Code Report

Animal Care and Control Division

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CODE REPORT

The monthly Code Report is an initiative of the City of Fort Worth's Code Compliance Department aimed at keeping residents of Fort Worth abreast of the department's services to the community and the results of such efforts.

The Code Compliance Department has five main public service areas:

- Animal Care & Control
- Code Enforcement
- Consumer Health
- Environmental Quality
- Solid Waste Services

Since the first edition published in March 2016, the Code Report has grown to the current format, which relays the monthly results of all five service areas of Code Compliance. The initial issue only reported on the activities of Animal Care & Control.

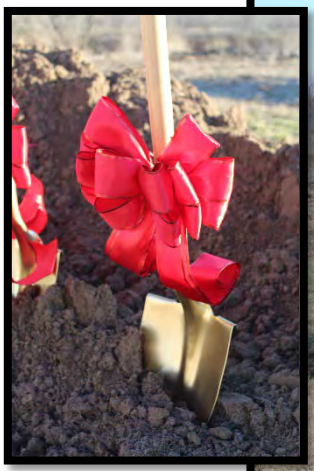
As it can be gathered from the results conveyed in the current Code Report, all areas of service continue to achieve impressive results as they strive to provide outstanding customer service to the public.

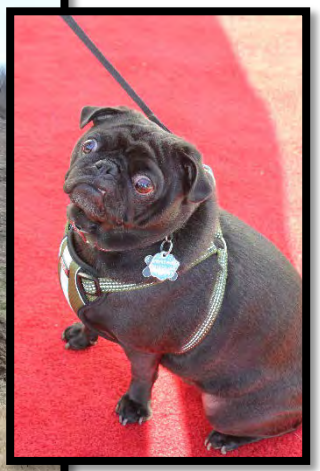
Please take the time to read the Code Report and share your thoughts with us. We value your insights and feedback on Code Compliance's various programs and look forward to hearing from you.

Please notice that unless noted the Code Report reports on the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. Fort Worth's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

Animal Care & Control provides animal shelter operations, animal adoption centers, spay/neuter and low-cost vaccination clinics, animal ordinance enforcement and public education. These programs work to reduce the number of stray animals in the city, minimize the threat of diseases, such as rabies, and prevent injuries caused by animals. It's the shelter's goal to find loving homes for all the animals that end up in its care.





December 2019 Statistics

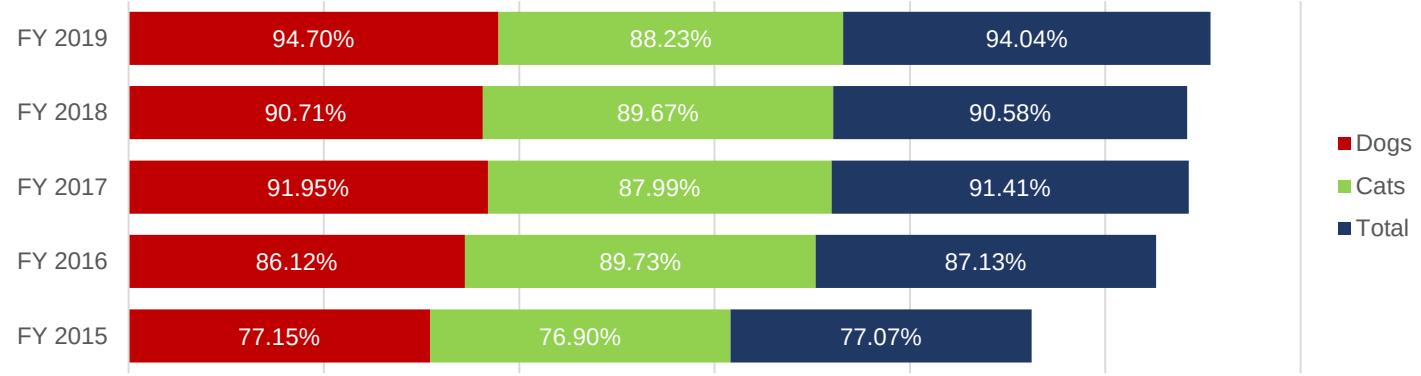
This chart reflects the monthly movement of animals in and out of the shelter. Most significant is the shelter's live release rate, which indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The daily challenge of managing a municipal shelter is daunting because Fort Worth Animal Care & Control is mandated to accept any animal that comes from within city limits.

December Live Release Rate: 97.37%	**Dogs**	**Cats**	**Total**
BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT 12/1/2019	640	156	**796**
INTAKE			
From the public	1077	146	1,223
Incoming transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition	1	0	1
Incoming transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition	1	0	1
From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia	6	1	7
Total intake (B + C + D + E)	1085	147	**1,232**
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	4	0	4
ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE (F – G)	1081	147	**1,228**
ADOPTIONS	544	116	**660**
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition	107	63	**170**
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition	131	2	**133**
RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	254	3	**257**
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED			
Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	19	0	19
Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	11	7	18
Total Euthanasia (M + N + O + P)	30	7	37
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only	4	0	**4**
ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA (Q – R)	26	7	**33**
SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES (I + J + K + L + S)	1062	191	**1,253**
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER CARE	14	14	**28**
TOTAL OUTCOMES (T + U)	1076	205	**1,281**
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
ENDING SHELTER COUNT 12/31/2019 11:59:59 PM	645	98	**743**

Live Release Rate

The "live release rate" indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The FY2019 annual rate of 94.04 percent is another accomplishment for the shelter and its partners. These statistics are nearly unobtainable by many government-operated shelters due to lack of resources, funding and collaborative partnerships.

ANNUAL LIVE RELEASE RATE COMPARISON



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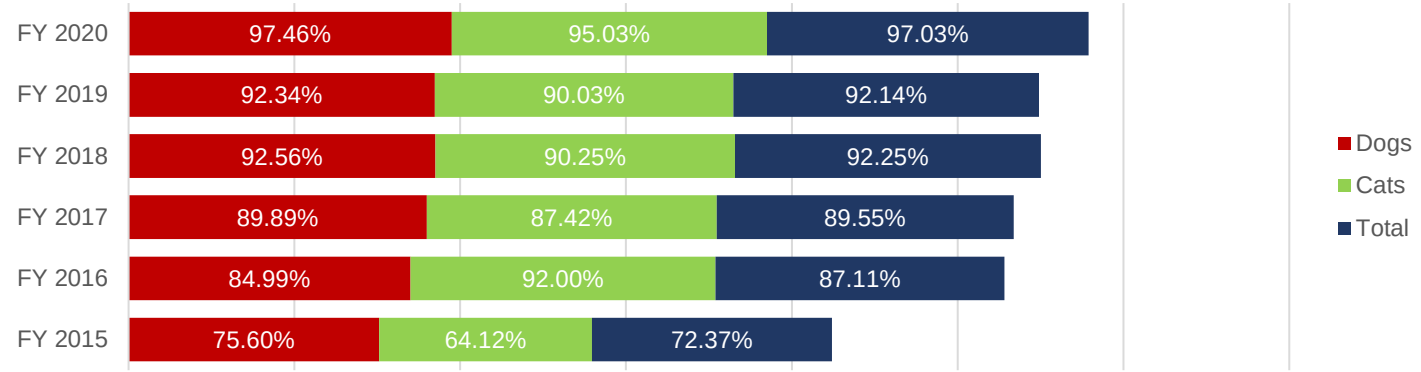

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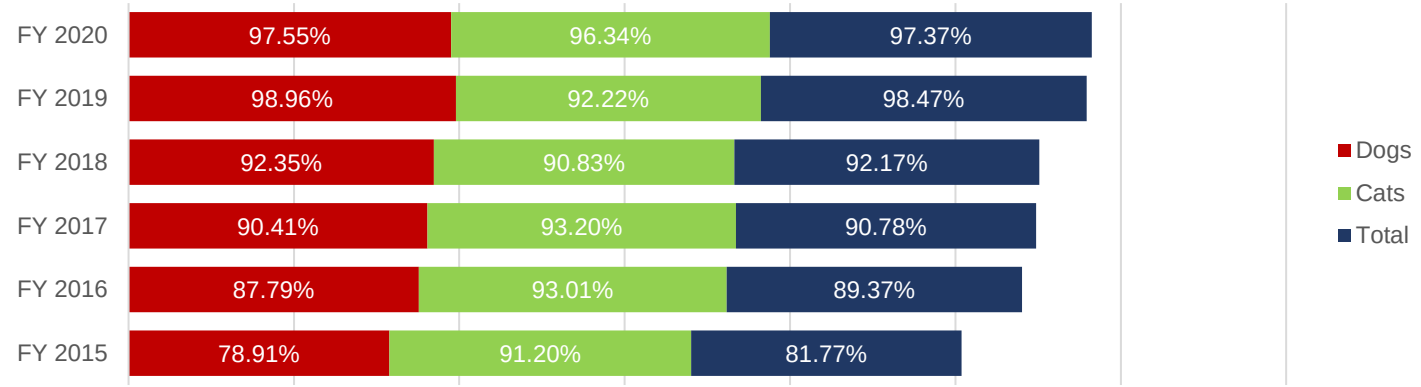

Intakes

Animals coming into the shelter via surrenders, capture and/or adoption return. The number of cats decreased due to the end of the return to field program.

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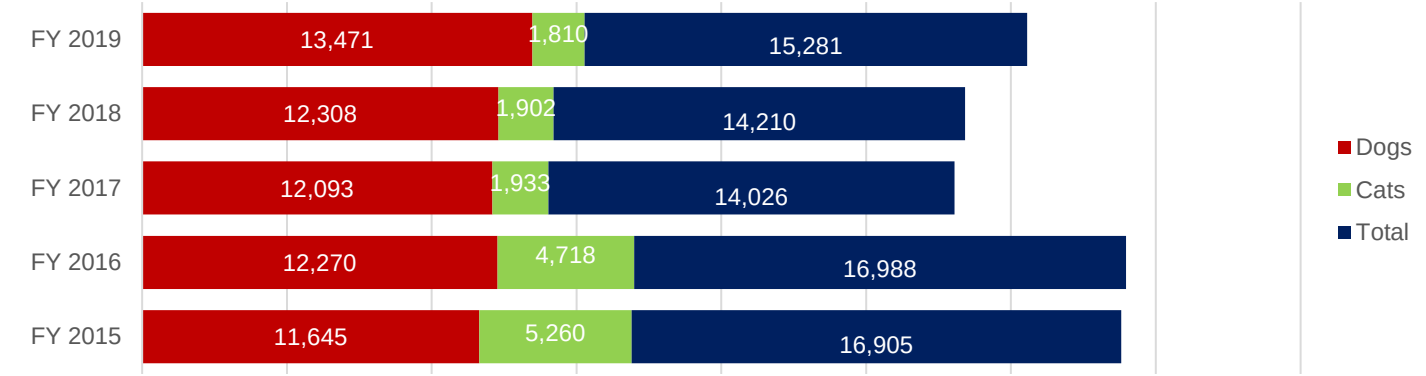

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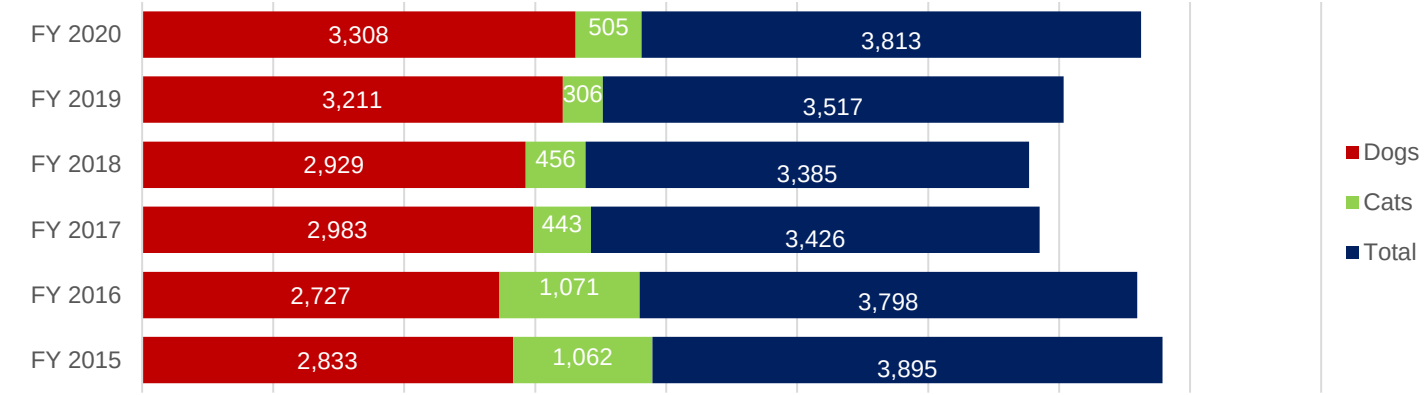

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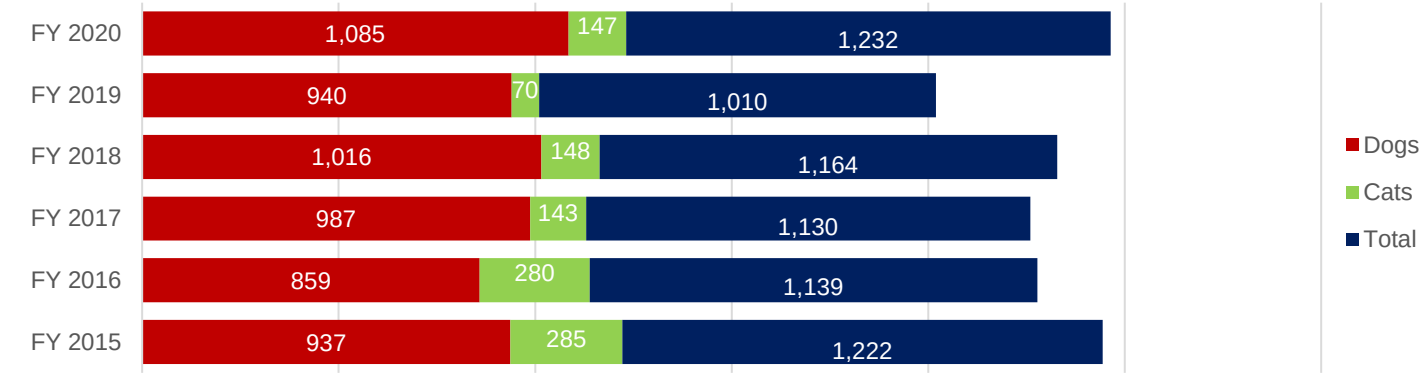

Outcomes

Animals leaving the shelter through adoptions, outgoing transfers (rescue organizations), and return to owner.

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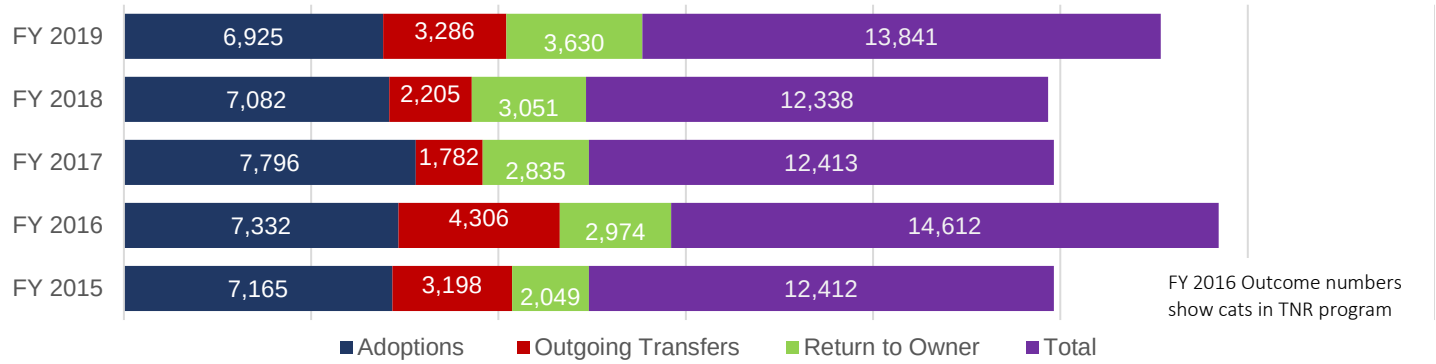

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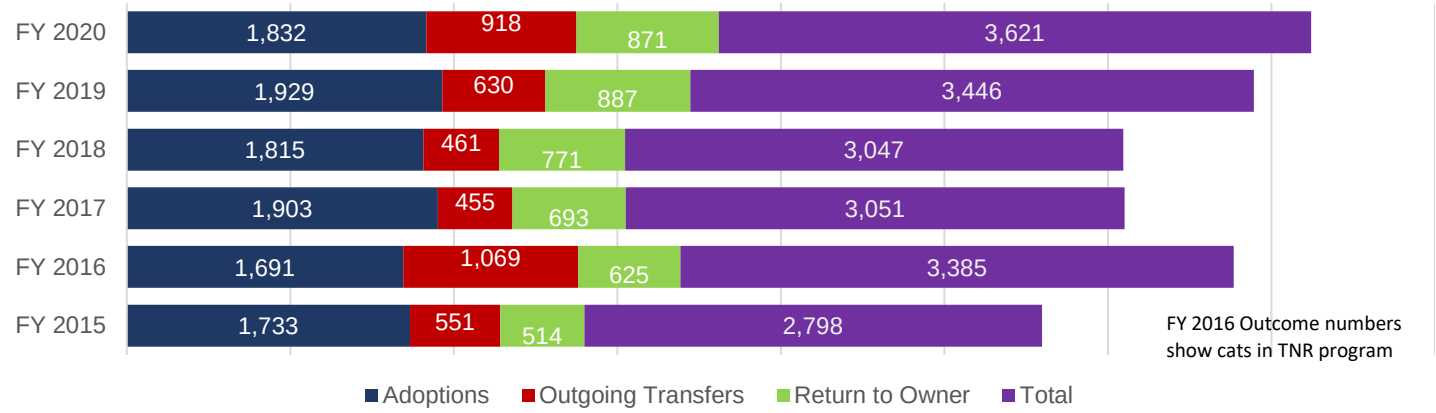

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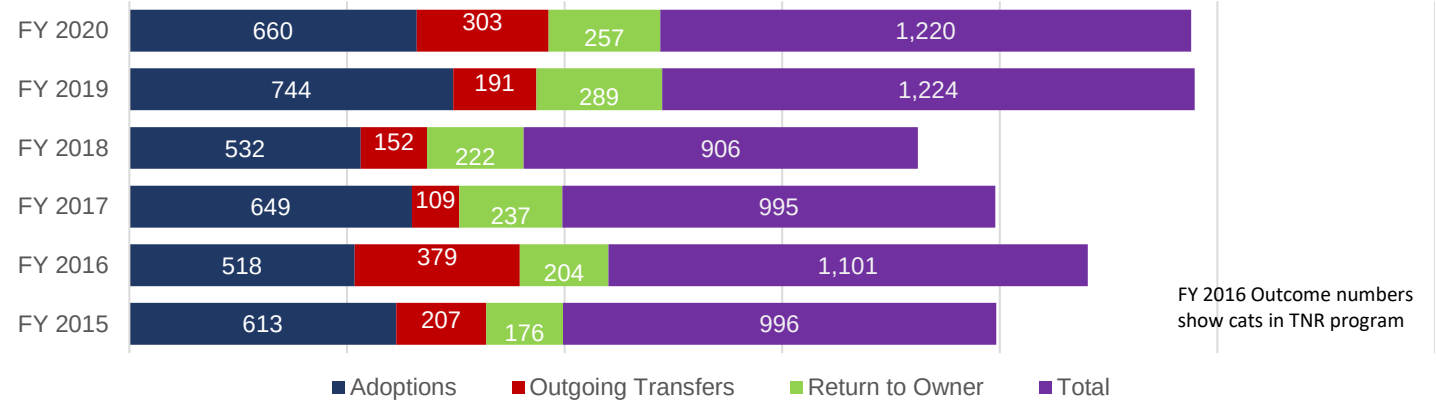

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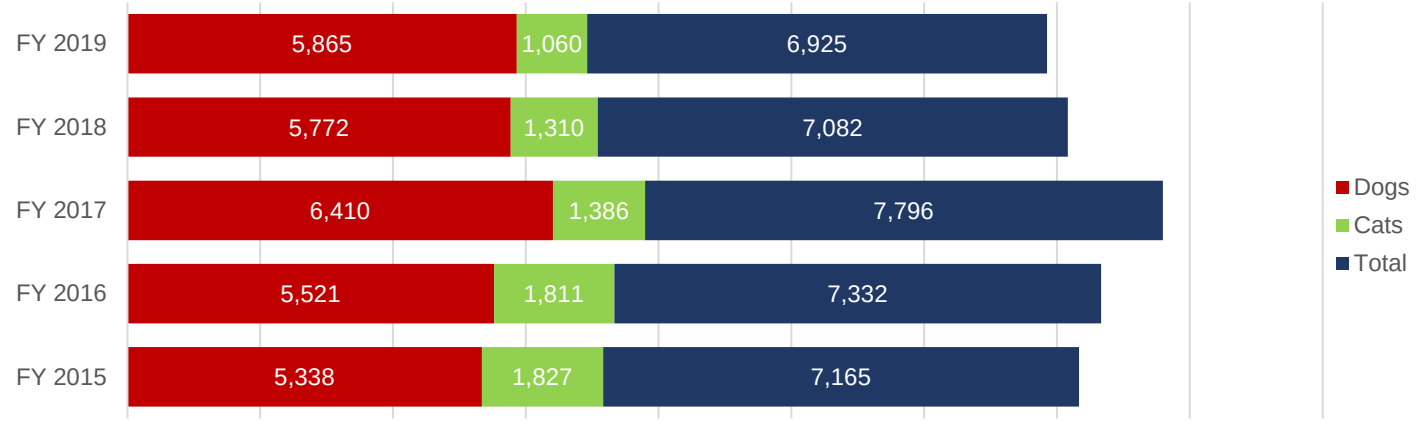
ANNUAL ADOPTIONS



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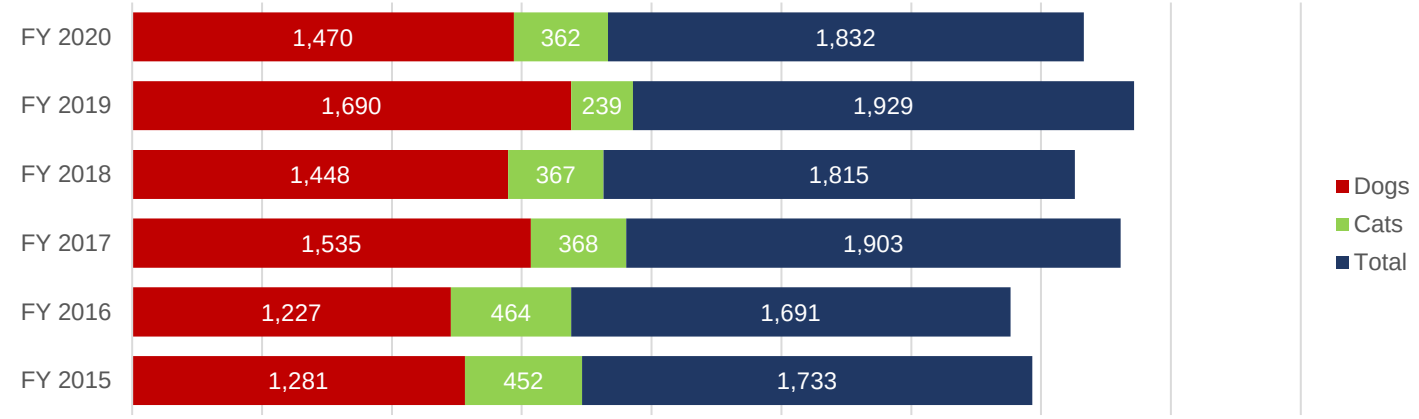

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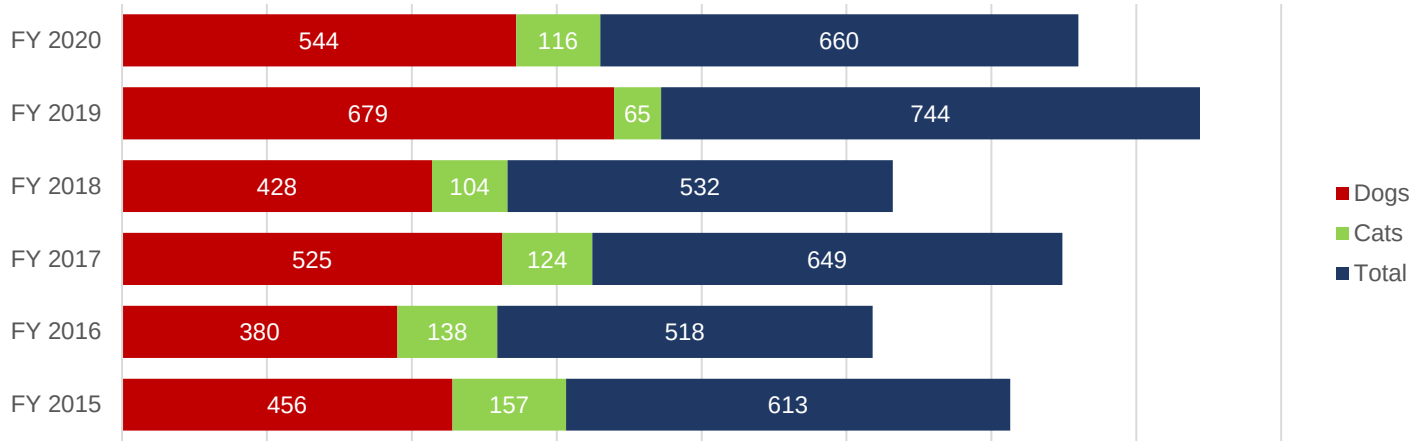
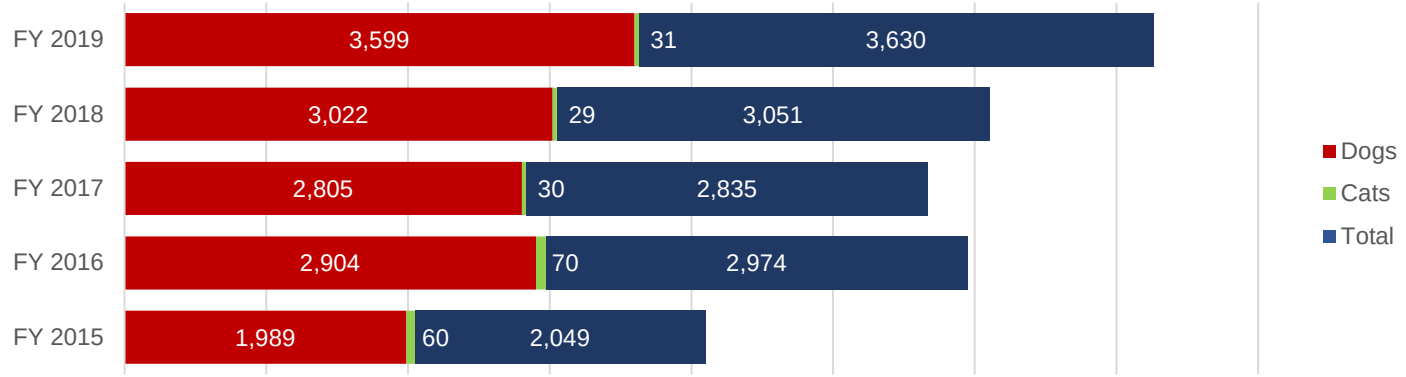


Return to Owner

A huge effort is made by animal control officers working within the neighborhoods to return stray/lost pets to their owners without impounding the pets at the shelter. Pets who wear collars with city license tags or pets who are microchipped have a high rate of being returned to their owners.

ANNUAL RETURNED TO OWNER



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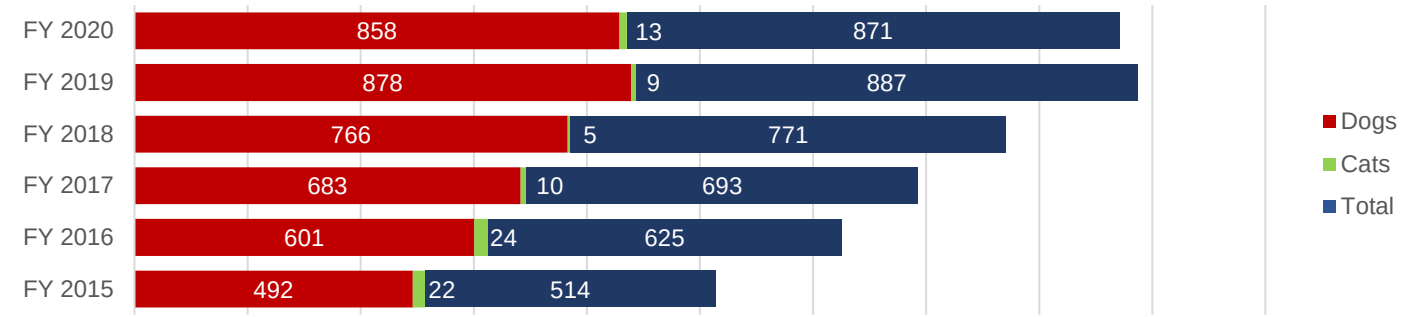

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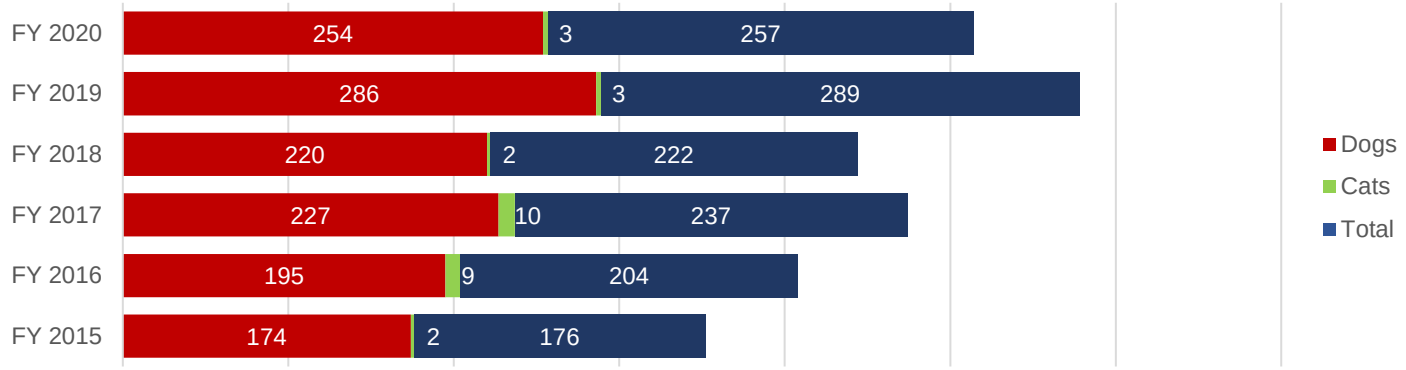
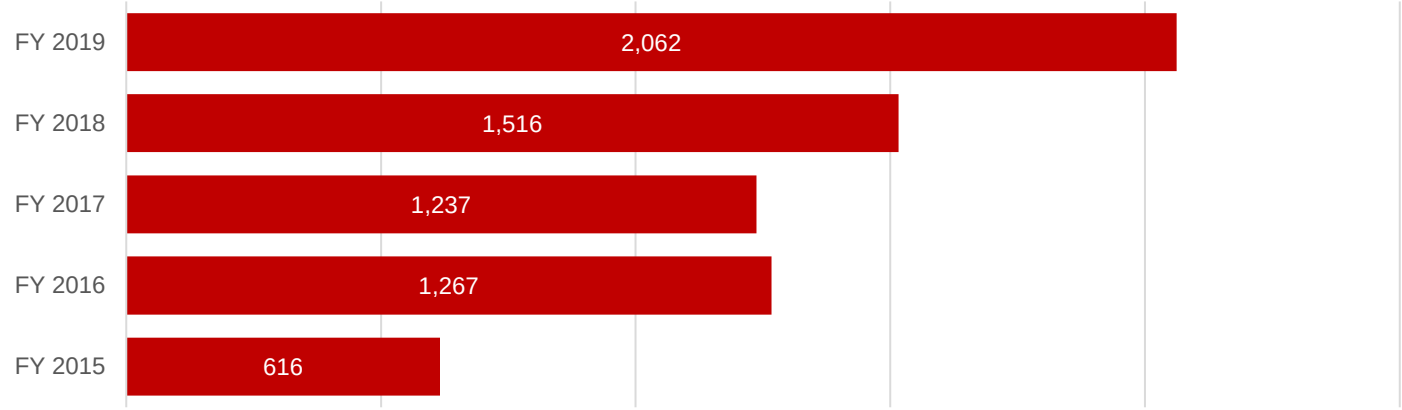


ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

ANNUAL DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD



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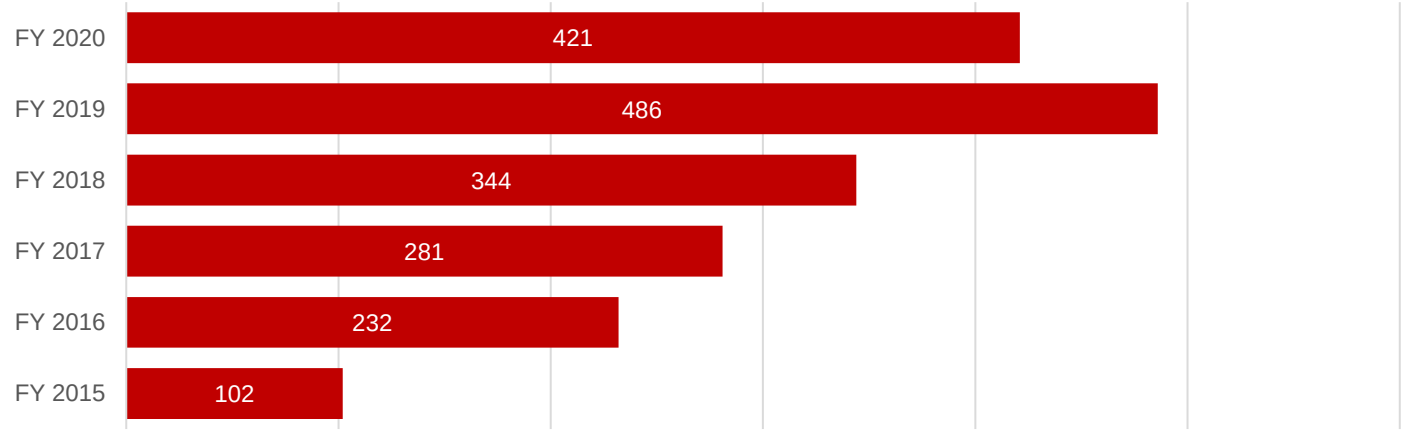

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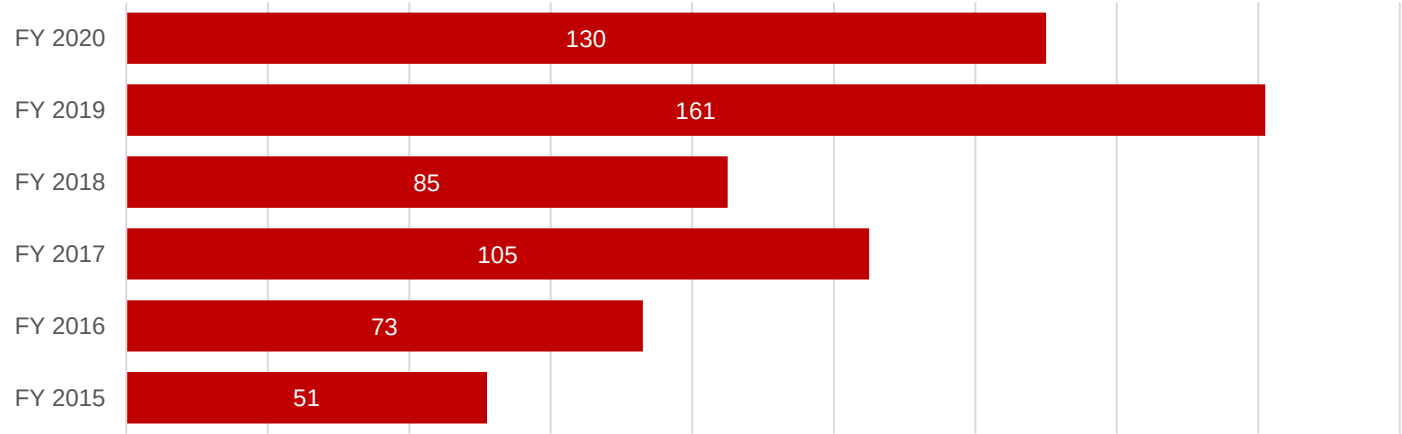
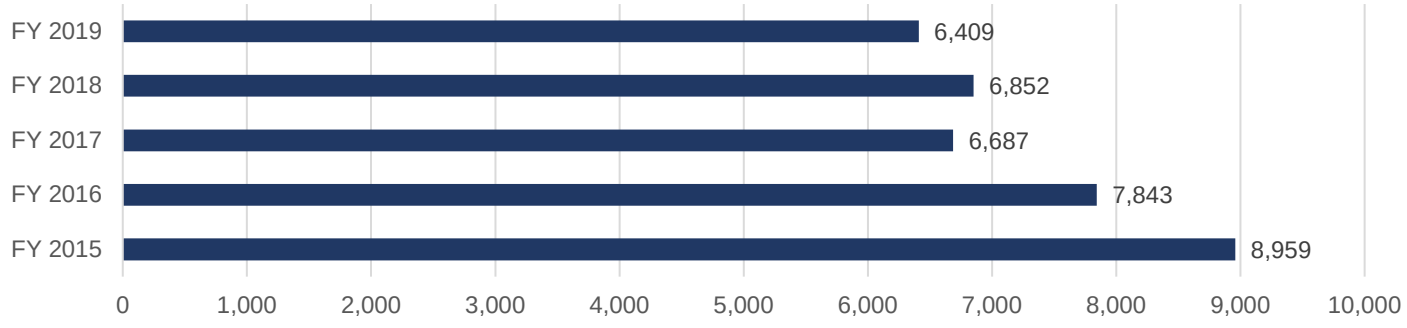


Annual Spay and Neuter Surgeries

In order to reduce the stray pet population and to protect the public from safety issues that can occur because of unaltered stray animals, all pets that land in Fort Worth Animal Care & Control are spayed or neutered before they are adopted, rescued or returned to owners. This chart provides an overview of the dramatic intake of animals coming into the shelter and the mandatory spay/neuter surgeries. FY 2015 and part of FY 2016 Fort Worth conducted a pilot program of Return to Field for stray cats where the cats were trapped, spayed/neutered, and vaccinated and returned to trap location.



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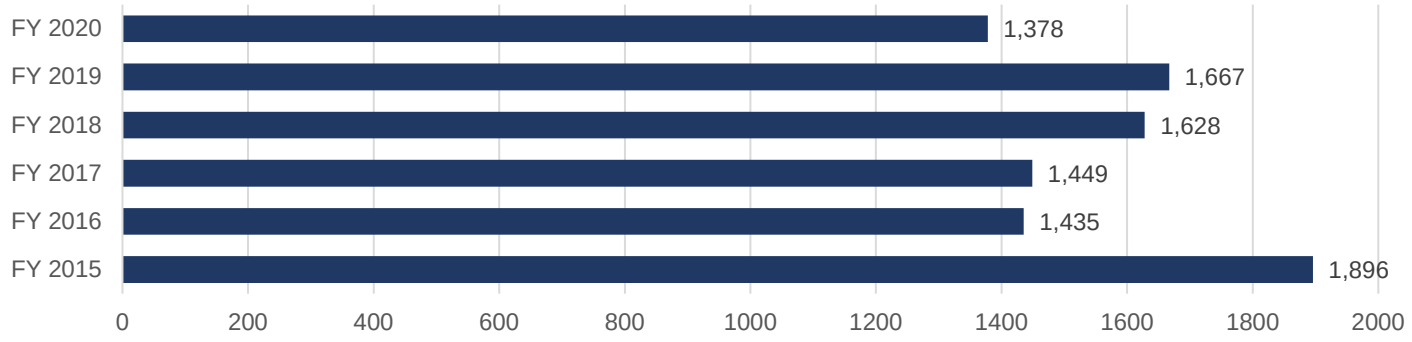

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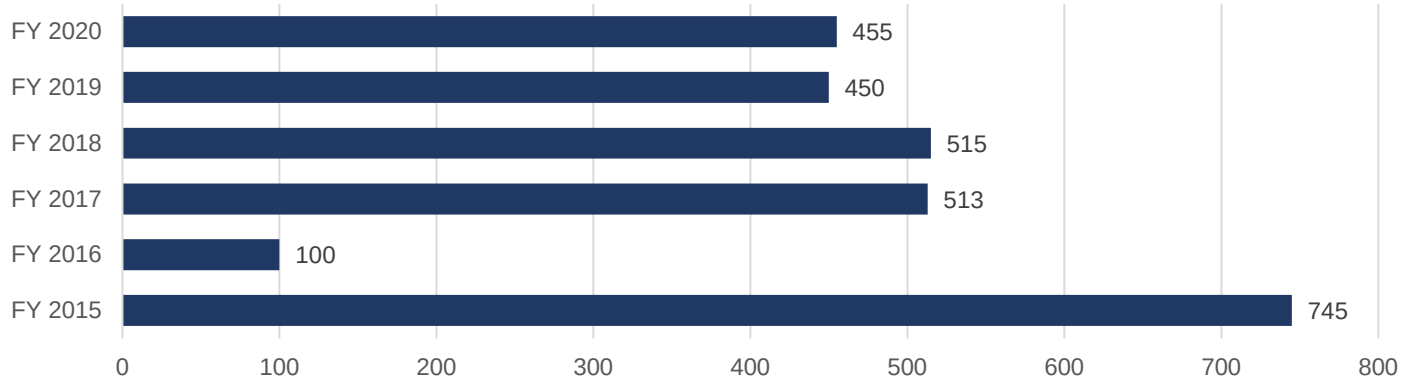
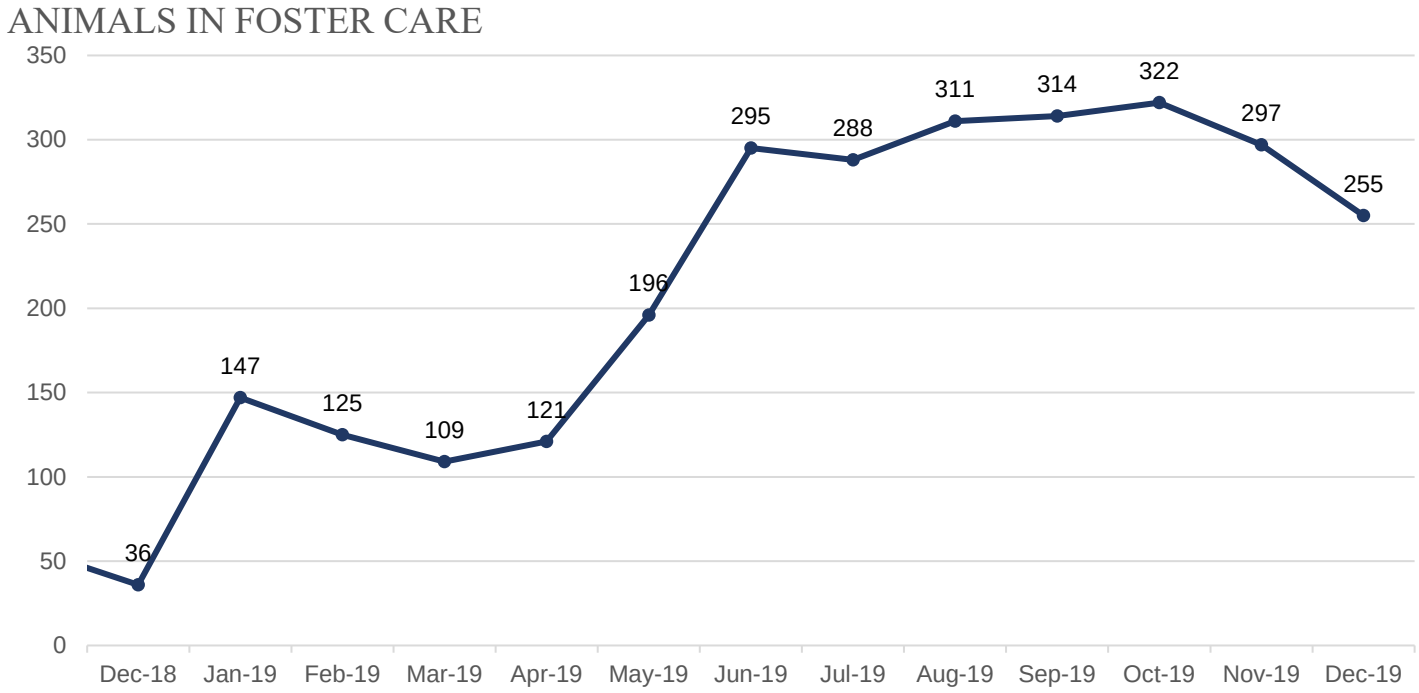
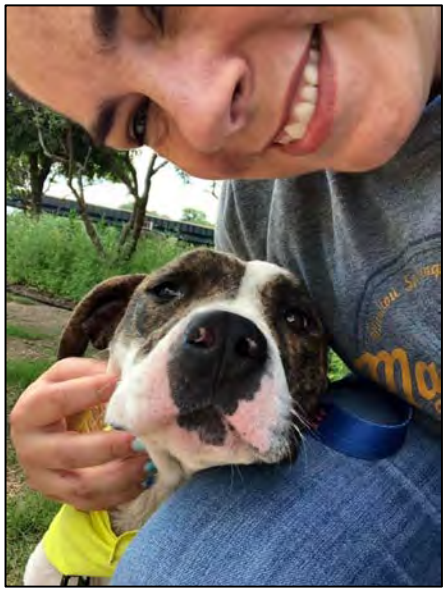


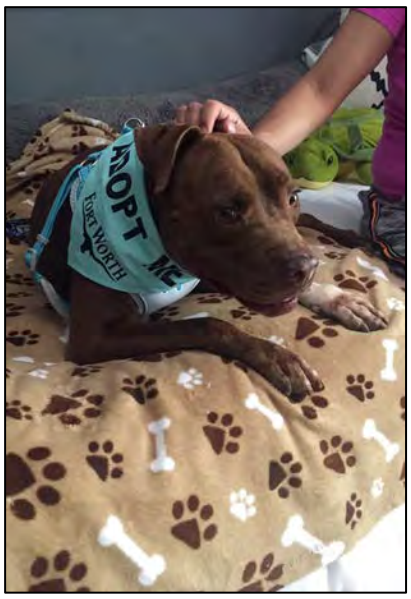
Foster Program

In 2015, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control created its first foster care program in answer to the growing number of animals entering the shelter. The program has expanded to include the Out & About program where residents can stop by, select a dog and take him/her out for the day. Our Slumber Parties allow residents to enjoy one of our shelter pets by keeping the dog overnight or the weekend. The dogs come back much more relaxed and we learn more about their personality from the foster family – all this helps the pets have a better chance of being adopted.



Note: Chart reflects calendar year data

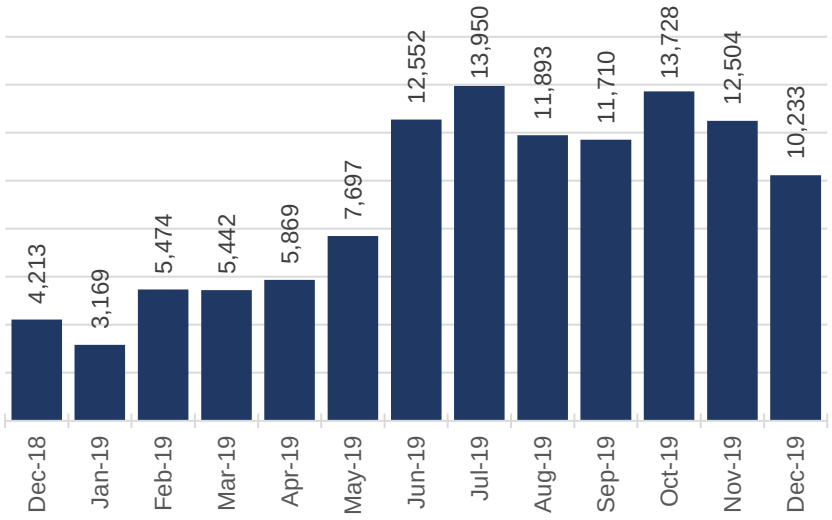




Volunteer Program

A new volunteer program was established in 2014 to provide much needed assistance at the animal shelter, as well as its two PetSmart Adoption Centers. The program has steadily grown to include volunteers who regularly play with and socialize the pets, offer support to staff members, and assist with special adoption events, such as Clear the Shelters, Shelter Pets Rock and the PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekends throughout the year.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

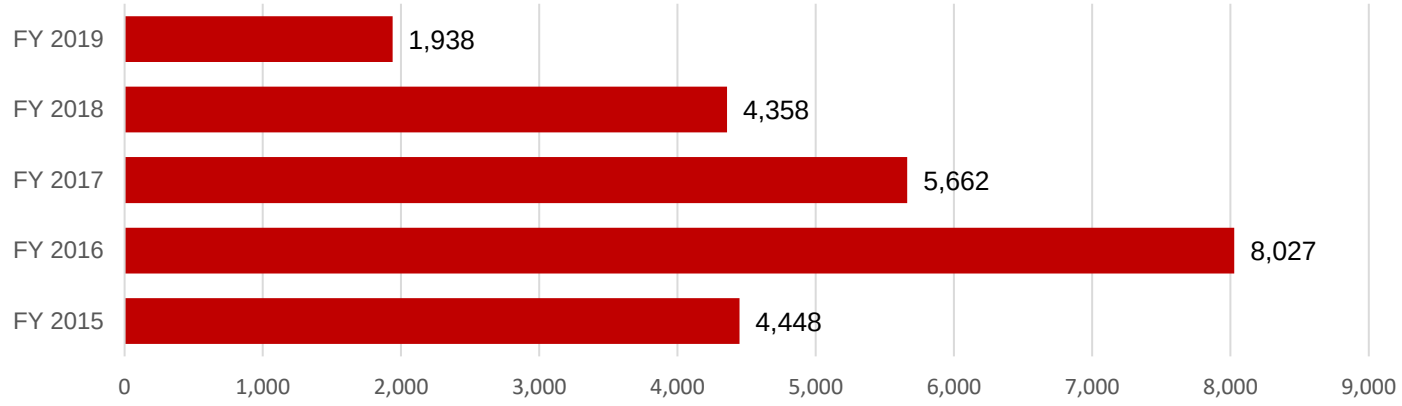


Enforcement and General Citations

Fort Worth Animal Care & Control provides enforcement of a number of state laws and city ordinances to protect the community at large.

ANNUAL CITATIONS ISSUED

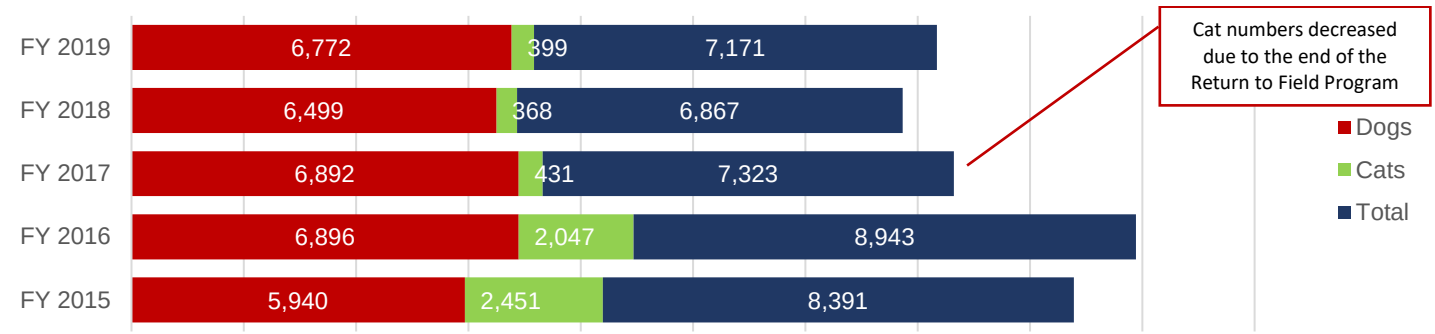
The number of citations issued depends on the number of stray animals reported in the City of Fort Worth. In 2015, FWACC implemented a new program of returning dogs to their owners in the field. This program, combined with an adding a stray team program in 2014, resulted in a decrease in the number of citations written in 2015.



Stray Animal Capture

In 2014, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control furthered its efforts with a new focus on removing stray animals from the streets in our community and implemented the stray team program. The stray teams' singular focus is to capture stray animals within the city. There are currently two teams of three officers. Their efforts, in conjunction with other animal control officers' efforts, have also included record-setting numbers of dogs returned to their owners in the field.

ANNUAL STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



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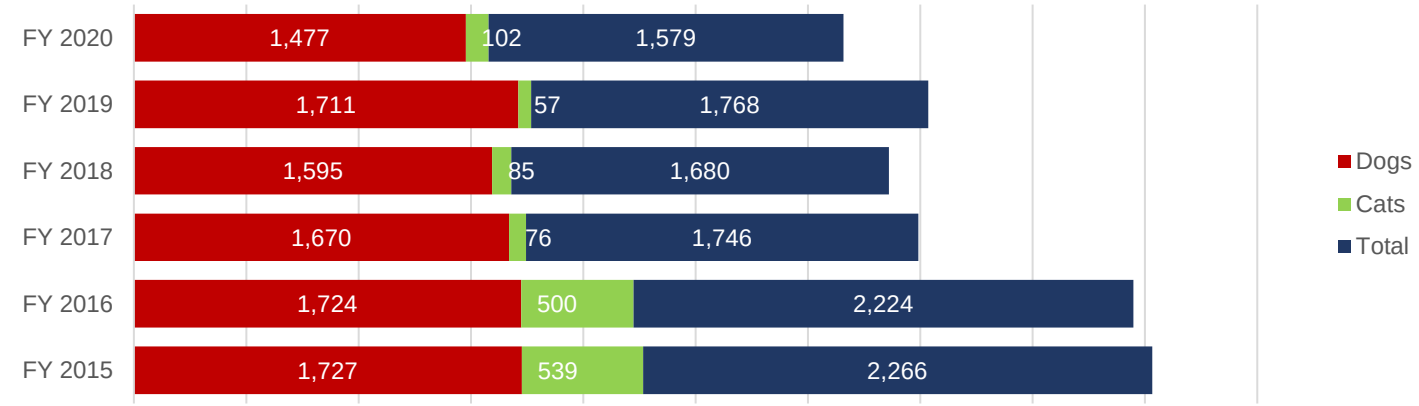

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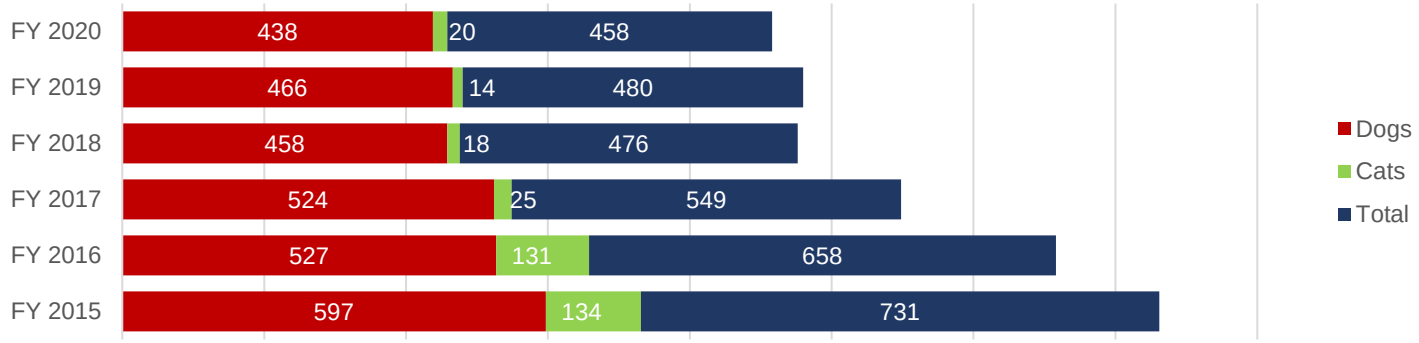

Requests for Service

Requests for service typically include all animal welfare issues, such as stray or injured animals, animals in danger, or wildlife and livestock issues.

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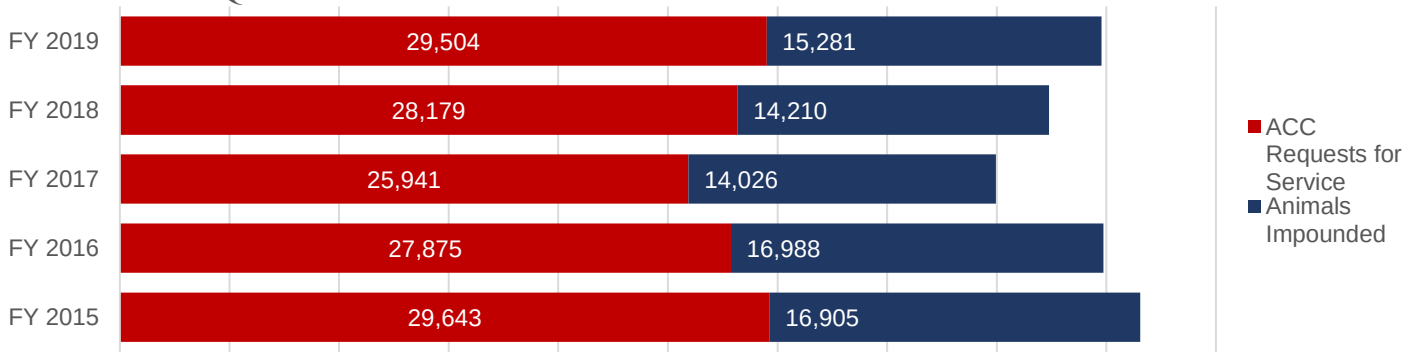

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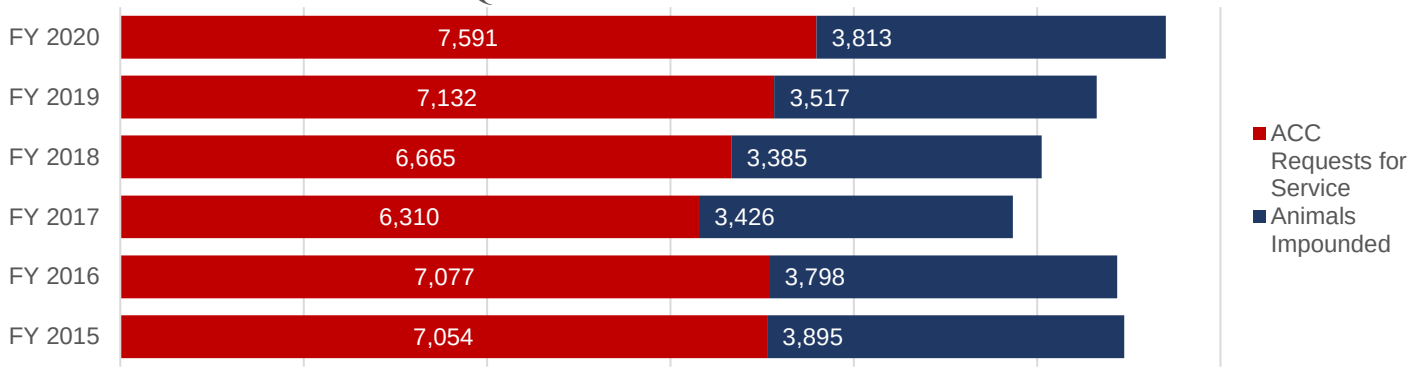

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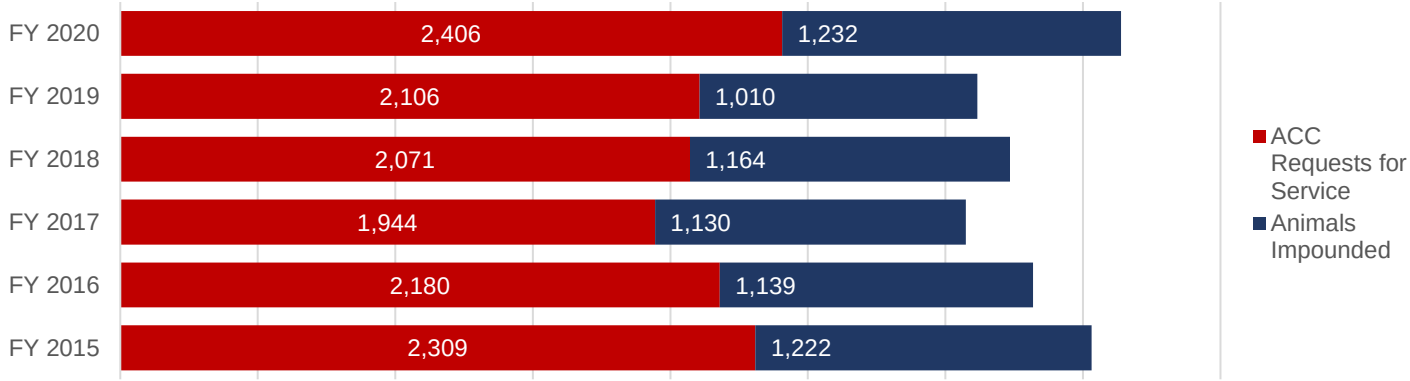

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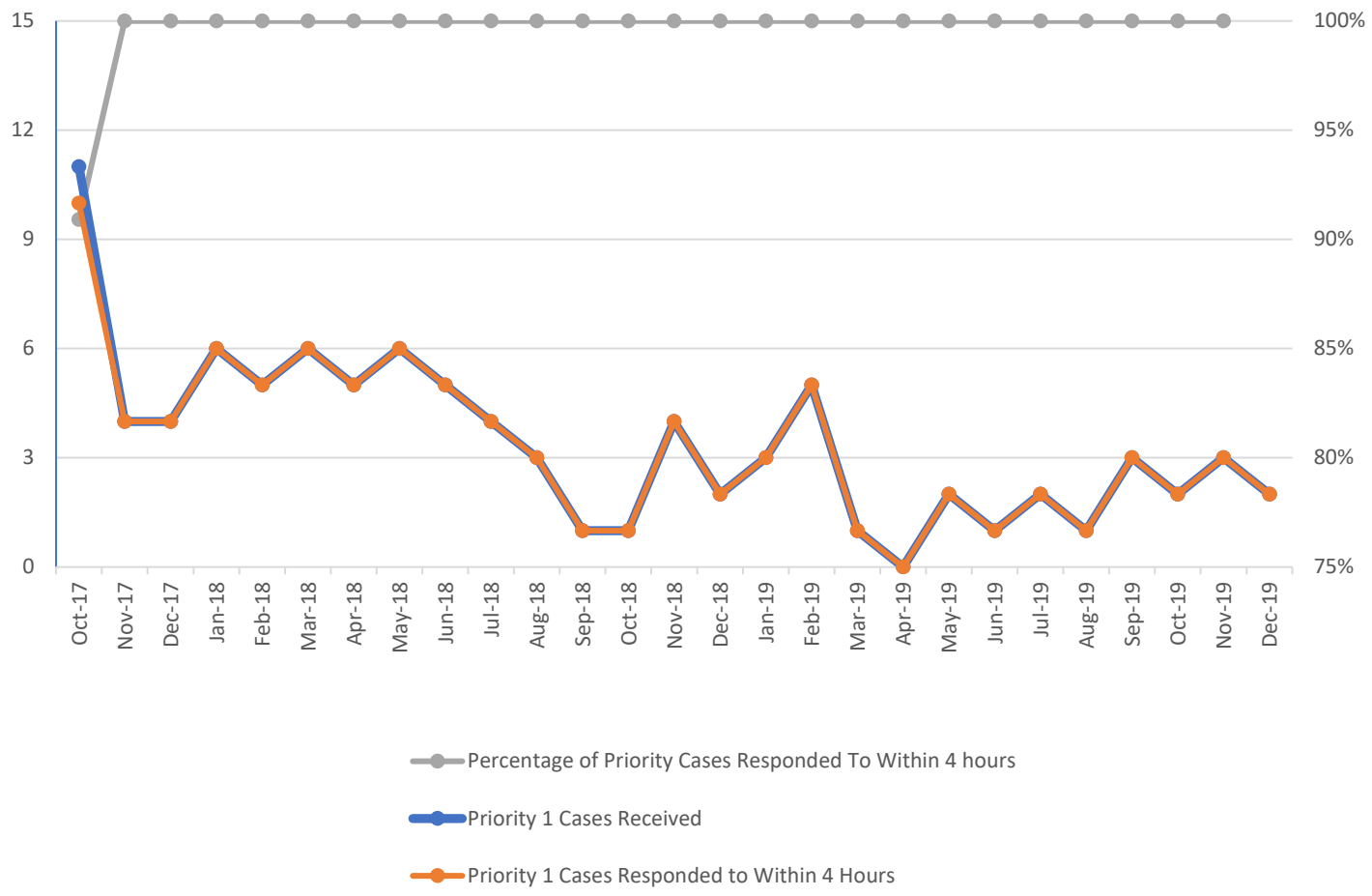

Resources

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www.facebook.com/fortworthacc

REPORT AN ANIMAL ISSUE
CityOfFortWorth.wufoo.com/forms/animal-issue-report-form

FIND AN ADOPTION CENTER
FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption
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LICENSE YOUR PET
FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/fees

DONATE TO FRIENDS OF HENRY AND SCOUT TO HELP SHELTER PETS
FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/donate

LOST AND FOUND PETS
FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/foundpets

The Code Compliance Department maintains Fort Worth's status as a clean, livable city by ensuring property complies with rules set by City Council. Code Officers routinely patrol assigned neighborhoods for code violations and investigate complaints with a mission of abating issues and educating residents.

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