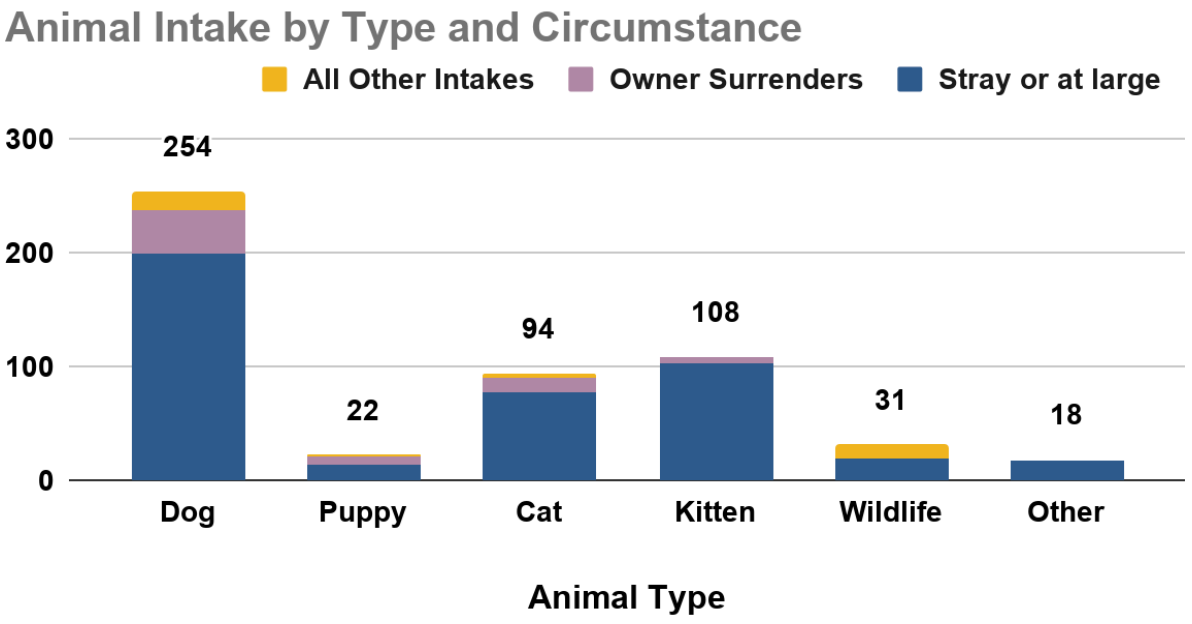
Summary

The May 2026 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	199	13	78	103	19	18	**430**
Owner Surrenders	38	8	12	5	0	0	**63**
All Other Intakes	17	1	4	0	12	0	**34**
Total Live Intake	**254**	**22**	**94**	**108**	**31**	**18**	**527**



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.

Spay & Neuter Capacity Update

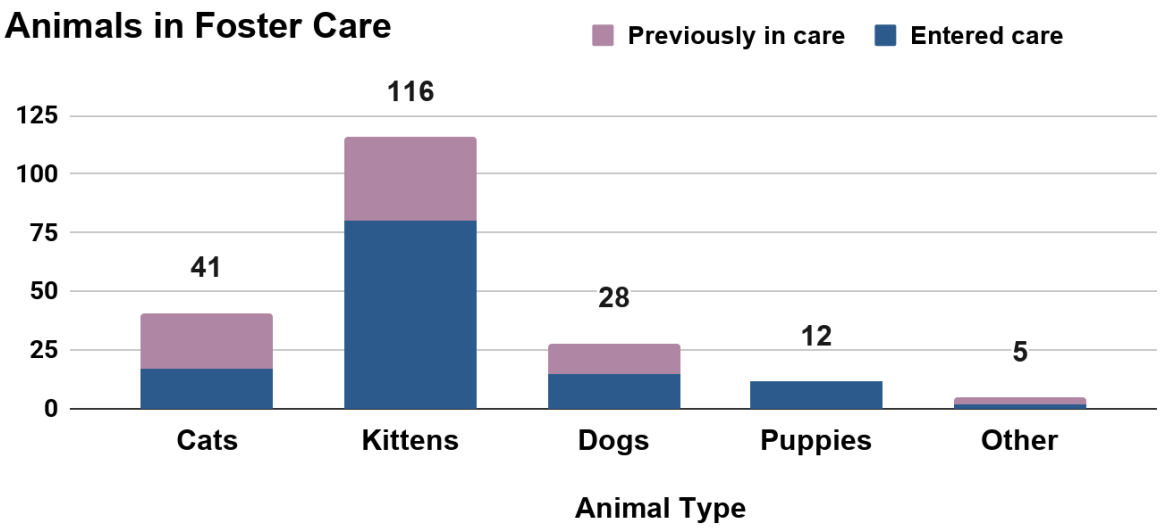
In May, 99% of adopted shelter animals received spay/neuter surgery, or were previously altered. *Some pre-adoption spay & neuter surgeries were completed at Portland Community College and Oregon Humane.*

Veterinary Service	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Other	Total
Health Exams & Consults	238	363	480	53	253	1,209
Spay & Neuter Surgeries	50	50	67	11	4	182
Medications Administered	37	77	78	0	2	194
Tests & Diagnostics	10	13	2	1	1	27
Vaccinations	121	149	413	41	0	724
Other Vet Treatments	145	444	441	54	15	1,099
Total Services	**601**	**1,096**	**1,481**	**160**	**275**	**3,435**

Fostered Animals

The majority of animals in foster care were kittens, cats, dogs, puppies, and other domestic animals. 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 119 foster volunteers for your lifesaving service.**

Animal type	Entered care	Previously in care	Total in foster care	Returned from care
Cats	17	24	41	22
Kittens	80	36	116	65
Dogs	15	13	28	21
Puppies	12	0	12	3
Other	2	3	5	3
Total	**126**	**76**	**202**	**114**



Animal Outcomes

Length of Stay (LOS)	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Overall
Average Days	12	6	20	17	13

Return to Owner (RTO)*	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Total
Stray (No ID)	52%	44%	9%	0%	0%	24%
Stray (With ID)	66%	0%	29%	n/a	n/a	53%
Average RTO Rate	**57%**	**31%**	**14%**	**0%**	**0%**	**31%**

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

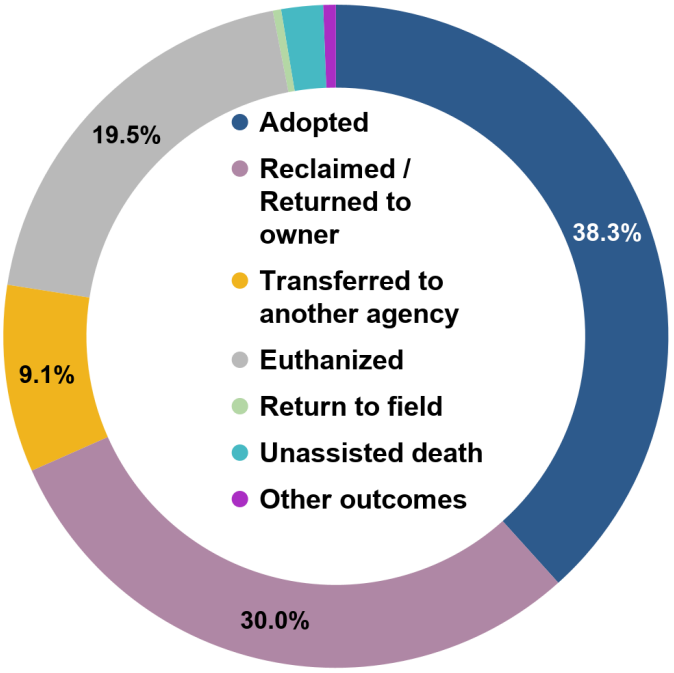
Live Release Rate (Live Outcomes / Total Outcomes)

Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Wildlife	Other	Domestic Total	Total
89%	*100%*	*82%*	*56%*	*10%*	*74%*	*82%*	*78%*

189 or 38.3% of animals were adopted.

148 or 30% 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.*

45 or 9.1% of animals were transferred to another agency.



96 or 19.5% 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,

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.

2 or 0.4% of animals were returned to the field at the location where they were found. 10 or 2% of animals died unassisted while in care. 3 or 0.6% of animals were lost in care.

Outcome Type	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Wildlife	Other	Total
Adopted	85	7	53	40	0	4	**189**
Reclaimed / returned to owner	132	4	12	0	0	0	**148**
Transferred to another agency	20	1	8	0	3	13	**45**
Euthanized	28	0	16	20	28	4	**96**
Return to field	0	0	2	0	0	0	**2**
Unassisted death	0	0	0	8	0	2	**10**
Other outcomes	0	0	0	3	0	0	**3**
Total	**265**	**12**	**91**	**71**	**31**	**23**	**493**

Transfers

MCAS transferred 45 or 9.1% of shelter animals to other shelters and rescues. ***Thank you to our community partners for your lifesaving work.***

- Oregon Humane
- Cat Adoption Team
- Stumptown Strays
- Project Pooch
- Harmony New Beginnings Animal Rescue
- Bird Alliance Of Oregon
- Willamette Valley Ferret Shelter
- Oregon Humane - Salem Campus
- Washington Department Of Corrections
- Silver Linings Rescue Ranch Dog Rescue
- Ruff Life Rescue
- Pawsitively Saved Rescue
- Hiss & Hers Herp Hobbies
- Humane Society For Southwest Washington
- Evergreen Pet Supply
- Cascade Beagle Rescue
- Bulldog Haven NW

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	172	12	0.98
Animal Health	36	7	0.20
Cattery	162	16	0.92
Cleaning	240	36	1.36
Dogs	939	56	5.33
Enrichment Prep	51	10	0.29
Events	247	2	1.40
Foster	4,548	119	25.84
Kitten Clinic	23	8	0.13
Office	33	2	0.19
Transport	10	2	0.06
Total	**6,460**	**270**	**36.71**

***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	143,655
Lost & Found Pets	60,840
Home Page Visits	27,791
Licensing Resources	21,290
News & Updates	4,343
Low-Cost Services	1,113
Kitten Resources	679
Field Services	1,943
Volunteering	1,403
Other Pages	22,367
Total	**285,424**

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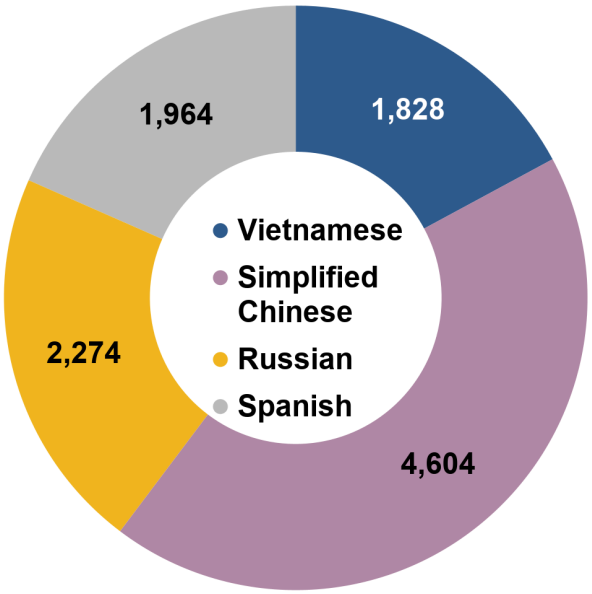

Donation Accounts (FY 2026 YTD)

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.

Donation Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Animal Care Fund (Dolly's Fund)	$686,522	$89,993	-$57,742	$718,773
Adoption & Outreach Fund	$568,426	$42,387	-$400,310	$210,503
Shelter Dreams Capital Fund	$45,754	$30,581	-$6	$76,329
Spay & Neuter Fund	$41,379	$31,986	-$27	$73,338
Total	**$1,342,081**	**$194,947**	**-$458,085**	**$1,078,943**

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	109	16%
Bite Investigation - Dog	79	12%
Dead	60	9%
Loose Animal- Injured / Aggressive / In Danger	52	8%
Loose Aggressive Follow-Up	51	8%
Loose Animal- Nuisance	48	7%
Emergency Custody	45	7%
Confined Animal- Not Urgent	45	7%
Transport To/from Shelter/vet	36	5%
Confined Animal- Urgent	34	5%
Wildlife	28	4%
Other	93	14%
Total	**680**	**100%**

Pet Licensing

MCAS issued 2,795 total new or renewed licenses.

Type	Cats	Dogs	Total
Licenses Issued	991	1,804	**2,795**