



Summary

The **2026 Fiscal Year Annual Report (July 2025 - June 2026)** provides outcomes and program statistics for Animal Services. The report includes return to owner (RTO) rates for found animals, average length of stay (LOS), in addition to live-release-rates over the course of this time period.

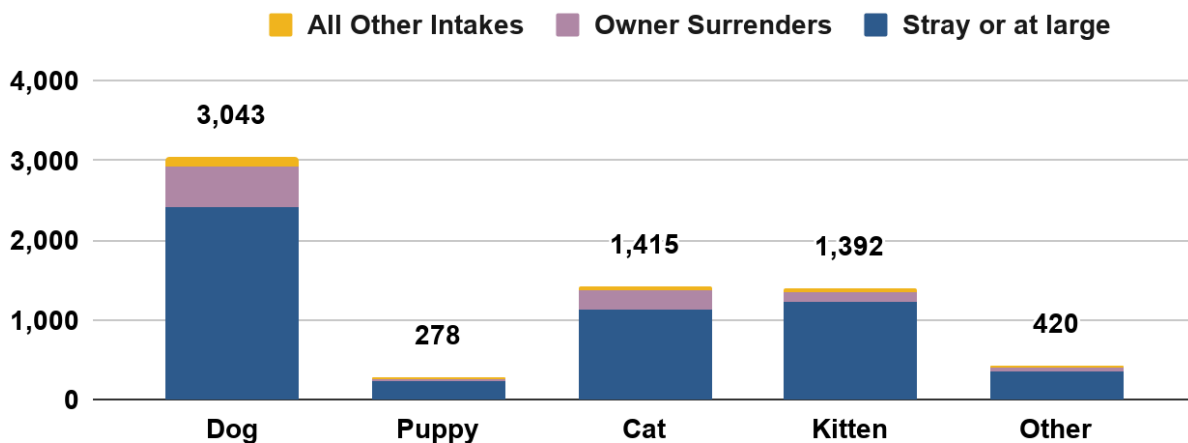
These are key industry measures for the effectiveness of shelter operations to reunite or find placements for animals.

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 protective custody by Animal Services officers, or other Field-Services circumstances.

Intake Type	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Total
Stray or at large	2,416	222	1,122	1,216	359	5,335
Owner Surrenders	504	40	238	129	33	944
All Other Intakes	123	16	55	47	28	269
Total Live Intake	3,043	278	1,415	1,392	420	6,548

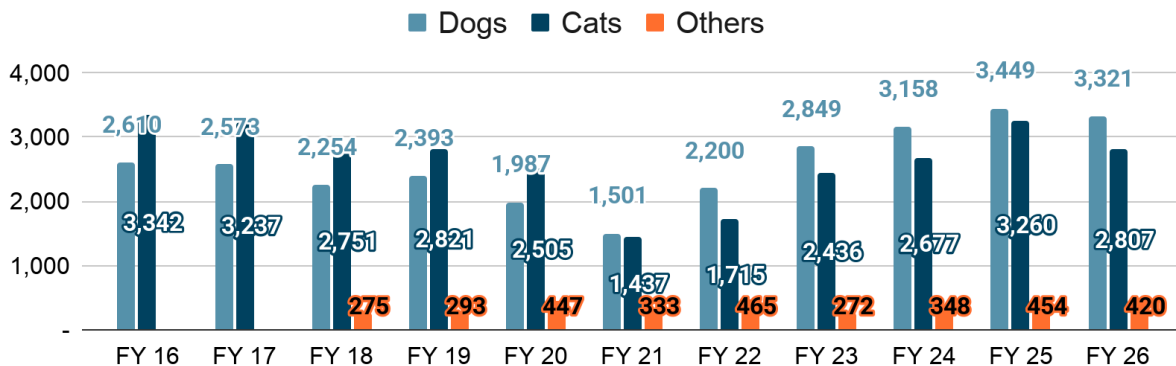
Animal Intake by Type and Circumstance



Domestic Animal Intake Comparisons - FY 2016 to FY 2026

In FY 2026, intake numbers across all animal categories saw a decrease from the previous year. Dog and puppy intakes dropped to 3,321; despite this decline, it remains one of the highest intake totals recorded since 2011, second only to FY 2025. Cat and kitten intakes also fell, dropping from 3,260 in FY 2025 down to 2,807. Similarly, intakes for other domestic animals saw a slight reduction, moving from 454 in FY 2025 to 420 in FY 2026.

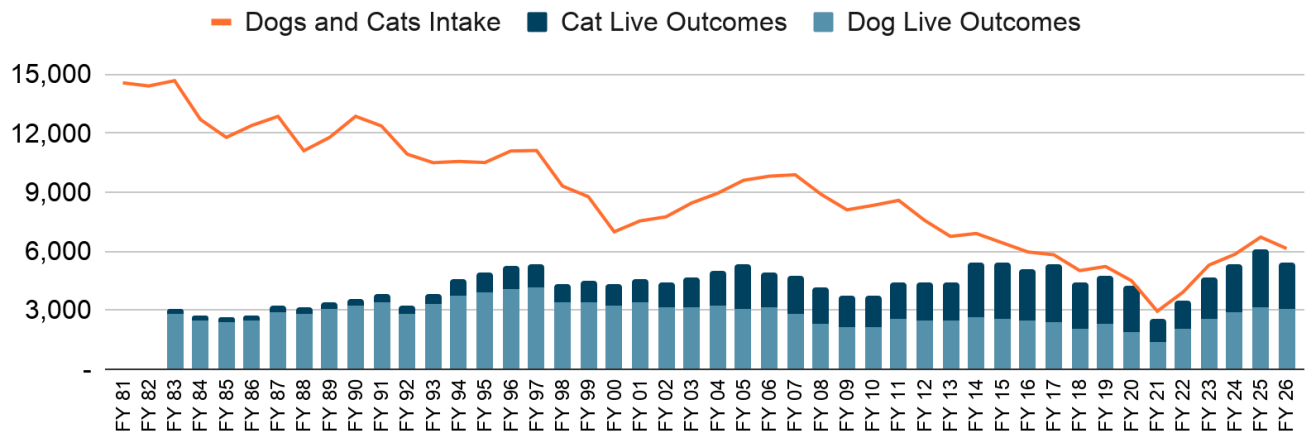
Intake Trends - Domestic Animals



Dog & Cat Live Outcomes Comparison - FY 1982 to FY 2026

In FY 2026, combined live outcomes for dogs and cats—including puppies and kittens—reached 5,451 animals. While this represents a decrease in volume from the record high of 6,091 set in FY 2025, it still marks the second-highest total in the agency's history. Detailed live release rates and related outcome metrics can be found on page 5.

Intakes and Live Outcomes for Dogs and Cats



Veterinary Care Provided

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

Veterinary Service	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Other	Total
Health Exams & Consults	3,073	3,318	5,794	536	2,586	13,471
Spay & Neuter Surgeries	609	519	606	102	59	1,895
Medications Administered	713	1,054	681	56	32	2,536
Tests & Diagnostics	94	91	17	18	10	230
Vaccinations	1,672	2,263	4,682	809	122	9,548
Other Vet Treatments	2,016	5,655	4,769	1,064	172	13,676
Total Services	8,177	12,900	16,549	2,585	2,981	41,356

With an investment in additional Animal Health staff positions, MCAS increased its capacity to provide Spay & Neuter surgeries in-house. **By the 4th quarter of FY 2026, 99% of adopted animals were spayed or neutered, or previously altered.** Animal Health staff continue to follow-up and schedule surgery for remaining unaltered animals.

Percentage of adopted animals that are spayed or neutered

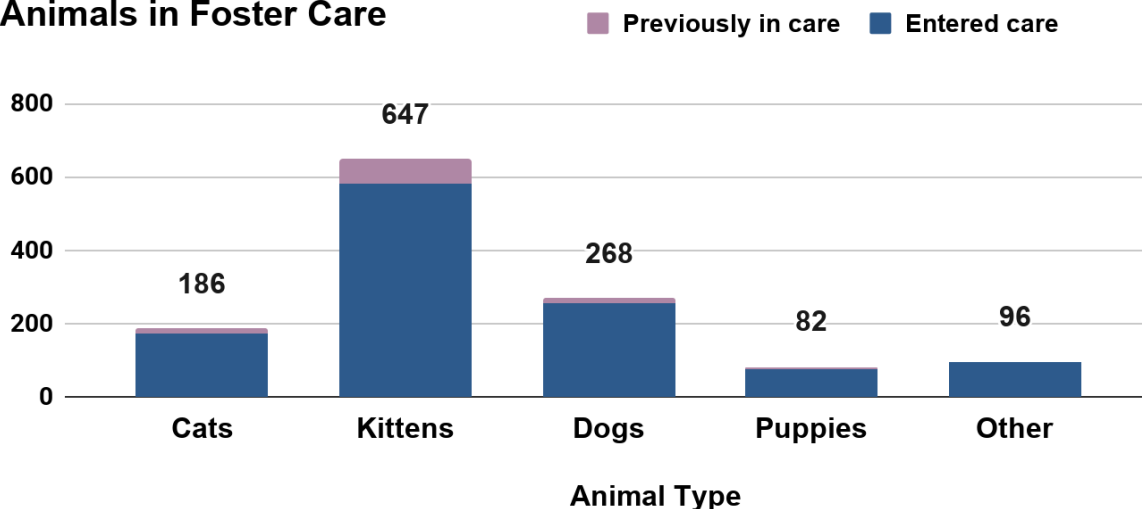
Quarter	Cats	Dogs	Kittens	Puppies	Rabbits
FY26-Q1	88%	60%	55%	58%	50%
FY26-Q2	93%	68%	72%	75%	50%
FY26-Q3	98%	86%	87%	83%	100%
FY26-Q4	99%	99%	99%	96%	86%

Fostered Animals

The foster program provides specialty care for puppies, kittens, animals recovering from medical conditions or treatments, and respite for animals who are stressed in the shelter environment. Fostering animals also helps us learn more about shelter animals - most of whom arrive as found animals with no known history about their behaviors and preferences- some of which are only apparent outside of the shelter in a home environment. The majority of animals in foster care were kittens, dogs, cats, other domestic animals, and puppies. *The MCAS foster program maintained a high capacity for adult dogs and puppies in FY 2026. Thank you to 470 foster volunteers for your lifesaving service.*

Animal type	Entered care	Previously in care	Total in foster care	Returned from care
Cats	174	12	186	172
Kittens	583	64	647	596
Dogs	254	14	268	264
Puppies	77	5	82	82
Other	96	0	96	96
Total	1,184	95	1,279	1,210

Animals in Foster Care



Animal Outcomes

Length of Stay (LOS)	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Overall	
Average Days	14	7	17	20	15	

Return to Owner (RTO)*	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Total
Stray (No ID)	43%	20%	8%	0%	4%	20%
Stray (With ID)	67%	49%	31%	21%	39%	53%
Average RTO Rate	52%	25%	16%	1%	15%	29%

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

Live Release Rate (Live Outcomes / Total Outcomes)

Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Domestic Total*
90%	99%	85%	86%	90%	89%

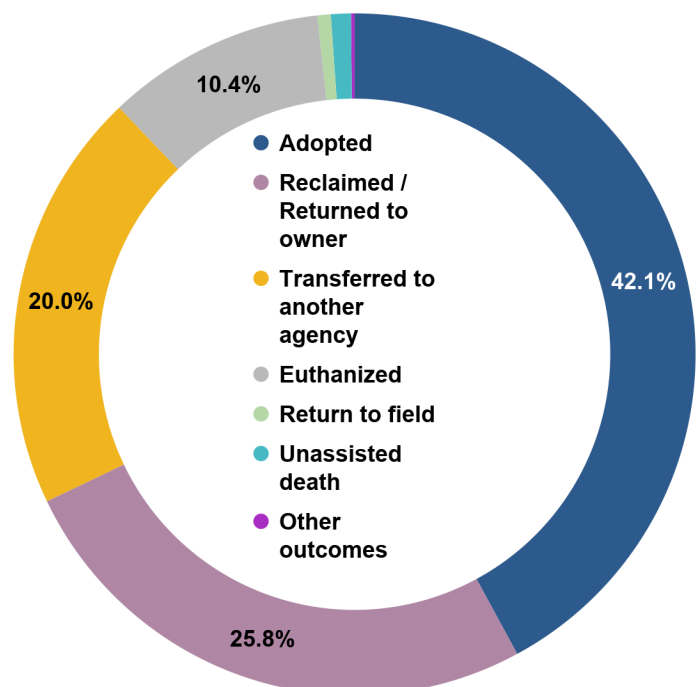
Outcome Descriptions

2,765 or 42.1% of domestic animals were adopted.

1,696 or 25.8% of domestic 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.*

1,312 or 20% of domestic animals were transferred to another agency.

682 or 10.4% of domestic animals were humanely euthanized, including cases of injured or sick cats and kittens, and other animals at the recommendation of a



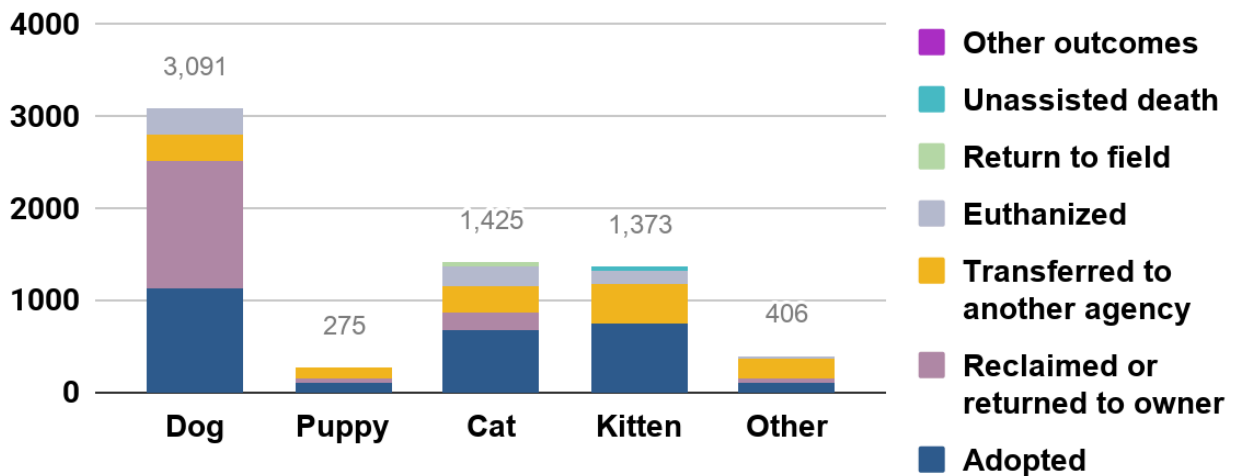
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veterinarian, or for behavioral issues which would make an animal unsafe to place back into the community. There is decreased intake volume for cats, and an increased percentage of veterinary-recommended euthanasia for adult cats due to limited intake for sick, injured, or at-risk felines.

42 or 0.6% of domestic animals were returned to field at the location where they were found. 62 or 0.9% of animals died in care. 11 or 0.2% of animals were lost in care.

Outcome Type	Dog	Puppy	Cat	Kitten	Other	Total
Adopted	1,137	103	674	744	107	2,765
Reclaimed / returned to owner	1,375	61	190	15	55	1,696
Transferred to another agency	282	109	301	419	201	1,312
Euthanized	291	2	207	157	25	682
Return to field	0	0	40	1	1	42
Unassisted death	4	0	7	34	17	62
Other outcomes	2	0	6	3	0	11
Total	3,091	275	1,425	1,373	406	6,570

Animal Outcomes by Type and Circumstance



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Transfers

MCAS transferred 1,312 or 20% of domestic shelter animals to other regional shelters and rescues. *Some instances of injured wildlife were also transferred to agencies and rescues.*

Thank you to our community partners for your lifesaving work in FY 2026.

- Oregon Humane
- Cat Adoption Team
- Stumptown Strays
- Hiss & Hers Herp Hobbies
- *Bird Alliance of Oregon*
- I Pawed It Forward
- Harmony New Beginnings Animal Rescue
- Evergreen Pet Supply
- One Tail At A Time Dog Rescue, LLC
- Oregon Humane Salem Campus
- Silver Linings Rescue Ranch Dog Rescue
- Bulldog Haven NW
- The Wet Spot Tropical Fish
- Oregon Small Animal Resources Rescue
- Rose City Rabbit Rescue
- Lavender Haven Sanctuary and Rescue
- Humane Society Of Southwest Washington
- Caye's Aquarium
- Animal Aid, Inc
- NW Animal Companions
- Angels For Sara Sanctuary
- Washington Department of Corrections
- Senior Dog Rescue Of Oregon
- Project Pooch
- Pacific Pug Rescue
- Hope's Haven
- Willamette Valley Ferret Shelter
- West Columbia Gorge Humane Society
- Street Savvy Dog Rescue
- Street Dog Hero
- Second Chance Companions
- Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue
- Oregon Dachshund Rescue
- House Of Dreams
- Lancaster Four Dog Rescue
- Furfriends Animal Rescue Inc
- Wildwood Farm Sanctuary
- Washington Alaskan Malamute Adoption League
- Second Chance Cocker Rescue Rescue
- Safe Haven Humane Society
- Sadie's Safe House Chihuahua Rescue
- Ruff Life Rescue
- Rabbit Advocates
- PDX Bomb Dogs Rescue
- Pawsitively Saved Rescue
- Paws For Life Rescue
- Oregon Weimaraner Rescue
- Oregon Dog Rescue
- *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- Oregon Boston Terrier Rescue
- NW Snowdog Rescue
- Jack Russell Rescue Owii
- Italian Greyhound Rescue Foundation
- Indigo Rescue
- Herding Dog Rescue of Central Oregon
- Good Dog Retirement Home Rescue
- Fremont Vet
- Exotic Bird Rescue of Oregon
- DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital
- Columbia Humane Society
- Cats Meow Cat Rescue
- Cat Utopia Rescue
- Cat Alliance Team Sanctuary
- Cascade Beagle Rescue
- American Beauceron Club Rescue

Volunteers

Volunteers support the pets of our community in many different ways. A network of foster volunteers provides vital support to kittens, puppies, and other at-risk shelter animals. Volunteers walk and socialize dogs throughout the day, and support adoption meet & greets. They socialize cats and small animals. They help clean and add material enrichment to enclosures. They support the constant demand for clean laundry and dishes. They support office staff and special events, and so much more.

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

Volunteer Roles	Hours	Volunteers	FTE**
Adoption	4,011	19	1.92
Animal Health	778	25	0.37
Cattery	2,379	61	1.14
Cleaning	3,211	195	1.54
Dogs	6,618	202	3.17
Enrichment	503	73	0.24
Events	269	13	0.13
Foster	63,105	470	30.22
Kitten Clinic	307	27	0.15
Office	354	2	0.17
Other	197	7	0.09
PetSmart	24	5	0.01
Photography	3	1	0.00
Transport	183	7	0.09
Total	81,942	690	39.24

**Unique volunteers - many volunteers serve in multiple roles.*

***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. *In FY 2026, advertising campaigns promoting adoption significantly increased online traffic to these page categories.*

MCAS website pages are translated into four languages.

Page Categories	Page Views
Adoptable Pets	2,548,943
Lost & Found Pets	809,508
Home Page Visits	333,615
Licensing Resources	236,328
News & Updates	94,535
Low-Cost Services	36,255
Field Services	37,574
Volunteering	33,019
Other Pages	388,678
Total	4,518,455



Donation Accounts

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. More information about donation fund expense categories and program budgets can be reviewed on the [Multnomah County Budget Office](#) public dashboards, updated regularly. *Represented financial data is current as of 9/3/2026.*

Donation Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Animal Care Fund (Dolly's Fund)	\$686,522	\$143,411	-\$155,729	\$674,204
Adoption & Outreach Fund	\$568,426	\$61,693	-\$431,721	\$198,398
Shelter Dreams Capital Fund	\$45,754	\$35,299	-\$6	\$81,047
Spay & Neuter Fund	\$41,379	\$36,056	-\$27	\$77,408
Total	\$1,342,081	\$276,459	-\$587,483	\$1,031,057

Field Services

Field Services officers responded to 7,454 urgent needs of community members and their pets, investigated cases of potential cruelty or neglect, loose-aggressive animals, bites, and picked up stray, injured, abandoned, potentially dangerous, or deceased animals, *including wildlife*. Officers also responded to non-urgent calls such as barking dogs, animal trespass, and other community issues.

Dispatch Category	Count	Percentage
Welfare Check	1275	17%
Bite Investigation - Dog	694	9%
Loose Animal- Injured / Aggressive / In Danger	617	8%
Dead	616	8%
Loose Aggressive Follow-Up	586	8%
Confined Animal- Not Urgent	582	8%
Emergency Custody	492	7%
Loose Animal- Nuisance	416	6%
Transport To/from Shelter/vet	405	5%
Possibly Abandoned	328	4%
Confined Animal- Urgent	301	4%
Other	1142	15%
Total	7454	100%

Injured wildlife pickups	192
Transferred for Care or Returned to Field	50
Euthanized or Died in Care	141
In Care at End of Reporting Period	1

Pet Licensing

MCAS issued 29,713 total new or renewed licenses in FY 2026.

Type	Cats	Dogs	Total
Licenses Issued	11,110	18,603	29,713
Licenses Active*	32,000	55,395	87,395
<i>Estimated Population**</i>	<i>205,264</i>	<i>238,426</i>	<i>443,690</i>
<i>Estimated Compliance</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>20%</i>

*Licenses active at any time of FY 2026.

**Population estimated using AVMA Sourcebook statistics and number of Multnomah County households.