

### ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Animal Care & Control Committee Thursday, March 27, 2025 Agenda

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Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2025

Agenda Items:

- 2024 Annual Stats Presentation
- New Shelter Progress Report
- 2025/2026 Fiscal Budget Overview

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Committee Meeting – April 24, 2025

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# Montgomery County Animal Care and Control

2024

**Annual Report** 

Field and Shelter Activity

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#### Introduction

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control continues to strive to be a well-respected community leader and primary source for the optimal care and protection of animals and people in Montgomery County.

#### Challenges

As with every year we have seen increased intakes and with limited shelter space serves its only challenges in trying to find enough housing for all of the animals coming into our shelter each year. The lack of rescues that are able to receive animals is still a huge challenge for not only our shelter but most shelters across Tennessee.

#### **Mission**

Our mission is accomplished through working in compliance with state and local regulations; cooperation with area Veterinary clinics, animal organizations, and animal rescue groups; advancing community and staff education and by serving for the protection, welfare and adoption of animals.

#### **Adoption**

MCACC adopted 1,909 animals in 2024 a 17% increase over 2023. We promote all of our adoptable animals through local media outlets and radio stations such as Clarksville Now, Leaf Chronicle, 100.3 WVVR The Beaver Radio Station, 97.5 WZZP The Z Radio Station, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. You will see our pet of the week on Wet Nose Wednesdays on 97.5 the Z.

We also participated in several offsite Adoption Events over the Spring and Summer utilizing our mobile adoption trailer and ended our Summer season with our annual Fall Adoption Evening in October.

#### **Rescue and Foster**

MCACC worked with over 110 rescues throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri including several rescues throughout the eastern United States and Ohio River Valley. We were able to place 886 animals in licensed rescues in 2024, a 42% Increase from 2023. The biggest challenge was the lack of rescues who were able to pull animals from our shelter due to already dealing with their own capacity and overcrowding issues. Many of our rescue partners are still overwhelmed from other less resourceful shelters who are in desperate need of animal rescue efforts, coupled with staffing shortages still be suffered from post pandemic work force and a lack of available veterinary services.

MCACC placed 222 Cats and 78 Dogs into foster homes in 2024. Most foster animals included those animals that were a nursing mother with kittens or puppies that were too young for adoption or those animals that were heartworm positive, had a significant injury requiring recovering, or other medical related reasons.

#### Education

MCACC is working hard to increase its educational campaign in Montgomery County and the City of Clarksville through promoting responsible pet ownership, bite prevention, animal behavior modification, lost and found animals and general animal information. Shelter Staff and Volunteers gave shelter tours to local children's organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and school

groups. MCACC is working to establish a partnership with Montgomery County Schools to implement animal humane education programs in local schools.

#### **Volunteers**

MCACC is proud to have many awesome volunteers from within our own community who are vital to the mission at Montgomery County Animal Care and Control. Volunteers provide day-to-day socialization and enrichment to all of our animals that are in our care and waiting for adoption, foster homes for animals until they are ready for adoption, provide education and awareness, and assist with staffing at onsite and offsite events.

#### **Pet Identification**

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control continued to educate and stress the importance of pet identification in Montgomery County in 2024. Ensuring that all pets are properly identified was one of our highest priorities in 2024. As part of the new pet identification policy, all dogs and cats that enter the shelter must be properly microchipped before being reclaimed or adopted. Over 1,905 dogs and cats were microchipped by MCACC in 2024, a 15.5% Increase from 2023.

#### **Key Highlights 2023 Annual Report**

Although we continued to face some challenges in 2024, this did not hamper our efforts of becoming a No Kill shelter, the staff continues to excel and do amazing things with the tools and resources they currently have. Although we did not achieve our goal of maintaining an 90% or greater live release rate, the staff did amazing. We achieved an overall save rate of 82% a 6.3% Increase from 2023. The save rate for dogs was 82% a 5% Increase. However, our save rate for cats increased from 77% in 2023 to 82% in 2024 a 8% Increase.

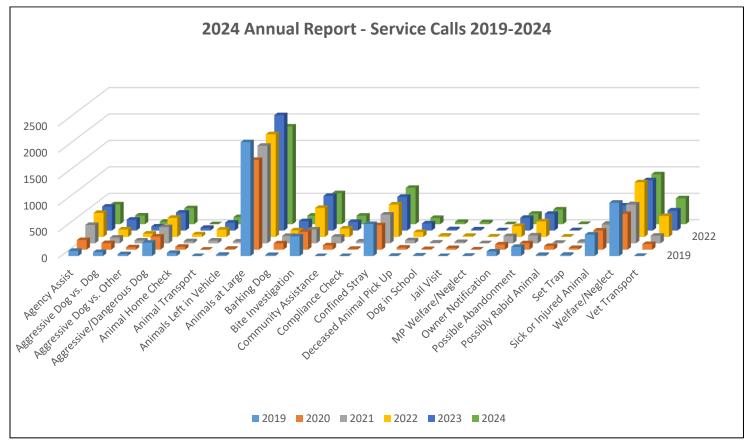
As always, MCACC is striving to become a no kill shelter by working hard each and every day to reduce our euthanasia numbers and increase our live release rate of animals into loving and caring homes. Keeping animals out of the shelter is a daily struggle that requires our entire staff to work hard each day to find loving homes, rescues, and other shelters that are willing to provide and find those loving homes for our pets.

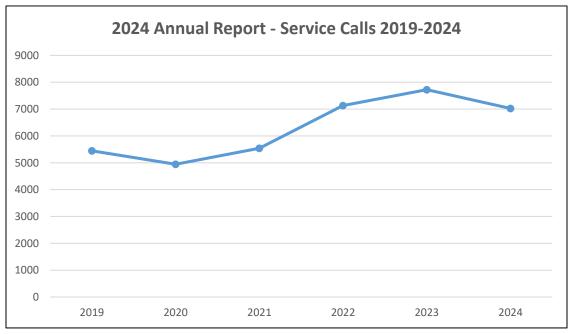
- Animal Control Officers responded to over 7,236 Calls for Service in Montgomery County, a decrease of 5% from 2023. The decrease in calls is partly due to a more efficient processing of service calls by our Field Staff and conducting follow up investigations.
- Animal Control Officers responded to 20 Animal Related calls per day on average for 2024
- Our call response was primarily between 10AM to 5PM, most of which consisted of stray animals and animal welfare concerns. Higher priority calls normally came into the shelter between 2PM and 6PM each day.
- ❖ 5,076 Animals entered the shelter in 2024, a 7% increase from 2023 and a 13% increase from 2022
- ❖ MCACC Staff took in, on average, 19.3 Animals each day for 2024.
- 625 Owner Surrender in 2024 a 10% Increase from 2023 and a 31% Decrease since our inception of owner surrender diversion strategies were implemented in 2018.
- ❖ 5,076 Stray animals entered the shelter either over the counter or were picked up in the field by Animal Control Officers. This was a 7% Increase from 2023
- ❖ 26% of animals taken into the shelter were from the field while 74% were over the counter.
- Most intakes occurred between the hours of 10AM and 5PM each day.
- ❖ 1,909 Pets were adopted from MCACC in 2024 a 17% increase from 2023.
- ❖ 141 Dogs were returned to their owners in the field and 842 Dogs were returned to owners at the shelter for a total of 983 Dogs were returned to owners either in field or at the shelter a 8% Decrease from 2023. 51 Cats were reclaimed by their owners at the shelter a 38% Decrease from 2023
- ❖ 554 Dogs were euthanized in 2024 an Decrease of 7% from 2023
- ❖ 329 Cats were euthanized in 2024 a 14% Decrease from 2023 and a 74% Decrease from 2018
- ❖ The Live Release rate for MCACC was 82% in 2024 a 5% Increase from 2023

#### **FIELD SERVICES**

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control provided active and on call animal control service for all areas of Montgomery County and the City of Clarksville for 2024 cover 544 square miles and 741 miles of roadway, excluding the city of Clarksville and a portion of Ft. Campbell Military installation. 28% of all calls were for Animals at Large and 12% of all calls were Welfare/Neglect complaints.

#### Officer Activity

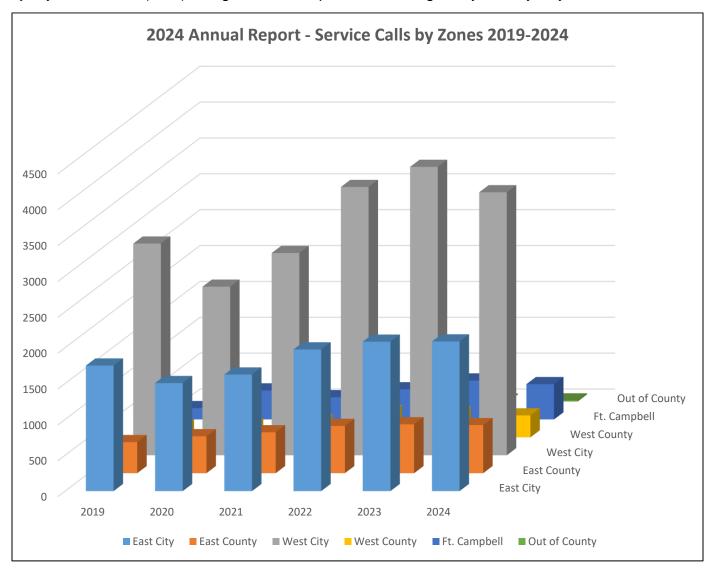




TYPE OF CALL	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Agency Assist	98	182	347	454	453	386
Aggressive Dog vs. Dog	75	125	107	141	206	136
Aggressive Dog vs. Other	36	46	53	64	77	78
Aggressive/Dangerous Dog	254	249	307	361	339	308
Animal Home Check	60	55	40	49	52	0
Animal Transport	0	0	52	139	149	138
Animals Left in Vehicle	24	17	33	19	17	15
Animals at Large	2154	1698	1844	1942	2182	1912
Barking Dog	20	120	139	125	178	163
Bite Investigation	373	335	261	548	656	1188
Community Assistance	0	82	125	159	164	170
Compliance Check	0	16	35	78	52	52
Confined Stray	606	463	543	613	638	706
Deceased Animal Pick Up	5	40	58	92	135	147
Dog in School	10	12	14	24	26	21
Jail Visit	0	31	24	20	22	40
MP Welfare/Neglect	5	4	2	8	5	0
Owner Notification	87	100	136	206	241	207
Possible Abandonment	173	122	149	293	317	284
Possibly Rabid Animal	21	71	10	6	7	5
Set Trap	25	32	30	14	2	8
Sick or Injured Animal	406	362	355	346	473	390
Welfare/Neglect	1009	676	733	1034	952	965
Vet Transport	3	107	144	395	380	505
Total	5,444	4,945	5,541	7,130	7,671	7236

#### FIELD SERVICE CALLS BY ZONES

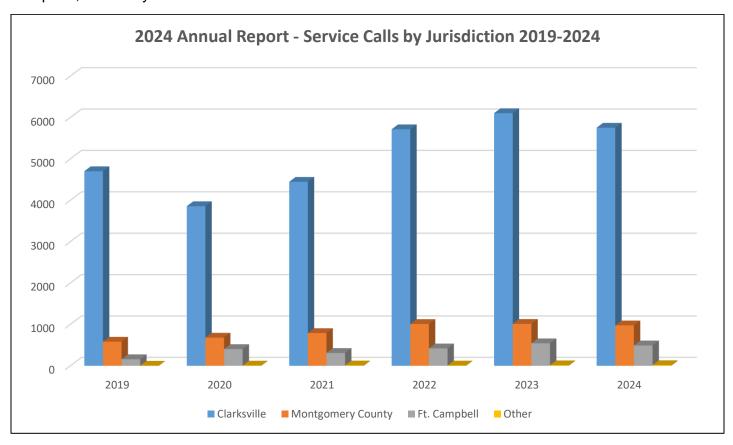
Animal Control Officers responded to 7,236 calls for service in Montgomery County in 2024 with a majority of the calls, (57%) being in the West portion of Montgomery County/City of Clarksville.



ZONE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
East City	1750	1506	1625	1975	2083	2086	
East County	433	515	570	659	681	670	
West City	2951	2350	2820	3740	4021	3666	
West County	150	165	220	350	331	306	
Ft. Campbell	158	404	310	420	543	492	
Out of County	2	5	8	6	12	15	
Total	5444	4945	5553	7150	7671	7236	

#### FIELD SERVICE CALLS BY JURISDICTION

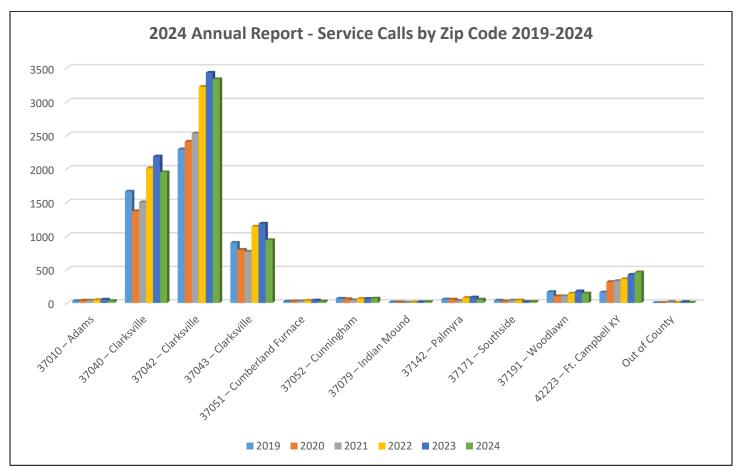
Calls for service that were responded to in Montgomery County were dispersed into the following three Jurisdictions, which covers the Montgomery County outside of the Clarksville City Limits and all unincorporated areas of the County, within the city limits of Clarksville and Ft. Campbell Military Installation. (80%) of all calls for 2024 occurred within the city of Clarksville and (13%) of calls for 2024 occurred in the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County and (7%) of calls occurring on Ft. Campbell, Kentucky



JURISDICTION	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Clarksville	4701	3856	4445	5715	6104	5752
Montgomery County	583	680	790	1009	1012	976
Ft. Campbell	158	404	310	420	543	492
Other	2	5	8	6	12	15
Total	5444	4945	5553	7150	7671	7236

#### FIELD SERVICE CALLS BY ZIP CODE

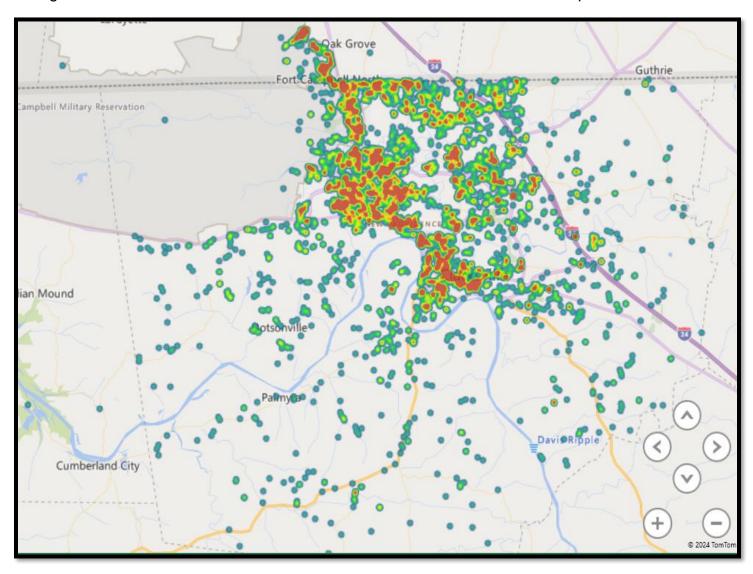
Calls for service that were responded to in Montgomery County were dispersed into the following Eleven (12) zip codes, which covers the Montgomery County outside of the Clarksville City Limits and all unincorporated areas of the County, and within the city limits of Clarksville. (45%) of all calls for the 2024 occurred within the 37042 Zip Code, which compromises the North Central portion of Montgomery County north of the Cumberland River, while (29%) of calls occurred in Zip Code area 37040, which compromises the Northeast and South Central portion of the County



ZIP CODE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
37010 – Adams	29	36	36	45	51	29
37040 – Clarksville	1662	1369	1502	2009	2185	2051
37042 – Clarksville	2290	2404	2526	3219	3428	3375
37043 – Clarksville	898	793	766	1140	1184	1006
37051 - Cumberland Furnace	21	24	26	34	38	19
37052 - Cunningham	65	57	43	62	62	61
37079 - Indian Mound	10	10	5	9	12	13
37142 – Palmyra	53	51	33	76	83	51
37171 – Southside	36	25	37	39	15	17
37191 – Woodlawn	164	100	101	141	174	140
42223 – Ft. Campbell KY	158	313	328	357	421	457
Out of County	N/A	N/A	15	2	15	17
Total	5444	4945	5553	7150	7671	7236

#### FIELD SERVICE CALLS HEAT MAP

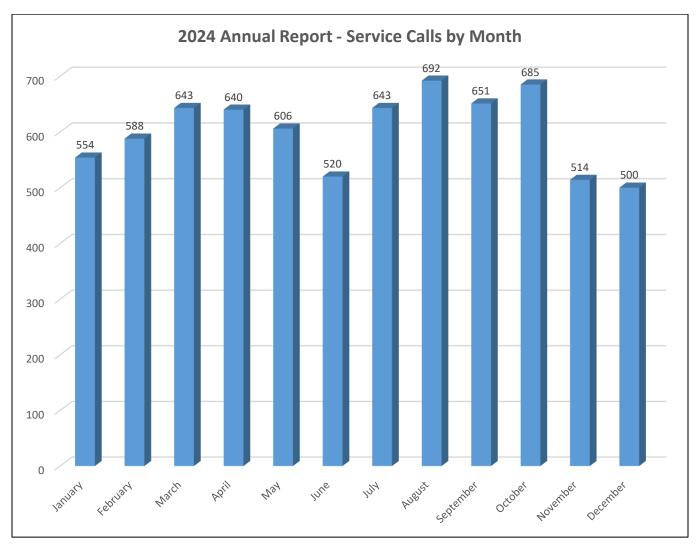
Montgomery County Animal Care and Control Field Officers responded to over 7,026Calls for Service in Montgomery County. This heat generated map calculates the longitude and latitude of calls for service that officers respond to, thus generating a heat map showing where the highest level of calls for service are generated throughout Montgomery County. As can be seen in the mapping provided, the highest level of calls for service are centered around the 37042 and 37040 zip codes.



#### OFFICER FIELD ACTIVITY RESULTS BY MONTH

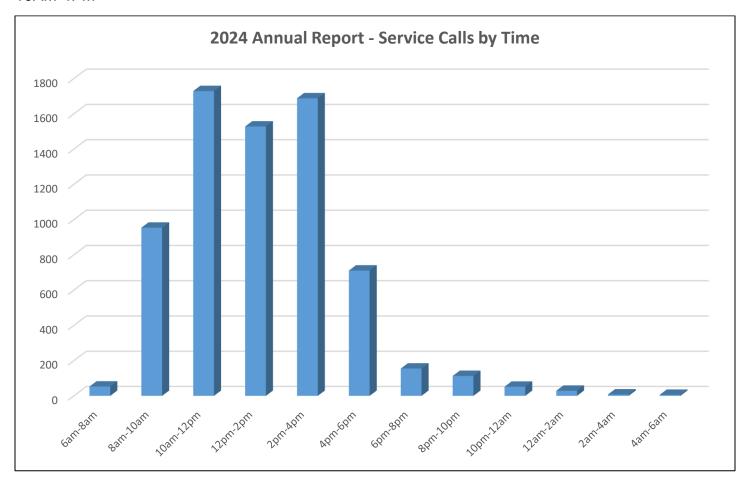
Officers primarily receive their calls for service from the MCACC dispatch at the shelter. All calls received after normal business hours are called into the on call officers cell phone or through the E911 Center for response to emergency and exigent circumstance type calls only.

Officers responded to over 7,236 calls in 2024 with the highest activity months being in early spring and late fall.



#### OFFICER FIELD ACTIVITY RESULTS BY TIME OF DAY

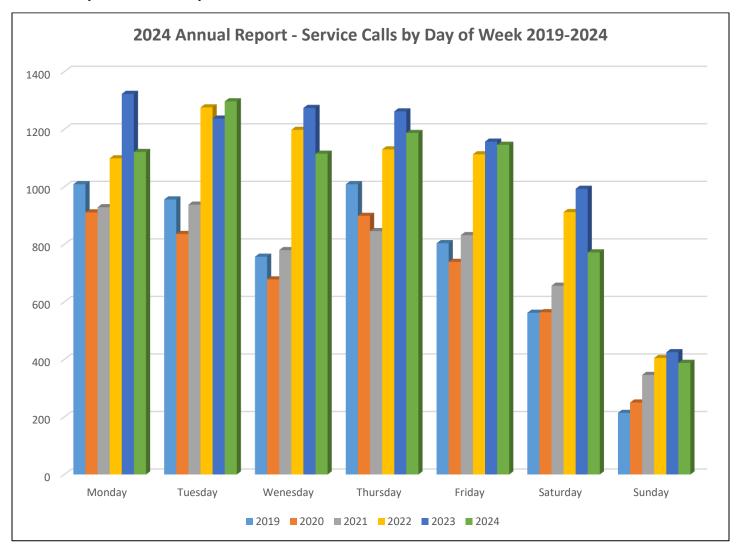
This will be the first year that a monthly base line for activity calls is being recorded. Officers responded to over 7,236 calls in 2024 with the highest activity hours of the day occurred between 10AM-4PM



TIME SLOT	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
6AM-8AM	68	133	83	69	59	63
8AM-10AM	1258	1011	854	861	655	987
10AM-12PM	1252	1054	1123	1419	1680	1800
12PM-2PM	996	912	1100	1709	1877	1585
2PM-4PM	894	885	1111	1768	1986	1652
4PM-6PM	477	538	643	835	848	731
6PM-8PM	190	186	243	271	326	210
8PM-10PM	95	78	127	112	157	113
10PM-12AM	31	38	45	48	41	52
12AM-2AM	36	18	24	16	20	29
2AM-4AM	7	10	14	10	16	8
4AM-6AM	6	13	11	10	6	6
Total	5310	4876	5379	7128	7671	7236

#### OFFICER FIELD ACTIVITY RESULTS DAY OF WEEK

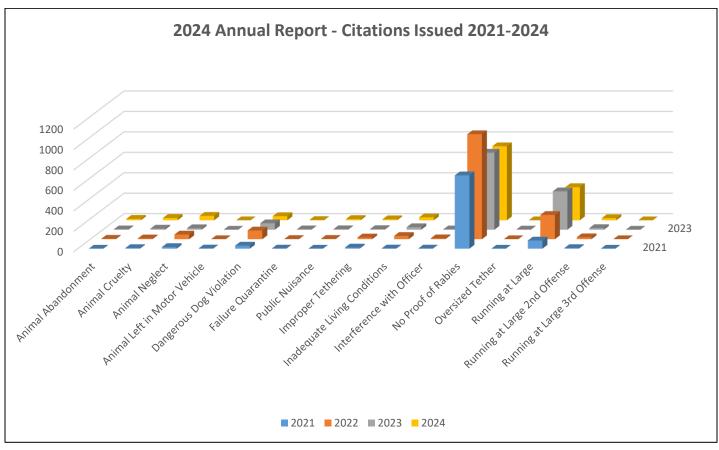
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DAY OF WEEK	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Monday	1009	911	929	1099	1323	1221
Tuesday	956	836	938	1276	1237	1297
Wednesday	757	678	780	1198	1274	1215
Thursday	1009	899	846	1130	1262	1187
Friday	804	739	832	1113	1157	1156
Saturday	562	564	656	912	993	772
Sunday	214	250	346	405	425	388
Total	5310	4877	5327	7133	7671	7236

#### CITATIONS ISSUED FOR VIOLATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control began enforcement of its Animal Control Regulations in January of 2021. Prior to January of 2021 MCACC had very little scope or direction regarding the enforcement of Animal Control Regulations, often relying on local law enforcement agencies for assistance causing an unnecessary use of valuable resources. After a great deal of planning and coordination with General Sessions Court Administration and Judges, MCACC developed a violation system to enforce local regulations as well as support animal welfare in our Community.

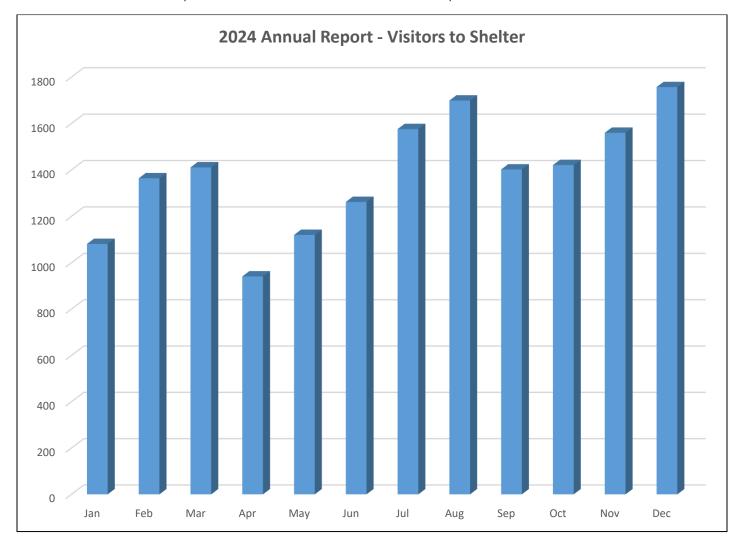


VIOLATION	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Animal Abandonment			0	4	4	14
Animal Cruelty			6	8	11	23
Animal Neglect			16	46	15	43
Animal Left in Motor Vehicle			2	0	0	0
Dangerous Dog Violation			30	85	63	40
Failure to Quarantine			1	2	4	2
Public Nuisance			0	3	5	12
Improper Tethering			11	17	6	10
Inadequate Living Conditions			2	32	25	29
Interference with Officer			1	9	3	12
No Proof of Current Rabies			717	1027	754	724
Oversized Tether			0	0	2	0
Running at Large			80	237	376	324
Running at Large 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense			6	19	16	21
Total			872	1489	1284	1254

#### **SHELTER AND ADOPTION SERVICES**

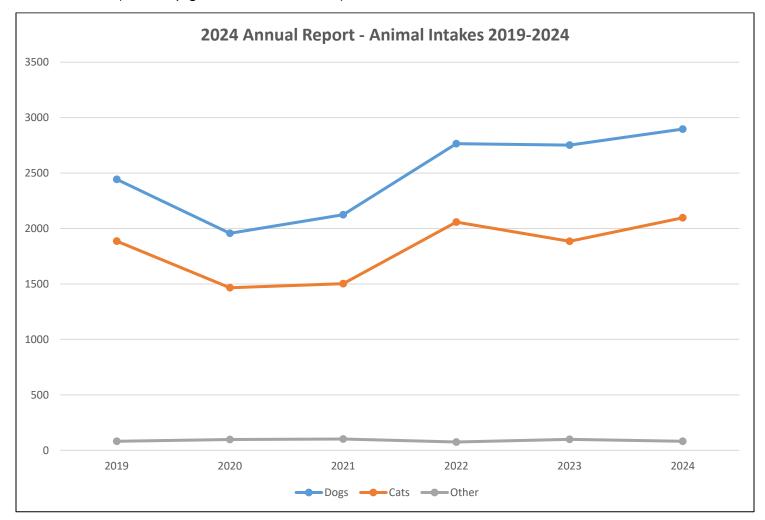
#### **Kennel Visitors**

The shelter saw over 16,594 Visitors enter the shelter in 2024, a 20% Increase from 2023



#### **Animals Impounded**

In 2024 the shelter took in over 5,076 animals A 12.5% increase over 2023 and a 25% increase over 2021. Of the animals impounded, 41% were cats/kittens, 57% were dogs/puppies with 2% being other animals (ferrets, pigs, birds, rabbits, etc.)

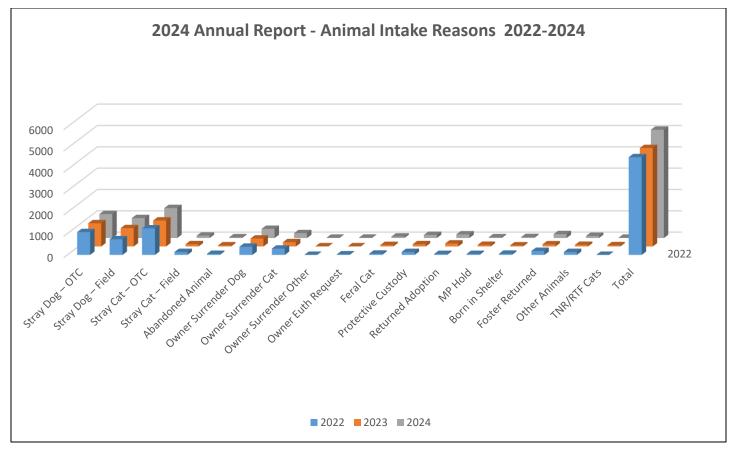


Animal	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	2443	1957	2125	2765	2752	2897
Cat	1887	1466	1503	2058	1885	2097
Other	82	97	102	75	99	82
Total	4412	3520	3730	4883	4736	5076

#### SHELTER INTAKE REASONS

The shelter took 5,076 animals in 2024, 12.5% Increase over animals entering the shelter in 2023. A majority of those intakes, (70%) were stray animals either picked up in the field or brought in over the counter. (14%) were owner surrendered pets and the remaining (16%) consisted of Adoption Returns, Feral Animals, Euthanasia Requests, Bite Quarantines, Protective Custody, and Abandoned Animals.

NOTE: Owner Surrenders increased 13% from 2023 to 2024

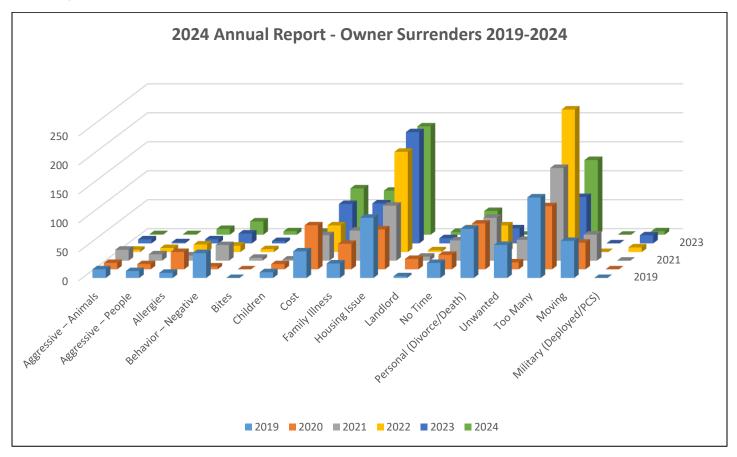


ENTRY REASON	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stray Dog – OTC	576	721	875	1067	1087	1123
Stray Dog – Field	1439	957	771	730	859	935
Stray Cat – OTC	785	836	949	1242	1216	1405
Stray Cat – Field	816	320	173	137	105	113
Abandoned Animal	65	59	82	47	52	33
Owner Surrender Dog	457	488	472	382	371	431
Owner Surrender Cat	249	259	241	294	202	229
Owner Surrender Other	28	16	22	0	9	15
Owner Euth Request	37	22	21	24	8	18
Feral Cat	85	100	80	58	69	69
Protective Custody	110	157	123	137	105	146
Returned Adoption	205	217	213	44	140	172
MP Hold	31	53	16	43	75	35
Born in Shelter	23	61	61	54	50	45
Foster Returned	428	392	250	185	99	182
Other Animals	61	144	148	135	76	100
TNR/RTF Cats	0	17	16	0	57	13
Total	5395	4819	4513	4579	4614	5076

#### **Owner Surrenders**

In October of 2018 we changed our Owner Surrender policy to deter the flow of unwanted pets entering the shelter through diversion strategies. Of those Owner Surrenders, the most prevalent reason to Owner Surrender for 2024 was Housing Issues. This continues to be a serious concern with regard to pet owners having to surrender their pets. MCACC Had 570 Owner Surrenders in 2024 which is a 18% Decrease from 2022, but a 8.5% increase from 2023.

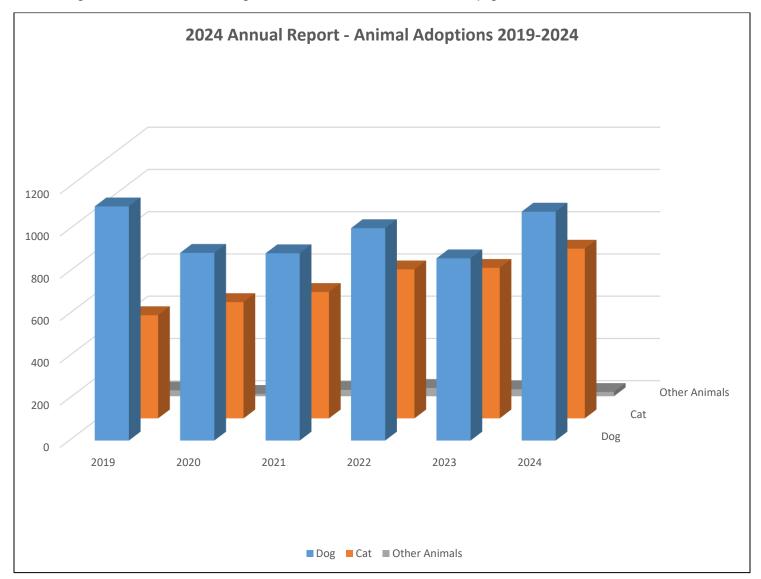
The primary reasons for surrendering pets since 2019 has been overwhelmingly Housing Issues at 23% and Too Many Pets at 24% and Cost at 10%



OWNER SURRENDERS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aggressive – Animals	15	11	19	4	7	1
Aggressive – People	12	9	11	7	2	1
Allergies	9	30	9	13	7	10
Behavior – Negative	43	5	27	11	17	23
Bites	0	0	5	5	4	6
Children	10	9	2	0	0	5
Cost	46	76	44	46	68	80
Family Illness	25	44	52	34	69	76
Housing Issue	104	69	95	173	192	187
Landlord	3	18	7	3	9	5
No Time	26	25	35	41	26	41
Personal (Divorce/Death)	85	79	74	46	26	0
Unwanted	57	12	36	0	0	0
Too Many	139	109	160	246	80	129
Moving	64	46	45	0	0	0
Military (Deployed/PCS)	0	0	0	8	14	6
Total	638	542	621	637	521	570

#### **Adoptions**

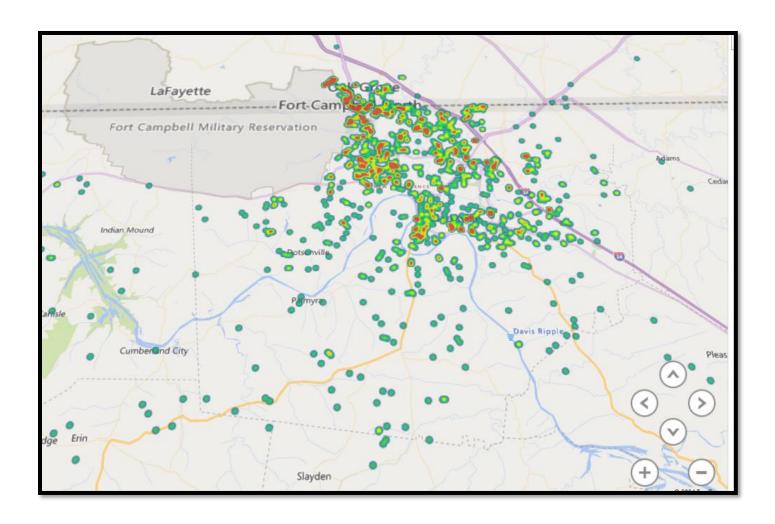
The shelter adopted out 1,906 animals in 2024 a 16% Increase from 2023. There were various species of animals that were adopted from MCACC ranging from Dogs and Cats to Pigs and Ferrets. Dogs and Puppies made up 57% of all adoptions. While Cats and Kittens were 42%, followed by 1% consisting of Birds, Chickens, Pigs, Ferrets, Rabbits, and Guinea pigs.



ANIMAL ADOPTIONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dog	1108	888	886	1005	862	1083
Cat	488	550	598	705	712	803
Other Animals	28	11	30	39	33	20
Total	1624	1449	1514	1749	1607	1906

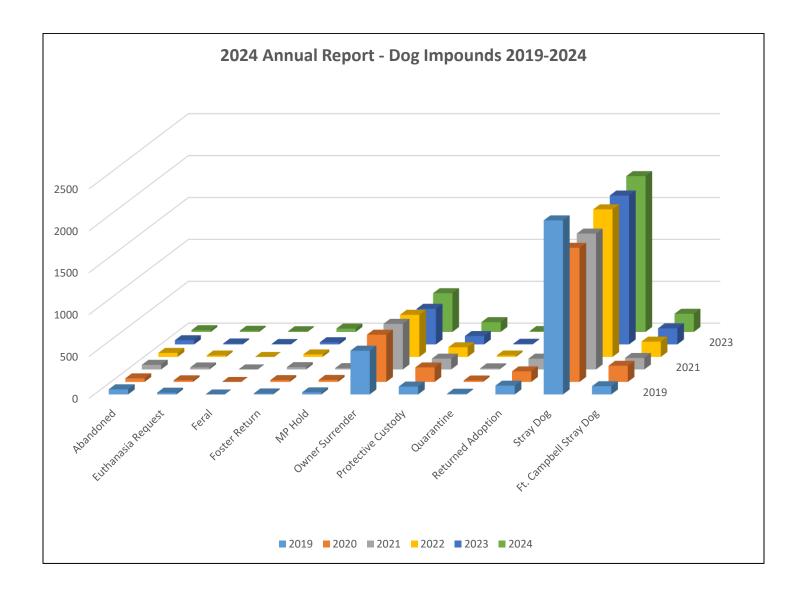
#### **Adoptions Heat Map**

The following heat map signifies the addresses of pet owners who have adopted animals from Montgomery County Animal Care and Control. This map represents the 1,906 adoptions that were conducted at the shelter and where those animals now reside within Montgomery County and Ft. Campbell Kentucky. As it can be seen in reviewing this map most adopters reside in the 37042 and 37040 Zip Codes in Montgomery County.



#### Dogs

There were 2,919 dogs impounded in 2024 5% Increase from 2023. 71% were strays, 16% were owner released. 12% were for other reasons (Quarantine, Protective Care, Confiscated)

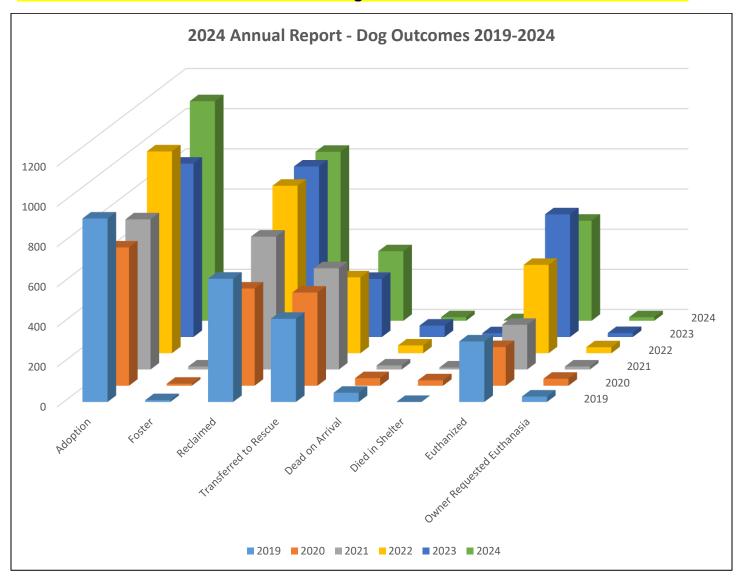


DOG IMPOUNDS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abandoned	61	43	55	48	50	21
Euthanasia Request	21	19	24	17	11	14
Feral	0	0	0	0	5	8
Foster Return	12	21	27	30	26	40
MP Hold	25	24	16	31	53	29
Owner Surrender	522	564	544	503	425	462
Protective Custody	94	173	129	115	100	117
Quarantine	9	17	13	17	8	10
Returned Adoption	105	126	129	116	152	142
Stray Dog	2077	1601	1621	1761	1777	1859
Ft. Campbell Stray Dog	98	193	137	183	192	217
Total	3024	2781	2695	2821	2799	2919

#### **Dog Outcomes**

Outcomes for dogs impounded at the shelter in 2024 were primarily adoptions 38% (8% Increase from 2023), returned to owner 29%, Euthanasia 17% (5% Decrease from 2023) and transferred to rescue 12%.

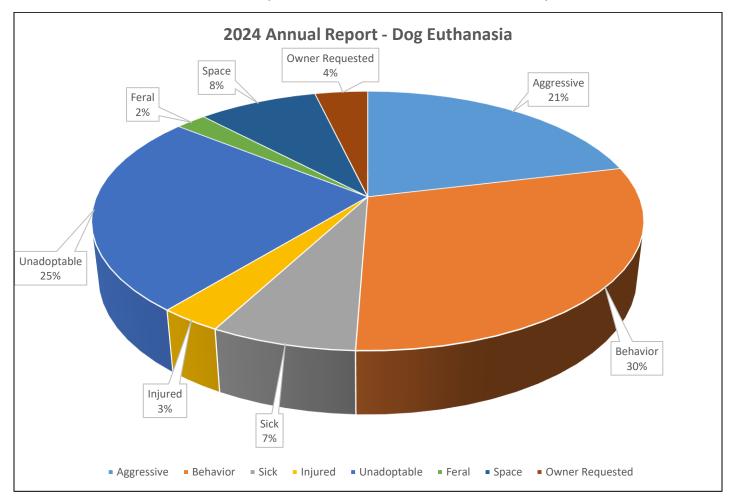
\*MCACC had a live release rate of 82% for dogs at the end of 2024 4% Increase from 2023



DOG OUTCOMES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adoption	915	690	749	1006	864	1095
Foster	9	10	15	75	120	78
Reclaimed	615	485	663	835	850	843
Transferred to Rescue	415	465	505	379	290	349
Dead on Arrival	46	38	20	39	57	53
Died in Shelter	0	27	10	21	19	13
Euthanized	302	193	223	441	612	542
Owner Requested Euthanasia	27	35	15	30	20	14
TOTALS	2329	1943	2200	2826	2832	2987

#### Dog Euthanasia

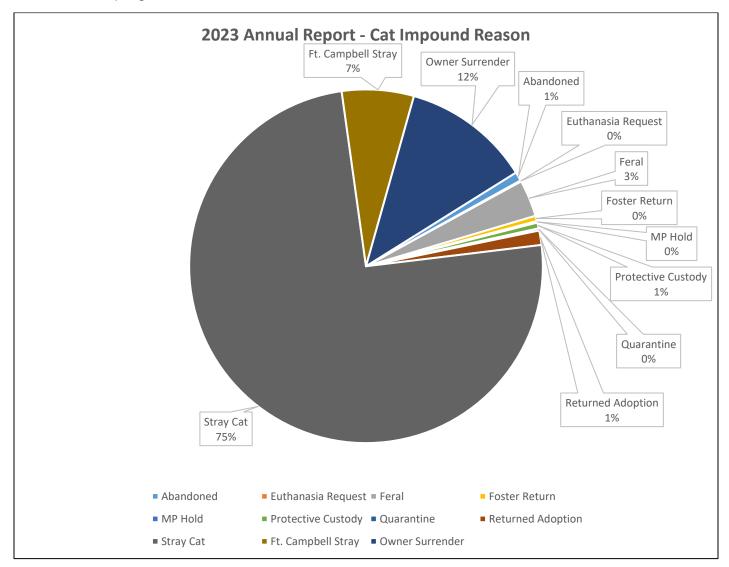
Of the 490 dogs euthanized a 12% Decrease from 2023, 25% of Dogs Euthanized were Unadoptable (18% Decrease from 2023), 51% were for behavior or aggression problems that were deemed unadoptable or unsuitable for rescue. Those problems were identified through owner reports, staff experience and interaction with the dog, shelter temperament testing, and previous bite or aggression history. Other dogs were euthanized for medical issues 10%, space due to overcrowding and no available rescues or facilities to accept overflow less than 8% and owner requested euthanasia 34%



EUTHANASIA REASONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Euthanized Aggressive	112	71	86	148	135	112
Euthanized at Vet	0	0	0	8	28	8
Euthanized Behavior	91	109	88	90	80	150
Euthanized Injured	8	26	5	10	17	16
Euthanized Sick	39	15	25	34	81	42
Euthanized Unadoptable	52	1	0	153	271	158
Euthanized Feral	0	0	0	0	0	11
Euthanized Space	0	0	0	0	0	30
Owner Requested Euthanasia	27	17	20	30	20	27
Total	329	239	224	473	632	554

#### Cats

There were 2,053 cats were impounded in 2024 10% Increase from 2023. 75% were stray cats and kittens, 12% were owner surrenders and 13% were for other reasons such as returned adoptions, feral, etc. A great number of the cats impounded would tremendously benefit from a shelter operated "return to field" program.

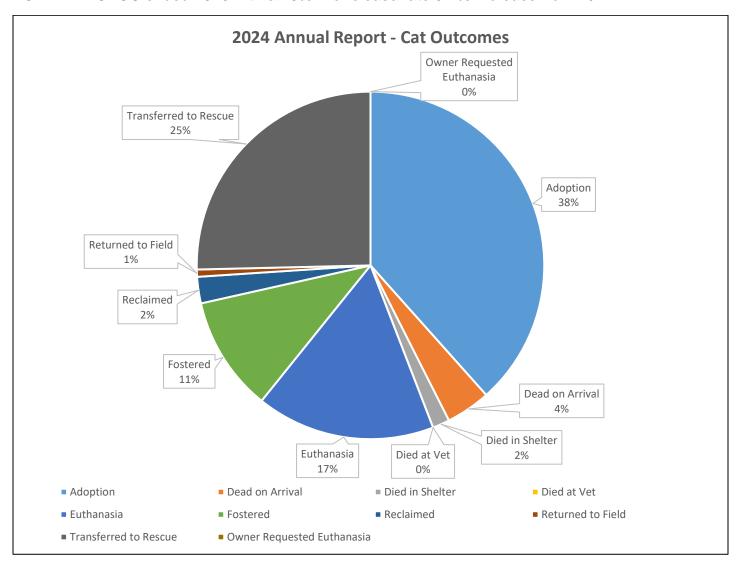


CAT IMPOUND REASON	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abandoned	13	21	12	25	15	17
Euthanasia Request	13	2	1	9	1	2
Feral	63	115	74	52	117	69
Foster Return	0	8	7	168	2	10
MP Hold	NA	16	0	3	16	3
Protective Custody	26	29	34	18	11	11
Quarantine	0	8	5	3	1	4
Returned Adoption	0	24	37	41	40	27
Stray Cat	1496	1300	1151	1432	1262	1534
Ft. Campbell Stray Cat	NA	115	110	167	165	135
Owner Surrender	277	301	274	296	231	241
Total	1888	1939	1705	2214	1860	2053

#### **Cat Outcomes**

There were 2,073 cats that left the shelter in 2024 a 11% Increase from 2023 - 45% of cats were adopted (10% Increase from 2022), 2% were transferred to rescue, 21% were other live outcomes (8% increase from 2022) and 25% were humanely euthanized.

NOTE 2: MCACC ended 2023 with a 76% live release rate 5.2% Increase from 2022



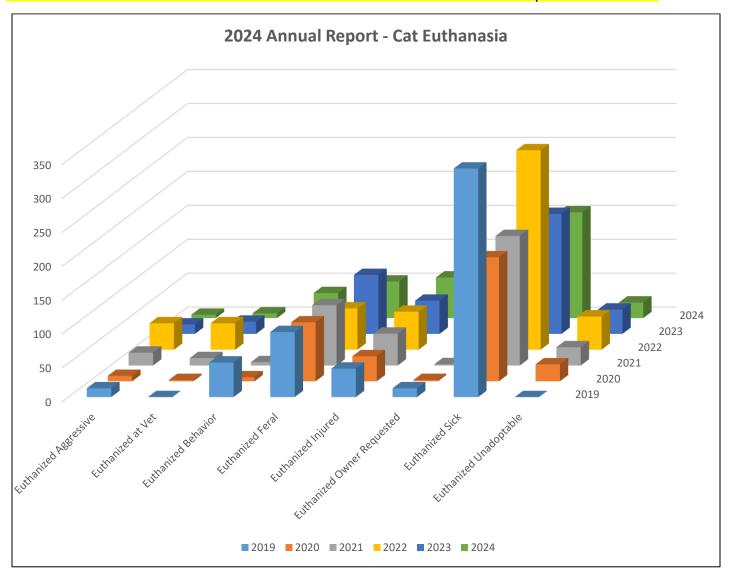
CAT OUTCOMES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adoption	448	606	620	718	718	796
Dead on Arrival	28	31	21	31	66	86
Died in Shelter	19	37	43	66	43	33
Died at Vet	4	16	10	10	3	0
Euthanasia	552	350	391	541	396	345
Fostered	18	275	209	186	203	222
Reclaimed	40	57	67	62	81	51
Return to Field/TNR	0	23	4	5	50	14
Transferred to Rescue	722	562	396	471	283	526
Owner Requested Euthanasia	13	5	3	0	4	0
Total	1844	1962	1764	2090	1847	2073

#### **Cat Euthanasia**

Of the 2,073 cats that were impounded 17% were euthanized a 13% decrease from 2023. 62% were euthanized due to being either sick or injured (1% Decrease from 2023); 16% were euthanized for being feral; and 11% were for other reasons such as owner requested, behavior, aggressive, etc.

NOTE: The Live Release Rate for Cats reached 82%

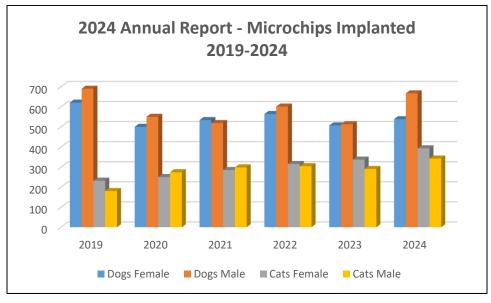
NOTE: There was also a 13% Reduction in the number of sick cats that required Euthanasia

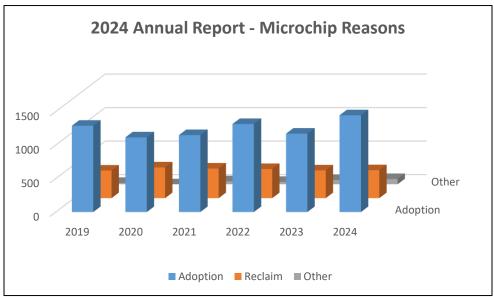


CAT EUTHANASIA	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Euthanasia Aggressive	13	8	19	39	14	5
Euthanasia at Vet	0	2	11	39	18	7
Euthanasia Behavior	51	6	5	1	11	37
Euthanasia Feral	96	87	89	61	87	54
Euthanasia Injured	42	37	47	56	49	60
Euthanasia Owner Request	13	2	2	2	4	3
Euthanasia Sick	337	183	191	294	177	156
Euthanasia Unadoptable	0	25	27	49	36	23
Total	552	350	391	541	396	345

#### **Microchips Issued**

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Montgomery County instituted a new county ordinance requiring all dogs and cats adopted or reclaimed from the shelter, must be implanted with a microchip. Microchipping is proven to reunite pets with their owners much more quickly and reduce shelter stay for animals that have owners. 1,647 Microchips were implanted in 2024. 1,170 Microchips were implanted for adopted dogs and cats and 414 Microchips were implanted for reclaimed dogs and cats.

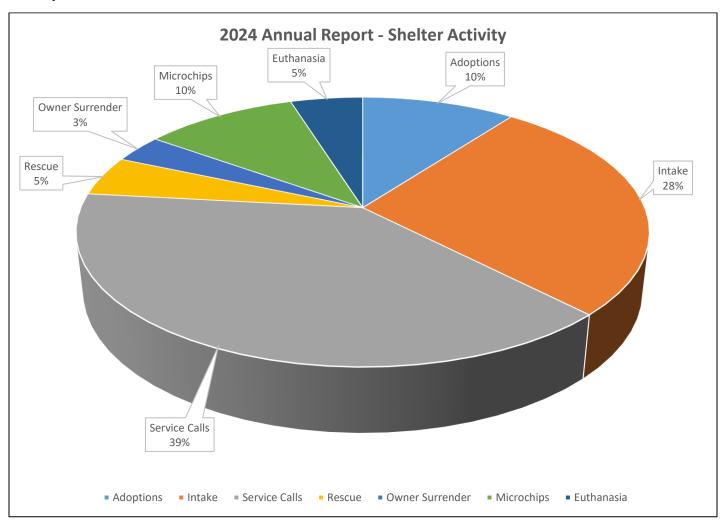




MICROCHIPS ISSUED	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Dogs – Female	621	500	534	564	507	538
Dogs – Male	690	550	519	601	513	667
Cats – Female	232	250	285	315	337	393
Cats – Male	180	278	298	304	290	342
Adoption	1288	1115	1149	1314	1170	1445
Reclaim	412	459	442	435	414	417
Other	20	0	45	35	63	78
Total	1720	1574	1636	1784	1647	1940

#### **Shelter Notes**

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 we implemented a new controlled intake regulation as well as mandatory microchipping of all animals leaving the shelter. The figures below represent a running total from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.



ACTIVITY	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Owner Surrenders	52	44	29	56	44	49	62	69	67	61	44	45	625
Intakes	340	329	336	411	476	491	542	504	431	474	361	380	5,076
Stray Dogs/Puppies	166	178	167	156	185	171	197	170	163	173	156	176	2,058
Stray Cats/Kittens	63	64	74	107	170	181	221	169	136	153	100	80	1,518
Calls for Service	540	554	623	609	583	517	619	692	625	665	499	500	7,026
Euthanasia Dog	37	54	15	28	56	52	71	38	41	40	31	36	499
Euthanasia Cat	10	16	9	26	18	24	57	33	46	58	14	18	329
Microchips Issued	152	102	149	150	137	137	158	197	156	193	193	181	1,905
Adoptions	141	122	155	129	131	132	174	193	178	197	174	183	1,909
Rescue	53	54	57	79	134	105	91	84	58	73	42	55	886
Incoming Phone Calls	1,926	2,200	2,421	2,507	2,296	2,295	2,552	2,363	2,091	2,510	1,598	1,385	26,144
Visitors	1,081	1,364	1,411	941	1,120	1,262	1,576	1,699	1,402	1,421	1,560	1,747	16,594
Live Release Rate	80%	77%	92%	85%	84%	81%	73%	84%	76%	77%	86%	85%	82%
Dogs	76%	76%	93%	88%	79%	78%	73%	86%	82%	83%	85%	85%	82%
Cats	89%	80%	91%	81%	91%	84%	72%	81%	67%	71%	87%	86%	82%

#### **Pet Registrations**

Pet Registrations consist of State of Tennessee Rabies Tags that have been distributed to the 20 local veterinary practices in Montgomery County. These local veterinary practices provide the rabies vaccinations for pets and issue the State of Tennessee Rabies tag to each dog or cat that has been vaccinated against the rabies virus. A \$5.00 fee is charged for the sale of 1 Year State Rabies Tags or \$15.00 fee is charged for sale of 3 Year State Tag in Montgomery County

We had over 45,000 rabies tags issued in Montgomery County for 2024, of which 67% of all tags were issued to Dogs and 33% were issued to Cats in Montgomery County.

