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Code Report

Animal Care and Control



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The monthly Code Report is an initiative of the City of Fort Worth's Code Compliance Department aimed at keeping the residents of Fort Worth abreast of the department's services to the community and the results of such efforts.

The Code Compliance Department has six main public service areas:

- Animal Care and Control
- Call Center
- Code Enforcement
- Consumer Health
- Environmental Management
- Solid Waste Management

This, the inaugural issue of the Code Report focuses on initiatives and results of services of the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Division. Subsequent Code Report issues will incorporate additional information on the other service areas.

Please notice that the Code Report makes use of fiscal year (FY) instead of calendar year. Fort Worth's fiscal year runs from October 1 of a given year to September 30 of the following year.

We value your insights and feedback on the various programs. For comments, suggestions or questions please contact:

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Thank you for taking time to read the Code Report and sharing your thoughts with us.



Animal Care and Control

Animal Care and Control directs animal shelter operations, animal adoption centers, spay/neuter and low-cost vaccinations clinics, animal ordinance enforcement and public education. Major tasks include enforcing the City's animal regulations, operating three adoption centers, one spay/neuter clinic and one medical treatment clinic.



February 2016 Statistics

This chart reflects the movement of animals in and out of the shelter during February 2016. Most significant is the shelter's "live release rate" which indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The daily challenge of managing a municipal shelter is daunting as the Fort Worth Animal Shelter refuses no animals. The vast majority of the animals that come into the shelter are a result of unwanted animals helplessly wandering the streets.

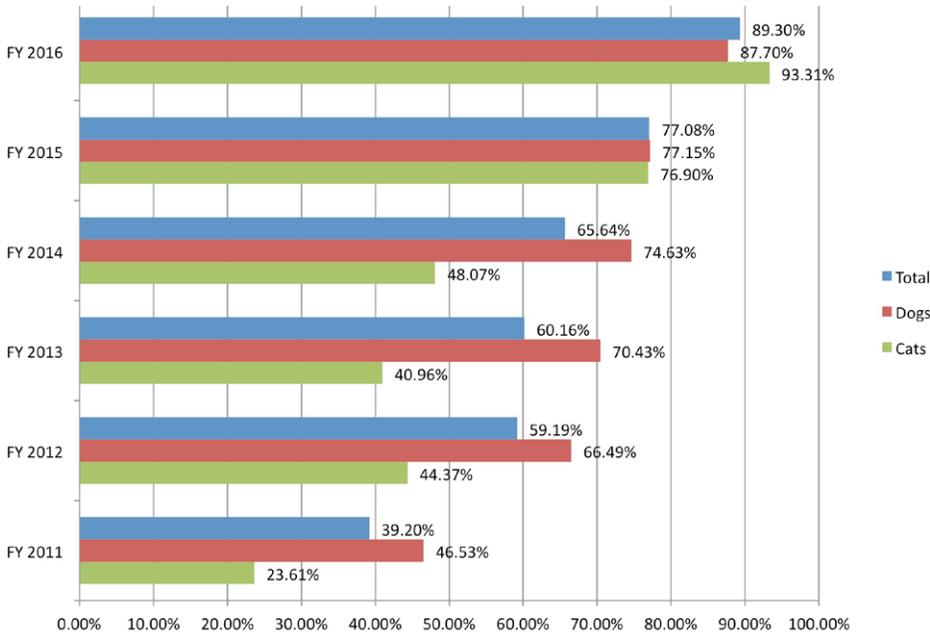
Annual Live Release Rate: 93.79%

		<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	BEGINNING SHELTER COUNT 2/1/2016	358	202	560
	INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats Only)			
B	From the Public	961	296	1257
C	Incoming Transfers from Organizations within Community/Coalition	1	1	2
D	Incoming Transfers from Organizations outside Community/Coalition	0	0	0
E	From Owners/Guardians Requesting Euthanasia	3	1	4
F	Total Intake [B + C + D + E]	965	298	1263
G	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2	1	3
H	ADJUSTED TOTAL INTAKE [F minus G]	963	297	1260
I	ADOPTIONS	475	140	615
J	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations within Community/Coalition	141	32	173
K	OUTGOING TRANSFERS to Organizations outside Community/Coalition	0	170	170
L	RETURN TO OWNER/GUARDIAN	228	7	235
	DOGS & CATS EUTHANIZED			
M	Healthy (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
N	Treatable - Rehabilitatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	32	1	33
O	Treatable - Manageable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	0	0	0
P	Unhealthy & Untreatable (Includes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia)	34	15	49
Q	Total Euthanasia [M + N + O + P]	66	16	82
R	Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)	2	1	3
S	ADJUSTED TOTAL EUTHANASIA [Q minus R]	64	15	79
T	SUBTOTAL OUTCOMES [I + J + K + L + S]	908	364	1272
	Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
U	DIED OR LOST IN SHELTER/CARE	8	9	17
V	TOTAL OUTCOMES [T + U]	916	373	1289
	Excludes Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia (Unhealthy & Untreatable Only)			
W	ENDING SHELTER COUNT 2/29/2016 11:59:00 PM	405	126	531

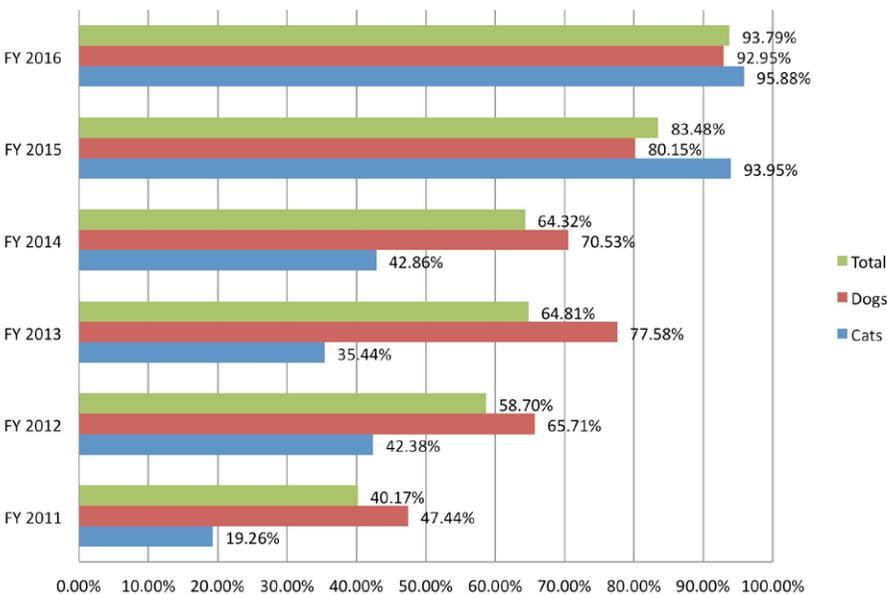
Live Release Rate

The “live release rate” indicates how many pets successfully left the shelter either through adoption, rescue or return to owner. The February rate of 93.79 percent is a record-setting statistic that is nearly unobtainable by a vast majority of government-supported shelters due to lack of resources and funding. The success in our community is due to outstanding partnerships that include private donors, non-profit rescue organizations, enforcement agencies and you, the residents of Fort Worth.

ANNUAL LIVE RELEASE RATE COMPARISON



FEBRUARY LIVE RELEASE RATES BY YEAR



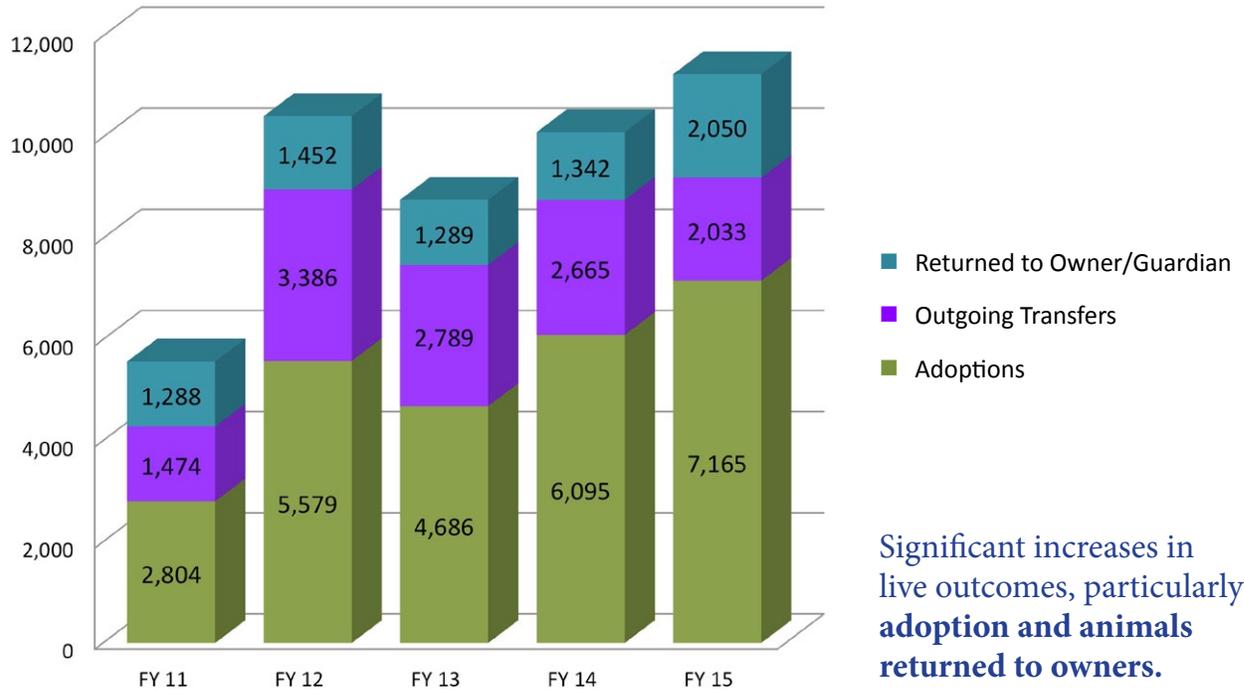
February 2016
Total Live Release Rate

93.79%

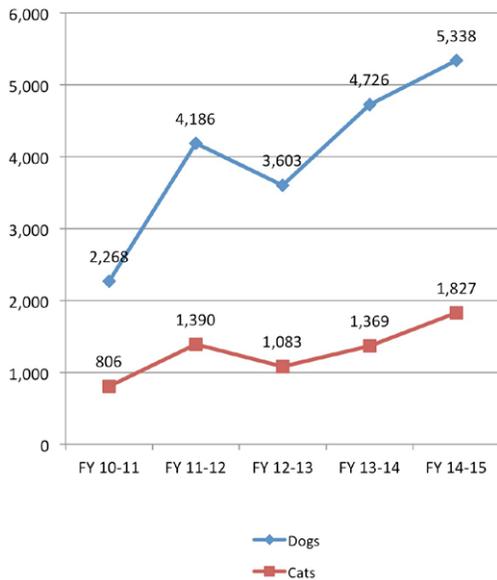
Outcomes

Animals leaving the Shelter through adoptions, outgoing transfers (rescue organizations), and return to owner

ANNUAL LIVE OUTCOMES COMPARISON



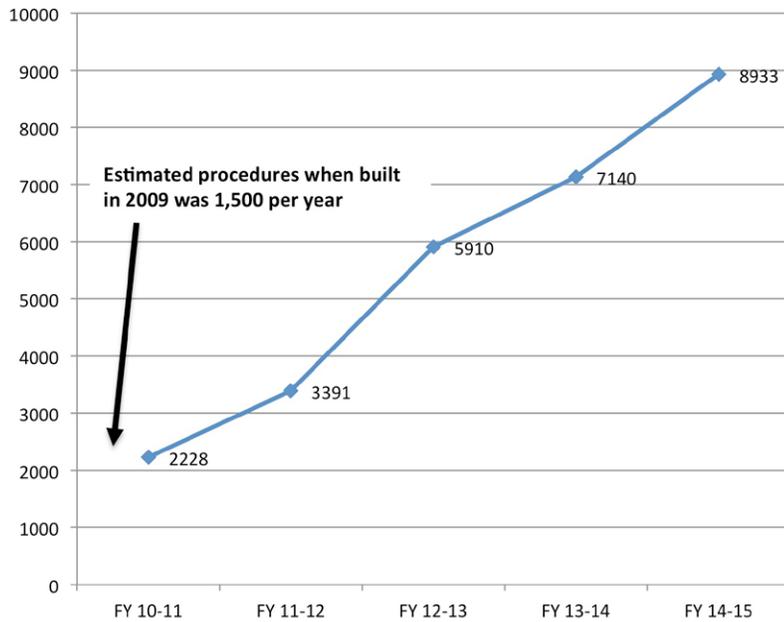
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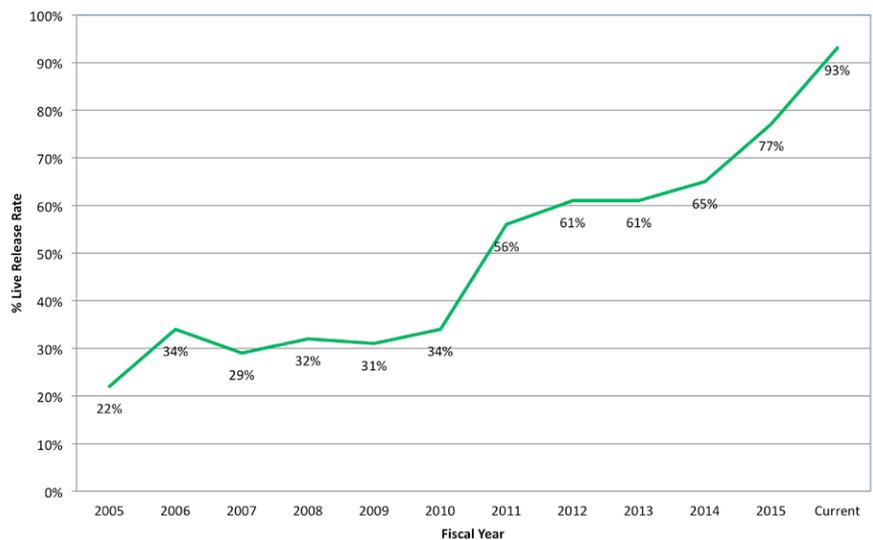
Spay and Neuter Surgeries

In order to reduce the stray pet population and to protect the public from safety issues that can occur because of stray animals, all pets that land in the Fort Worth Animal Shelter are spayed and/or neutered before they are adopted, rescued or returned to owners. This chart provides an overview of the dramatic intake of animals coming into the shelter and the mandatory spay/neuter surgeries.

SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES



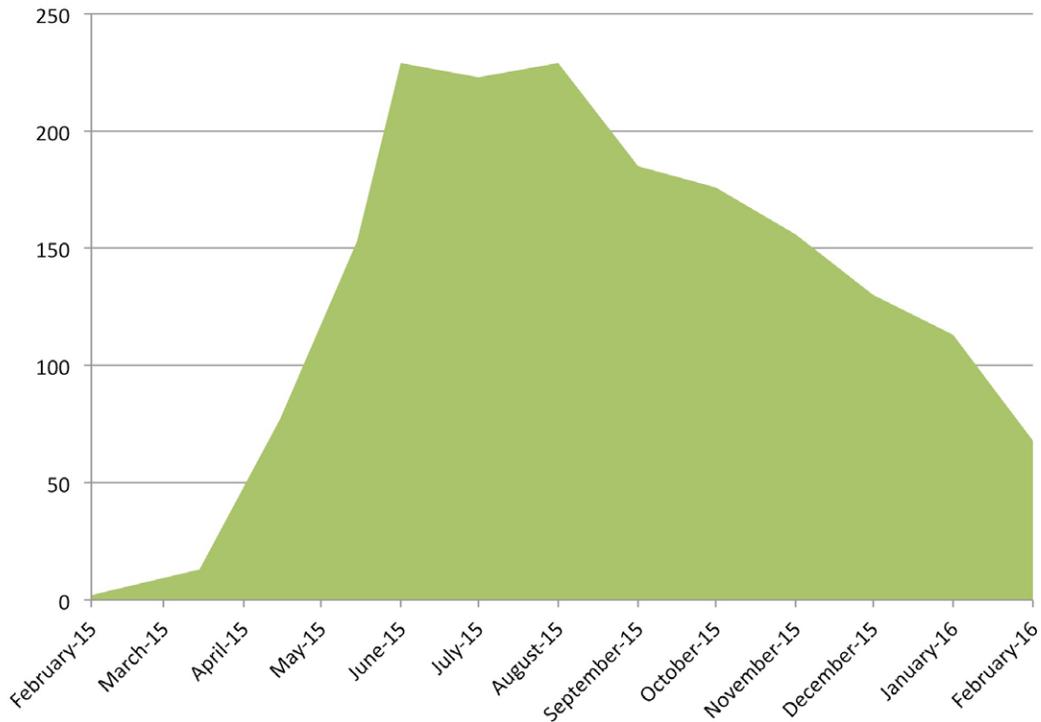
LIVE RELEASE RATE



New Foster Program - Cowtown Crashpads

In 2015, the Fort Worth Animal Shelter created its first foster care program entitled Cowtown Crashpads. This program has been a huge success in allowing pets to have the time they need to become adoptable. Pets that enter into the foster program may be recoverings from illness, injuries or may include newborns too young to be adopted.

ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE



Note: Chart reflects calendar year data

The rise beginning in April and subsequent decrease after August is indicative of more animals in foster care during dog and cat breeding season which follows warmer weather.

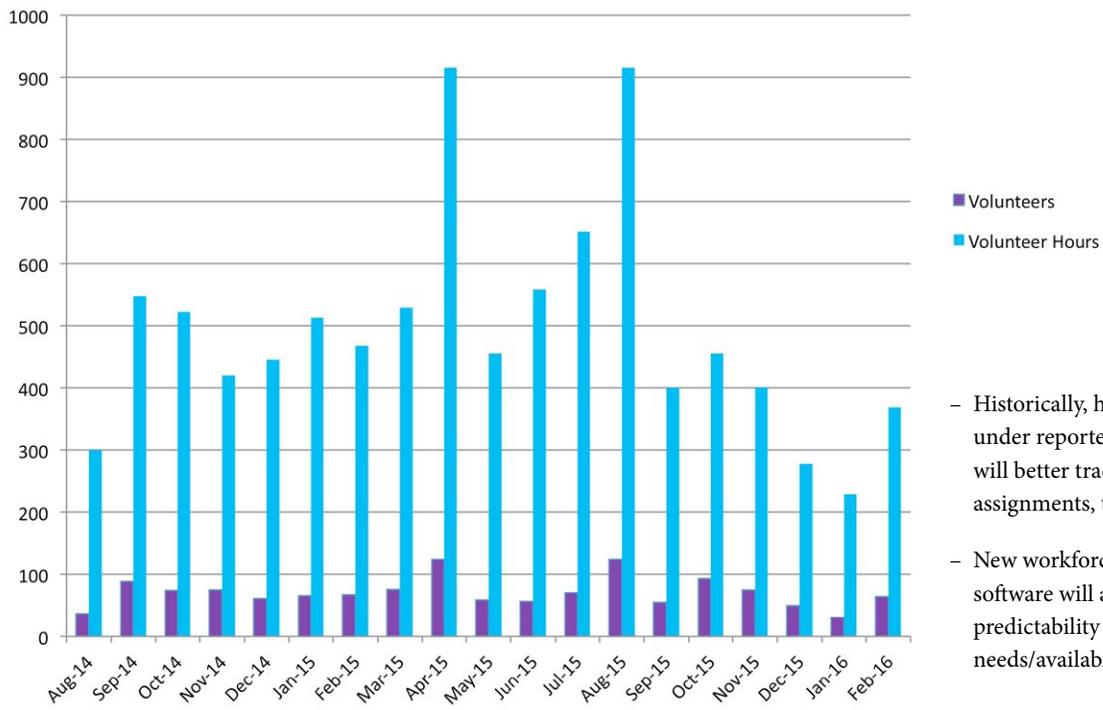


Volunteer Program

A new volunteer program was established in 2014 to provide much-needed assistance at the animal shelter as well as its two PetSmart Adoption Centers. The program has steadily grown to include volunteers who regularly play and socialize with the pets, assist with special adoption events such as Clear The Shelter, Shelter Pets Rock and offer support to staff.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



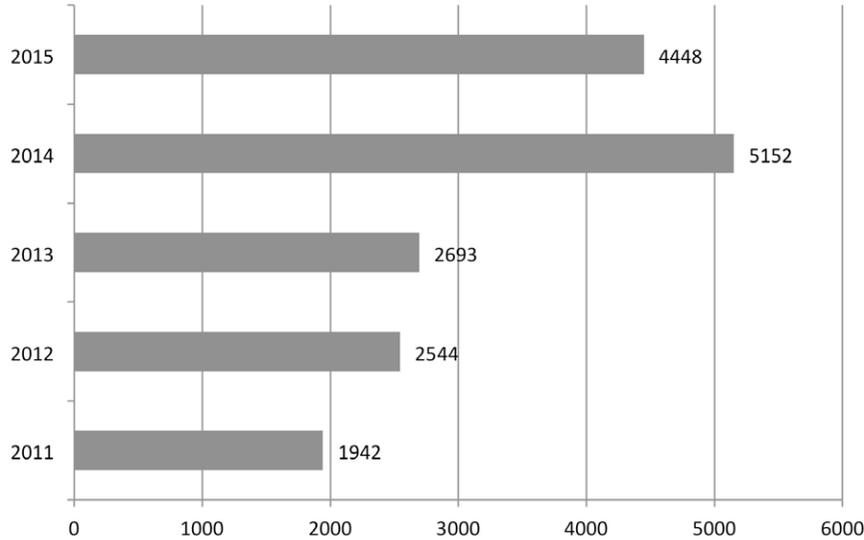
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- Historically, hours have been under reported. New software will better track hours, assignments, trends, etc.
- New workforce management software will add future predictability for volunteer needs/availability.

Enforcement and General Citations

The Fort Worth Animal Shelter provides enforcement of a number of state laws and city ordinances to protect the community at large.

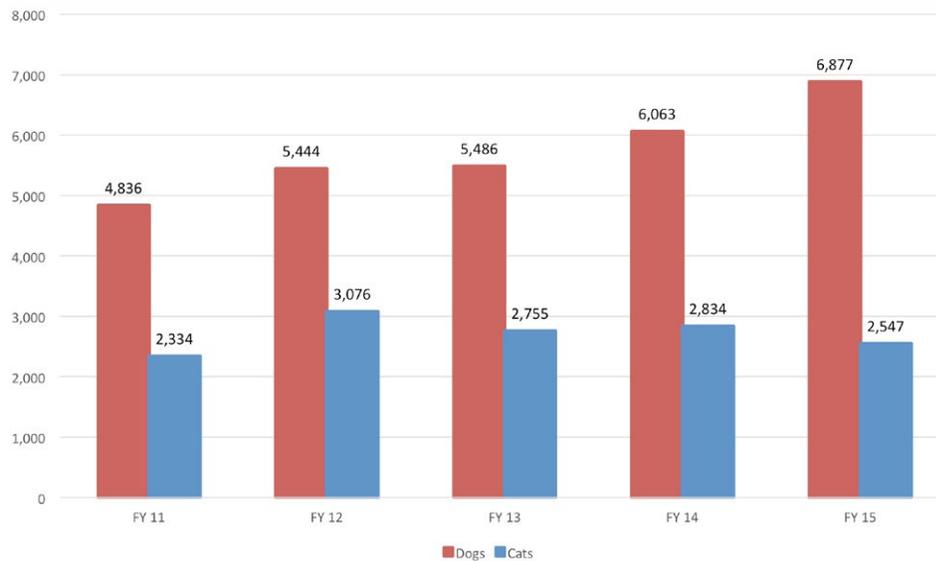
CITATIONS ISSUED



Note: Chart reflects calendar year data

The number of citations issued depends on the number of stray animals reported in the City of Fort Worth. In 2015 a new program of returning dogs to their owners in the field began. This program combined with an additional stray animal team implemented in 2014 resulted in a decrease in the number of citations written in 2015.

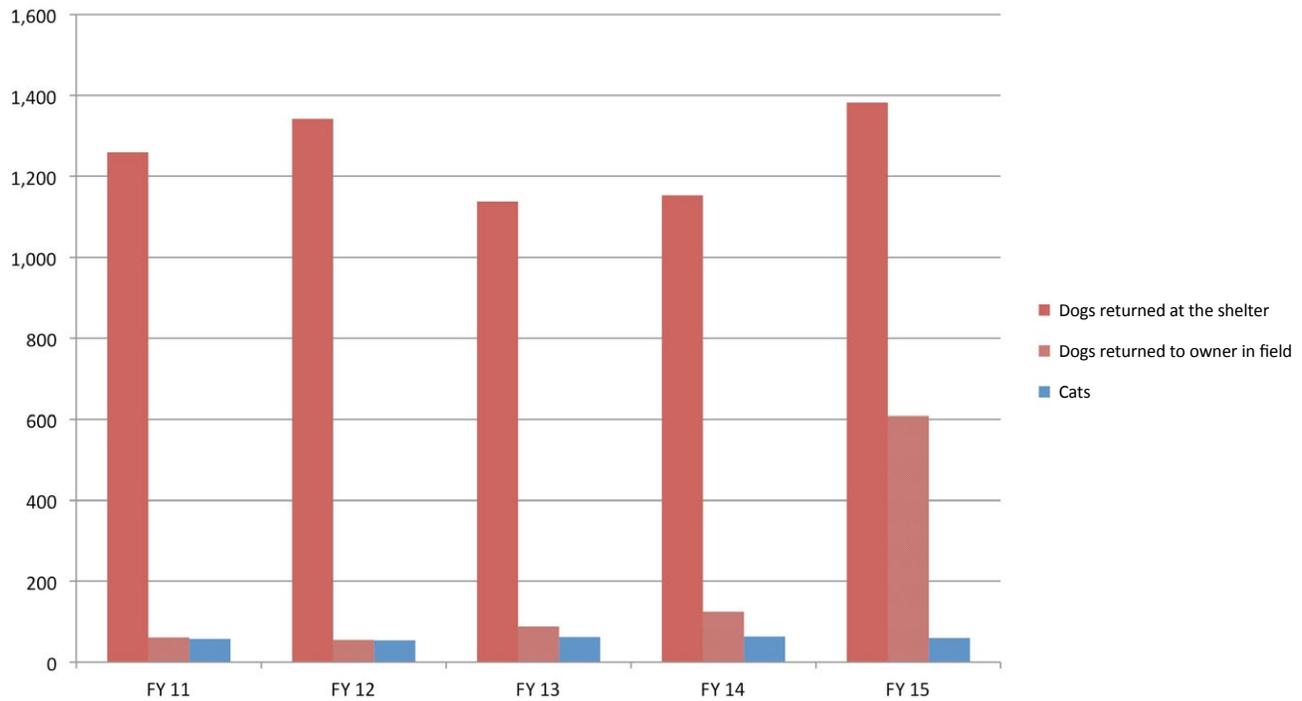
STRAY ANIMAL CAPTURE



Return to Owner

A huge effort is made by animal control officers working within the neighborhoods to return stray/lost pets to their owners without impounding the pets at the shelter. Pets who wear a collar with the city license tag or pets who are micro-chipped have a high rate of being returned to their owners.

RETURNED TO OWNER

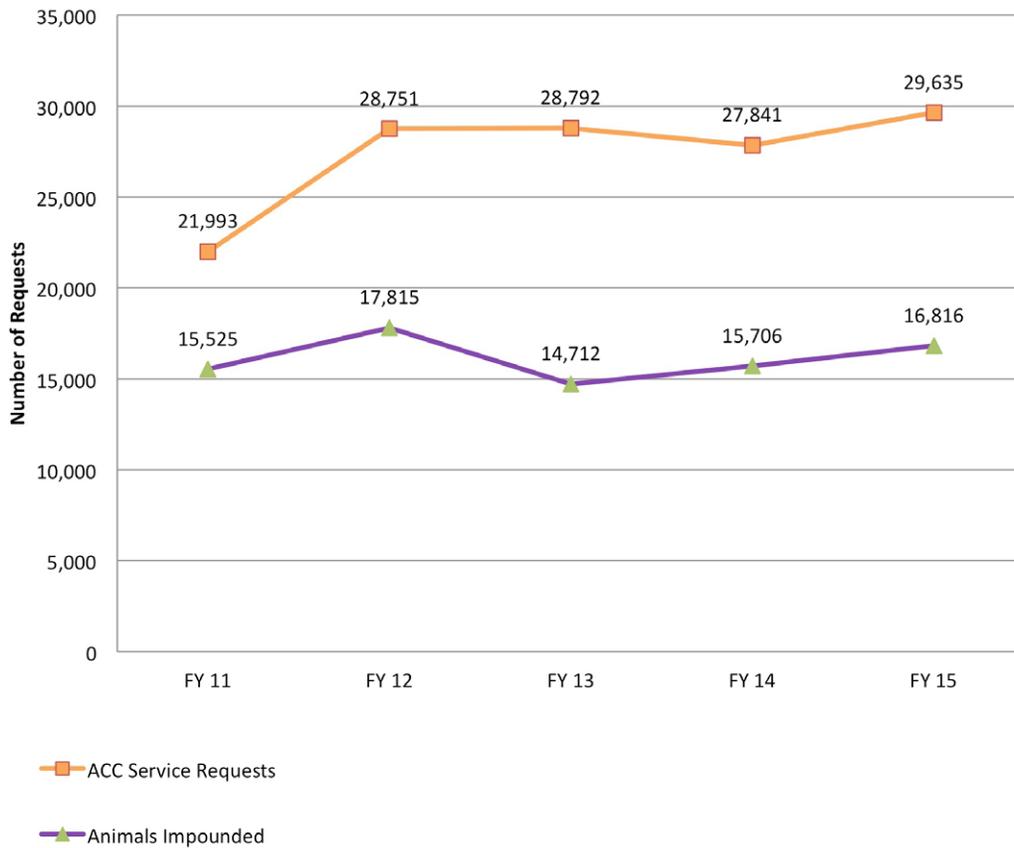


Note: Animal Control Officers do not actively seek out and capture stray cats. Those that are captured are returned to their places of origin under the Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate & Return program

Request for Service

In 2014-2015, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control received nearly 30,000 calls for service regarding animal issues. Those calls include all animal welfare issues from stray or injured animals; animals in danger to wildlife and livestock.

REQUEST FOR SERVICE



Resources for Fort Worth Animal Care & Control

DATA QUALITY & CONTROL

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ADOPT A PET

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption

REPORTING AN ANIMAL ISSUE

CityOfFortWorth.wufoo.com/forms/animal-issue-report-form/

FIND AN ADOPTION CENTER

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/adoption

LICENSE YOUR PET

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/fees

FRIENDS OF HENRY AND SCOUT - DONATE TO HELP SHELTER PETS

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/donate

LOST AND FOUND PETS

FortWorthTexas.gov/animals/foundpets





The Code Compliance Department maintains Fort Worth's status as a clean, livable city by ensuring property complies with rules set by City Council. Code Officers routinely patrol assigned neighborhoods for code violations and investigate complaints with a mission of abating issues and educating residents.