

Shelter Animals Count Data

Animal Care Centers of NYC

February 2026



		Dogs			Cats			Rabbits	Guinea Pigs	Grand Total
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Total	Adult	Up to 5 months	Total	All Ages	All Ages	
Intakes	Stray/At Large	274	14	288	301	91	392	0	1	681
	Relinquished by Owner	149	11	160	309	54	363	5	3	531
	Other Intakes	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	10
	Total	423	25	448	610	155	765	5	4	1,222
Live Outcomes	Adoption	113	9	122	256	55	311	7	3	443
	Returned to Owner	82	0	82	30	0	30	0	0	112
	Transferred to Other Agency	158	14	172	170	72	242	4	2	420
	Total	353	23	376	456	127	583	11	5	975
Other Outcomes	Died in Care	1	0	1	6	2	8	0	0	9
	Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shelter Euthanasia	48	1	49	56	6	62	0	0	111
	Total	49	1	50	62	8	70	0	0	120

Placement Rate 88% 96% 88% 89% 95% 90% 100% 100% **90%**
Placement Rate Calculation in percentage: (Adoptions + Transfers + RTO)/Total Outcomes (minus owner-intended euthanasia and died/lost in care)
 Does not include low cost end-of-life services provided to the public for 62 dogs and 47 cats.



About Shelter Animals Count: Eight of the nation’s largest and most influential animal welfare organizations and foundations recently convened to create a position statement on the importance of transparency and sharing key data as defined by Shelter Animals Count. The joint position statement is being made publicly available to provide a better understanding of accountability expectations for organizations that take stray and homeless pets into their care. It is also intended to help guide shelter protocols and inform the future of the industry.

Together, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®, Best Friends Animal Society, Michelson Found Animals Foundation, the Humane Society of the United States, Maddie’s Fund®, PetSmart Charities®, Petco Foundation and WaterShed Animal Fund contribute more than \$100 million annually to animal welfare and provide for the care of millions of pets each year.

The issuing of this position statement marks a shared commitment among the eight renowned animal welfare organizations to lead by example and work together to save and enhance the lives of animals across the country. The position statement reads as follows:

“As national leaders and funders of animal welfare in North America, we believe that organizations should be transparent about the number of animals that come under their care, and the outcome for all of those animals. That is why we support the public availability of key data (the basic data matrix as defined by Shelter Animals Count), from all animal welfare agencies and nonprofits, both publicly and privately funded and whether or not they provide government animal control services or humane law enforcement.”