

Q1 2023 ANALYSIS



HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY - MARCH 2021 - 2023

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Total community intakes increased 3%. Outcomes, on the other hand, did not keep up — seeing only a 2% increase.

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Compared to Q1 last year, there was a 2% decrease in dogs who were surrendered by their owners and a 14% increase in dogs who arrived as strays (while cats saw a 4% decrease in stray intakes). Over the past three years, as the owner surrender rate has decreased for dogs, the stray rate has increased significantly.

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Animals moving between organizations through transfers continues to decrease from a rate of 15% in Q1 2021 to 12% in Q1 2023. When looking at PBC by organization type, there is a hopeful trend that the bottleneck for foster-based rescues is easing, which could indicate a future increase in transfers.

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Non-live outcomes for dogs nearly doubled in Q1 2023 compared to 2021, while cats remained largely unchanged. That said, however, 90% of dogs and cats had live outcomes in Q1 2023.

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Early forecast models predict 2023 will have a population balance close to pre-pandemic levels (99% in 2023 vs 100% in 2019).

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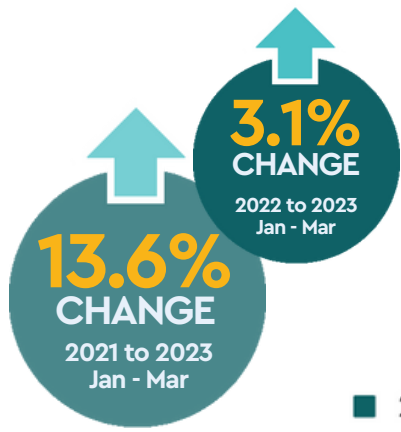




INTAKES

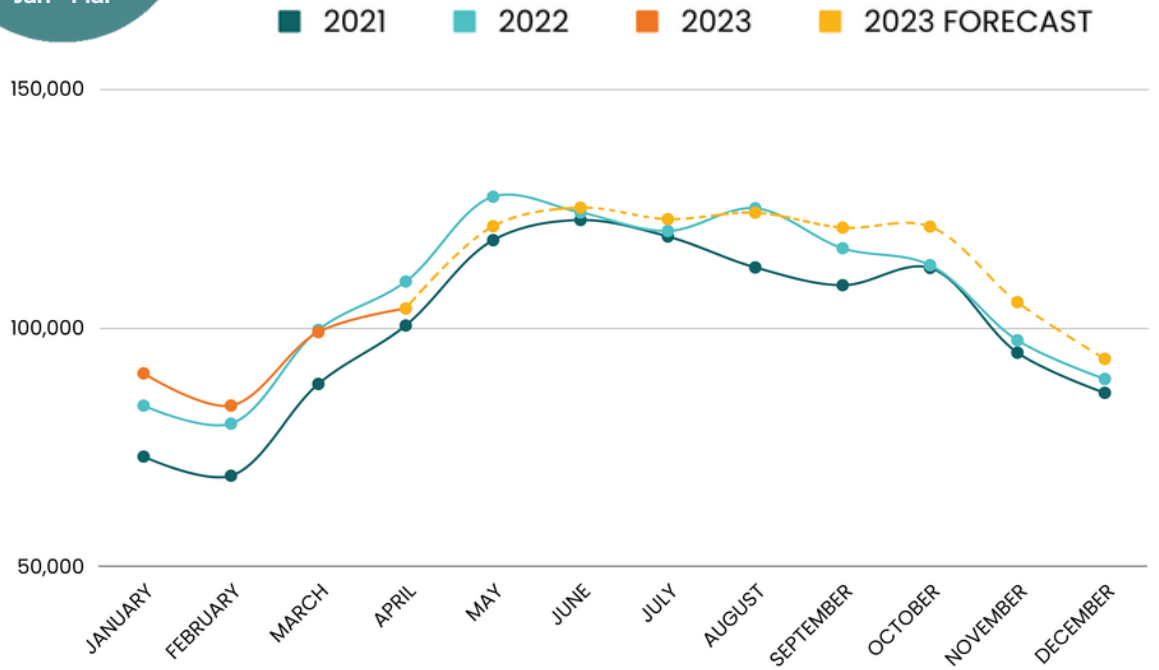
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COMMUNITY INTAKES

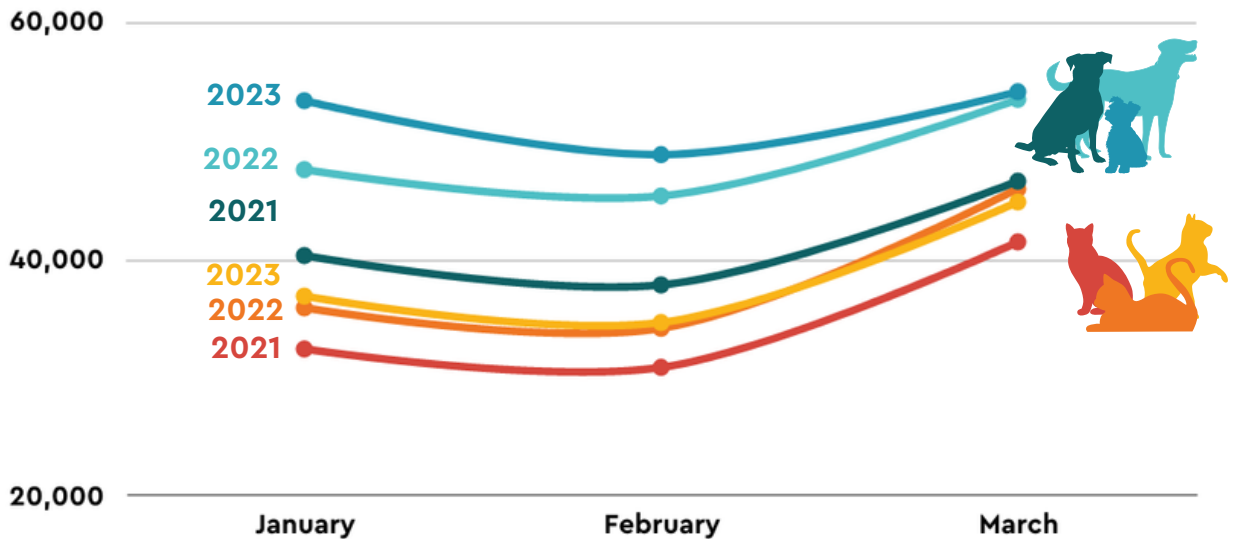


TOTALS

DOGS AND CATS



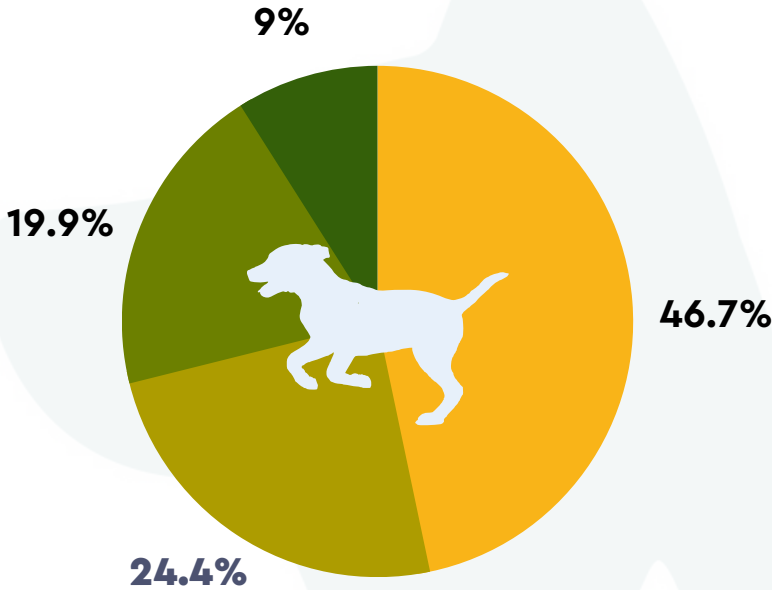
SPECIES BREAKDOWN



CANINE INTAKE TYPES

2023

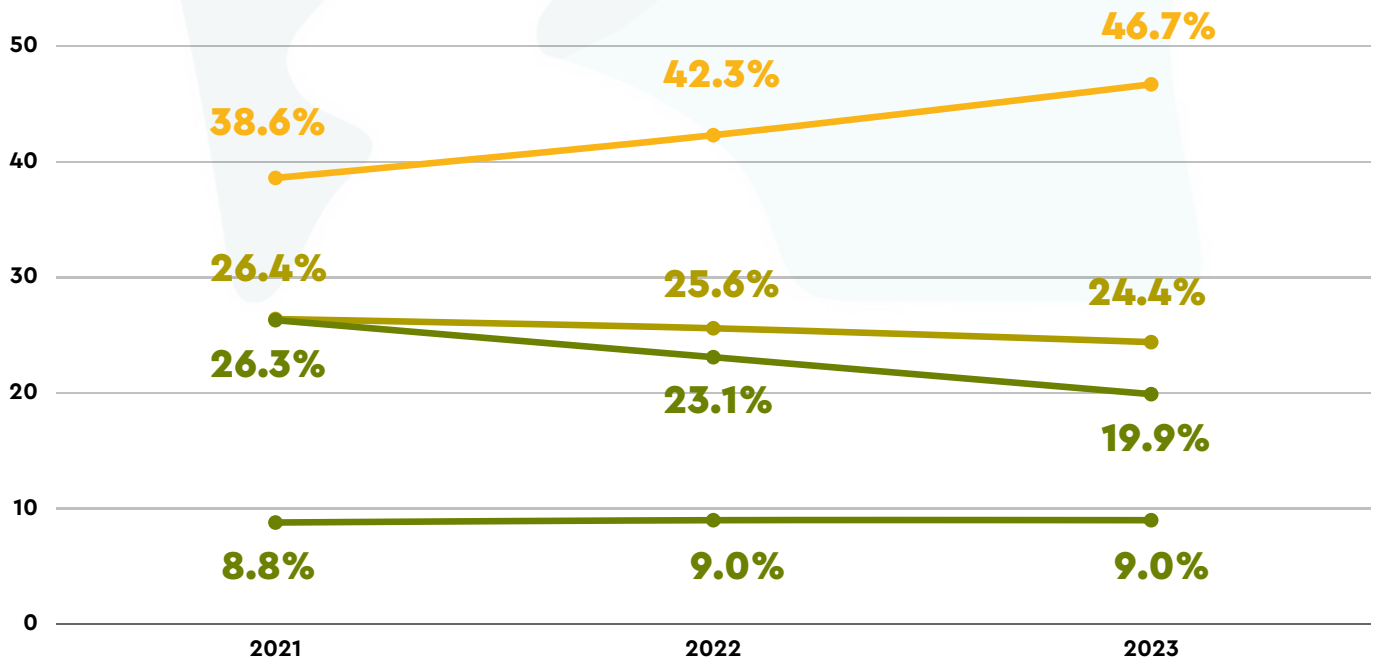
AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE IN Q1



Compared to 2022, 2% fewer dogs were surrendered in Q1 2023, while 14% more were taken in as strays.

■ STRAY
 ■ RELINQUISHED BY OWNER
 ■ TRANSFERRED IN
 ■ OTHER

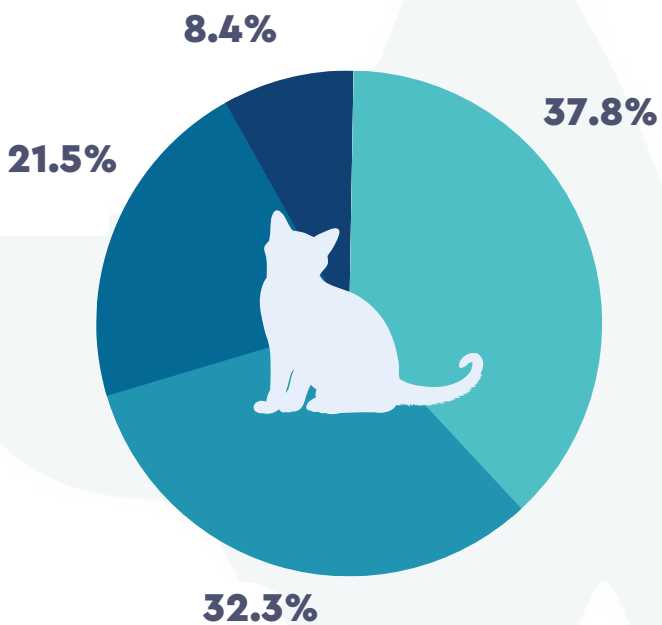
CANINE % OF TOTAL INTAKE



FELINE INTAKE TYPES

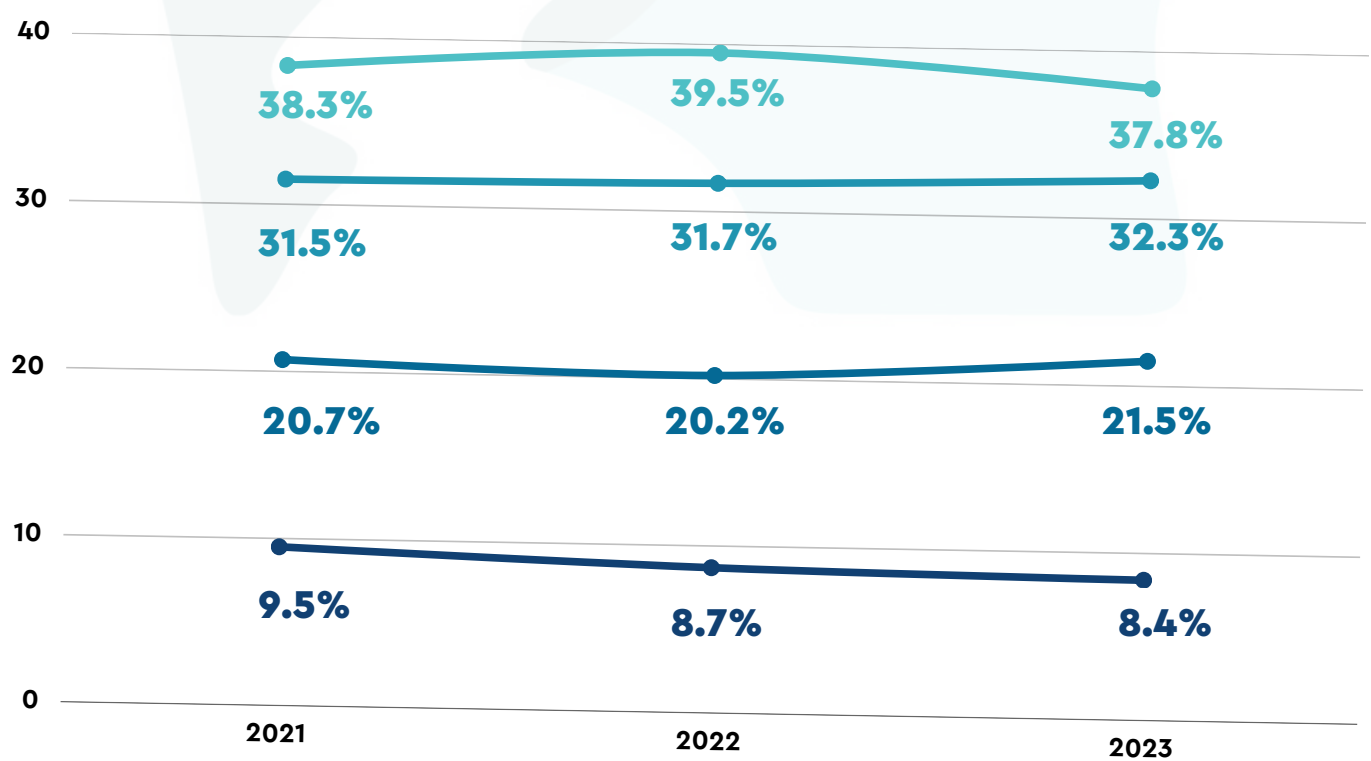
2023

AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE IN Q1



7% more cats were transferred in compared to 2022, and 4% less were brought in as strays.

FELINE % OF TOTAL INTAKE

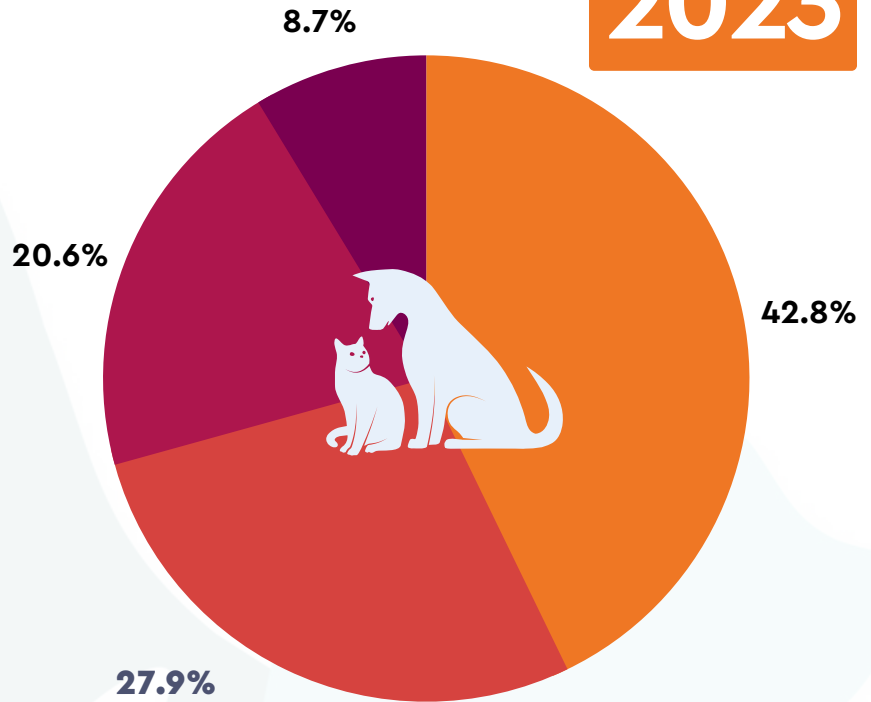


INTAKE TYPES

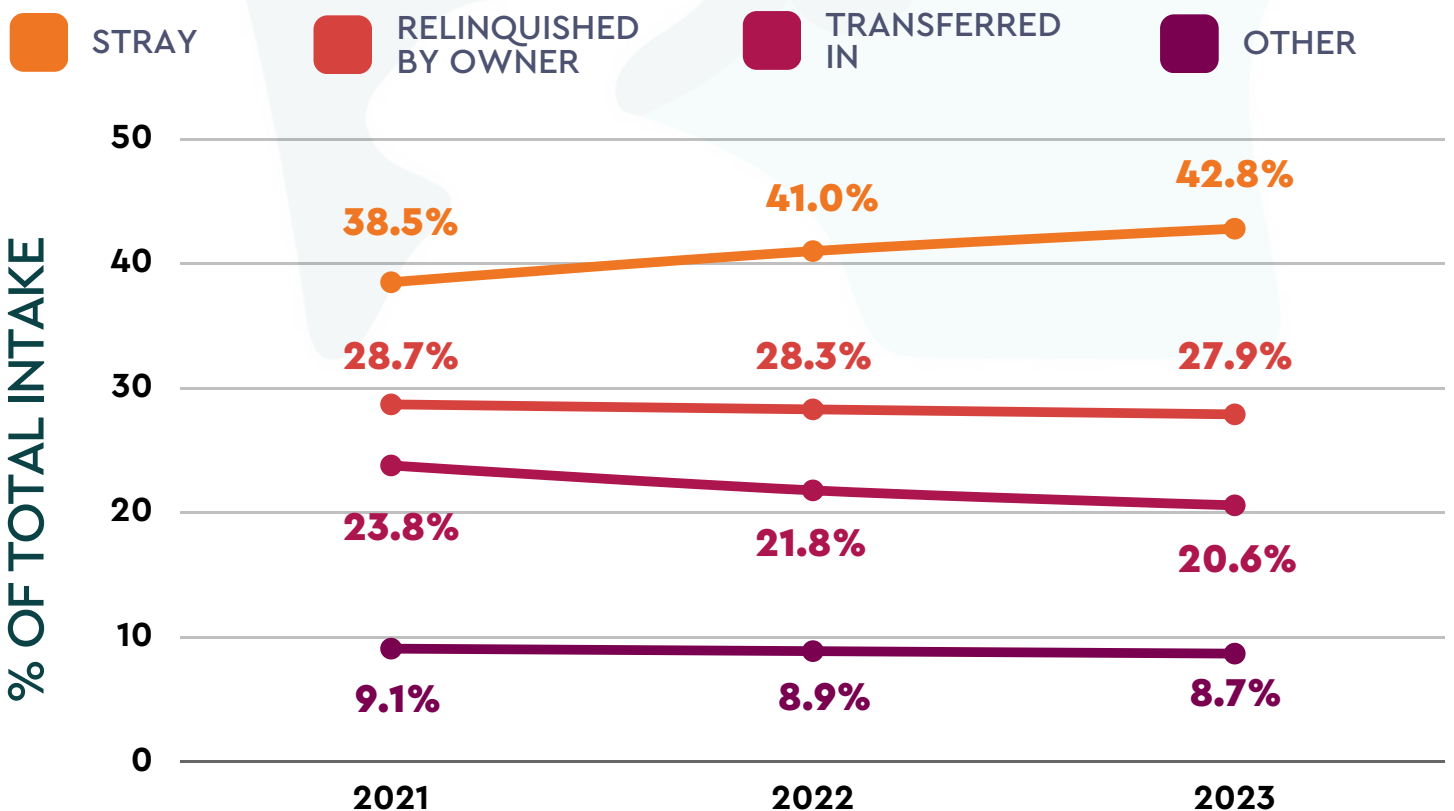
FOR DOGS AND CATS COMBINED, AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE IN Q1

2023

Owner relinquishment rates remained consistent compared to Q1 of the last three years (~28%). Q1 generally sees lower rates of stray intake than other quarters throughout the year, however thus far in 2023 this rate has increased for dogs (but decreased for cats).

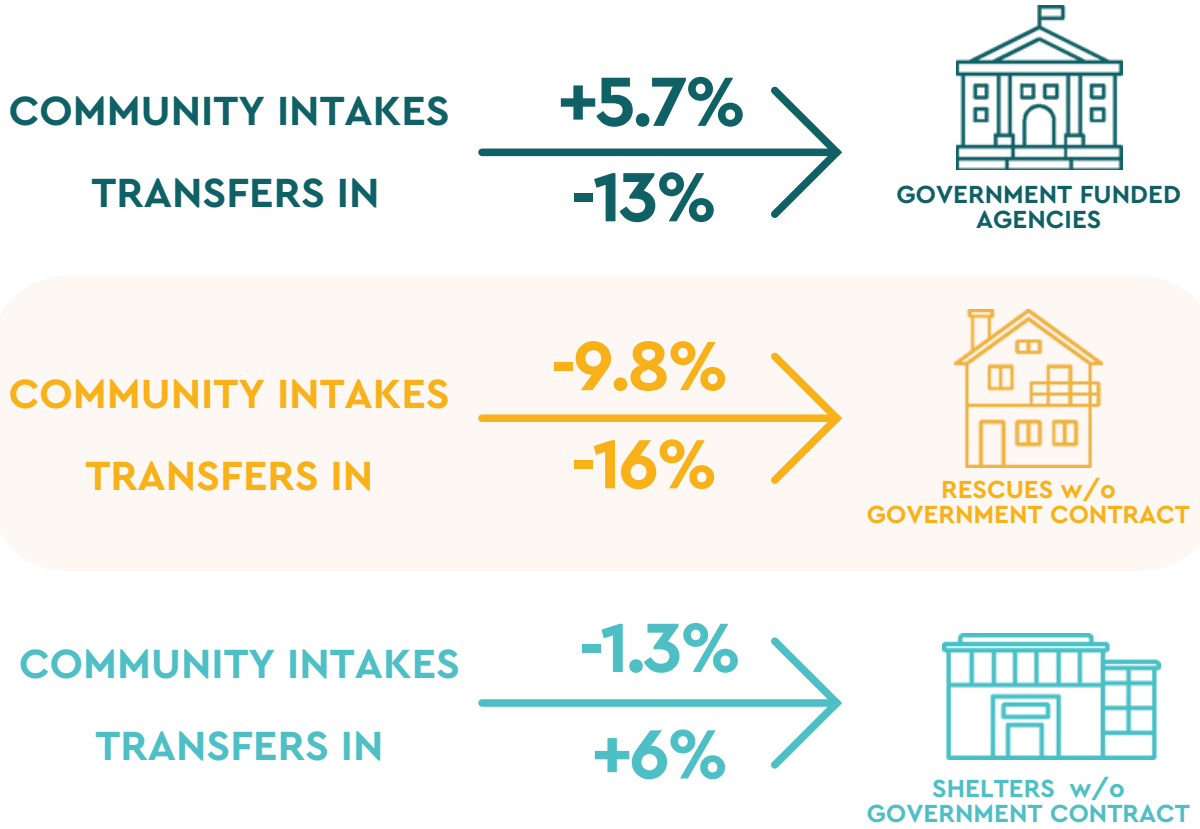


COMBINED SPECIES
% OF TOTAL INTAKE



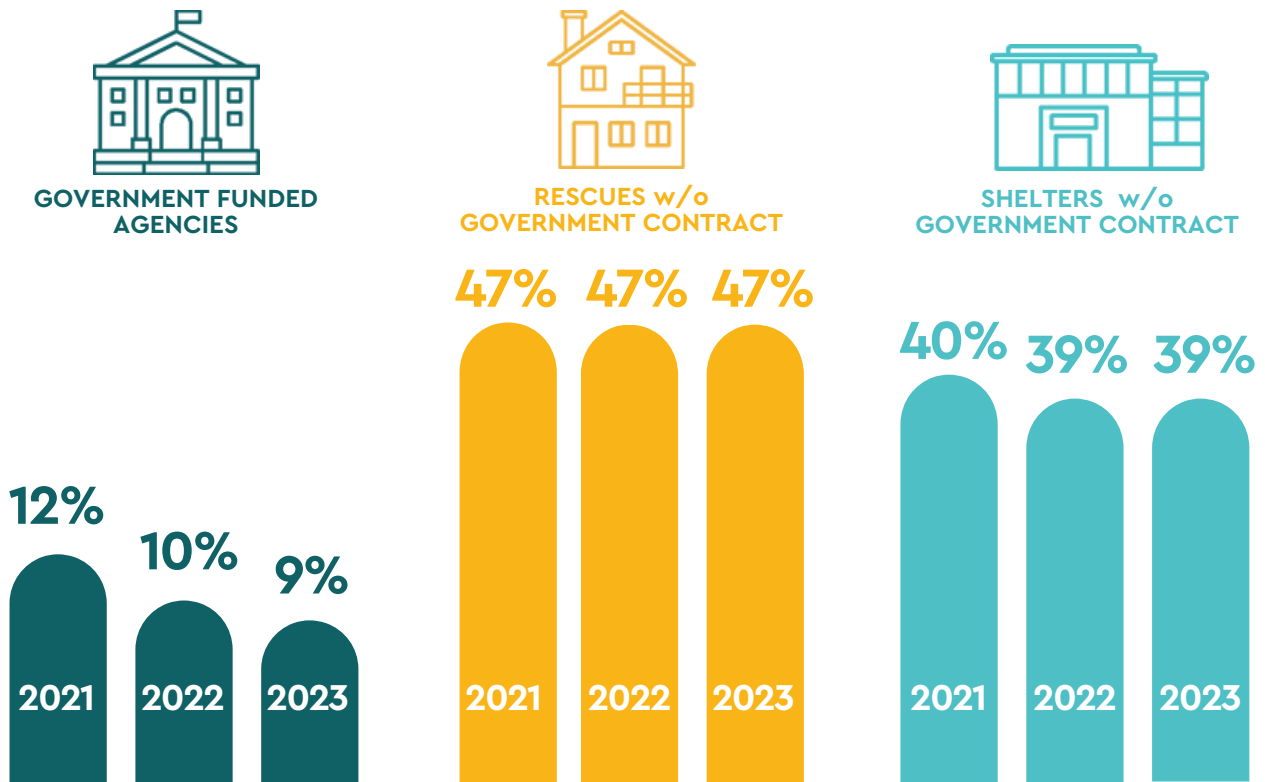
INTAKES BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

FOR DOGS AND CATS COMBINED, COMPARING 2023 to 2022



Transfers in are typically a higher percentage of intakes in Q1, however in 2023, transfers in have decreased their percentage of total intake.

TRANSFER IN % TOTAL INTAKES





OUTCOMES

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OUTCOME TOTALS

JANUARY - MARCH 2021 - 2023

 **1.7%**
OVER 2022

 **9.4%**
OVER 2021



COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES

LIVE OUTCOMES ARE UP ACROSS THE BOARD IN Q1 COMPARED TO Q1 IN BOTH 2021 AND 2022.

CATS

DOGS

TOTAL

COMPARED TO 2022	+0.5%	+1.4%	+1%
COMPARED TO 2021	+10.5%	+11.2%	+10.9%



NON-LIVE OUTCOMES

NON-LIVE OUTCOMES HAVE SEEN A DRASTIC INCREASE IN Q1 COMPARED TO Q1 IN BOTH 2021 AND 2022.

CATS

DOGS

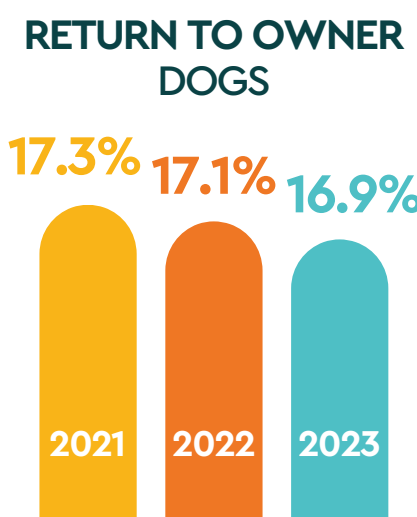
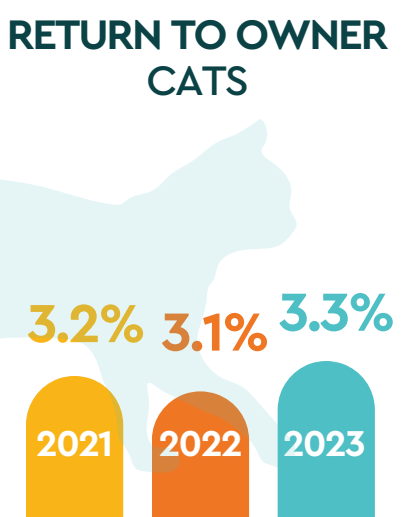
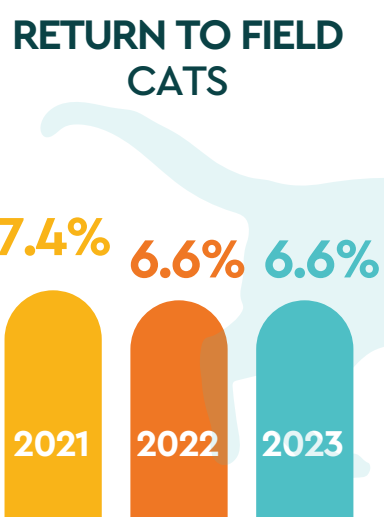
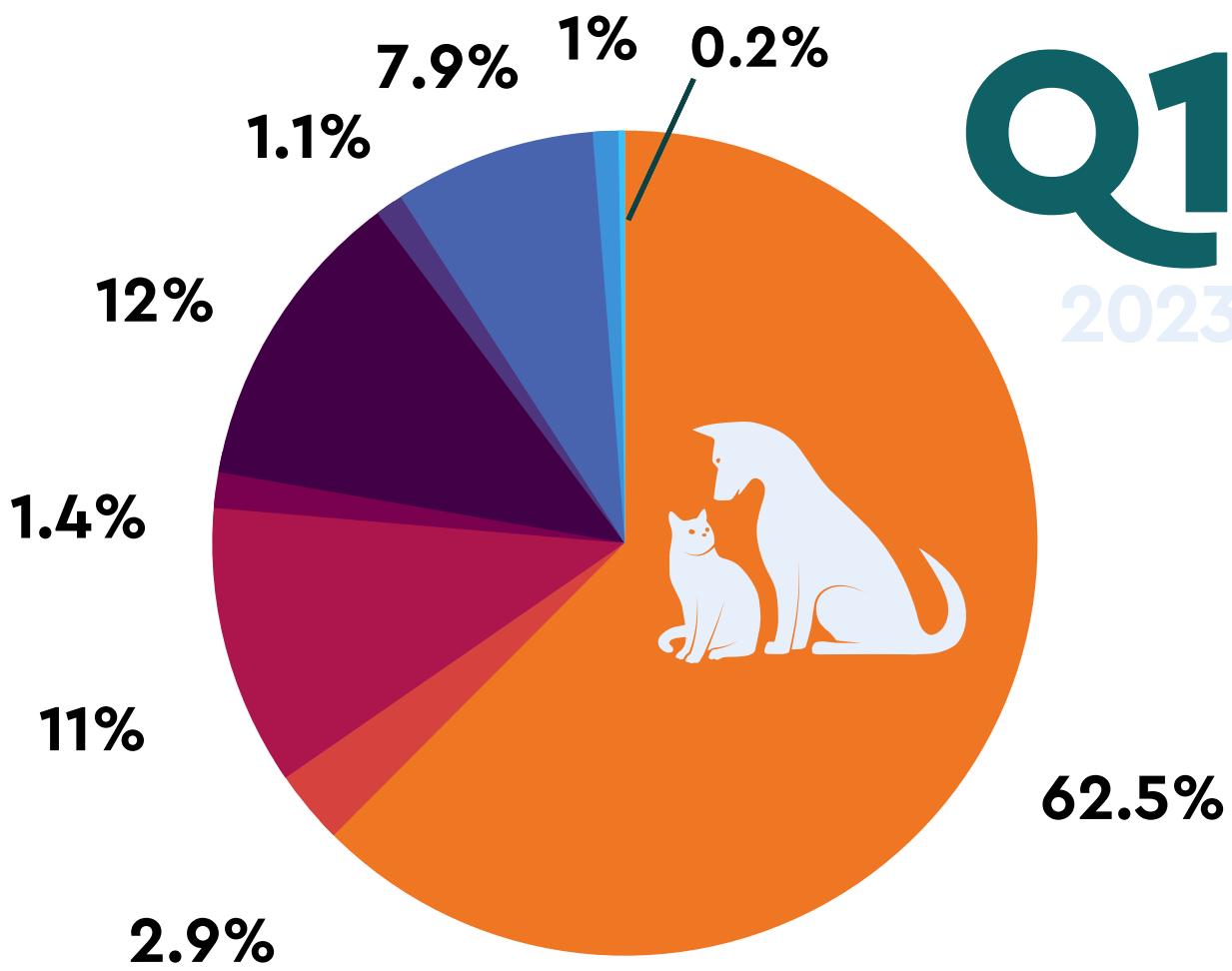
TOTAL

COMPARED TO 2022	+2.5%	+43%	+24.1%
COMPARED TO 2021	+0.8%	+97%	+44.2%

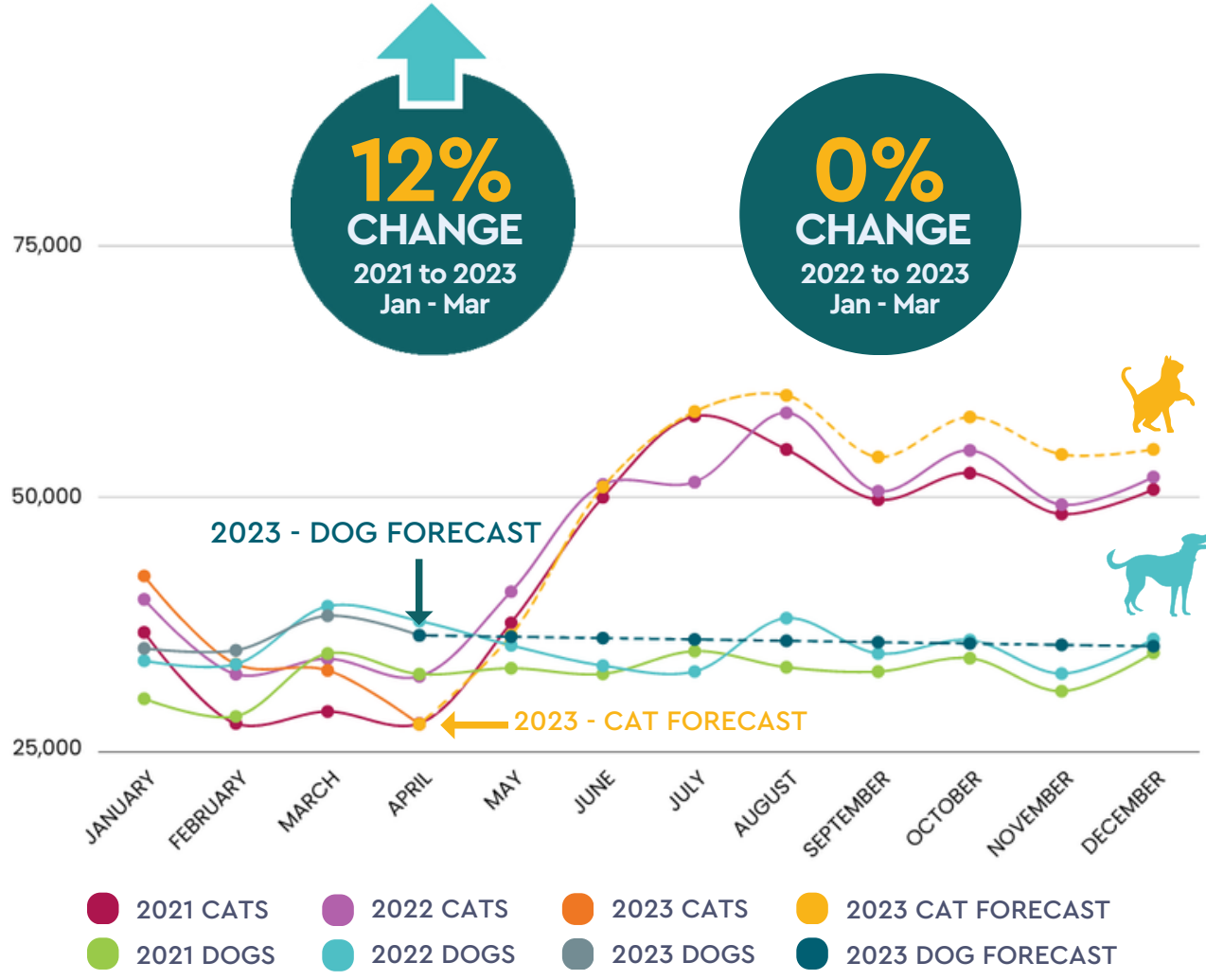
TOTAL OUTCOME TYPES

AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKES IN Q1

Q1
2023

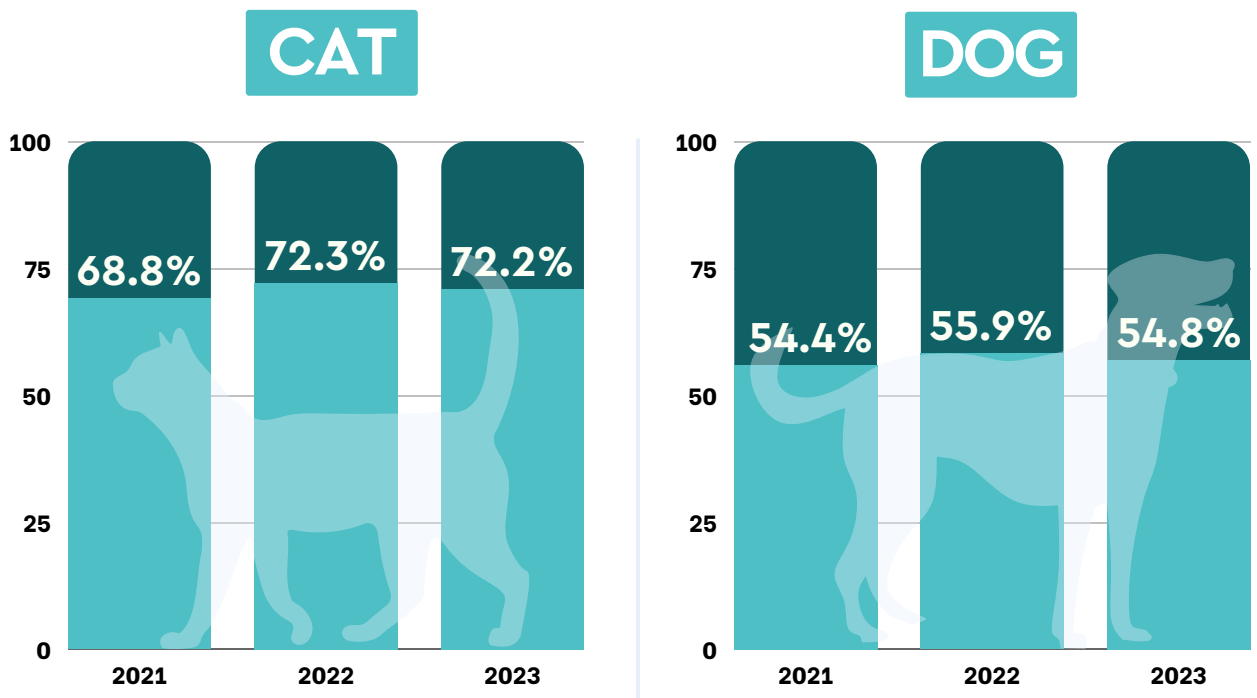


ADOPTIONS AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE IN Q1



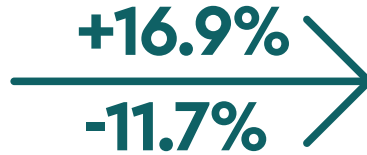
Cats have the same adoption rate as 2022 (72%), which is three percentage points higher than 2021. Dog adoption rates for Q1 were highest in 2022 (56%), and have dropped down to 55%.

2021 - 2023 Q1 ADOPTIONS AS A % OF TOTAL INTAKE

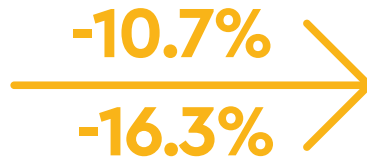


OUTCOMES BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

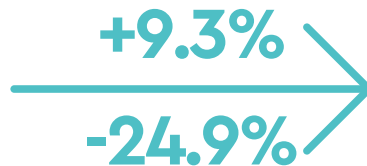
FOR DOGS AND CATS COMBINED, COMPARING 2023 to 2022



COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES
TRANSFERS OUT



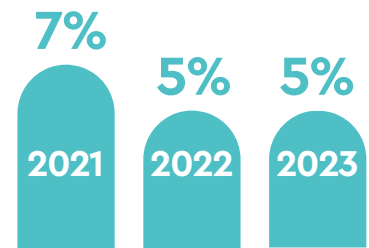
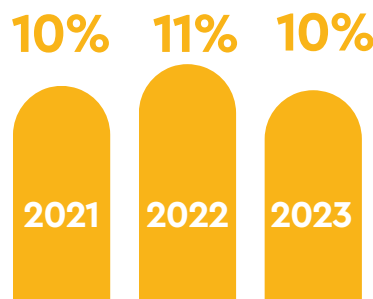
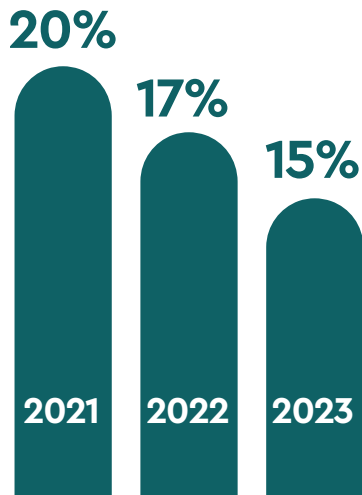
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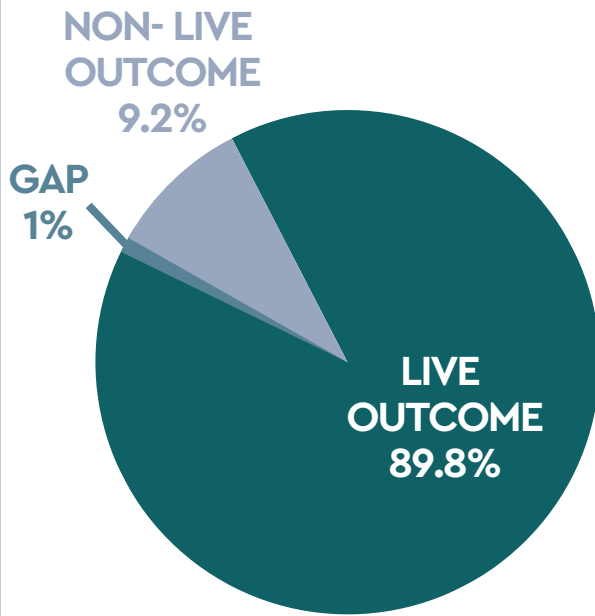
The percentage of animals entering organizations and leaving through Transfers Out continues to decrease from 15% in 2021 to 12% in 2023.

TRANSFER OUT % TOTAL INTAKES



YEARLY COMPARISON AND 2023 FORECAST

POPULATION BALANCE CALCULATION



99%

PBC IN Q1 OF 2021, 2022 AND 2023



Calculate your organization's population changes using the Population Balance Calculation at: www.ShelterAnimalsCount.org/PBC

While intakes are higher in 2023 than 2021, outcomes are also higher, keeping the PBC at 99% for all 3 years.



GOVERNMENT FUNDED AGENCIES

99%
IN 2023

100%
IN 2022

100%
IN 2021



RESCUES w/o GOVERNMENT CONTRACT

101%
IN 2023

100%
IN 2022

96%
IN 2021



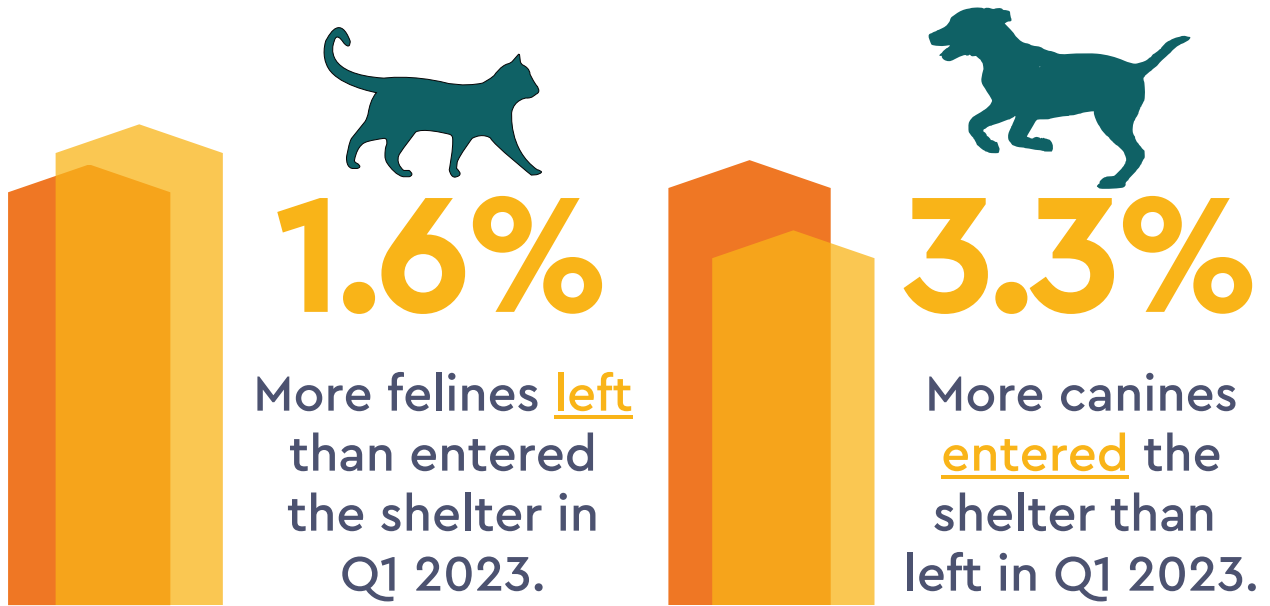
SHELTERS w/o GOVERNMENT CONTRACT

97%
IN 2023

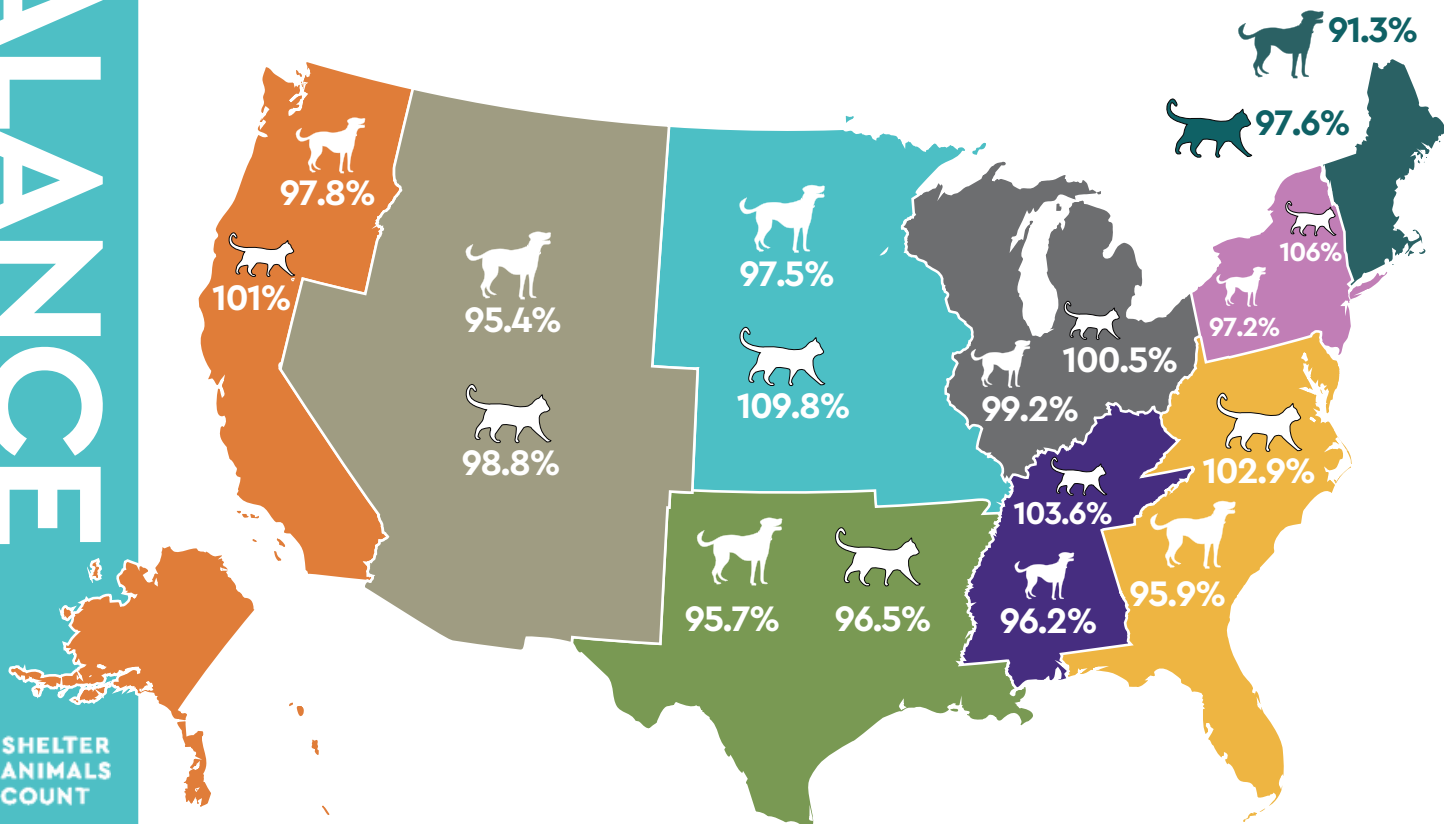
96%
IN 2022

97%
IN 2021

POPULATION BALANCE CALCULATION

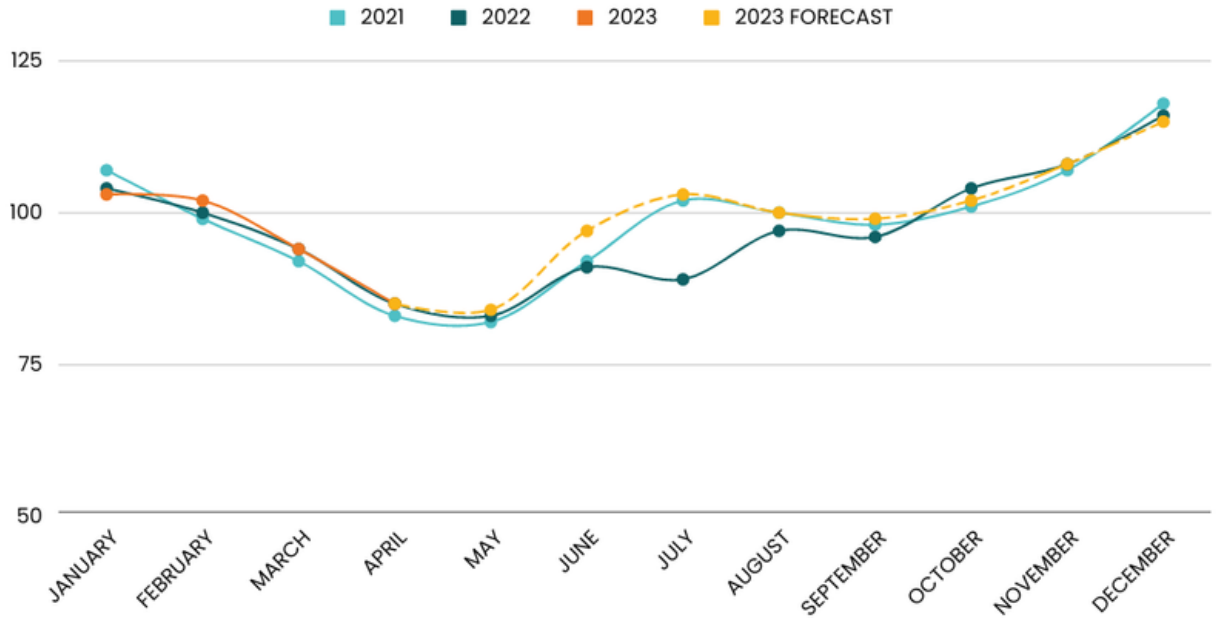


Cats have experienced a 102% PBC in Q1 for the last three years, indicating their population is decreasing in organizations — a positive trend to assist organizations in their preparation for kitten season in Q2. Dogs are still seeing increasing populations in organizations, with a Q1 PBC around 97% each year.



FORECAST

COMBINED SPECIES PBC MONTH-BY-MONTH



By using full-year data for 2019-2022 and the first 1/4 of 2023, we can forecast the population balance through the end of 2023. This forecast is an estimate based on past data and assumes no changes occur in the industry. The aggregated PBC from January 2021 through March 2023 is 97%.

2023 FULL YEAR FORECAST

99%

2022

96%

2021

98%

2020

102%

2019

100%



2023

Q1: JANUARY - MARCH

This report shows comparative data on sheltered animals from January - March 2023. Only organizations that reported complete data for the time period are included in the analysis. Most data in the report is comparing January - March 2023 unless otherwise noted.

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

Based on full-year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and the first 1/4 of 2023, a forecast for Community intakes, adoptions and the population balance calculation was developed for the remainder of 2023. This forecast is an estimate only.



922 ORGANIZATIONS

with complete data for feline, canine, and/or other species in the Intake and Outcome Database.

736,494

CATS & DOGS

2023: 258,423
2022: 250,673
2021: 227,398



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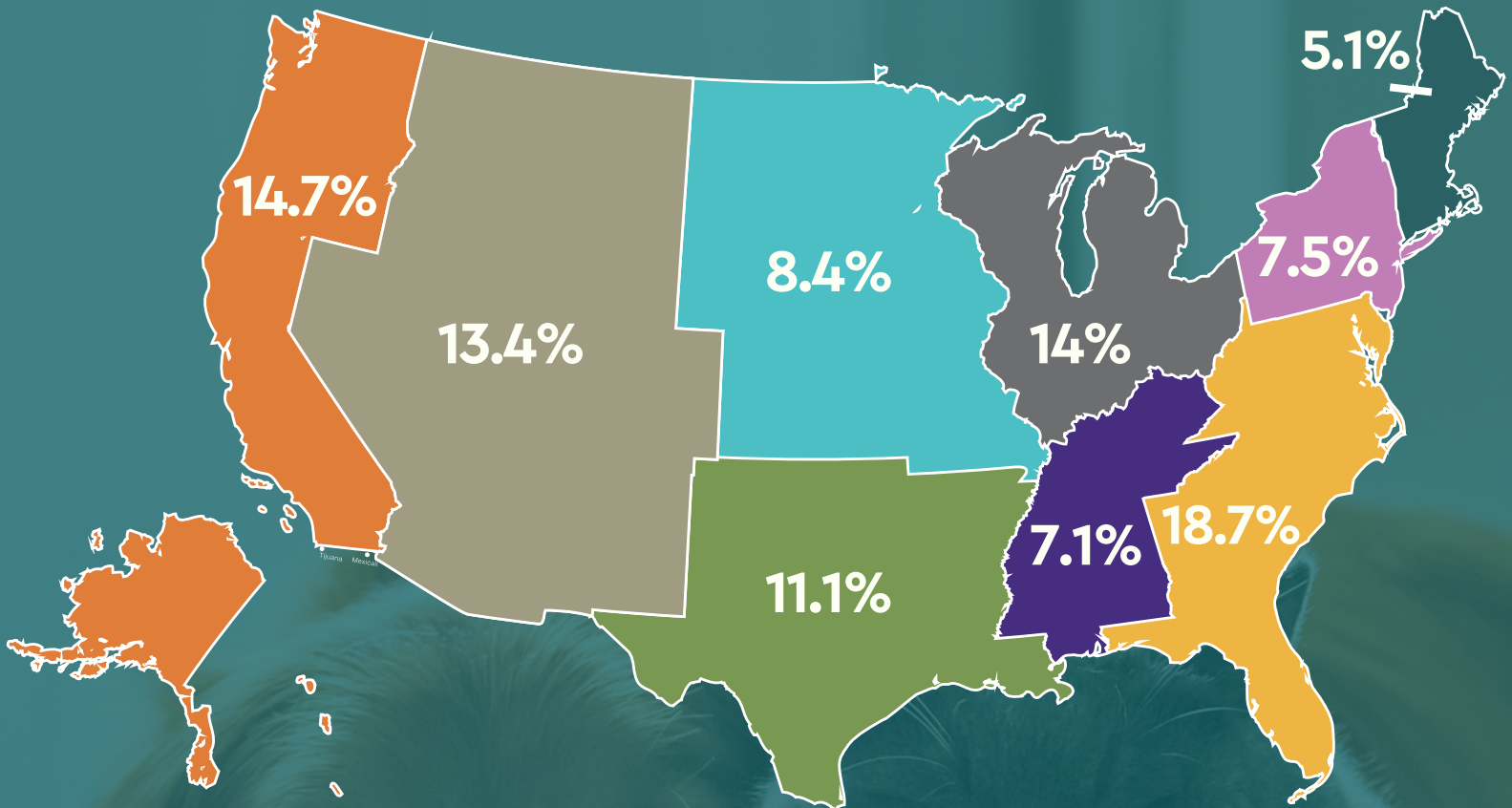
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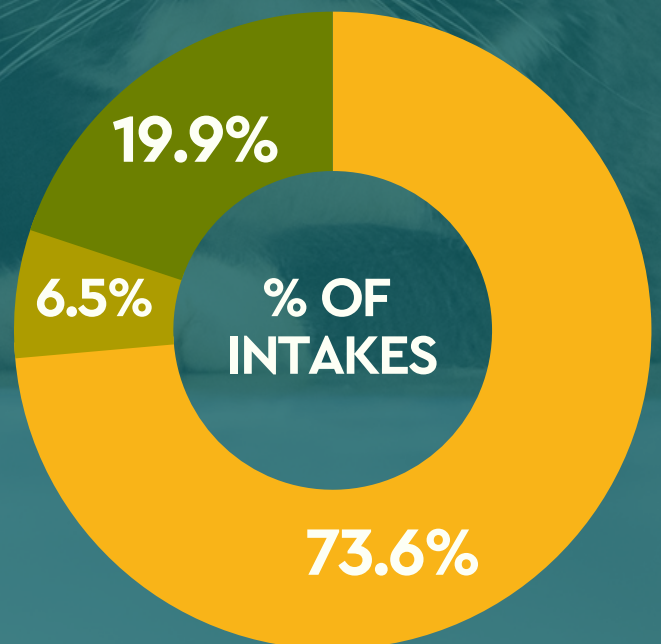
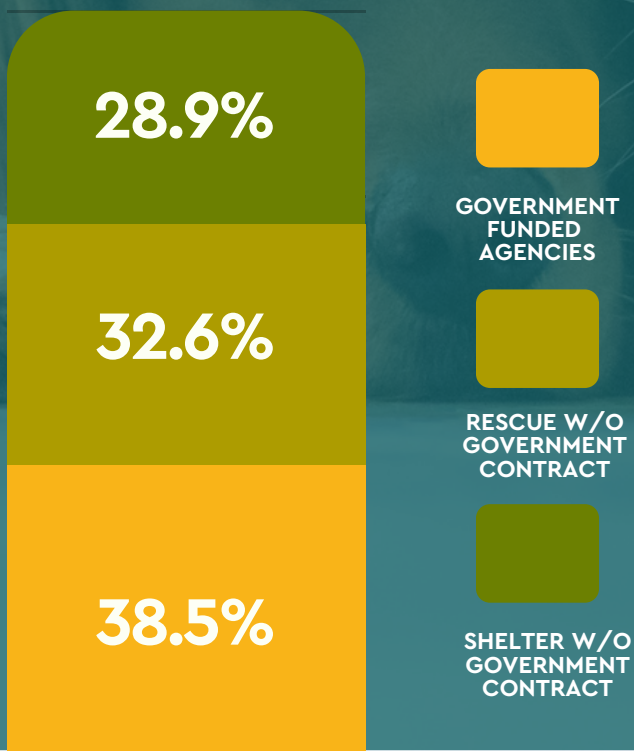
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ORGANIZATIONS

% OF ORGANIZATIONS IN INTAKE/OUTCOME DATA BY REGION



% OF ORGANIZATIONS BY TYPE



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 certain outcome.

POPULATION BALANCE CALCULATION

The formula SAC uses 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).

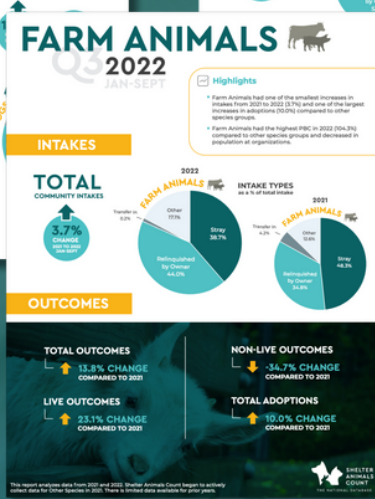
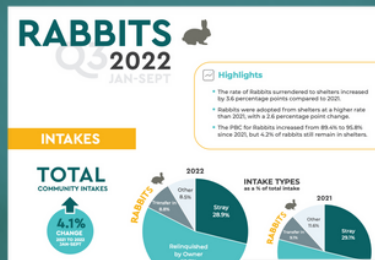
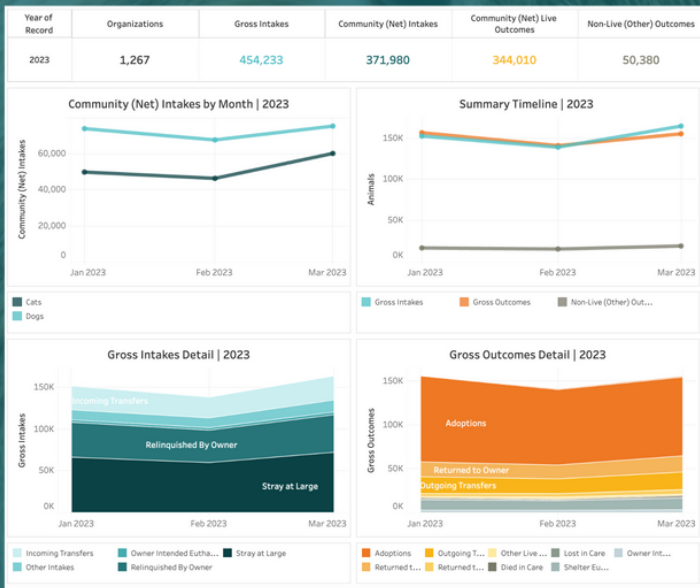
↓ BELOW 100%

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

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