Q1 2022 ANALYSIS
This report shows comparative data on sheltered animals from January-March 2021 and 2022. The intake and outcome data is comprised of 830 organization locations that reported complete data to Shelter Animals Count for all 6 months. The community services data is comprised of 154 organization locations that reported any community data in the time period.

Since there is no national requirement for reporting, all the data is self-reported and contains natural under and over sampling biases in both the geographic and organization type dimensions.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Gross Intakes**
Stray, relinquished by owner, owner intended euthanasia, transfers in, other intakes (born in care, seized, etc.).

**Community (Net) Intakes**
Total intakes, but does not include transfers in as an effort to show actual community intakes and to avoid double counting intakes when aggregating.

**Intake Types % of Intake**
The percentage of total intakes that were a certain intake type.

**Outcomes**
Includes all live outcomes and non-live outcomes.

**Live Outcomes**
Adoption, return to owner (RTO), return to field, transfer, and non-live outcomes.

**Other Outcomes/Non-Live Outcomes**
Died in care, lost in care, shelter euthanasia, and owner intended euthanasia.

**Outcome Types % of Intake**
The percentage of total intakes that resulted in a certain outcome.
GROSS INTAKES \(\uparrow 6.9\%\)
Comparing Q1 2021 to Q1 2022

Community intakes (not including transfers) are up by 10.6%, indicating that community intake is driving the increase in intake.

COMMUNITY INTAKES \(\uparrow 10.6\%\)
Comparing Q1 2021 to Q1 2022

The National Database as of 4/15/22. 830 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-March 2022. 250,000+ animals represented.
### Intake Types

**as a % of total intake**

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### Change in Intake Types

- **Relinquished by Owners** for felines is up 8.0% and 9.7% for canines.
- **Strays** are up 9.1% for felines and 18.5% for canines.
- **Other Intakes** for canines is up 16.7% and felines are down 8.9%.

- **Transfers In** are 13.5% less for dogs and 0.8% less for cats, confirming that community intake is driving intake up.

- Intakes are up for all organization types, except rescues without a government contract.

- Rescues without a government contract have 8.8% less intakes in Q1 2022 than Q1 2021; 5.8% less community intakes.

- Intakes are 17.9% higher for government animal services; community intakes is 18.4% higher.
TOTAL OUTCOMES

↑ 7.4%

Overall outcomes are 7.4% higher in Q1 2022 than they were in Q1 2021.

More than 100% of felines entering shelters have an outcome, indicating that feline populations in shelters are remaining balanced. Live outcomes as a percentage of intake have increased for felines while non-live outcomes have decreased, indicating that not only is the population in shelters being managed, it is being kept in balance through live outcomes.

Canine outcomes are not occurring at the same rate as intake, leading to longer lengths of stay. 96.4% of canines entering the shelter in Q1 2022 had an outcome. Live outcomes as a percentage of intake decreased for canines indicating that canines that entered shelters had a higher chance of a non-live outcome.
LIVE OUTCOMES

7.3% Live outcomes are 7.3% higher in Q1 2022 than in Q1 2021.

6.9% (↑)  
7.4% (↑)  
15.9% (↑)

LIVE OUTCOMES as a % of total intake

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<td>69.1%</td>
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<td>2021 Horses</td>
<td>63.1%</td>
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90.5% OVERALL LIVE OUTCOMES as a % of total outcomes

2022  | 91.1%  | 90.1%  | 87.8%  
2021  | 90.1%  | 91.2%  | 85.4%  

COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES

Includes adoption, return to owner (RTO), return to field, and other live outcomes. Does not include transfers out to other agencies.

9.6% This increase indicates that community support is driving the increase in live outcomes for canines, felines and other species.
ADOPTIONS ↑10.2%
As a percentage of intake, adoptions are up from 59.9% to 61.8%

↑9.5%
% change of cat adoptions

2022 72.0%
2021 69.1%
% of intake

↑10.7%
% change of dog adoptions

2022 53.7%
2021 52.6%
% of intake

↑19.2%
% change of other adoptions

2022 70.1%
2021 63.1%
% of intake

↑11.8%
Return to owner is up 11.8% for dogs.

↑3.2%
Return to field is up 3.2% for cats.

TRANSFERS OUT
Transfers out have decreased as a percentage of intake for all species.

13.6% 12.0%
2021 2022
Non-Live Outcomes are up from Q1 2021, which is being driven by canines. Felines and other species both saw a decrease.

9.5% Overall Non-Live Outcomes as a % of total outcomes

2022 8.9% 9.9% 12.2%
2021 9.9% 8.8% 14.6%

Non-Live Outcomes as a % of total intake

Felines have seen decreases in all Non-live Outcome subtypes and the rates of intakes for these subtypes is also slightly lower.

Shelter Euthanasia (as a percentage of intake) for canines is up from 4.6% to 5.9%, indicating that more canines that entered the shelters in Q1 2022 were euthanized than in Q1 2021.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

78,000+ SERVICES REPORTED

250% INCREASE FROM Q1 2021
Note that this is an increase in reporting of services. Not necessarily that organizations are providing more services.

46.9% 52.9%
Cats and dogs are the primary recipients of services provided in Q1 of 2022.

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE

SUPPORT SERVICES

FIELD SERVICES

BEHAVIOR SERVICES

VETERINARY SERVICES

62.8% of all services provided were support services during Q1 of 2022. 88.7% of all support services provided were pet food.

Behavior services are the least cited service provided.

40.1% of total veterinary services provided were spay/neuter surgeries for owned pets.
ORGANIZATIONS BY REGION

% of organizations in dataset by region

Regions are defined by the US census bureau. Territories are defined as their own region as they are not included in the census bureau.

ORGANIZATION TYPES

Rescues without a government contract are the highest represented group, followed closely by private shelters without a government contract.

- Rescues with a Government Contract: 32.9%
- Government Animal Services: 29.4%
- Shelters with Government Contract: 19.8%
- Shelters without a Government Contract: 17.5%
- Rescues without a Government Contract: 0.5%

The National Database as of 4/15/22. 830 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-March 2022. 250,000+ animals represented.
The majority of organizations reporting (54.3%) have intakes of more than 500 per year as established by 2021 intake data.

Government Animal Service organizations tend to have more than 1,000 intakes while rescues without a government contract tend to have fewer than 1,000 intakes.