

Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)
2024 Shelter Statistics

	Canine		Feline		Other	Total
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months		
Beginning Animal Count on January 1, 2024	22	2	124	108	3	251
Live Intake						
Stray/At Large from within Philadelphia	13	1	208	201	1	424
Stray/At Large from outside Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relinquished by Owner	52	11	296	137	48	544
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred in from a Philadelphia agency	119	2	443	671	22	1257
Transferred in from outside Philadelphia	0	0	12	7	8	27
Other Intakes from within Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Intakes from outside Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Live Intake	184	14	959	1016	79	2252
Outcomes						
Adoption	159	8	906	937	76	2086
Return to Owner	20	0	66	5	0	91
Transferred Out to a Philadelphia Agency	0	0	5	0	0	5
Transferred Out outside of Philadelphia	0	0	2	0	0	2
Other Live Outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Died in Care*	2	0	5	10	1	18
Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelter Euthanasia*	11	0	48	15	0	74
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Outcomes	192	8	1032	967	77	2276
Ending Animal Count on December 31, 2024	14	8	51	157	5	227

Canine Live Release Rate	94.4%
Feline Live Release Rate	96.8%
Total Live Release Rate	96.6%

Live Release Rate = Live Release / (Live Release + Total Euthanized)

NOTE: PAWS only euthanizes animals who have untreatable illnesses/injuries, or whose behavior would make them a danger to the public if released. In 2024, 82% (61 of 74) of animals euthanized were ailing, suffering cats and kittens with grave prognosis. Six (6) adult dogs were euthanized because they were suffering from untreatable illnesses or injuries. Five (5) adult dogs and two (2) adult cats were euthanized due to untreatable, aggressive behavior. Among animals who died, 56% (10 of 18) were kittens who succumbed to untreatable illness. One (1) adult cat, one (1) adult dog, and one (1) guinea pig died due to untreatable illness; one (1) kitten and one (1) adult dog died due to accidents; and two (2) adult cats and one (1) kitten died due to surgical complication.