

Updates, Reports, and Briefings

Austin Animal Services | November 2026

Upcoming Events

November 2026

Monica Dangler, Director





Events

November 9th to 15th

Veteran's promotion for any animal who has been onsite for 90 days or more

November 13th

Enduring Service graduation

November 16th to 29th

Foster adoption fees waived. Promoting foster take-overs, short-term fostering and public sleepovers during Thanksgiving week

November 21st

Dogs eating Thanksgiving plates, pumpkin pie eating contest, and cats eating Churu martinis

FY26 Review

Trends, Comparisons, and Highlights

Monica Dangler, Director

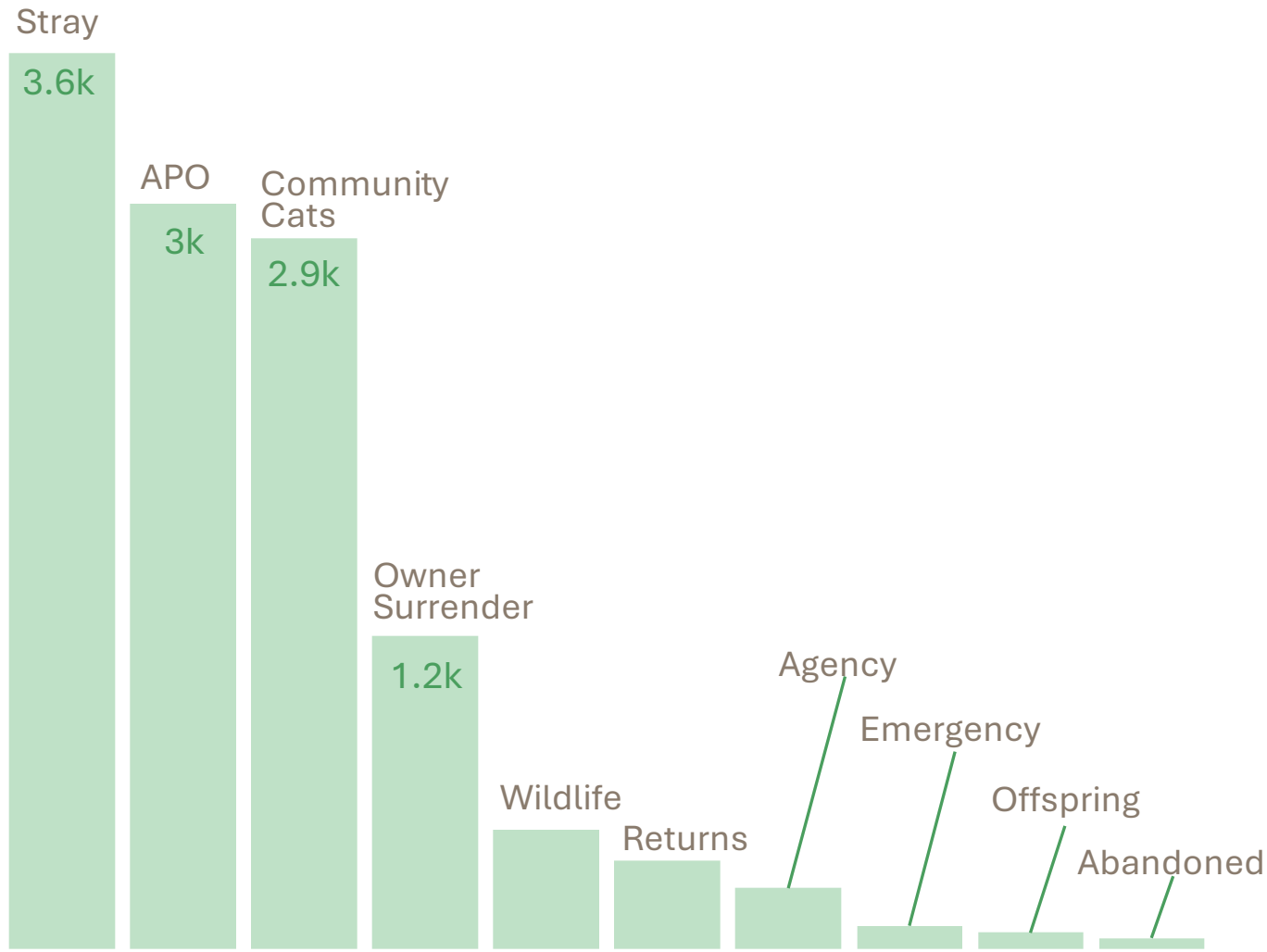


12,236 animals were impounded in FY2026.



Intake Sources

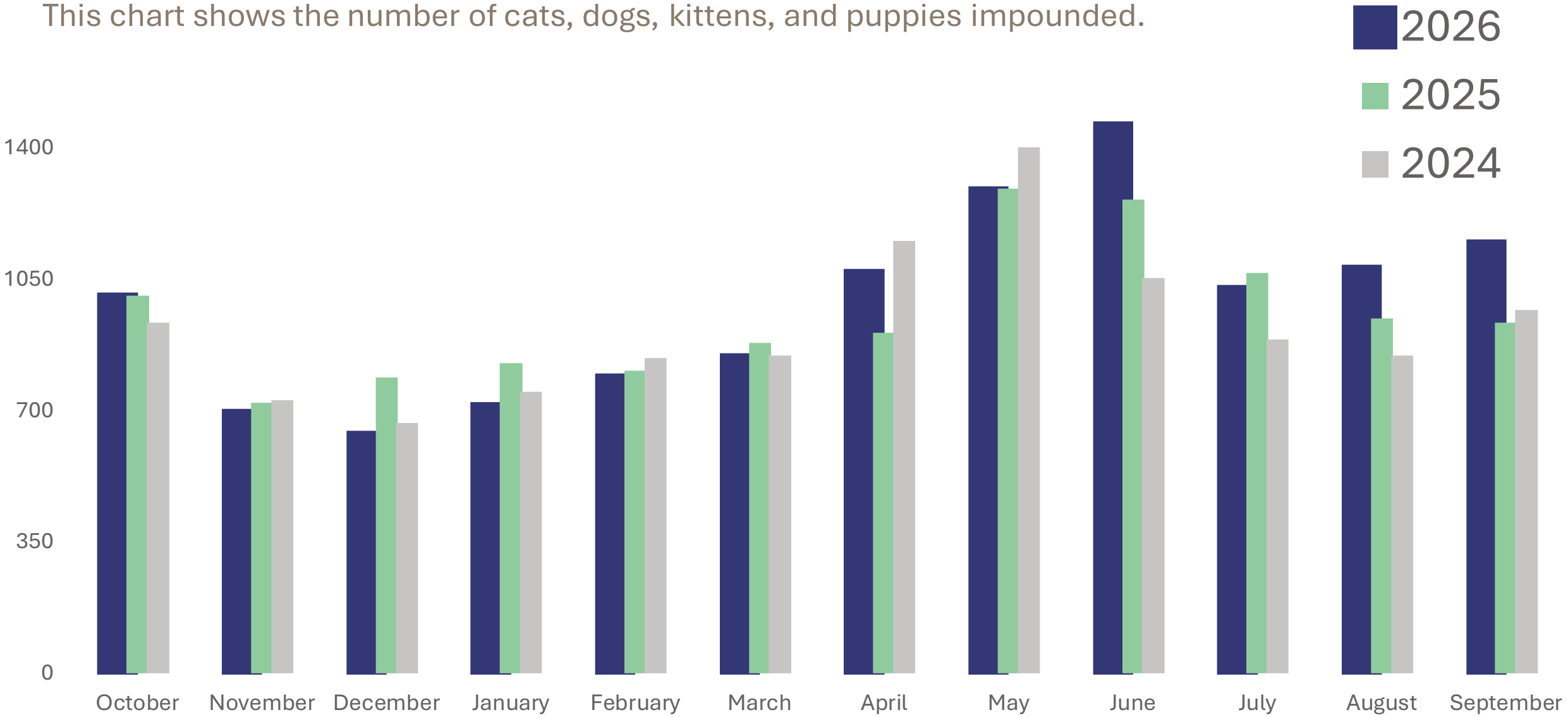
This chart shows the number of animals impounded through different sources. Strays, APO impounds, and Community Cats made up the majority of intake for FY26.



Intake for companion animals

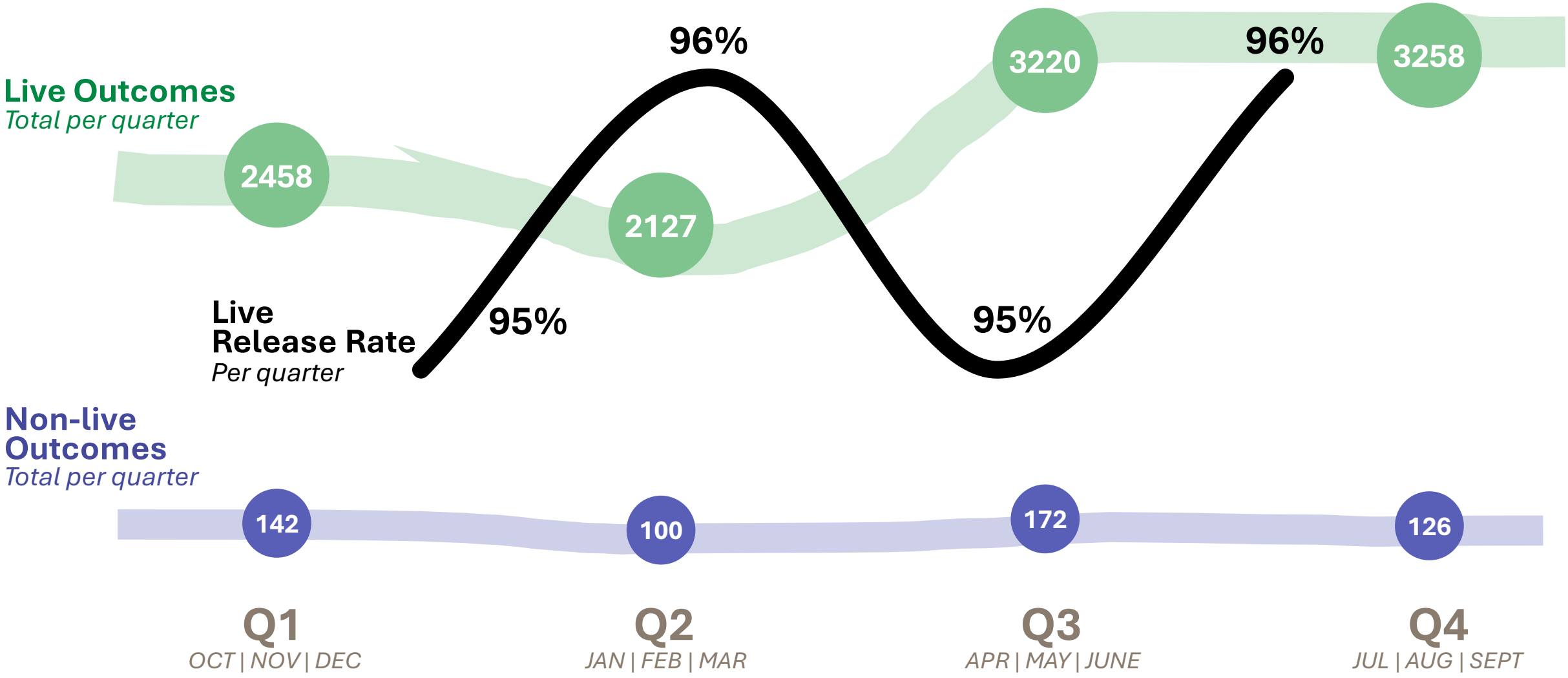
Intake Over Time (Month, Fiscal Year)

This chart shows the number of cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies impounded.



FY2026 had a total live-release rate of 95.22%

This chart shows the breakdown by quarter for the fiscal year.

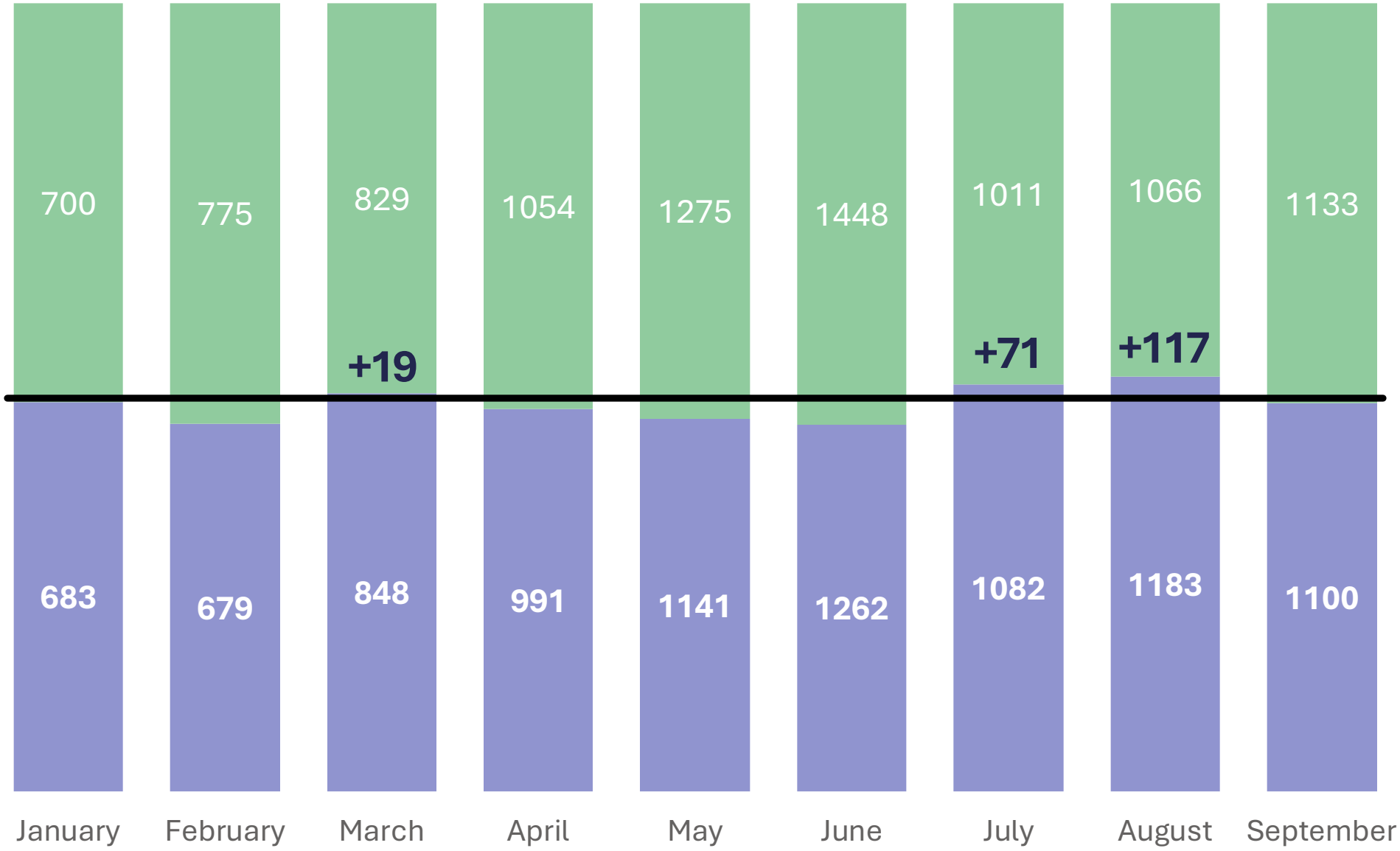


Population Balance
January 2026 to September 2026

LIVE INTAKE
(Cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies)

POPULATION BALANCE
(More outcomes than intake above this line)

OUTCOMES
(Cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies)



Monthly Reporting

October 2026

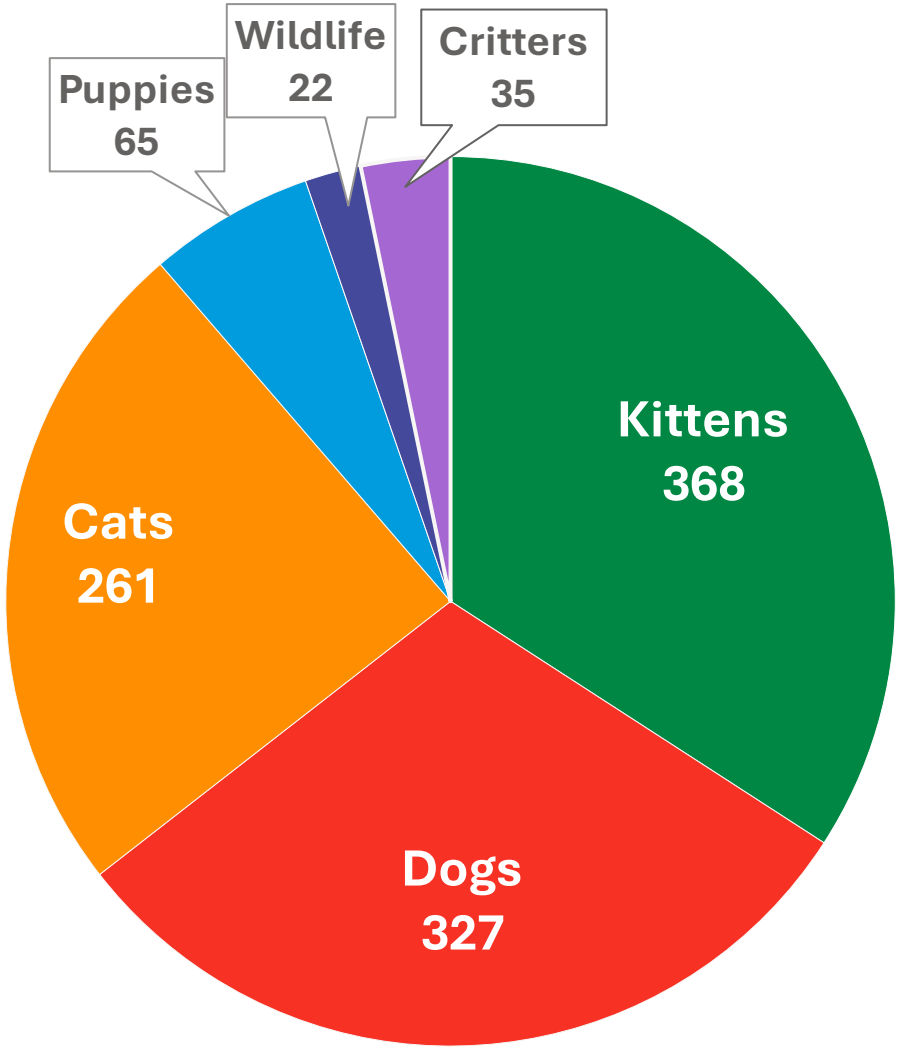
Jason Garza, Assistant Director



1,078 animals were impounded this month.

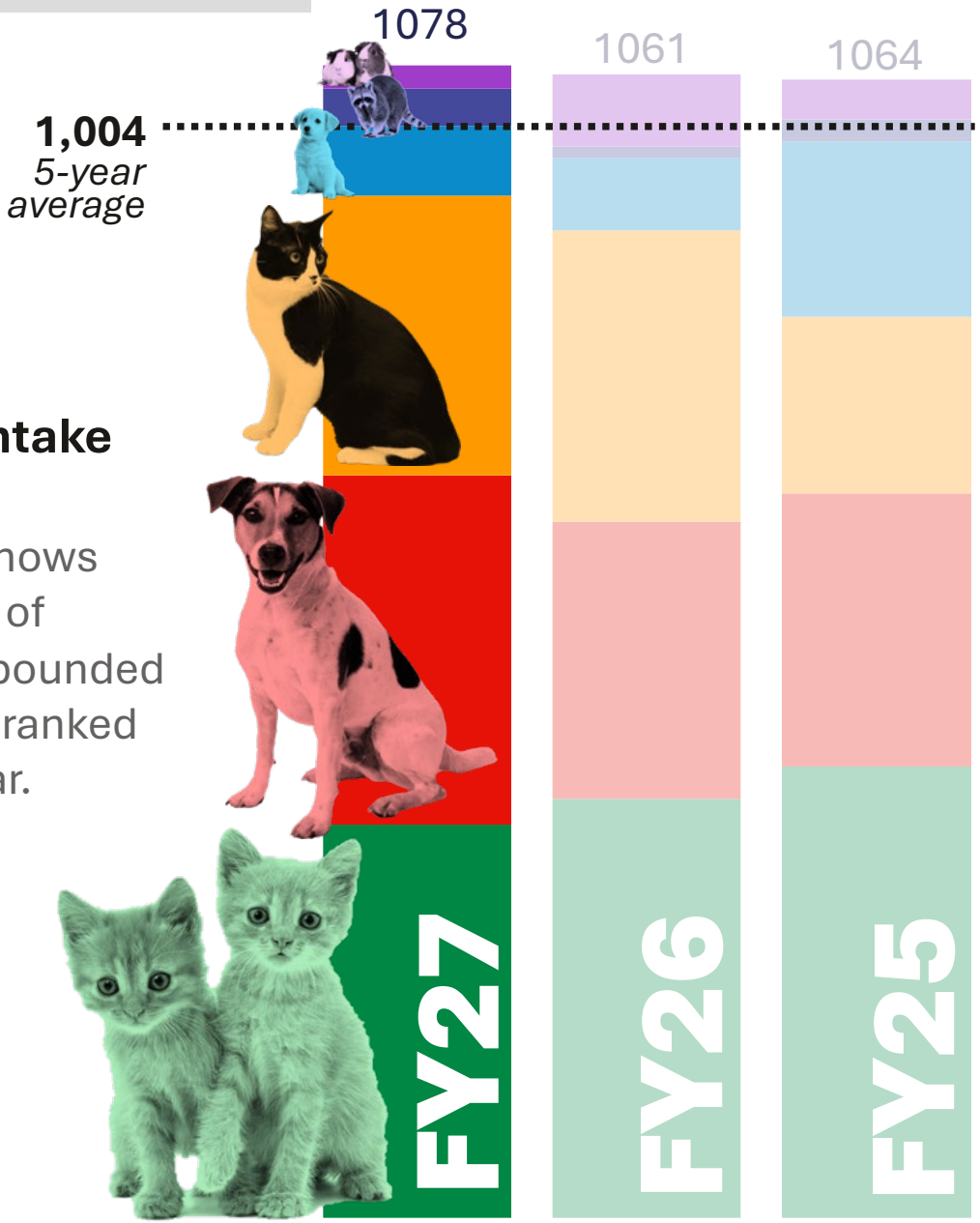
Animals Impounded

A breakdown of impounded animals by species and/or age.



October Intake Over Time

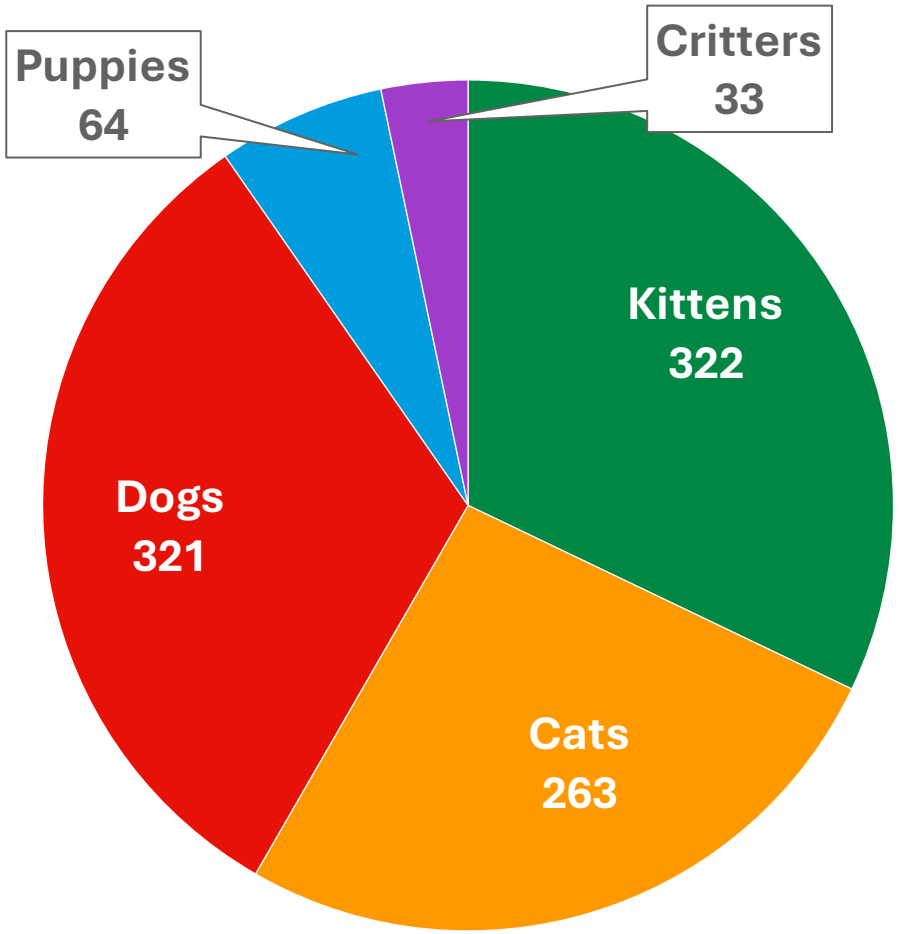
This chart shows the number of animals impounded this month, ranked by fiscal year.



October had a live-release rate of 95.65 percent.

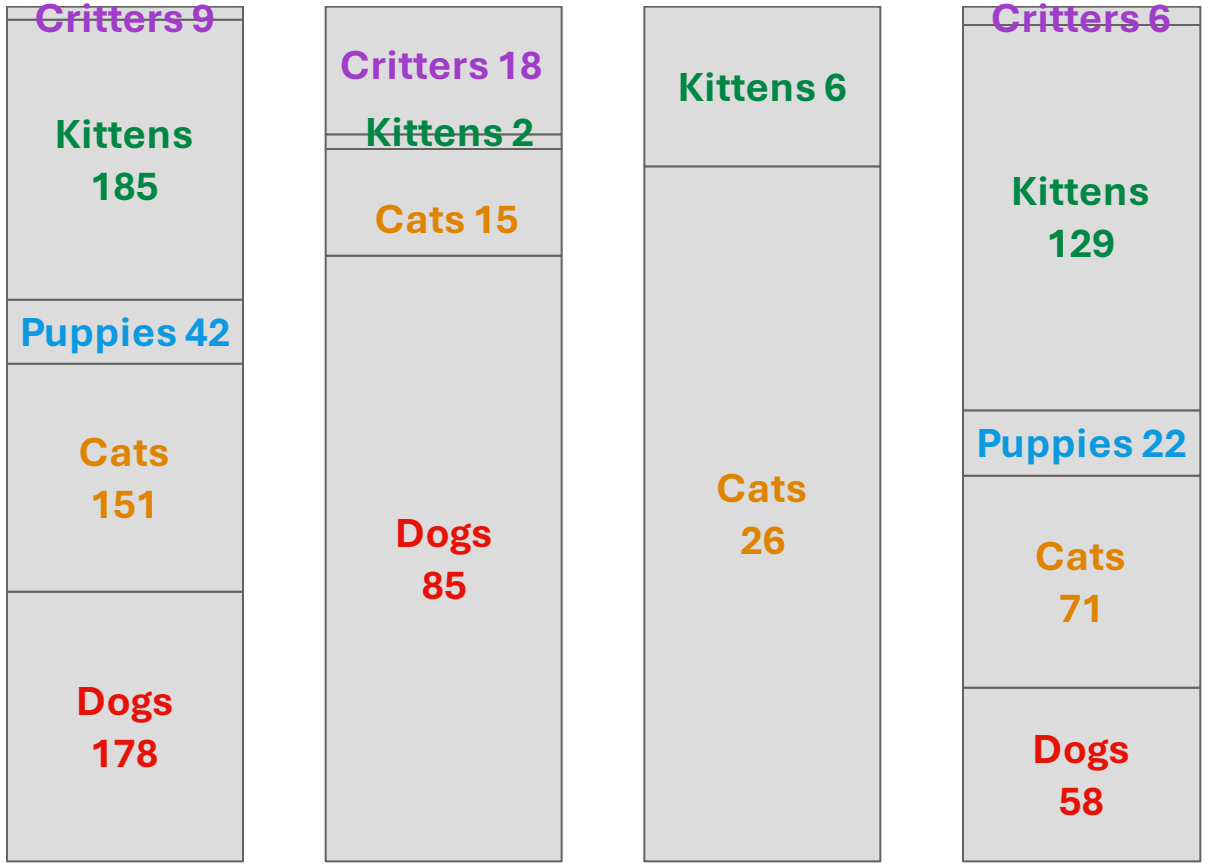
Live Outcomes by Animal Type

This chart shows how many of each animal type had a positive or live outcome during October.



Breakdown per Outcome Type

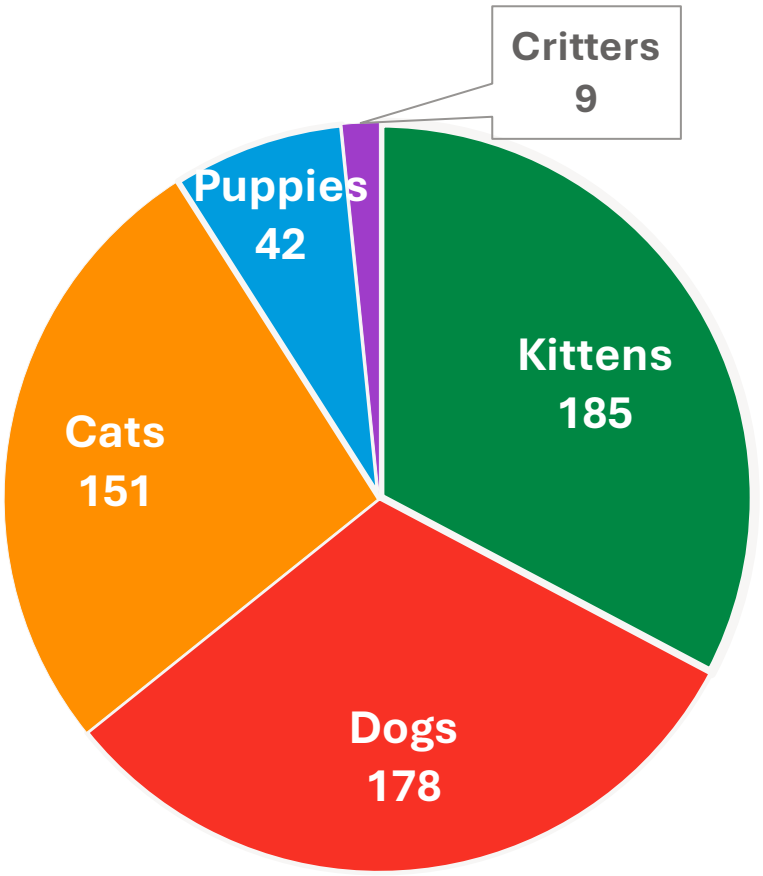
This chart shows the breakdown of each kind of live outcome by the number of animals with that live outcome. Each bar is equal to 100% of the outcome category.



565 animals were adopted this October.

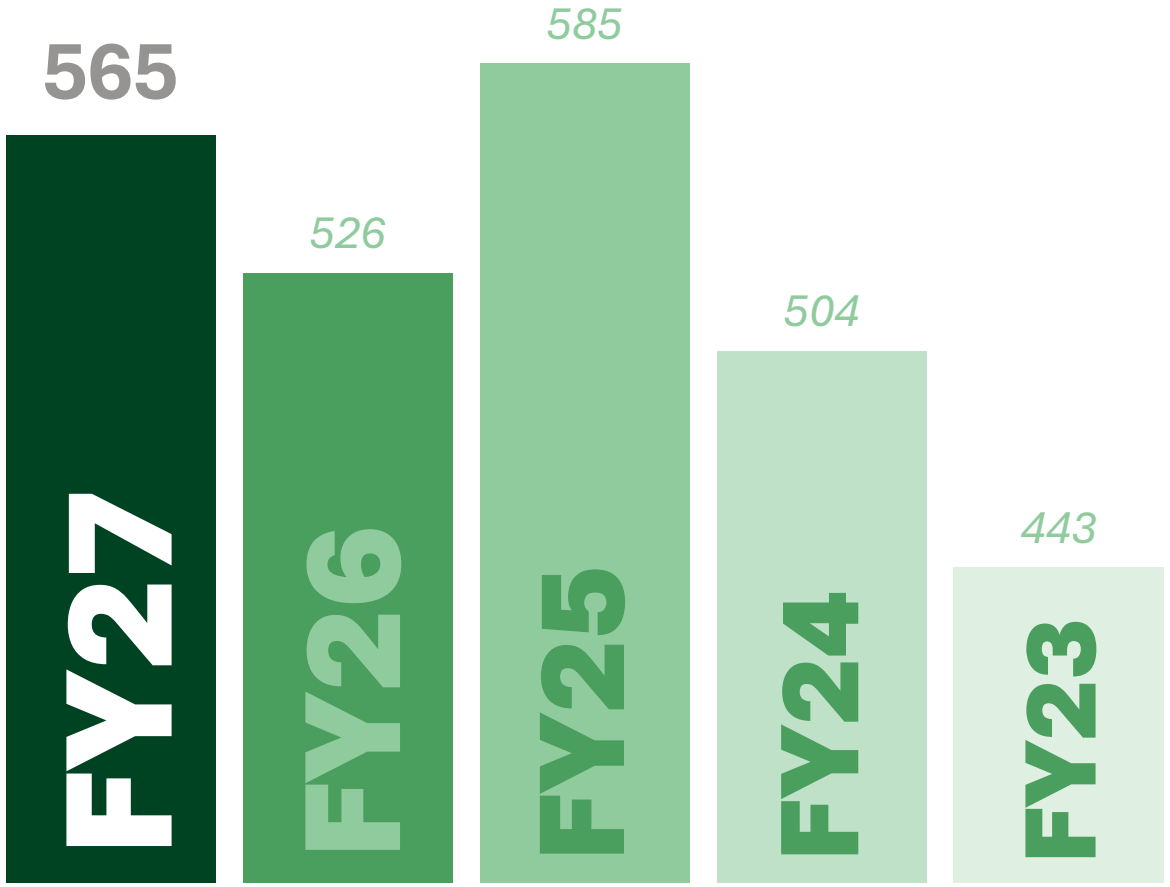
Adoptions by Type (Age, Breed)

This chart shows the total number of adoptions per animal type.



Adoptions Over Time (Month, Fiscal Year)

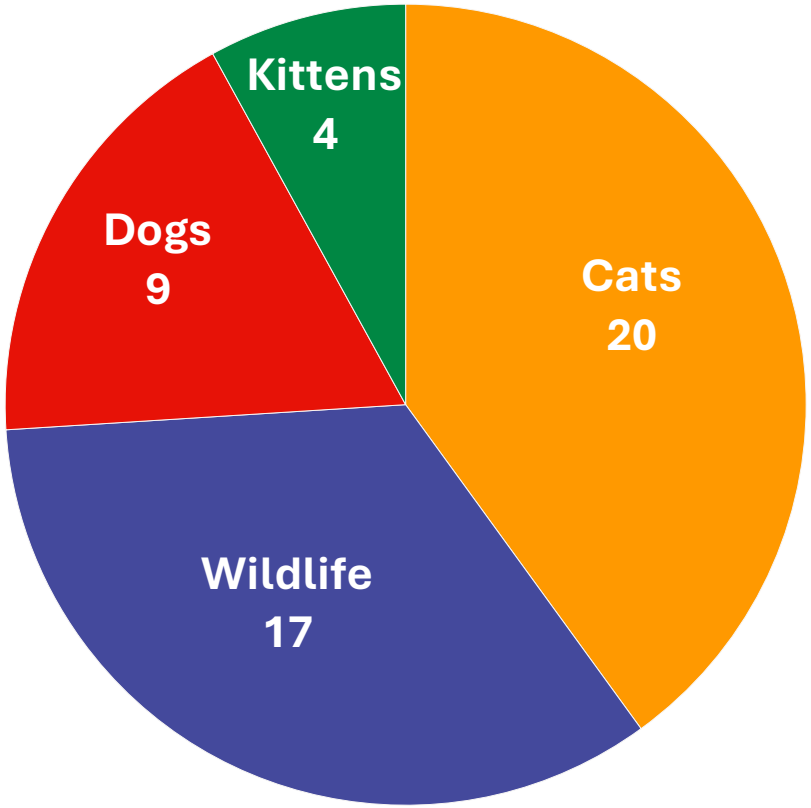
This chart shows the number of adoptions per month, ranked by fiscal year.



50 animals were euthanized this month

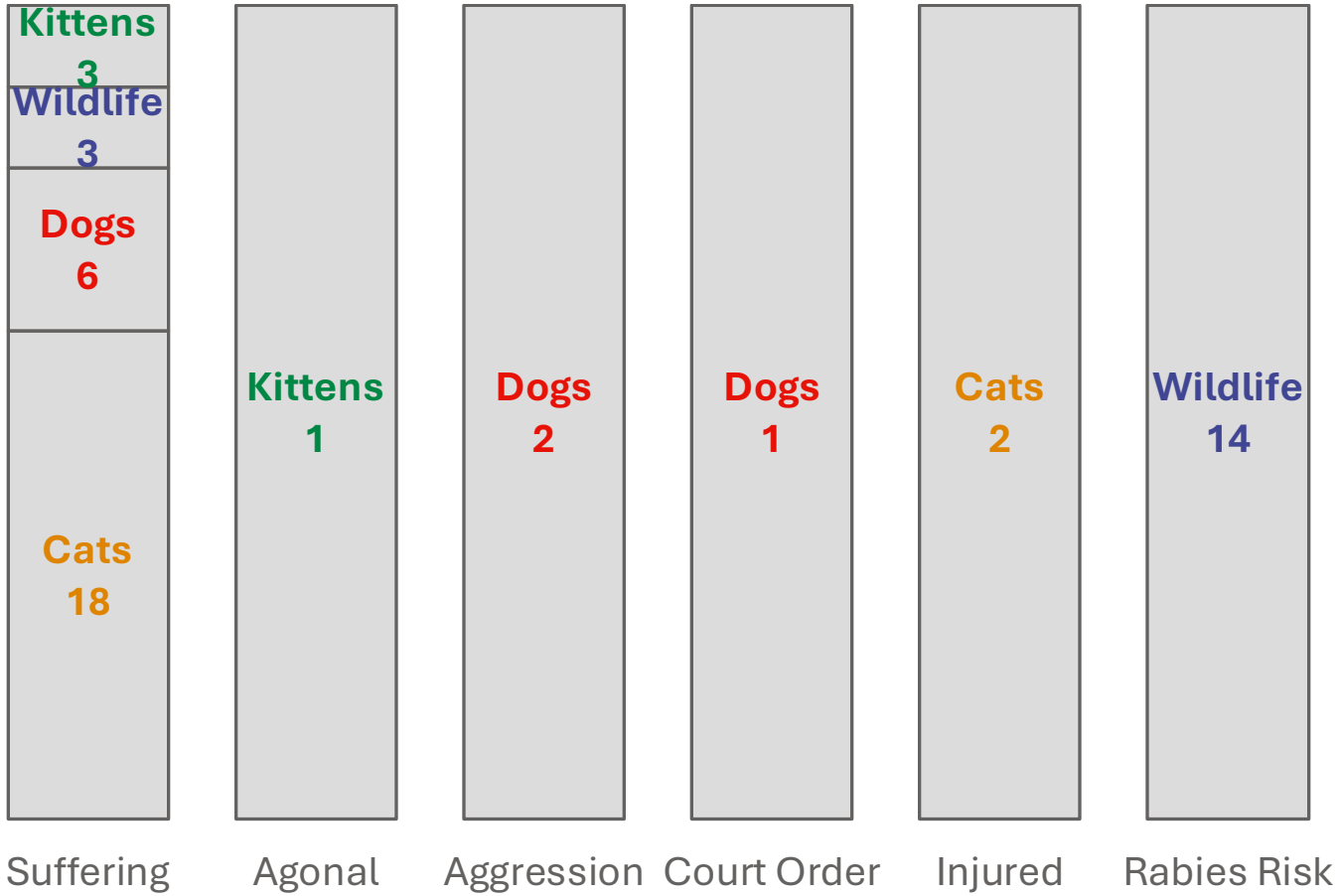
Animals Euthanized

A breakdown of animals euthanized this month by species and/or age.



Reasons for Euthanasia

This chart shows the breakdown of reasons for euthanasia by animal. Each bar is equal to 100% of the euthanasia reason category.





Animals in foster care in the month

- 369 different people/families fostered.
- As of November 3rd, there are **334 animals in foster care.**
- In the month of October, 24 animals were a part of the Finder to Foster Program.
- 56 animals were adopted directly from foster care.
- 134 new foster applications were processed.
- There are currently 708 members (approved foster care providers) in the foster program's GivePulse group.
- **27** different dogs participated in **65** Doggie Day Outings during the month of October.

Animals transferred to rescue

In October, 22 different rescue partners pulled a total of 284 domestic animals from Austin Animal Services.

The total included 126 kittens, 74 cats, 58 dogs, 22 puppies, 2 guinea pigs, one rabbit, and one tortoise.

51 of these cats were transferred for Spay/Neuter/Return.



Animals returned to owner

October 2026 saw **120 animals reclaimed.**

Intact animals adopted or RTO

No animals were adopted intact.

Animals lost, stolen, or missing

One dog was reported as stolen in October at AAS.

Animals died in shelter or in foster

12 animals died in shelter. Five kittens, four wildlife, two cats, and one puppy.

Vaccination numbers upon intake

Approximately 1,566 animals were vaccinated during October. Animals receive 1 to 5 vaccinations depending on species, size, and health.

Animals spayed/neutered at the shelter

479

Shelter Spay/Neuters

Money paid for emergency treatment to third-party providers

The most recent total invoices for services rendered amounted to $81,800.73. This ranges from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Volunteer Program

- In October, 467 volunteers contributed 6,633 hours
- 13 individuals donated 30 hours toward group volunteer service, through enrichment and general cat care
- 111 individuals attended New Volunteer Orientations in October
- There were 9 individuals in Community Service Restitution in October
- 156 volunteers dedicated their time to volunteer development and onboarding training

Cat Cleaning, Care, and Enrichment	**1,173 hours**
Dog Walking, Care, and Enrichment	**2,876 hours**
Community Cats	**718 hours**

Donation Fund

Melissa Pool, Chief Administrative Officer



Animal Services' Donation Fund

- Supports Animal Services programs and activities for which funding needs are not fully met by the general fund budget.
- The public may donate to a specific program areas or they may make a general donation to the shelter.
- The department routinely uses donation funding for temporary staffing, to provide additional programming, and to support facility or space needs.
- Unused funding rolls over to the next fiscal year.

REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Animal Services' Donation Fund

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
2020	$151,200	$23,618	$127,582
2021	$248,741	$106,816	$141,925
2022	$401,807	$177,731	$224,076
2023	$326,206	$641,240	($315,034)
2024	$987,642	$71,657	$915,985
2025	$379,514	$485,842	($106,328)
2026	$317,044	$72,346	$244,698

BUDGET AND EXPENSE

Animal Services' Donation Fund

Fiscal Year	Budget	Expenses	Balance
2020	$143,085	$23,618	$119,467
2021	$275,470	$106,816	$168,954
2022	$417,395	$177,731	$239,664
2023	$641,471	$641,240	$231
2024	$326,437	$71,657	$254,780
2025	$1,242,422	$485,842	$756,580
2026	$1,136,094	$72,346	$1,063,748

FY27 BUDGET
Animal Services' Donation Fund

Budgeted Unit	Budget
Animal Shelter Needs	$821,810
Animal Pet Care/Dog Walkers	$265,982
Specialty Veterinary Care	$100,000
Shelter and Pet Placement	$40,000
Feral Cats (TNR/SNR)	$40,000
Heartworm Treatment Program	$40,000
Rabies Clinics and Spay/Neuter Vouchers	$35,000
Fencing Program	$15,000
Miscellaneous	$23,000
Total	$1,380,792

MONICA DANGLER
DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL SERVICES
Monica.Dangler@austintexas.gov

JASON GARZA
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ANIMAL SERVICES
Jason.Garza@austintexas.gov

MELISSA POOL
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ANIMAL SERVICES
Melissa.Pool@austintexas.gov