Shelter Animals Count Data

Animal Care Centers of NYC

August 2026

		Dogs			Cats			Rabbits	Guinea Pigs	
		Adult	Up to 5 months	**Total**	Adult	Up to 5 months	**Total**	All Ages	All Ages	**Grand Total**
Intakes	Stray/At Large	305	15	**320**	305	453	**758**	8	9	**1,095**
	Relinquished by Owner	175	9	**184**	284	82	**366**	3	9	**562**
	Other Intakes	0	0	**0**	0	16	**16**	0	3	**19**
	Total	**480**	**24**	**504**	**589**	**551**	**1,140**	**11**	**21**	**1,676**
Live Outcomes	Adoption	162	10	**172**	298	206	**504**	12	5	**693**
	Returned to Owner	99	1	**100**	26	2	**28**	0	0	**128**
	Transferred to Other Agency	176	16	**192**	183	181	**364**	12	11	**579**
	Total	**437**	**27**	**464**	**507**	**389**	**896**	**24**	**16**	**1,400**
Other Outcomes	Died in Care	0	0	**0**	7	13	**20**	0	1	**21**
	Lost in Care	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
	Shelter Euthanasia	67	1	**68**	51	90	**141**	1	0	**210**
	Total	**67**	**1**	**68**	**58**	**103**	**161**	**1**	**1**	**231**
	Placement Rate	87%	96%	87%	91%	81%	86%	96%	100%	**87%**

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 78 dogs, 60 cats, and 1 guinea pig.

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."