



Summary

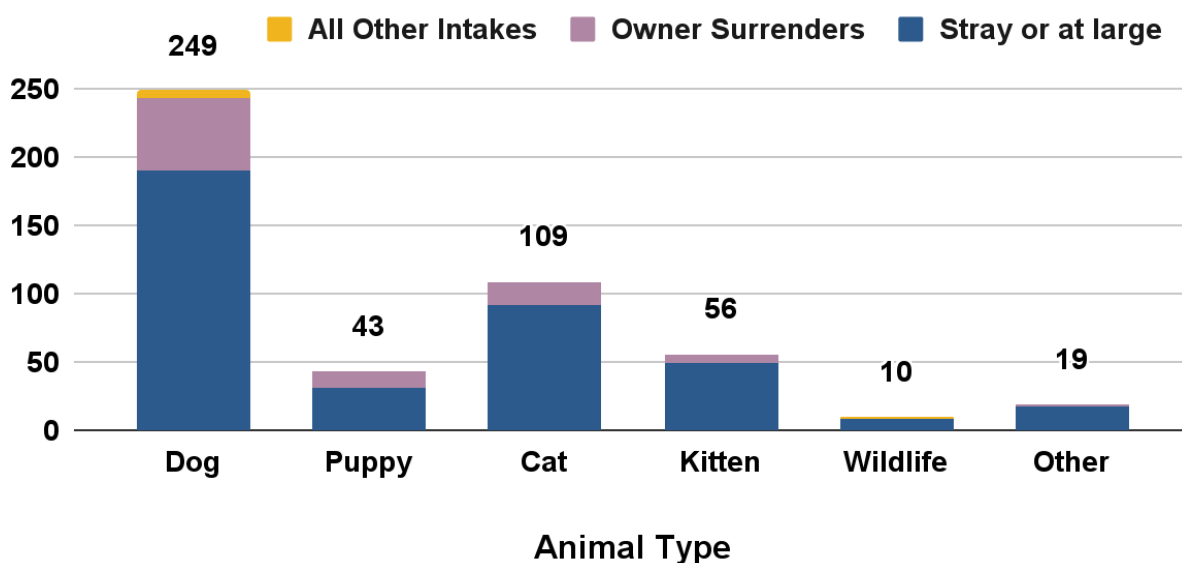
The December 2025 monthly report includes return to owner (RTO) rates for found animals, average length of stay (LOS), and live-release-rates. These are key industry measures for the effectiveness of shelter operations to reunite or find placements for animals. There are also numbers of volunteer hours, and donation fund revenue, expenses, and balances.

Animal Intake

MCAS accepted stray dogs, sick, injured or at-risk adult cats and kittens from the public. Officers also picked up stray or lost animals. Owner-surrendered animals were accepted on a case by case basis, depending on urgent circumstances; *adoption returns are also included in the total*. Other intakes represent animals placed into emergency custody by Animal Services officers, injured wildlife, or shelter offspring.

Intake Type	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Wildlife	Other	Total
Stray or at large	191	31	92	49	9	17	389
Owner Surrenders	53	12	16	7	0	2	90
All Other Intakes	5	0	1	0	1	0	7
Total Live Intake	249	43	109	56	10	19	486

Animal Intake by Type and Circumstance



Veterinary Care Provided

Animal Health and Animal Care staff provided a wide range of veterinary services to animals in care.

To keep animals healthy, Animal Health staff administered vaccinations, including rabies, [DA2PP](#) and Bordetella for dogs and puppies, and [FVRCP](#) for cats and kittens.



They provided health exams and consultations, including routine exams, wound checks, pre-surgery checkups, behavior assessments, and reviewing test results or diagnoses with foster volunteers. *Due to veterinary staff availability, spay and neuter surgeries for shelter animals were limited.*

Some pre-adoption spay & neuter surgeries were completed at Oregon Humane Society (OHS) and Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO).



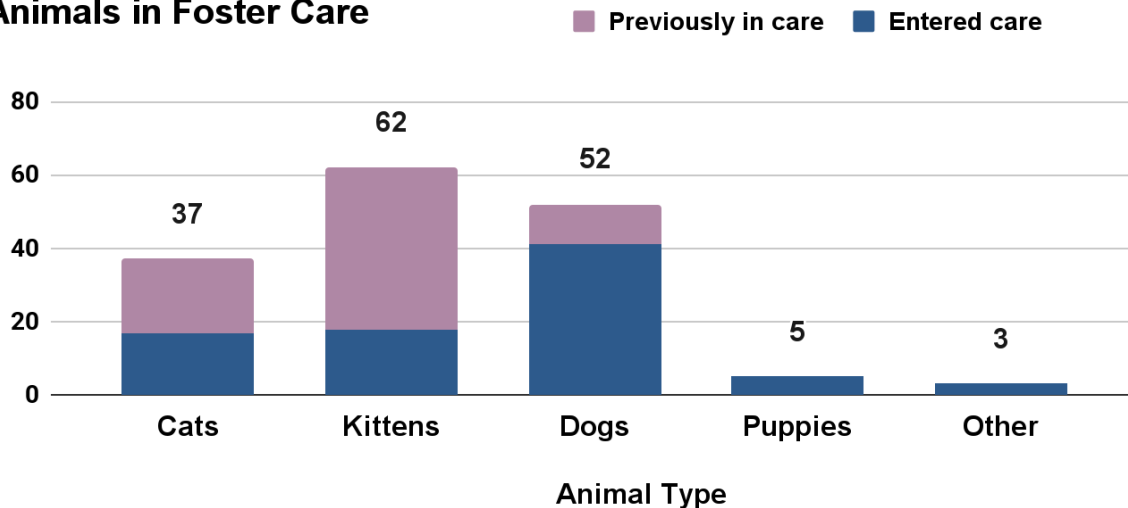
Veterinary Service	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Other	Total
Health Exams & Consults	248	114	511	63	178	975
Spay & Neuter Surgeries	49	47	30	13	3	142
Medications Administered	24	29	62	0	1	116
Tests & Diagnostics	4	5	2	3	0	14
Vaccinations	116	143	385	96	3	743
Other Vet Treatments	147	273	382	117	2	921
Total Services	588	611	1,372	292	187	2,911

Fostered Animals

The majority of animals in foster care were kittens, dogs, cats, and puppies. Many animals entered and left foster care over the course of the month, so the total number represents the cumulative total, and not the maximum number of animals in care at one time. **Thank you to 116 foster volunteers for your lifesaving service.**

Animal type	Entered care	Previously in care	Total in foster care	Returned from care
Cats	17	20	37	18
Kittens	18	44	62	44
Dogs	41	11	52	41
Puppies	5	0	5	4
Other	3	0	3	3
Total	84	75	159	110

Animals in Foster Care



Animal Outcomes

Length of Stay (LOS)	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Overall
Average Days	13	7	19	32	17

Return to Owner (RTO)*	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Total
Stray (No ID)	34%	12%	6%	0%	15%	19%
Stray (With ID)	61%	0%	22%	60%	33%	45%
Average RTO Rate	44%	10%	13%	6%	19%	28%

*RTO is calculated only for reclaimed animals with a stray intake circumstance.

Live Release Rate (Live Outcomes / Total Outcomes)*

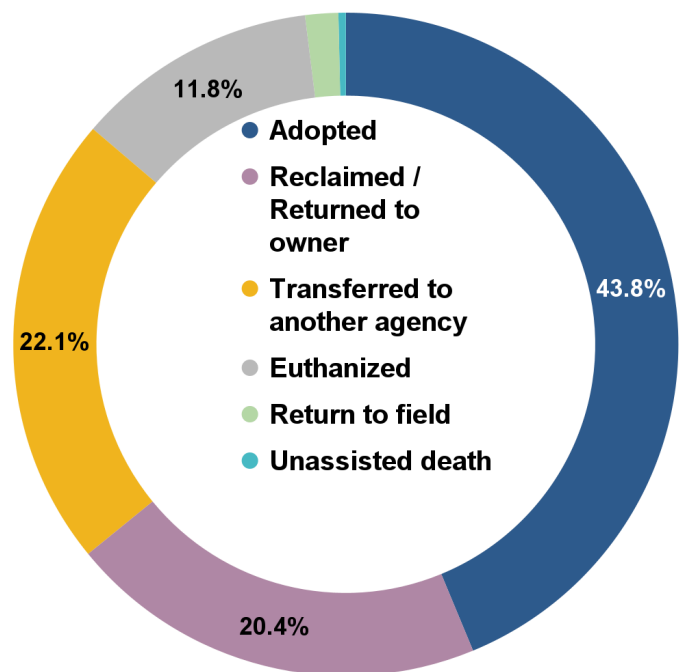
Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Wildlife	Other	Domestic Total	Total
86%	100%	86%	97%	18%	89%	89%	88%

245 or 43.8% of animals were adopted.

114 or 20.4% of animals were reclaimed by their owners. *The majority of animals represented in these outcomes were dogs with a license and/or microchip for owner-contact.*

124 or 22.1% of animals were transferred to another agency.

66 or 11.8% of animals were humanely euthanized, including cases of injured wildlife, injured or severely sick cats and kittens, and other domestic animals for medical reasons, or for behavioral issues which would make an animal unsafe to place back into the community. [Cat intake is officially limited to cases where the cat is sick or injured, or in immediate danger due to cruelty, neglect,](#)



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[and similar circumstances](#). There is decreased intake volume for cats, and an increased percentage of medically-recommended euthanasia for adult cats due to these intake conditions.

9 cats, or 1.6% of animals were returned to the field at the location where they were found. 2 or 0.4% of animals died unassisted while in care.

Outcome Type	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Wildlife	Other	Total
Adopted	93	22	69	56	0	5	245
Reclaimed / returned to owner	92	3	13	3	0	3	114
Transferred to another agency	23	21	29	33	2	16	124
Euthanized	33	0	19	2	9	3	66
Return to field	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
Unassisted death	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Other outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	241	46	140	95	11	27	560

Transfers

MCAS transferred 124 or 22.1% of shelter animals to other shelters and rescues. ***Thank you to our community partners for your lifesaving work.***

- Oregon Humane Society
- Cat Adoption Team
- Stumptown Strays
- I Paved It Forward
- Hiss & Hers Herp Hobbies
- Bulldog Haven NW
- Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon
- Humane Society For Southwest Washington
- Willamette Valley Ferret Shelter
- Rose City Rabbit Rescue
- Rabbit Advocates
- Oregon Department of Fish And Wildlife
- One Tail at a Time Dog Rescue, LLC
- Hope's Haven
- Bird Alliance of Oregon
- American Beauceron Club Rescue

Volunteers

Volunteer contributions are essential to our daily operations and the well-being of our community's animals. These efforts span a wide range of activities, from direct animal care to crucial operational support. A vital network of foster volunteers provides specialized, in-home care for our most vulnerable animals, including neonatal kittens, puppies, and those with medical or behavioral needs. At the shelter, volunteers ensure that animals receive daily exercise and socialization, facilitate adoption "meet and greets," and maintain clean, enriched living environments. Furthermore, they provide indispensable support for foundational needs, such as laundry and dishwashing, and offer assistance to administrative staff and during special events.

Thank you to our volunteers for your service to the pets and people of our community!

Volunteer Roles	Hours	Volunteers	FTE**
Adoption	211	15	1.20
Animal Health	99	11	0.56
Cattery	137	12	0.78
Cleaning	302	57	1.71
Dogs	522	46	2.96
Enrichment Prep	35	11	0.20
Events	12	3	0.07
Foster	4,941	116	28.07
Kitten Clinic	10	4	0.06
Office	24	2	0.14
Transport	9	2	0.05
Total	6,300	279	35.80

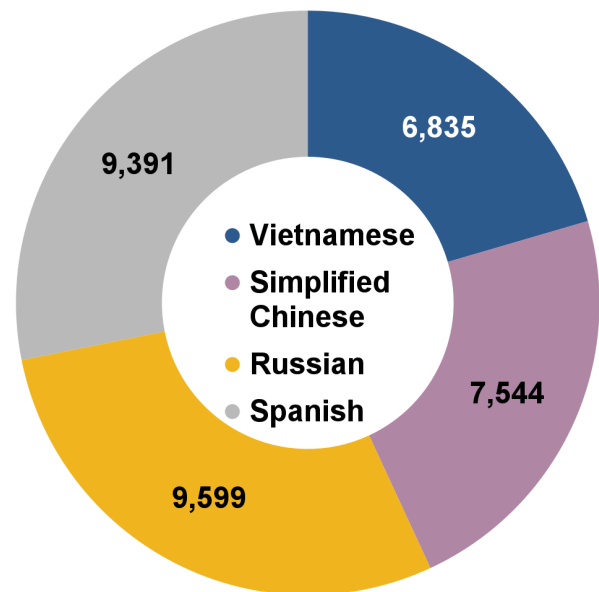
***FTE is the estimated equivalent number of full-time employees.*

Online Resources

Many services provided by MCAS are accessible online, at multcopets.org. Members of the public can search for adoptable or lost / found pets, license their pets, and learn about other resources and news. MCAS website pages are translated into four languages.

Page Categories	Page Views
Adoptable Pets	234,613
Lost & Found Pets	77,978
Home Page Visits	25,895
Licensing Resources	18,475
News & Updates	11,185
Low-Cost Services	3,398
Kitten Resources	263
Field Services	2,857
Volunteering	2,116
Other Pages	37,135
Total	413,915

Translated Page Visits



Donation Accounts (FY 2026 YTD)

Thank you to our donors for your support of animals in our care! Animal Services maintains [donation funds](#) restricted for specific purposes. Below is a summary for the fiscal year to date. More information about donation fund expense categories and program budgets can be reviewed on the [Multnomah County Budget Office](#) public dashboards, updated regularly. As of November, the "Rehab / Replace Shelter" funds are transferred to the Department of County Assets for use, and will no longer be reported.

Donation Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Animal Care Fund (Dolly's Fund)	\$686,522	\$51,745	-\$47,551	\$690,716
Adoption & Outreach Fund	\$568,426	\$22,340	-\$208,701	\$382,065
Shelter Dreams Capital Fund	\$45,754	\$1,650	-\$4	\$47,400
Spay & Neuter Fund	\$41,379	\$29,645	-\$22	\$71,002
Total	\$1,342,081	\$105,380	-\$256,278	\$1,191,183

Field Services

Field Services officers responded to many urgent needs of community members and their pets, conducting welfare checks to investigate potential cases of cruelty or neglect, investigating bites, loose-aggressive animals, and picking up stray, injured, abandoned, potentially dangerous, or deceased animals. Officers also responded to non-urgent calls such as barking dogs, animal trespass, and other community issues.

Dispatch Category	Count	Percentage
Welfare Check	96	17%
Confined Animal- Not Urgent	53	9%
Bite Investigation - Dog	49	9%
Loose Animal- Injured / Aggressive / In Danger	48	9%
Loose Aggressive Follow-Up	47	8%
Emergency Custody	41	7%
Dead	38	7%
Transport To/from Shelter/vet	28	5%
Loose Animal- Nuisance	28	5%
Possibly Abandoned	22	4%
Wildlife	18	3%
Other	94	17%
Total	562	100%

Pet Licensing

MCAS issued 2,305 total new or renewed licenses.

Type	Cats	Dogs	Total
Licenses Issued	904	1,401	2,305