### HIGHLIGHTS

#### JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 2019–2022

1. **There are 7.3% more animals entering shelters than leaving** so far this year, up from 6% in the Q2 report (Jan-Jun). While this is forecasted to improve slightly by the end of the year at 5%, this is still the largest gap in the past 4 years. 

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2. **All regions are experiencing more cats and dogs entering shelters than leaving with an outcome (live or non-live).**

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3. **Compared to 2021**, the number of animals entering shelters has increased 4%, while total outcomes are not keeping pace, decreasing 0.3%.

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4. **Compared to 2019**, the number of animals entering shelters has decreased 17%, while total outcomes have decreased at an even higher rate of 20%, meaning more animals are staying in shelters now than before the pandemic.

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5. **Stray dogs and owner surrendered cats are entering shelters at their highest rate in 4 years.**

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6. **While the rate of adoptions increased from 52% in Q2 to 60% in Q3, there are still too many animals in shelters pending an adoption (or other outcome).**

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By using full-year data for 2019, 2020 and 2021, and the first nine months of data for 2022, we have adjusted the forecast for the end of the year.

Overall, we are forecasting that intakes in 2022 will be higher than 2021 and still significantly less than 2019. Outcomes are expected to be slightly lower than 2021.

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With the adjusted forecast, we are estimating that 5% of animals entering shelters will not have an outcome by the end of the year. This is better than our Q2 forecast due to efforts being made to increase outcomes in Q3. However, the PBC is still lower than 2019 - 2021.
GROSS INTAKES VS. COMMUNITY INTAKES

Gross Intakes
Typically used when looking at an individual shelter’s data (shelter-level data).

**DEFINITION:** Total animals entering the shelter. Stray, relinquished by owner, transfers in, other intakes (born in care, seized, etc.).

Community (Net) Intakes
Typically used when aggregating intakes at state/region/national levels to prevent “double-counting” of animals being transferred after initial intake type. Assumes that animals being transferred were already accounted for in another intake type by another organization also in the dataset.

**DEFINITION:** Total animals entering the shelter **minus transfers in** as an effort to show actual community intakes.

The National Database as of 10/12/22. 741 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-September 2022. 1,049,956 animals represented.
The forecast is an estimate based on data from 2019, 2020, 2021 and the first nine months of 2022 with seasonality automatically detected based on those previous years.
The National Database as of 10/12/22. 716 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-September 2022. 1,049,956 animals represented.

**TOTAL OUTCOMES**

Includes all live outcomes and non-live outcomes.

-0.3% change compared to 2021

-20.1% change compared to 2019

**LIVE OUTCOMES**

Adoption, return to owner (RTO), return to field, transfer, and other live outcomes.

-1.4% change compared to 2021

-17% change compared to 2019

**COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES**

Total outcomes excluding transfers out.

0.6% change compared to 2021

-14.8% change compared to 2019

**NON-LIVE OUTCOMES**

Died in care, lost in care, and shelter euthanasia.

9.4% change compared to 2021

-39.4% change compared to 2019

All comparisons include January-September in the stated year.
## INTAKE TYPES

as a % of total intake (January-September 2022)

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The rate of stray dogs entering shelter has increased by 3.1 percentage points compared to last year, which is also higher than the rate in 2019.

The rate of dog transfers in is the lowest of the past 4 years.

The rate of other intakes for dogs (including impound/seizure and born in care) continue to increase each year since 2019.

Cat intake type rates remain consistent for the past 4 years.

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The National Database as of 10/12/22. 741 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-September 2022. 1,049,956 animals represented.
OUTCOME TYPES
as a % of total intake (January-September 2022)

The National Database as of 10/12/22. 741 organizations with complete data for feline, canine, or both from January-September 2022. 1,049,956 animals represented.

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SHELTER EUTHANASIA

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Read more about gaps in outcomes and the Population Balance Calculation on Page 10.

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ADOPTIONS
as a % of total intake (January-September 2022)

This chart shows that of all cats and dogs entering shelters for each quarter, these are the percentages that had adoption outcomes.

Of the cats entering shelters, more left through adoption in Q3 than Q2. Dogs were adopted at a slightly lower rate in Q3, despite an increase in adoptions in August.

ADOPTION % CHANGE  
↑ 2.1%  FROM 2021

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2022: Q2 TO Q3 COMPARISON

( APR-JUN )  ( JUL-SEPT )

The outcome increase was driven by live outcomes.

There was no change in community intakes from Q2 to Q3 for 2019 or 2022. The increase in total outcomes in 2019 lead to a more balanced population. See Pages 11-12 for more information.

STRAY INTAKE (DOGS) AS A % OF INTAKES

Of all dogs entering shelters, these are the stray percentages per quarter.

ADOPTIONS (ALL SPECIES) AS A % OF INTAKES

Of all animals entering shelters, these are the adoptions percentages per quarter.
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The SAC Population Balance Calculation (PBC) is the formula we use to determine if a shelter’s population is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. It simply takes the total outcomes divided by the total intakes for a time period.

**100% EQUILIBRIUM**

100% means that animals are leaving at the exact same rate that they’re coming in so the total number of animals is unchanged (equilibrium).

**ABOVE 100%**

Over 100% means the population is decreasing (i.e. 107% means 7% more animals left than entered the shelter).

**BELOW 100%**

Under 100% means the population is increasing (i.e. 97% means 3% of animals that entered stayed in the shelter).

**OUTCOMES**

**INTAKES**
The national PBC for 2022 is 92.7% which is lower than 2021 (95.9%) and 2019 (97.1%).

Calculate your organization’s population changes using the Population Balance Calculation at: www.ShelterAnimalsCount.org/PBC
By using full year data for 2019, 2020 and 2021, and the first nine months of data for 2022, we can forecast the population balance through the end of 2022. This forecast is an estimate based on past data and assumes no changes occur in the industry.

**FORECAST OF POPULATION BALANCE**

2022
- JAN-DECEMBER: 95.1%

2022
- JAN-SEPT: 92.7%

2021
- JAN-DEC: 98.9%

2020
- JAN-DEC: 103%

2019
- JAN-DEC: 100.2%

**PBC MONTH-BY-MONTH**

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**FELINE**
- Based on previous year’s trends, we estimate that cats will be close to or above 100% PBC for the remainder of the year, decreasing the shelter populations.

**CANINE**
- We estimate that dog PBC will be below 100% for the remainder of the year, potentially increasing the dog population in shelters by the end of the year.

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OTHER SPECIES

OTHER SPECIES INCLUDE RABBITS, EQUINES, SMALL MAMMALS, FARM ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

COMMUNITY INTAKES

INTAKE TYPES

as a % of total intake (January-September 2022)

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OUTCOME TYPES

as a % of total intake (January-September 2022)

2022

2021

Additional insights on other species available on dashboards at ShelterAnimalsCount.org/data-dashboards

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COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR OWNED ANIMALS

Over 960 organizations submitted Community Services data in January-September 2022.

373,660 services reported by over 960 organizations.

49.2% CANINE
50.6% FELINE
0.2% OTHER

Visit Shelteranimalscount.org/community-services-database-csd for category and service type definitions.

The National Database as of 10/12/22. Over 960 organizations have reported more than 373,000 Community Services from January-September 2022.
DEFINITIONS

Gross Intakes
Stray, relinquished by owner, 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.

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

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

Community (Net) Live Outcomes
Total outcomes excluding transfers out.

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

Outcome Types % of Intake
The percentage of total intakes that resulted in a certain outcome.

View the NEW Animal Welfare Glossary on the website for additional data definitions.
ShelterAnimalsCount.org/animal-welfare-glossary
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**ORGANIZATIONS BY REGION**

% of organizations in intake/outcome data by region

Regions are defined by the US census bureau.

[Map showing percentages by region with states colored in different shades to indicate percentages.]

**ORGANIZATION TYPES**

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**ORGANIZATIONS AS % OF INTAKE**

- Government Funded Agencies: 65.1%
- Shelters without a Government Contract: 26.3%
- Rescues without a Government Contract: 8.6%

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