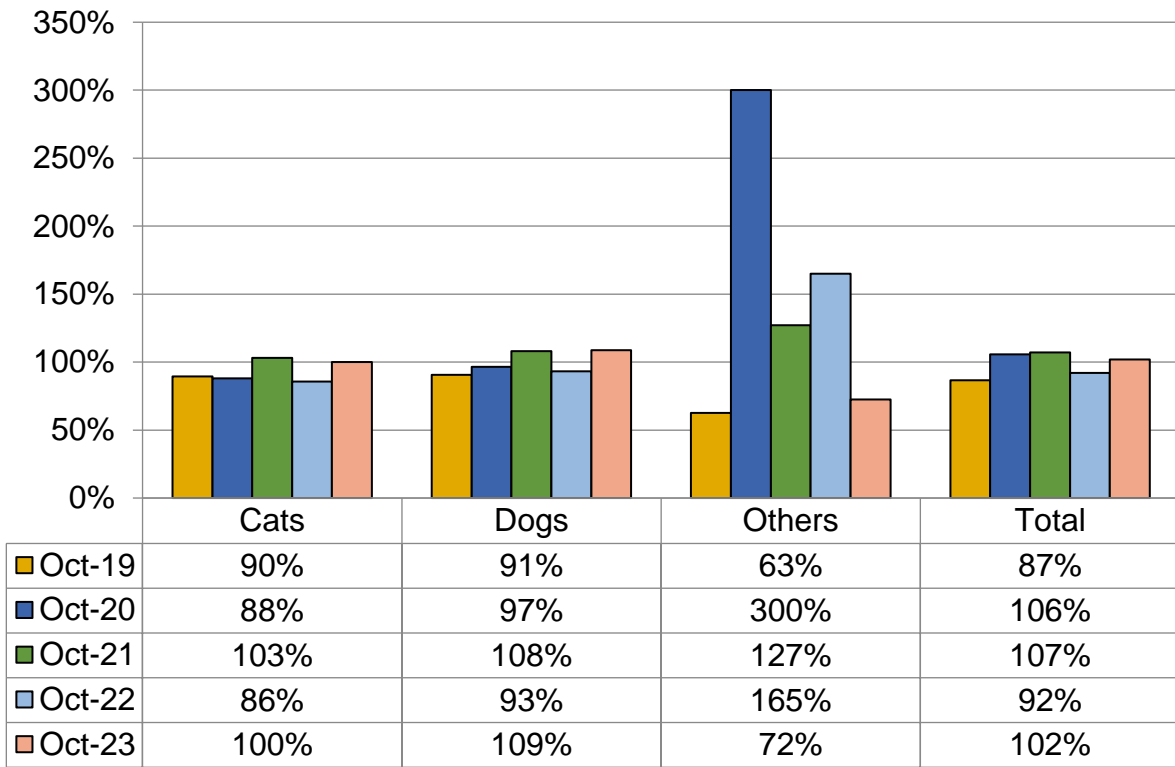
	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Euthanasia	13.30%	5.62%	5.10%	8.67%	7.91%
■ Redemption	21.18%	26.97%	21.02%	27.33%	27.44%
■ Transfer	1.97%	1.12%	5.10%	1.33%	0.47%
■ Adoption	63.55%	66.29%	68.79%	62.67%	64.19%

### Outcomes by Percentage Dogs - Year to Date

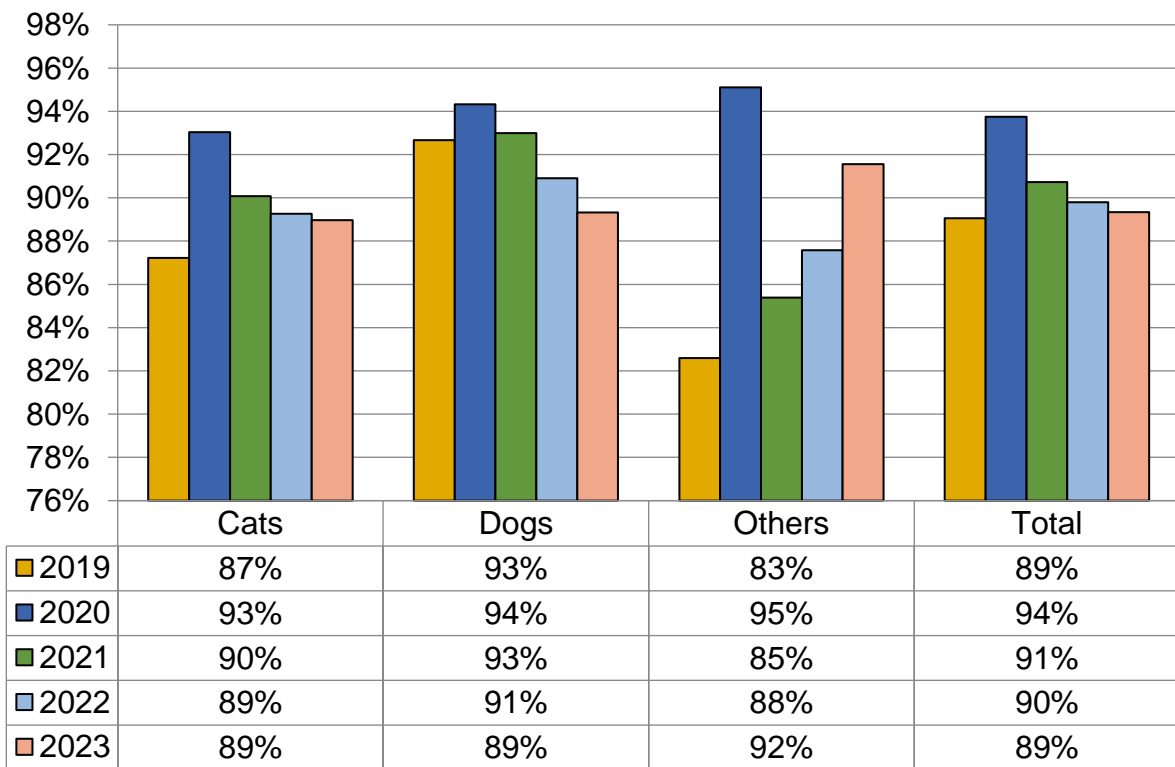


	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
■ Euthanasia	8.19%	9.14%	6.04%	9.34%	11.19%
■ Redemption	21.30%	26.26%	26.68%	26.36%	25.22%
■ Transfer	2.29%	2.00%	2.53%	2.25%	1.10%
■ Adoption	68.23%	62.61%	64.75%	62.05%	62.49%

## Save Rate October



## Save Rate Year to Date



## Terms and Definitions:

**Adoption** – The placement of an animal with a new owner/family.

**Euthanasia** – The act of putting an animal to death painlessly.

**Euthanasia Rate** – The percentage of animals euthanized during a given time period. For statistical purposes, this number does not include animals admitted specifically for euthanasia.

$$\text{Euthanasia Rate} = \text{Euthanasia} / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

**Intake** – The number of live animals admitted. For statistical purposes, this number does not include animals admitted specifically for euthanasia.

**Live Release Rate** – The percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. The difference between Live Release Rate and Save Rate (see Save Rate) is that Live Release Rate takes into account the starting animal inventory for the given time period. This results in a more accurate reflection of live release versus population. DCHS started using Live Release Rate in 2008.

$$\text{Live Release Rate} = (\text{Adoptions} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers}) / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

**Redemption** – The reclaiming of an animal by an existing or previous owner.

**Rolling Release Rate** – A compilation of Live Release Rate, Euthanasia Rate and Sanctuary Rate.

**Sanctuary Rate** – The percentage of animals remaining in the shelter's care at the end of a given time period.

$$\text{Sanctuary Rate} = ((\text{Inventory} + \text{Intake}) - (\text{Adoptions} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers} + \text{Euthanasia})) / (\text{Intake} + \text{Inventory})$$

**Save Rate** – The percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. Save Rate is an older and previously widely used formula for calculating a shelter's success but does not include the starting animal inventory for the given time period. This results in a less accurate reflection of live release versus population and could even generate percentages above 100% (for example if during a given time period 10 animals were adopted but only 5 were admitted, the Save Rate would equal 200% because the existing inventory of 5+ animals are not taken into consideration). Save Rate is still commonly used by shelters and is still calculated at DCHS for the purpose of comparisons to other shelter that still use Save Rate and for comparison to past years before Live Release Rate started to be calculated in 2008.

$$\text{Save Rate} = (\text{Adoption} + \text{Redemptions} + \text{Transfers}) / \text{Intake}$$

**Transfer** – The placement of an animal with another animal welfare organization.