

Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)
2025 Shelter Statistics

	Canine		Feline		Other	Total
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months		
Beginning Animal Count on January 1, 2025	22	0	208	0	5	235
Live Intake						
Stray/At Large from within Philadelphia	20	16	177	174	4	391
Stray/At Large from outside Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Relinquished by Owner	64	10	274	65	38	451
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred in from a Philadelphia agency	104	5	494	625	7	1235
Transferred in from outside Philadelphia	0	0	29	30	0	59
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	188	31	974	894	49	2136
Outcomes						
Adoption	168	16	933	805	49	1971
Return to Owner	12	2	59	3	0	76
Transferred Out to a Philadelphia Agency	1	2	5	0	0	8
Transferred Out outside of Philadelphia	0	0	1	2	0	3
Other Live Outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Died in Care*	1	0	4	10	0	15
Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelter Euthanasia*	7	1	39	15	0	62
Owner-Intended Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Outcomes	189	21	1041	835	49	2135
Ending Animal Count on December 31, 2025	21	10	141	59	5	236

Canine Live Release Rate	96.2%
Feline Live Release Rate	97.1%
Total Live Release Rate	97.0%

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 2025, 82% (51 of 62) of animals euthanized were ailing, suffering cats and kittens with grave prognosis. Seven (7) adult dogs were euthanized because they were suffering from untreatable illnesses or injuries. One (1) adult dog and three (3) adult cats were euthanized due to untreatable, aggressive behavior. Among animals who died, 47% (7 of 15) were kittens who succumbed to untreatable illness. One (1) adult cat and one (1) kitten died due to surgical complications, one (1) adult dog and three (3) adult cats died due to untreatable illness; and two (2) kittens died to severe injuries that occurred prior to arrival.