

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

20  21

M A R C H R E P O R T



CODE REPORT



Important information regarding COVID-19:

The Fort Worth City Council set forth an emergency declaration, signed by Mayor Betsy Price, to implement “Stay Home, Work Safe” restrictions to help combat the spread and impact of COVID-19 on the City of Fort Worth. **Due to these restrictions, some data reported in the March Code Report may have been affected.**

For the latest information about COVID-19 and the City of Fort Worth, visit the city’s website at FortWorthTexas.gov/COVID-19/.

Join the City of Fort Worth on Facebook to hear updates on COVID-19 operations. Updates can be viewed on Facebook at:

- Fort Worth City Hall (City of Fort Worth) @CityOfFortWorth
- Mayor Betsy Price @BetsyPriceFW
- Fort Worth Fire Department @FortWorthFireDepartment
- Fort Worth Police Department @InsideFWPD



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**

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

The full Code Compliance Department Report, with all divisions data, can be viewed online at www.FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance.

Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control helps keep Fort Worth citizens safe by providing pet-care education and services. These programs work to reduce the number of unwanted stray animals in the city, minimize the threat of diseases such as rabies, and prevent injuries caused by animals.

There are currently three adoption centers available. Groundbreaking commenced on a fourth location to provide help with the growing need of animal services in north Fort Worth.

MAIN SHELTER
4900 Martin St.
Fort Worth, TX 76119
817-392-1234

Hours
Monday-Sunday:
Noon-6 p.m.
All services available including adoptions, reclaims and rescues.

**HULEN
PETSMART CHARITIES
ADOPTION CENTER**
4800 SW Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76109
817-731-4353 ext. 5

Hours
Monday-Friday:
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**ALLIANCE
PETSMART CHARITIES
ADOPTION CENTER**
2901 Texas Sage Trail
Fort Worth, TX 76177
817-392-7117 or 817-741-7923

Hours
Monday-Friday:
11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
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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.



March 2021 Statistics

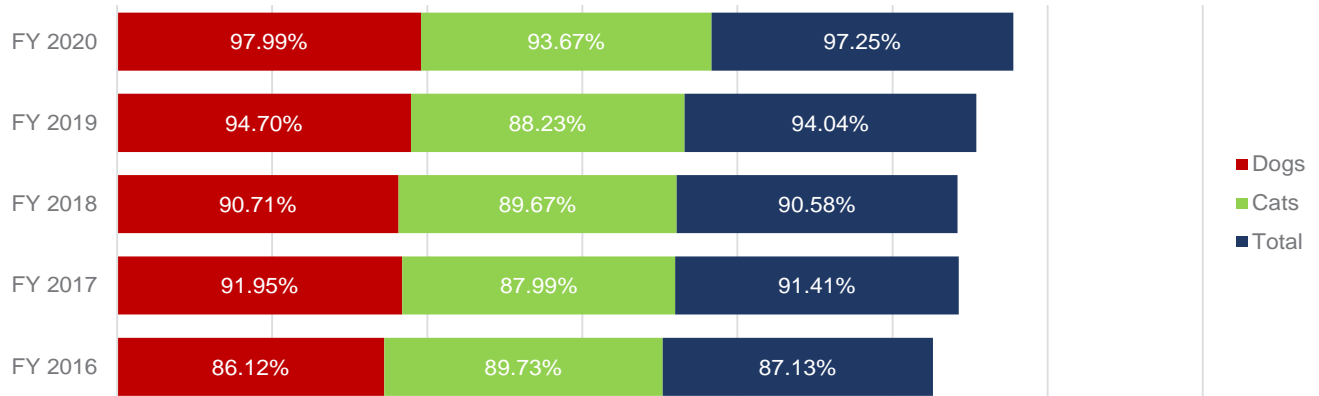
This chart reflects the monthly movement of animals in and out of the shelter. Most significant is the shelter's live release rate, which indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The daily challenge of managing a municipal shelter is daunting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

March Live Release Rate: 98.19%	Dogs	Cats	Total
BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT 3/1/2021	359	92	451
INTAKE			
From the public	958	245	1,203
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	21	5	26
Total intake (B + C + D + E)	981	250	1,231
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	6	1	7
ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE (F – G)	975	249	1,224
ADOPTIONS			
	561	182	743
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition			
	159	38	197
OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition			
	10	1	11
RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN			
	188	3	191
DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED			
Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Treatable – Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Treatable – Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	15	13	28
Total Euthanasia (M + N + O + P)	15	13	28
Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	6	1	7
ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA (Q – R)	9	12	21
SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES (I + J + K + L + S)			
	927	236	1,163
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER CARE			
	5	5	10
TOTAL OUTCOMES (T + U)			
	932	241	1,173
Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
ENDING SHELTER COUNT 3/31/2021 11:59:59 PM	402	100	502

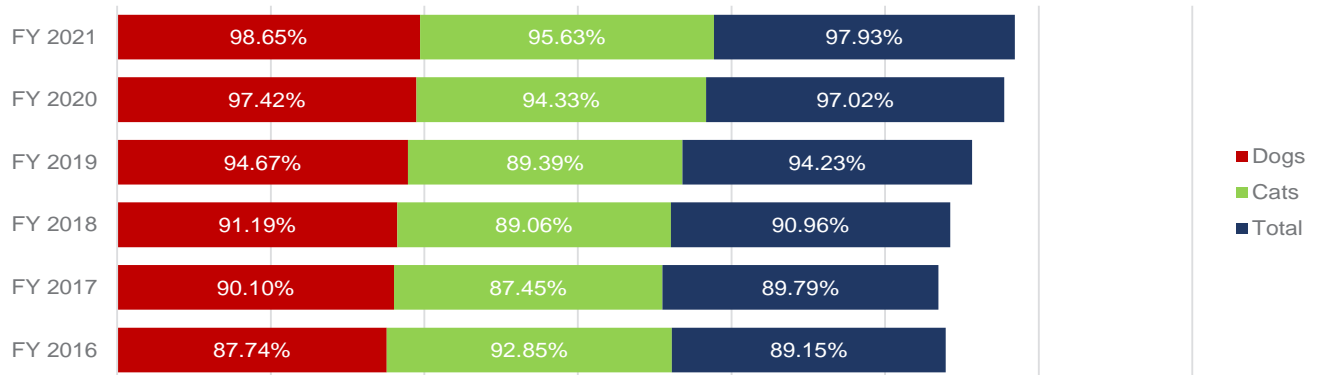
Live Release Rate

The “live release rate” indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The FY2020 annual rate of 97.25 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.

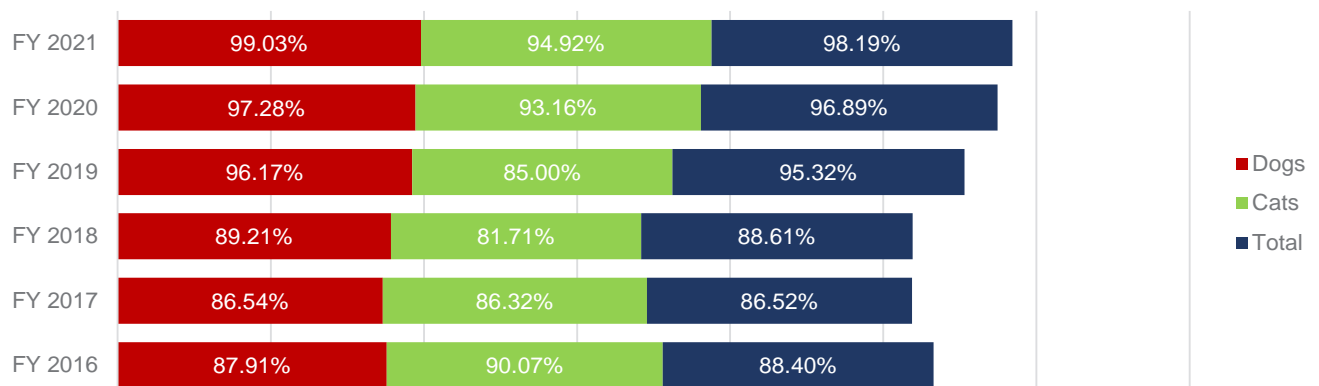
ANNUAL LIVE RELEASE RATE COMPARISON



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE LIVE RELEASE RATE



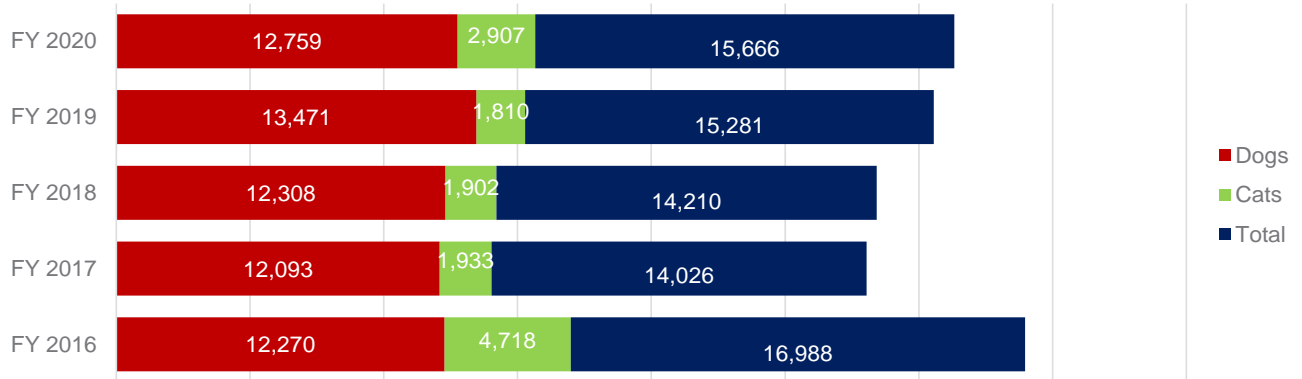
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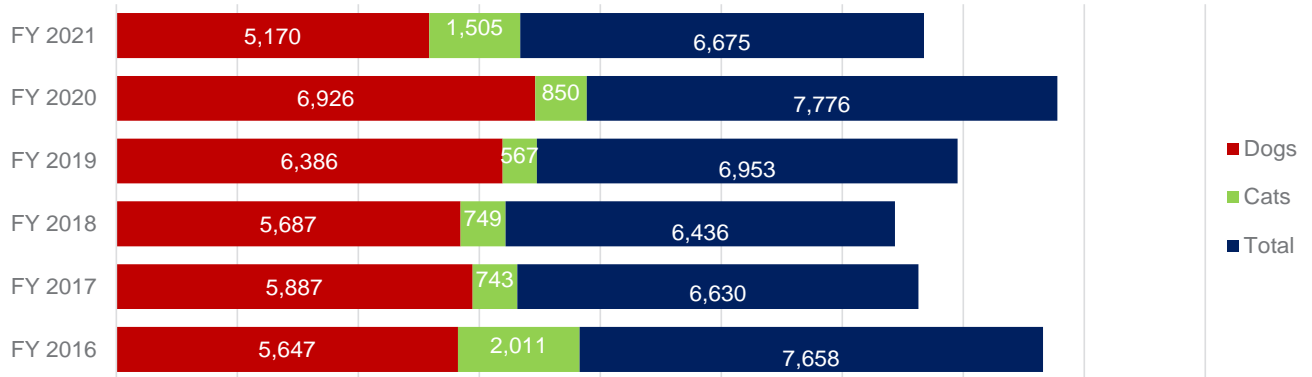
Intakes

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.

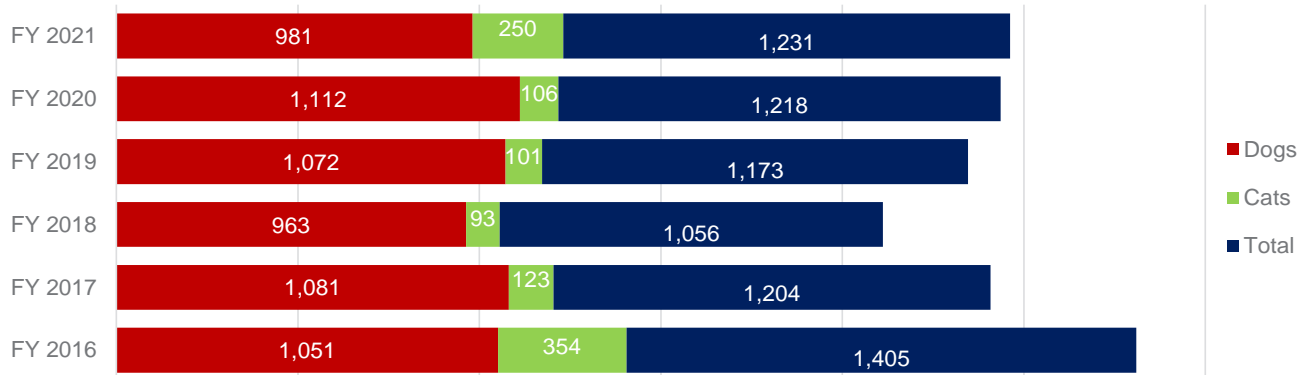
ANNUAL INTAKES COMPARISON



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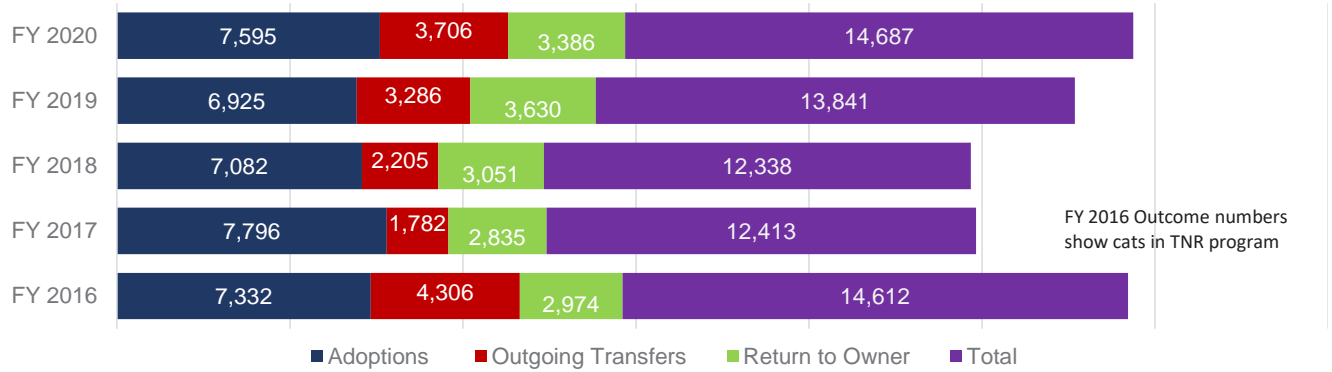
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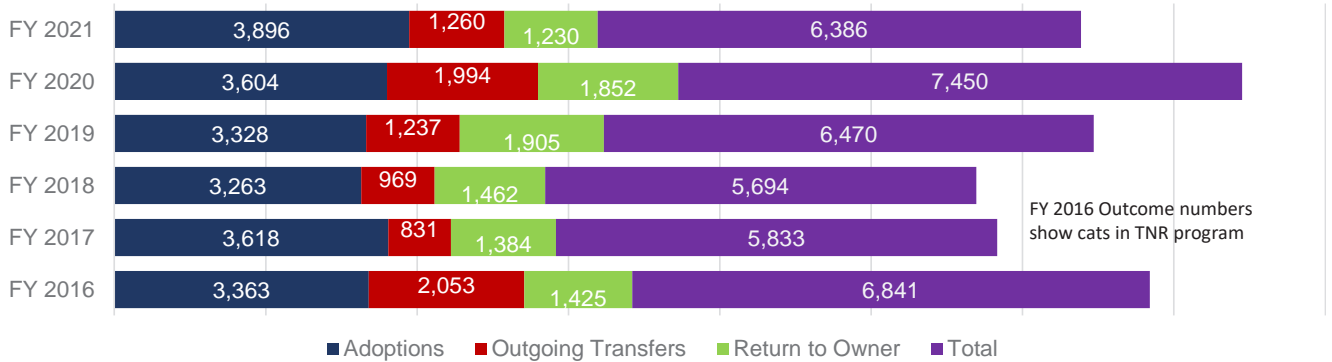
Outcomes

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

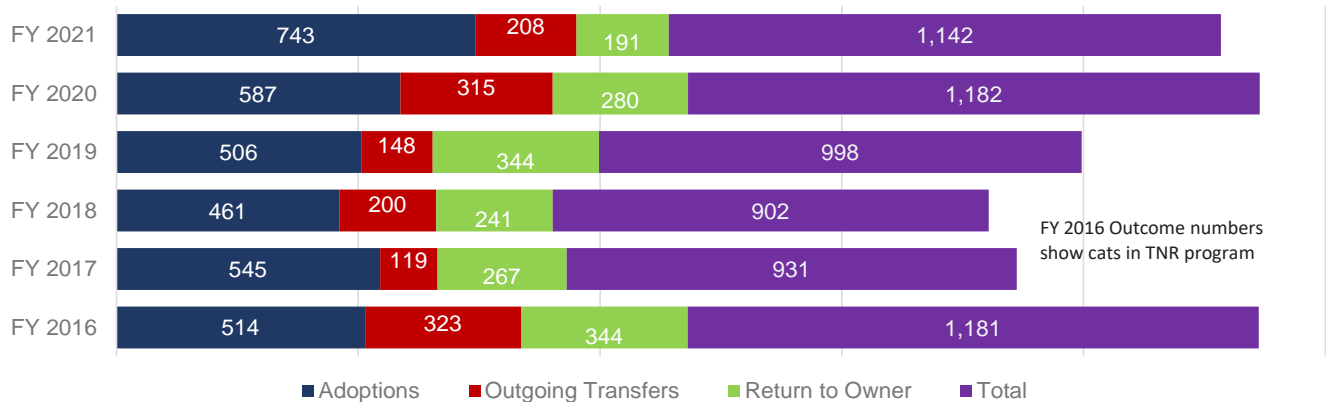
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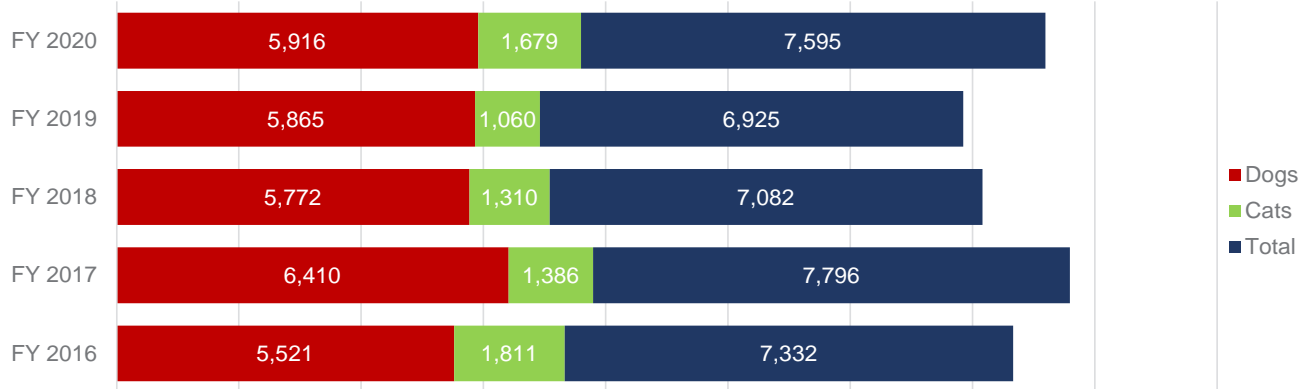
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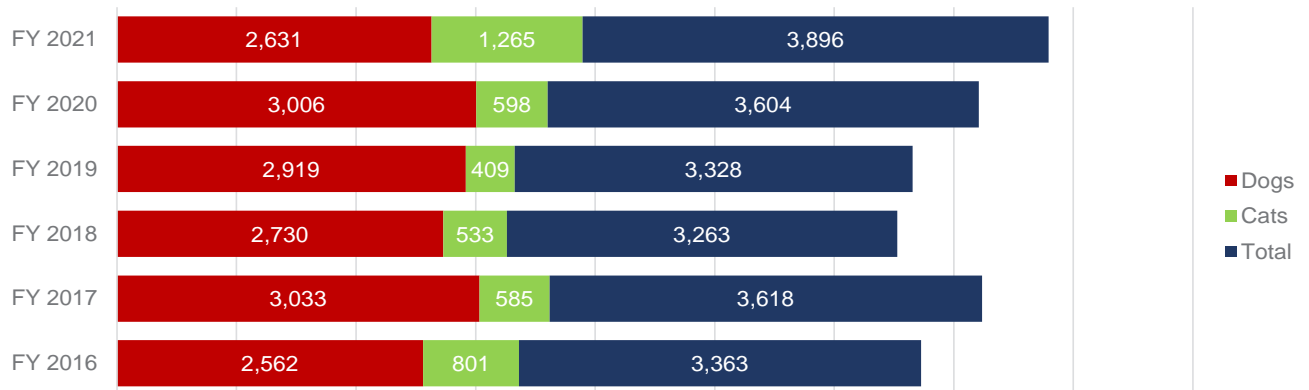
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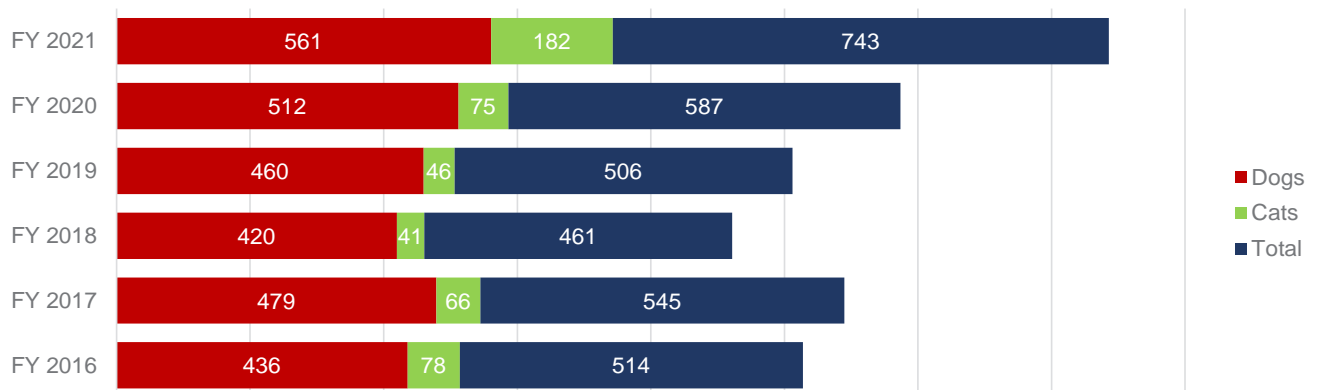
ANNUAL ADOPTIONS



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ADOPTIONS



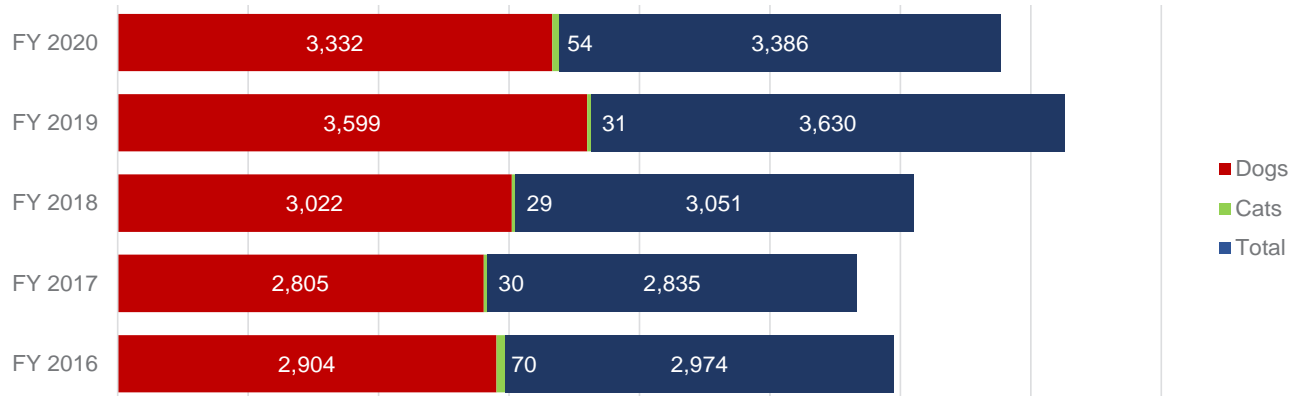
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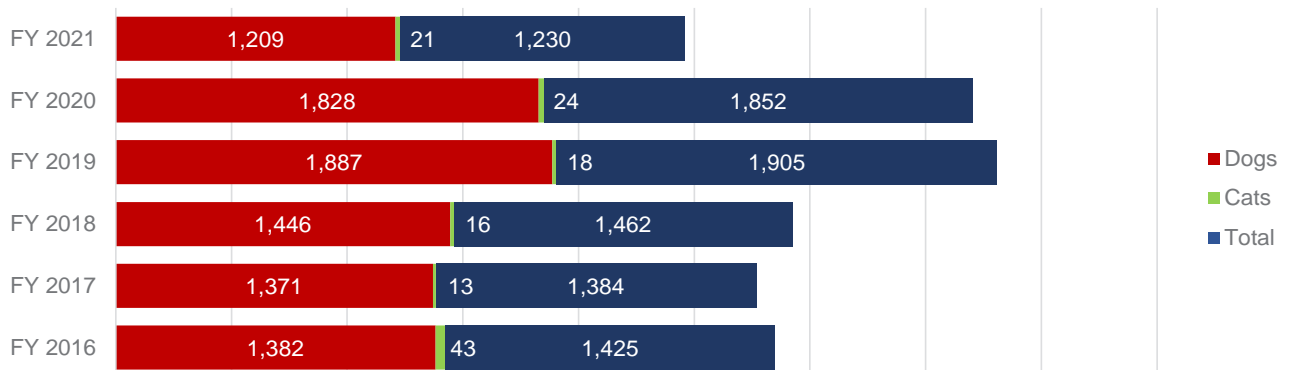
Return to Owner

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.

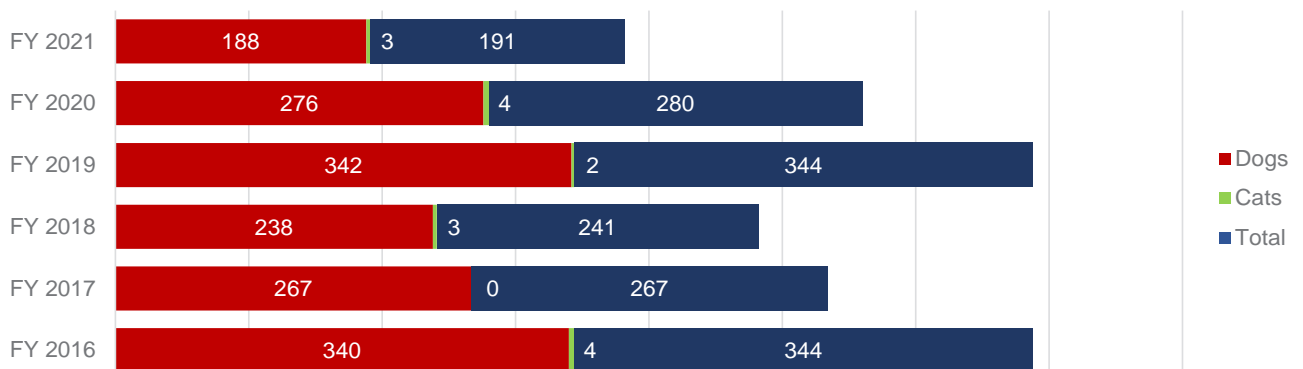
ANNUAL RETURNED TO OWNER



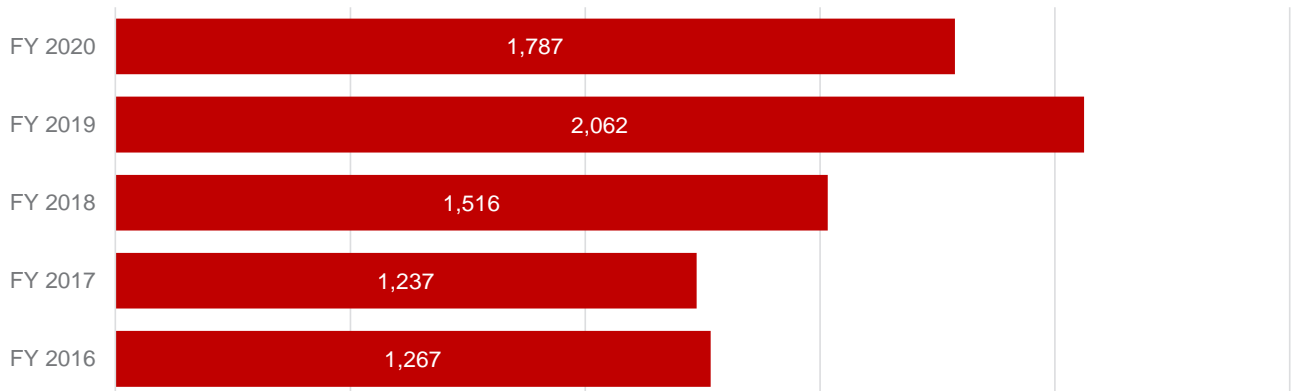
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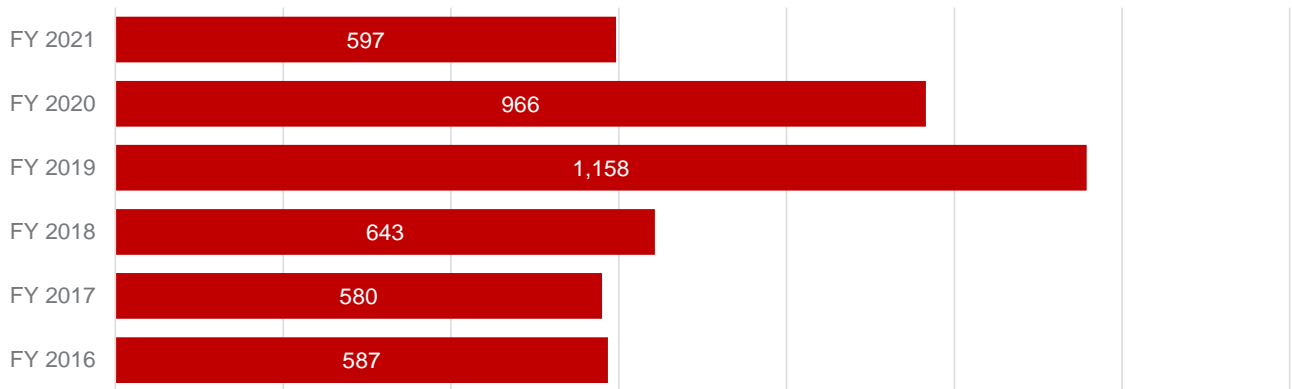
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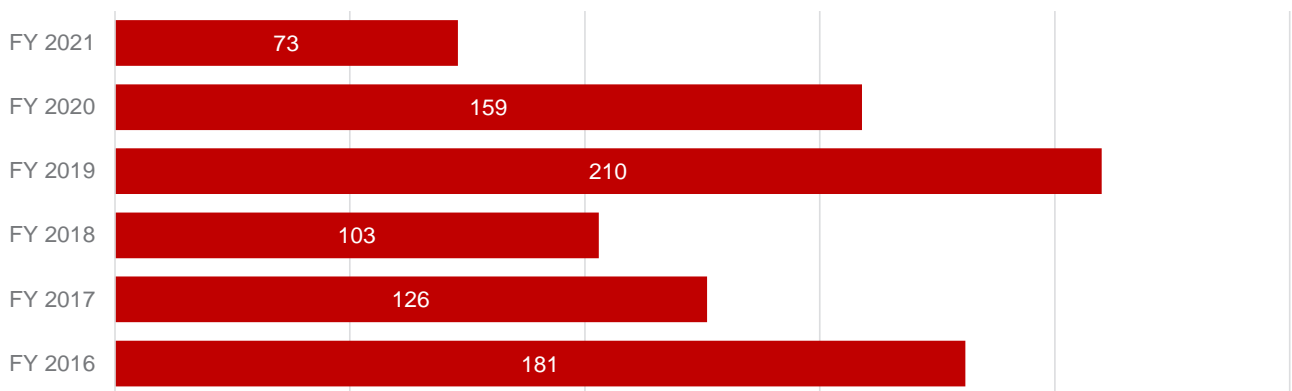
ANNUAL DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD

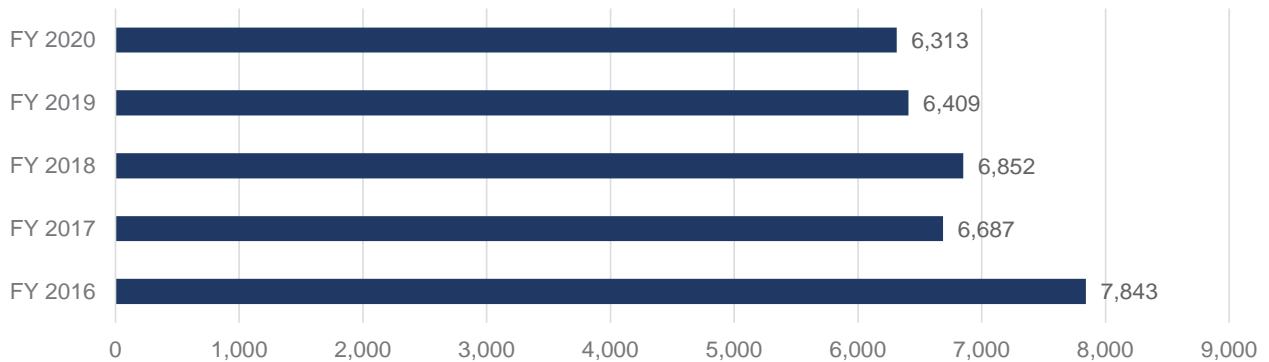


MARCH DOGS RETURNED TO OWNER IN FIELD

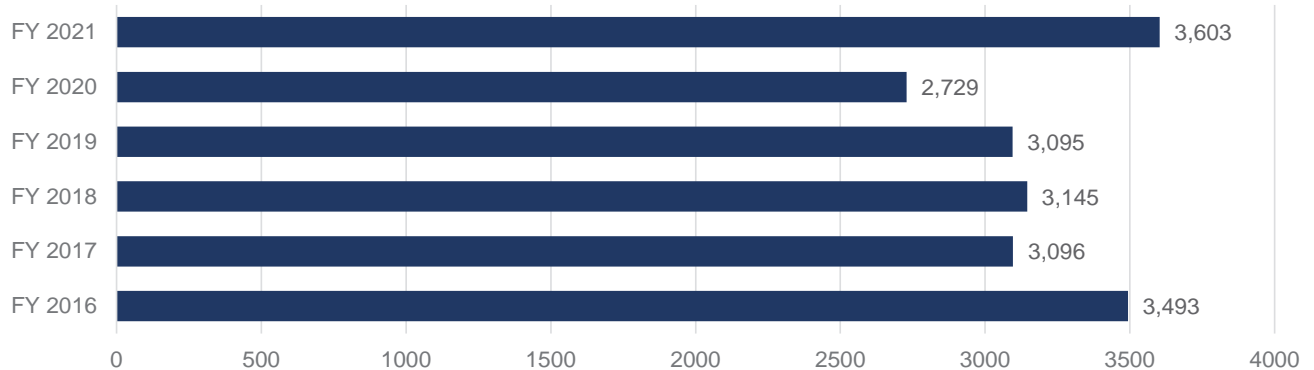


Annual Spay and Neuter Surgeries

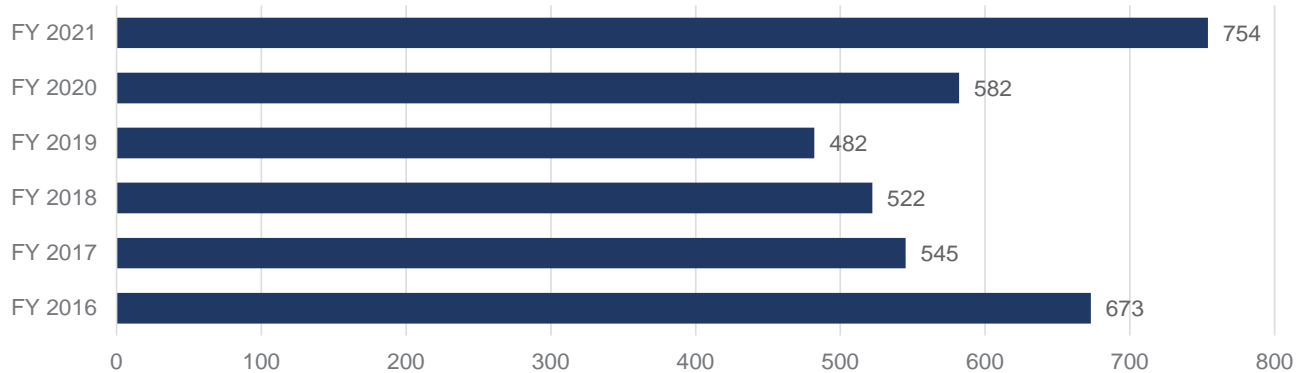
In order to reduce the stray pet population and to protect the public from safety issues that can occur because of unaltered stray animals, all pets that land in Fort Worth Animal Care & Control are spayed or neutered before they are adopted, rescued or returned to owners. This chart provides an overview 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.



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



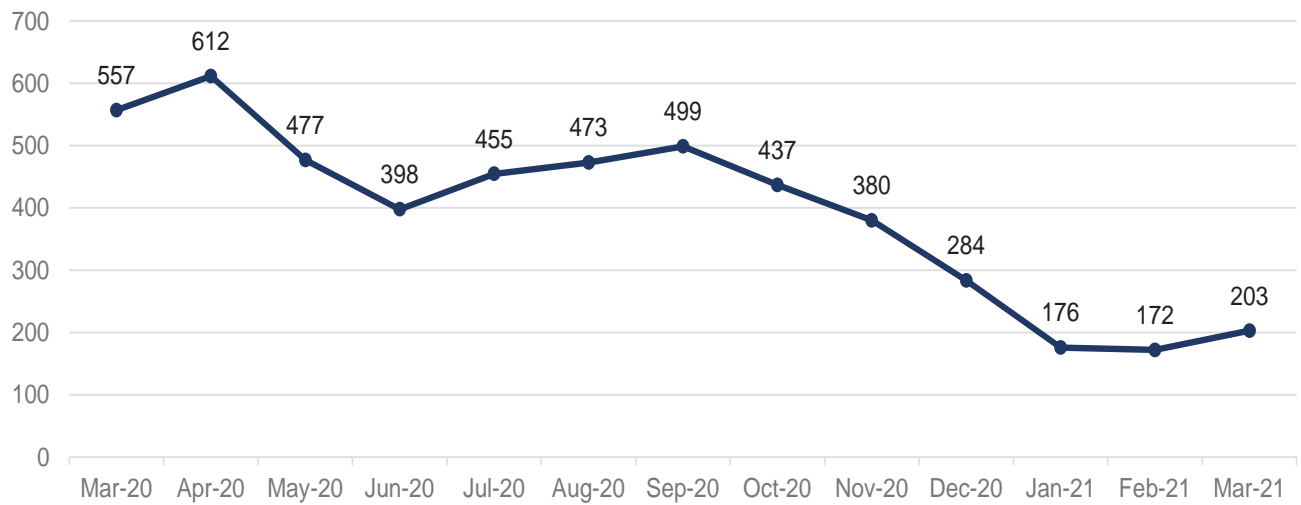
MARCH SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



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.

ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE



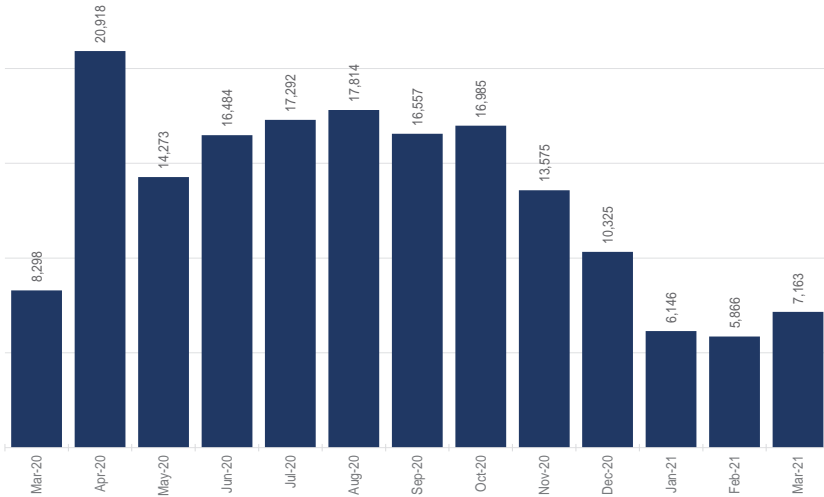
Note: Chart reflects calendar year data.



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

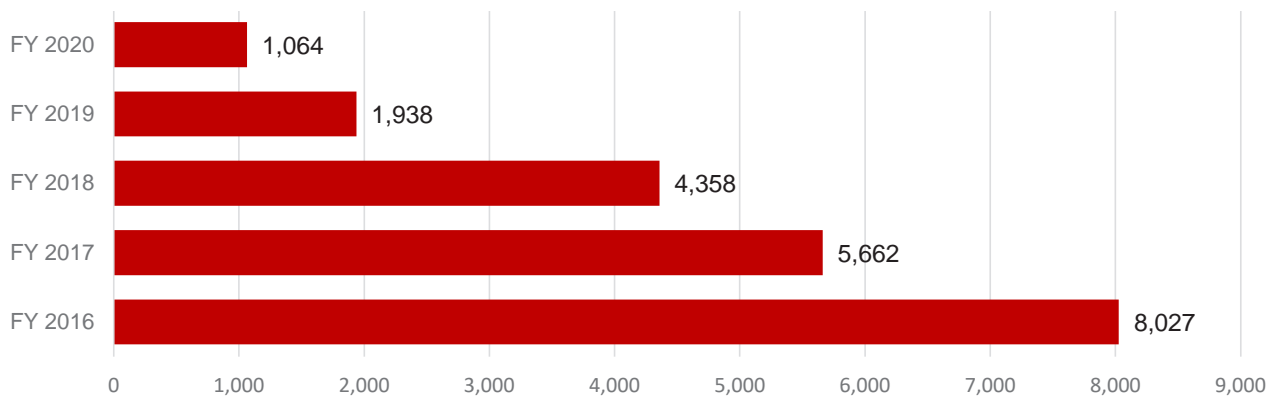


Enforcement and General Citations

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

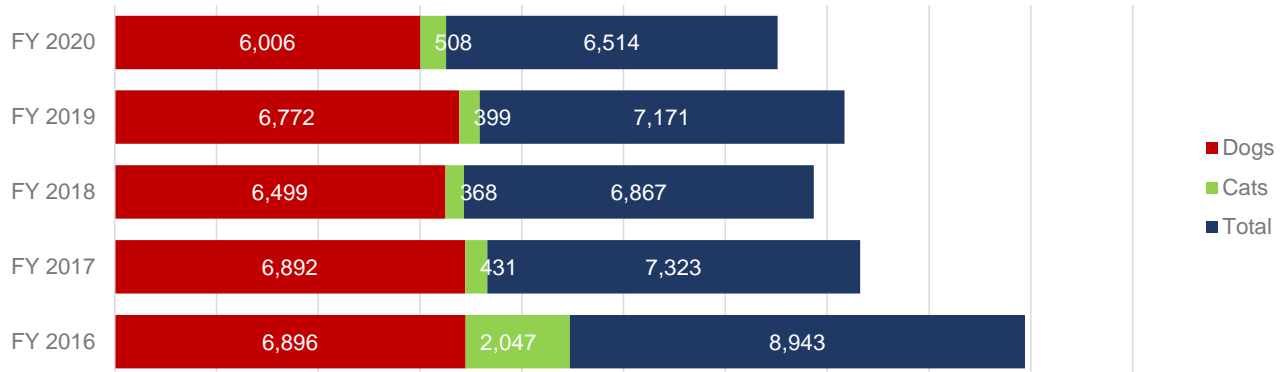
The number of citations issued depends on the number of stray animals reported in the City of Fort Worth. In 2015, FWACC implemented a new program of returning dogs to their owners in the field. This program, combined with an adding a stray team program in 2014, resulted in a decrease in the number of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



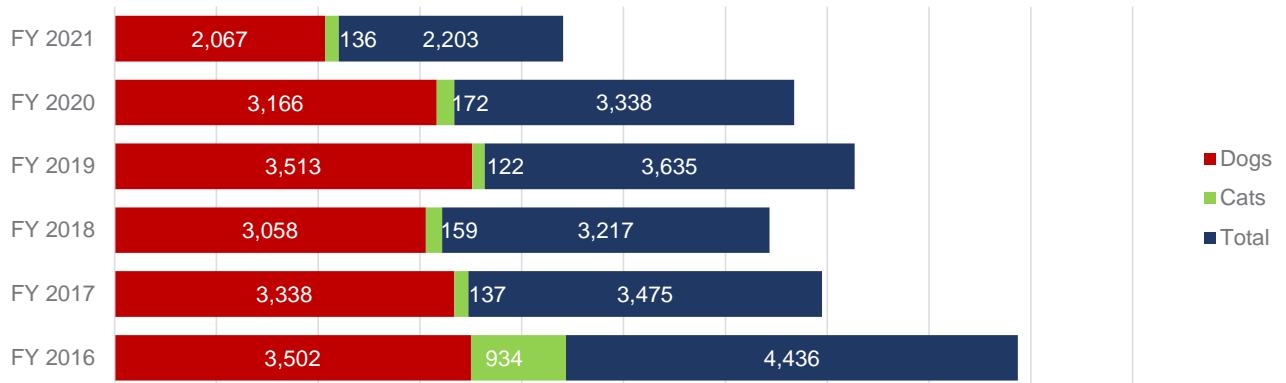
Stray Animal Capture

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.

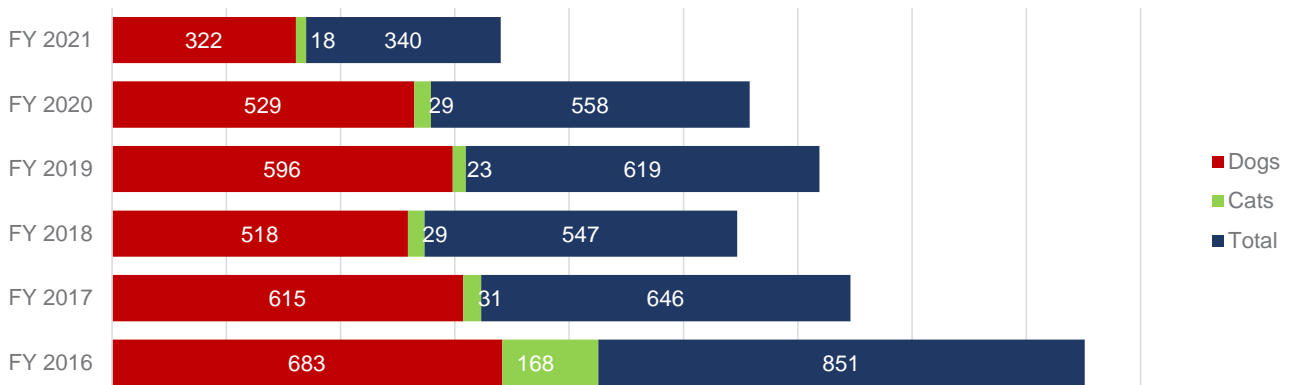
ANNUAL STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



FISCAL YEAR TO DATE STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



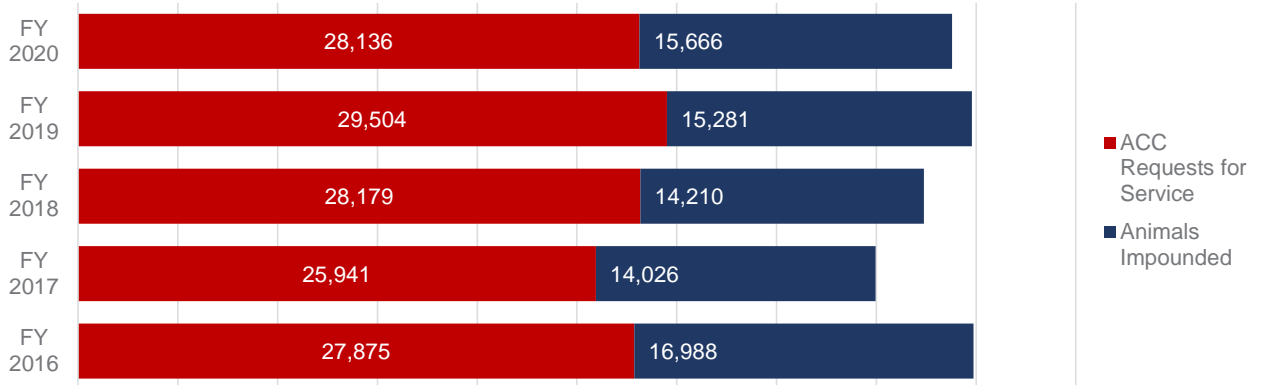
MARCH STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



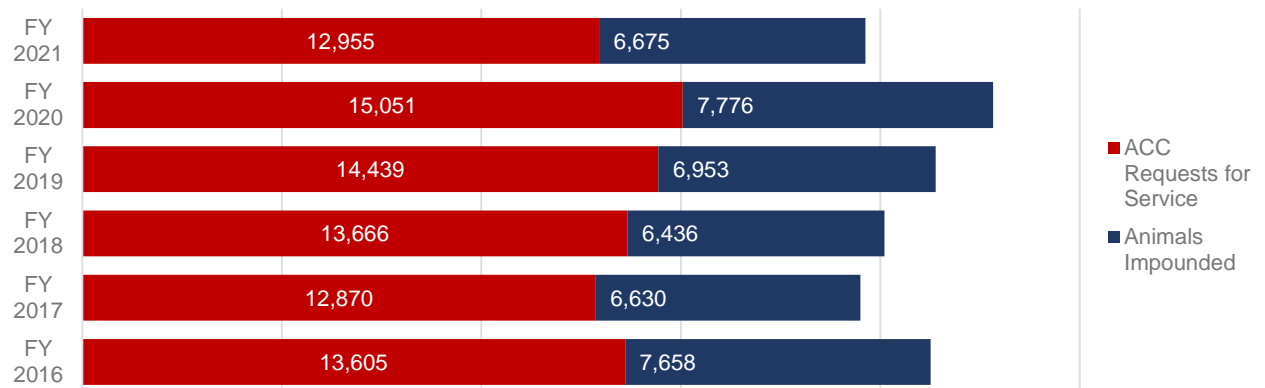
Requests for Service

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

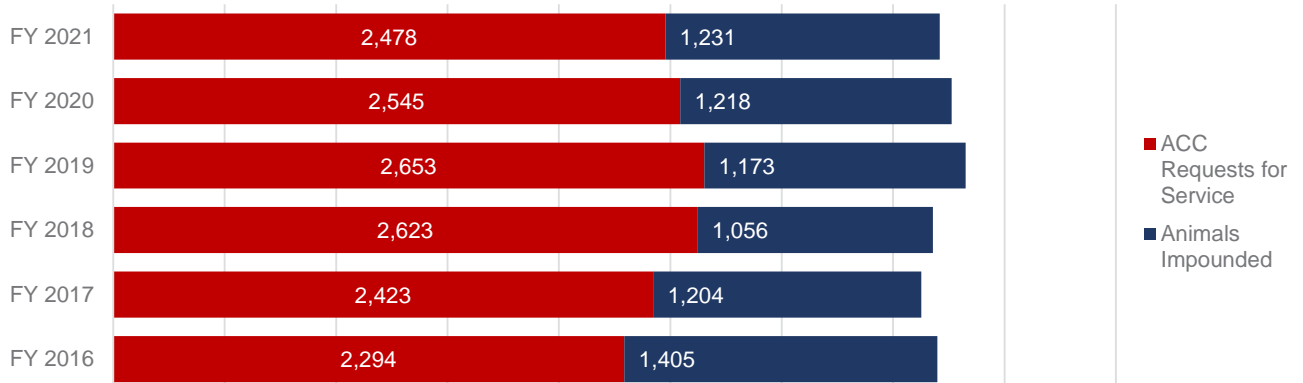
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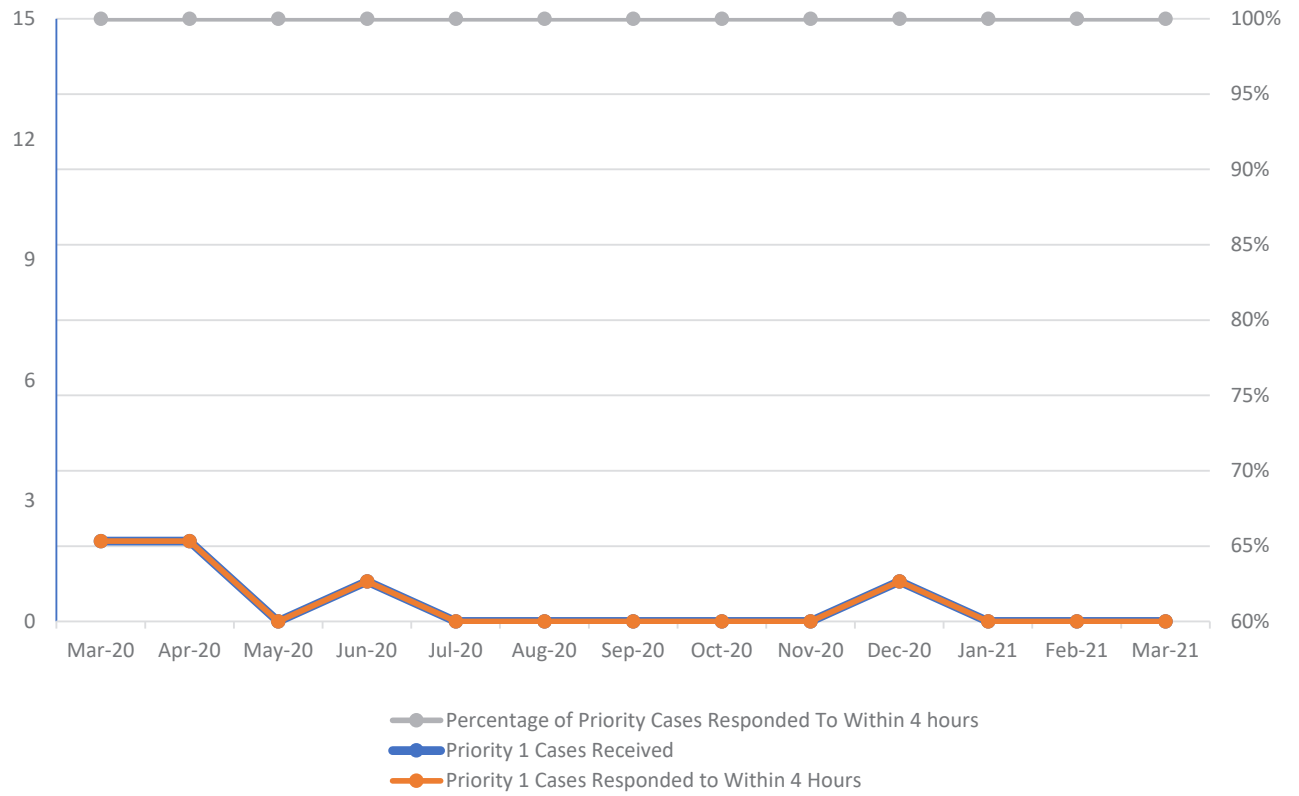
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



MARCH REQUESTS FOR SERVICE



PRIORITY 1 CASES RESPONDED TO WITHIN 4 HOURS



Resources

DATA QUALITY & CONTROL

Joe Riney

817-392-7030

Joe.Riney@FortWorthTexas.gov

FOR ANIMAL QUESTIONS:

817-392-1234

ADOPT A PET

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/dogs

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/cats

www.Facebook.com/fortworthacc

REPORT AN ANIMAL ISSUE

CityOfFortWorth.wufoo.com/forms/animal-issue-report-form

FIND AN ADOPTION CENTER

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals

www.Facebook.com/fortworthacc

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



City of Fort Worth

Code Compliance Department

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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