

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

| Fiscal Years | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Personal Services | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating Expenses | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital Outlay | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Grants & Aids | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Program Income (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| In-Kind Match (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Net Fiscal Impact | <u>0</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ADDITIONAL FTE

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|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| POSITIONS (Cumulative) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
 Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes _____ No _____
 Is this item using State Funds? Yes _____ No _____

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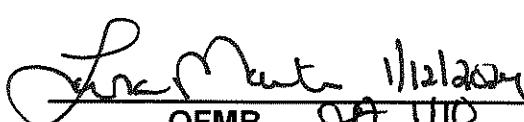
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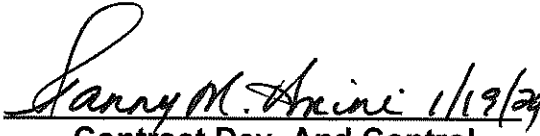
The fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:  1/10/24

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

 1/12/24
 OFMB GA 1/10
 V.S. 1/11

 1/19/24
 Contract Dev. And Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COUNTDOWN TO ZERO RESOLUTION (R-2014-0193) ; PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE INITIATIVE FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS; PROVIDING FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT'S DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, ANIMAL WELFARE PROFESSIONALS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SHELTERS, RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTS TO REACH THE GOAL OF SAVING 90% OF THE LIVES OF ALL ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS BY OR BEFORE 2034; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2023, a total of 1,443 dogs and cats were euthanized in Palm Beach County annually; which is a reduction of 8,327 from 2013; and

WHEREAS, under the Countdown to Zero (C2Z) initiative, as of 2023, the save rate for cats has increased to 83.4% and the save rate for dogs has increased to 88.1%; and

WHEREAS, while significant strides have been made towards reaching the goals of the C2Z initiative, more work needs to be done to reach the goal of saving 90% of the lives of adoptable dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, our community has the expertise, the means, and the obligation to continue implementing strategies that will reduce the number of dogs and cats needing temporary shelter and end the euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, ending the euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats is the responsibility of the entire community and will only occur through the collaboration of County leadership, animal welfare professionals, public and private shelters, rescue organizations, businesses, and the residents of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County will to continue to collaborate with animal welfare professionals, private and public shelters, rescue organizations, volunteers, businesses, residents, and interested parties to to achieve the goal of ending the euthanasia of all adoptable dogs and cats by 2034.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Resolution 2014-0193 is amended as provided herein.
2. Palm Beach County is a C2Z community.
3. Palm Beach County desires that no adoptable dog or cat will be at risk of euthanasia and to provide and encourage programs and services that attain that goal.
4. Palm Beach County establishes February 28, 2034 as the target date by which no adoptable dog or cat will be at risk of euthanasia.

5. Palm Beach County will build coalitions with public and private partners, work with such partners for the greater good of the dogs and cats in Palm Beach County, and will focus on the following programs to reduce and/or eliminate euthanasia:

- High Volume-Affordable and Targeted Spay/Neuter
- Proactive Lost & Found
- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)
- Medical and Behavior Programs
- Proactive Adoptions
- Rescue Networks
- Foster Care For the Sick or Young
- Keeping Pets and People Together
- Volunteers
- Community Outreach and Involvement
- Advocacy For All Animals
- Transparency in Animal Reporting for All Coalition Partners
- Limiting Importation of Animals From Outside the County Except in Times of Disaster or Need
- Eliminate Prejudice Based on Breed, Physical Characteristics, or Age of Dogs and Cats
- Continue Preventative Programs to Keep Animals From Unnecessarily Entering the Shelter System

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

7. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

| | | |
|--|---|-------|
| Commissioner Maria Sachs, Mayor | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Maria G. Marino, Vice Mayor | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Michael A. Barnett | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Marci Woodward | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Sara Baxter | - | _____ |
| Commissioner Mack Bernard | - | _____ |

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 
County Attorney



Countdown to Zero Update

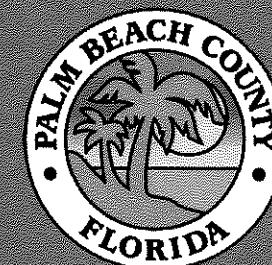
Palm Beach County

Public Safety Department

Division of Animal Care and Control

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

February 6, 2024



What is Countdown to Zero (C2Z)?

End euthanasia of all adoptable animals by 2024



Public-private community collaboration



Focus areas were sterilization, adoption and intake-diversion



Increased TNVR, low-cost sterilizations, and community wide adoption events

What were the community concerns?

- Reducing the # of “at risk” animals needing temporary shelter.
- Lack of affordable sterilization services.
- Pet owners refusing sterilization for cultural, aesthetic or welfare reasons.
- Shifting burden of animal care away from shelters and onto pet owners.
- Continuous kitten season in Florida.
- Backyard breeders producing numerous and unhealthy puppies/kittens.
- Puppy mills supplying numerous pets from poor quality facilities lacking proper animal welfare measures.

Why was CZZ necessary?

- Supported public expectations to save more animals.
- Provided direction to ACC that saving animals was important to County Leadership.
- Established policy to enable partnerships with non-profits who share similar objectives.
- Increased public access to affordable sterilization services.
- Embraced "Trap, Neuter, Return (TNVR)" for population control.
- Implemented a variety of other life-saving initiatives.

How was C2Z implemented?



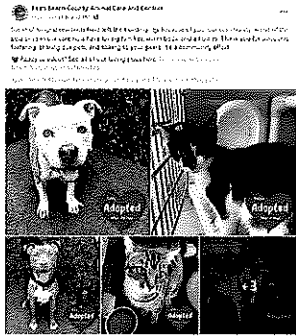
High Volume-Affordable Spay/Neuter



Proactive Lost & Found



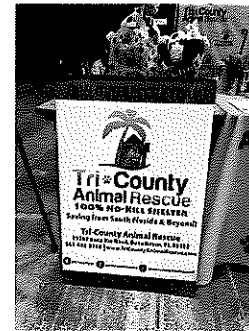
TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return)



Proactive and Efficient Adoptions



Medical and Behavior Programs



Rescue Networks



Foster Care



Volunteers



Community Outreach and Involvement



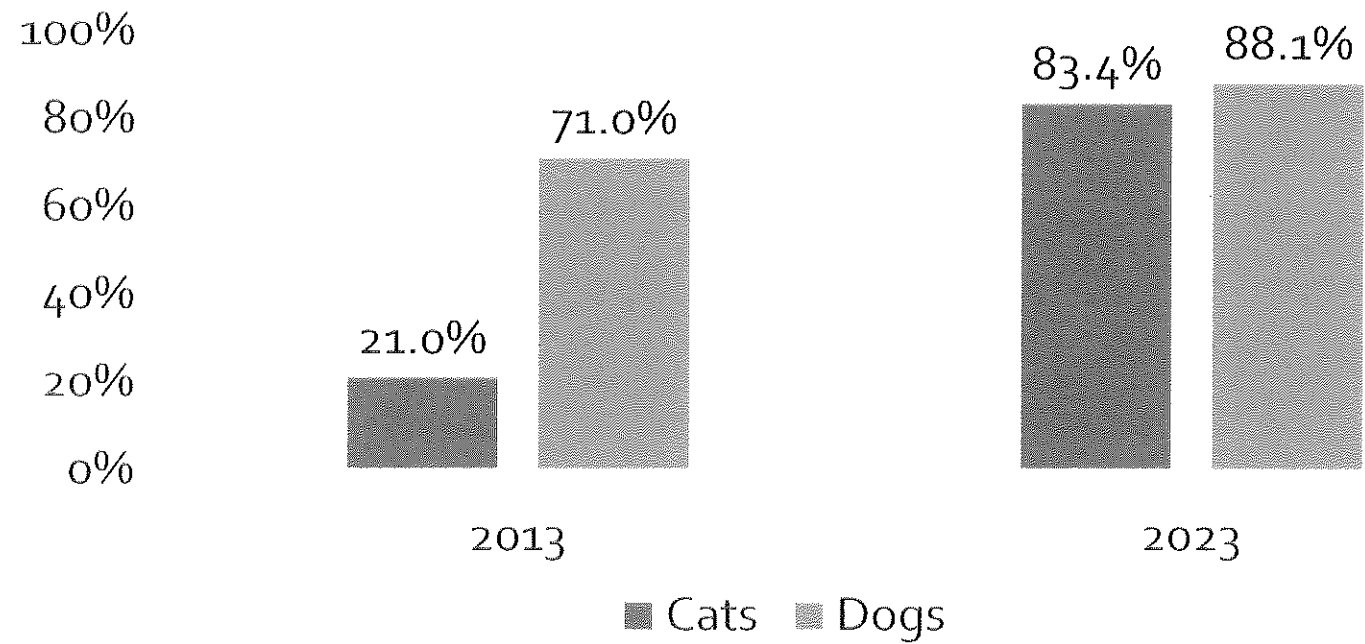
Keeping Pets and People Together



Advocacy

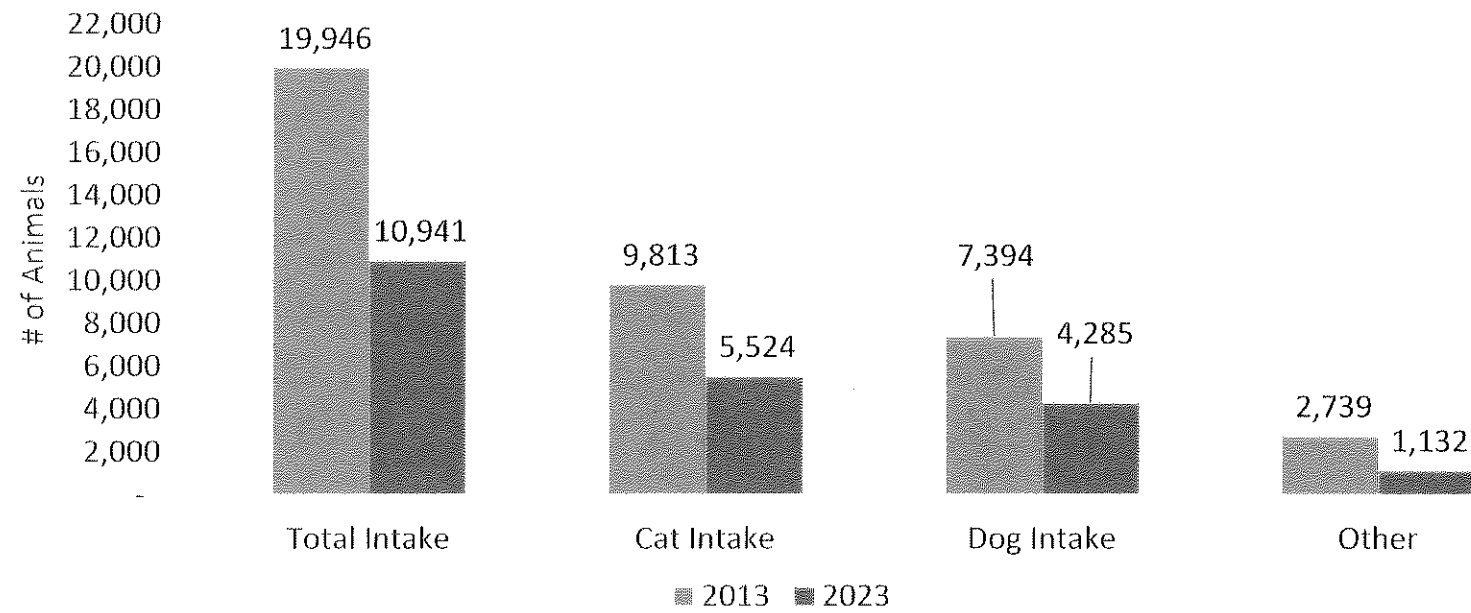
Why was C2Z important?

Save Rate Increased for both Cats and Dogs

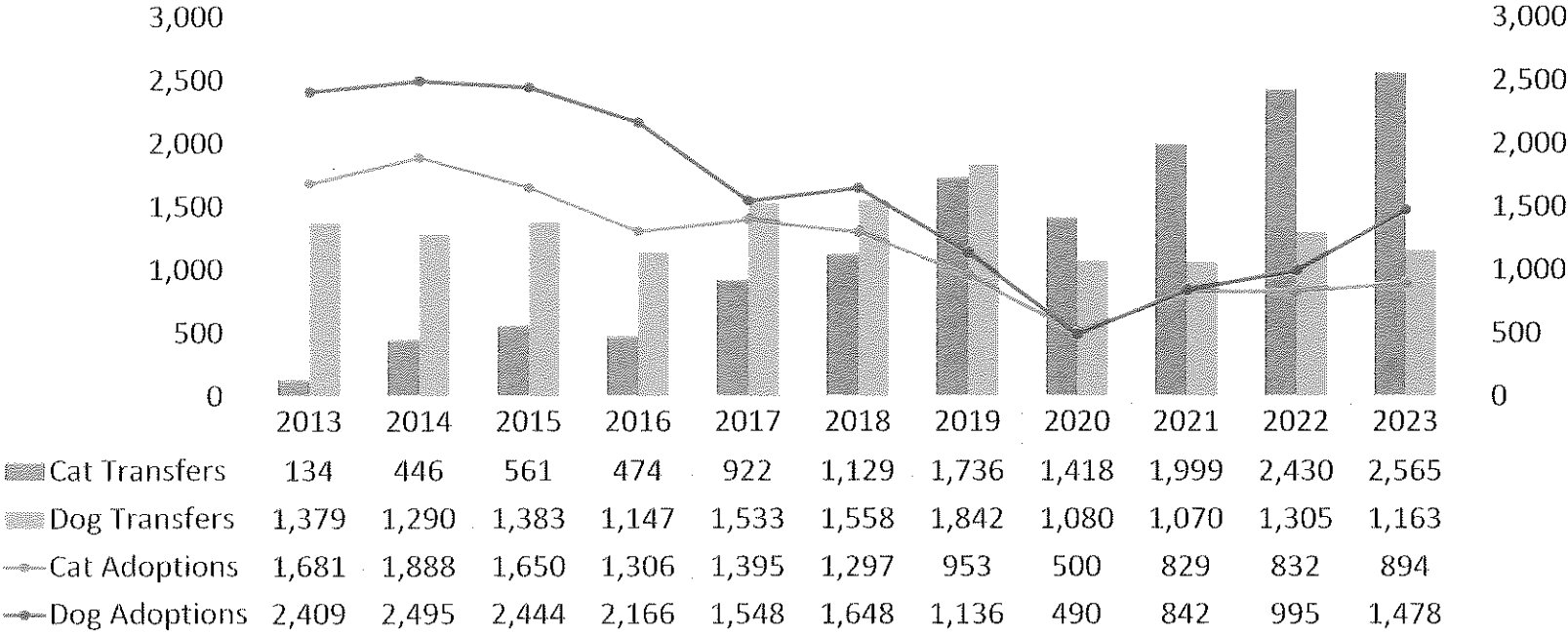


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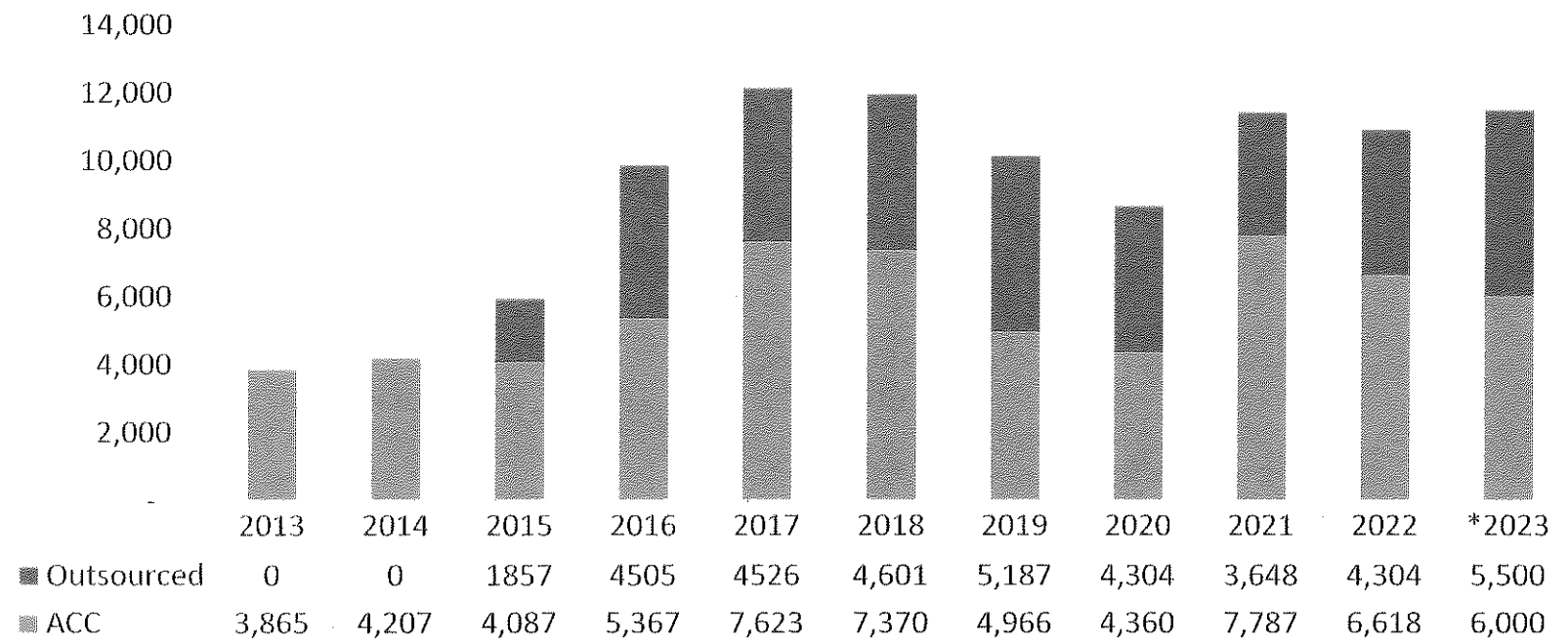
Intake Decreased for All Animals



Adoptions vs. Transfers since C2Z Implementation



Sterilization Surgeries Increased since C2Z Implementation



***2023 numbers include estimate for December and only include 3 months for Furry Friends (new contract)**

ACC
 Compared to
 30 other FL
 County
 Shelters

Comparisons

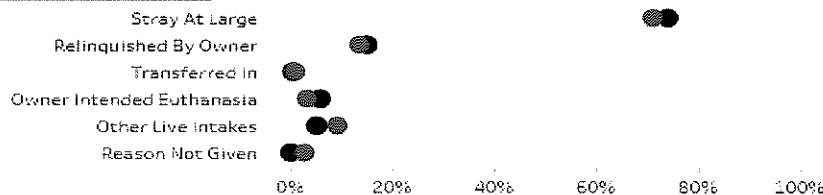
- Palm Beach County Animal Care and Co.
- Filtered Organizations (30)



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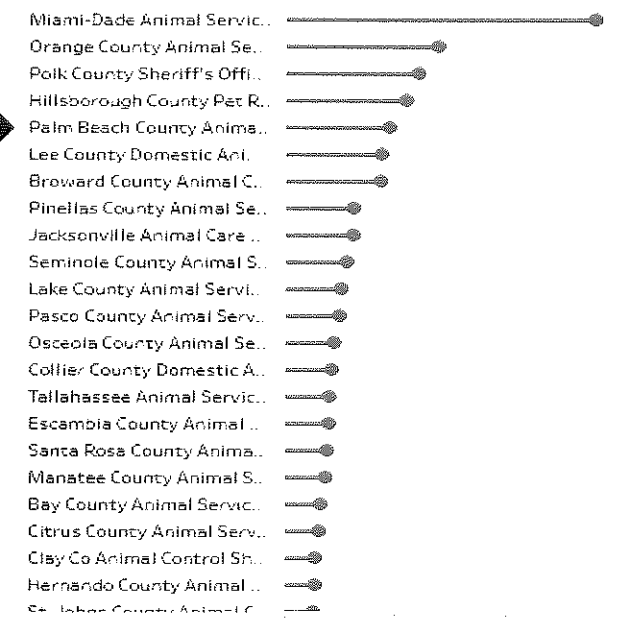


Gross Intakes

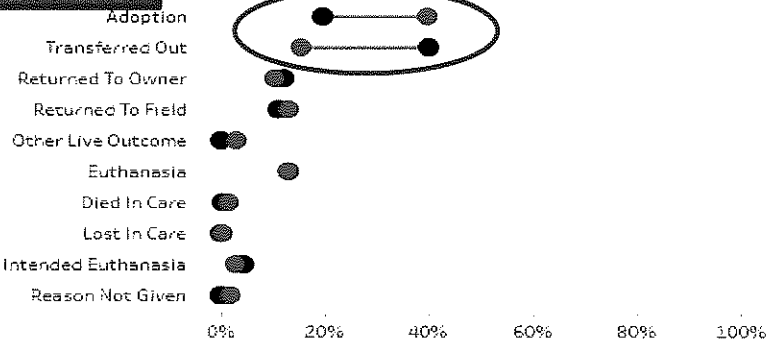


Filtered Organizations: Total Gross Intakes

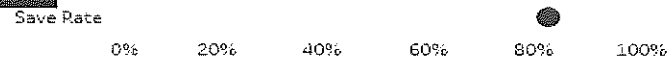
View by: ▲ Highest ▼ Lowest



Gross Outcomes



Save Rate



Where are we today?

- Housing crisis – evictions and homelessness prompt owner surrenders or strays
- Animal owners can't afford their pets due to increasing cost of food, grooming, and medical care.
- Private shelters and rescues locally and in other states are full too
- ACC has been over capacity since April 2022
- Declining capacity for care within the shelter system due to overcrowding
- Animals are entering the shelter at an average rate of 35 animals per day, but only leaving at an average rate of 20 per day.
- Length of stay per animal has greatly increased so even with the reduced intake since 2013, kennels are more crowded as animals stay longer.

Lost dogs have fueled the overpopulation crisis in US animal shelters

About twice as many lost pets enter shelters compared to the number that are given up by their owners

By Cristina Gonzalez, Telemundo Digital

Published August 2, 2023 • Updated on August 2, 2023 at 7:19 pm

Animal shelters struggle as many pets adopted during pandemic are returned

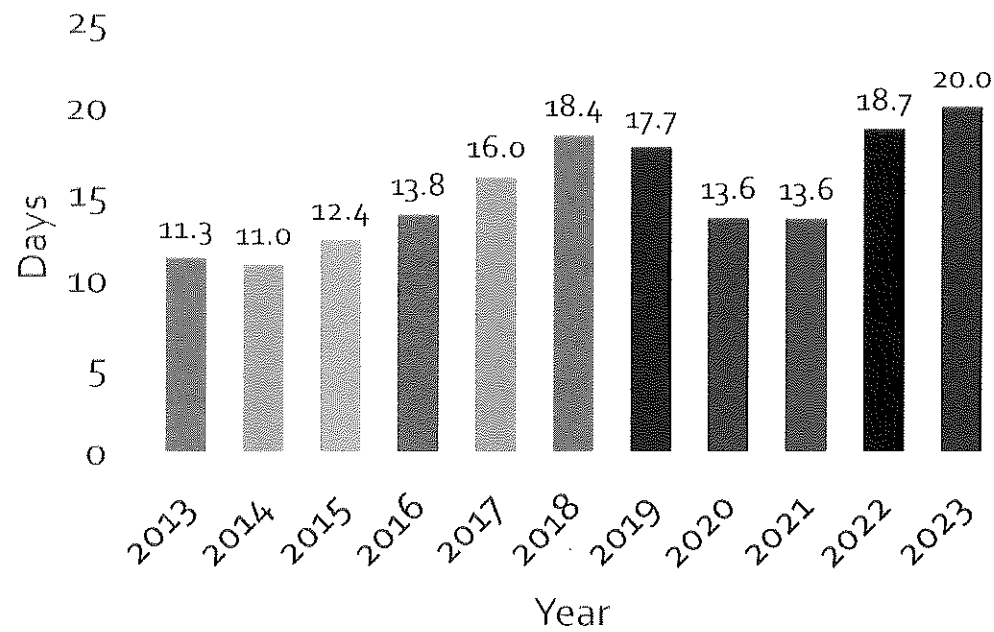
Published August 2, 2023 at 11:47 AM CDT

Americans can't afford their pets. It's pushing animal shelters to the brink.

How animal shelters are coping with a crisis of abandoned cats and dogs.

By Kristy Lorenz | @KristyLorenz | Aug 16, 2023 @ 3:30pm EDT

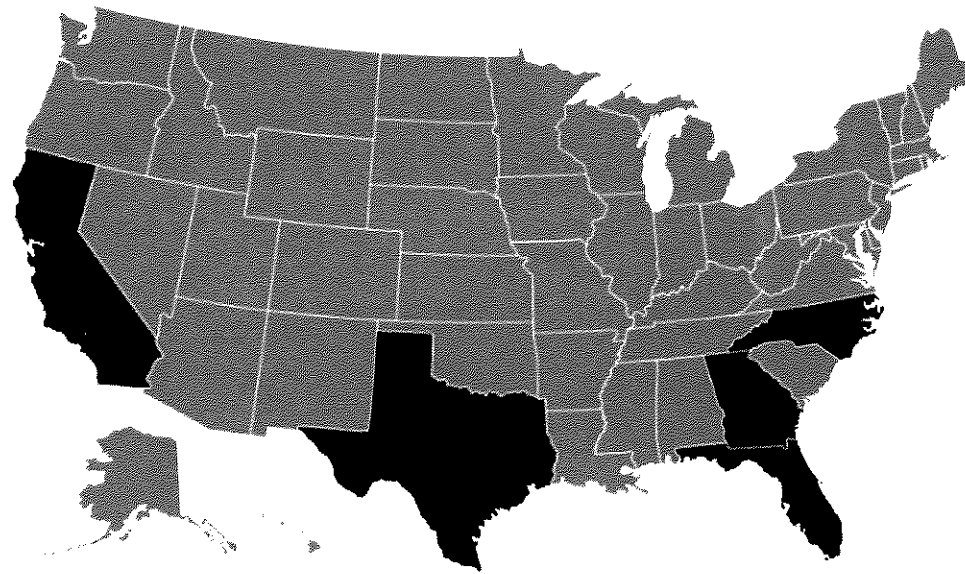
Dog Length of Stay (LOS) at All Time High



of Dogs by LOS

| Year | <30 days | 30 - 60 days | 61 - 90 days | >90 days |
|------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| 2013 | 5,544 | 280 | 94 | 30 |
| 2023 | 2,523 | 371 | 148 | 111 |

90% Save Rate - Countdown to Zero



Florida ranks #3 for the most cats and dogs euthanized in the US.

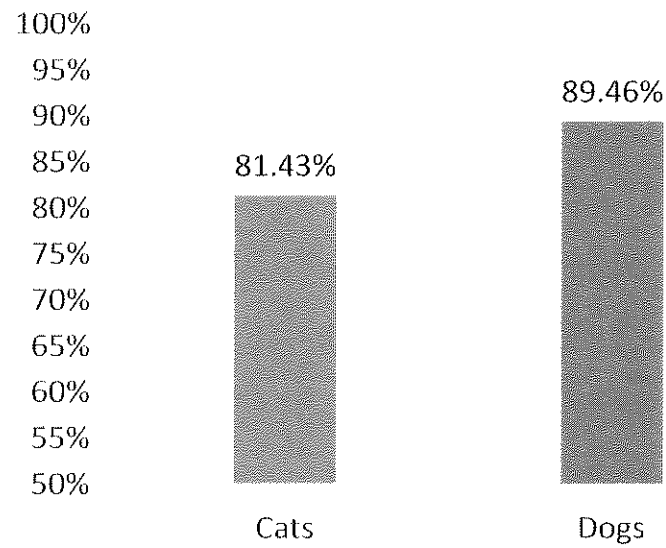
- **Adoptable:** any animal that is not a danger to itself or the community and has a reasonable expectation of a good life.
- **90% Benchmark:** expectation that 10% or less of all animals coming into shelter are dangerous or suffer from irreparable medical or behavioral issues that compromise their quality of life.
- **Challenge:** Open-admission shelters (like ACC) take in all animals, so those turned away from other shelters due to extreme medical or behavioral issues are likely to be a large component of our intake.

What does a 10% euthanasia rate look like?

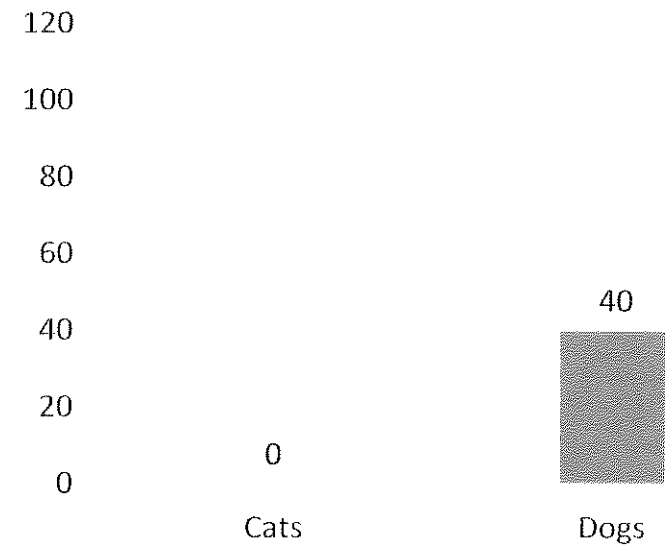
- Animal prognosis is deemed to be poor or grave, there is no chance of recovering an acceptable quality of life.
- Staff and public safety cannot be assured or other management protocols compromise quality of life.
- Clearly inhumane or unsafe to not euthanize immediately.
- Rehabilitation is not possible in our shelter setting due to space and lack of resources.
- Some community cats would naturally not survive back in the wild.

Recap of ACC's Save Rates

December 2023 Save Rate



90% Save Rate Met in Months since 2013



Feedback from the Community

- ✓ Continue to run play groups, expand enrichment programs, and promote fostering
- ✓ Reduce breeding of large at risk dogs and encourage sterilization
- ✓ Revamp perception of ACC and promote our positive impact
- ✓ Divert animals from entering ACC
- ✓ Create a welcoming environment at shelter to not feel like a prison
- Develop a Countdown to Zero Advisory Committee

Where do we go from here?

What works?

- ✓ Foster programs x 4 and low cost adoptions
- ✓ TNVR for Community Cats
- ✓ Educate the community about responsible pet care
- ✓ Adopt Don't Shop messaging
- ✓ Managed intake
- ✓ Low cost rabies vaccinations
- ✓ Strong Spay/Neuter ordinance
- ✓ Volunteer support

What needs improvement?

- ☐ Strengthen fostering and adoption programs
- ☐ Increase targeted TNVR
- ☐ Educate HOAs, insurance companies, and rental properties
- ☐ Focus rescue efforts locally
- ☐ Strengthen intake diversion program
- ☐ Reinstate low cost medical care
- ☐ Strengthen ACC Ordinance to reduce animals entering and LOS at shelter
- ☐ Public/Private partnerships

Requesting BCC to extend Resolution

- Requesting support to extend the Countdown to Zero initiative for another 10 years
 - Renaming the initiative
 - Clarifying definition of adoptable
 - Clarifying metrics to define success
 - Promoting the positive impact ACC has on the community
 - Dedicating resources to diverting animals from entering our shelter

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

| Fiscal Years | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Capital Expenditures | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating Costs | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| External Revenues | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Program Income (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| In-Kind Match (County) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Net Fiscal Impact | <u>0*</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ADDITIONAL FTE

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|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| POSITIONS (Cumulative) | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No

Budget Account Exp No: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
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B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: *The fiscal impact is indeterminable at this time and will ultimately depend on the outcome of the initiative.

Departmental Fiscal Review: Stephanie Semone 1/22/14

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

[Signature]
 OFMB 1/23 AM 1/24

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 Contract Administration
 1-27-14 [Signature]

B. Legal Sufficiency:

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 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2014- 0193

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING COUNTDOWN TO ZERO AS AN OFFICIAL COUNTY PROGRAM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS BY THE YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR A STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF AT-RISK ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PREVENT THE BIRTHS OF UNWANTED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND THE PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC. TO DEVELOP A COALITION OF ANIMAL WELFARE, SHELTERING AND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS TO REACH THE GOAL OF SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS BY OR BEFORE 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the last twenty years more than 14,000 dogs and cats have been euthanized in Palm Beach County annually; and

WHEREAS, our community has the expertise, the means and the obligation to implement strategies that will reduce the number of animals needing temporary shelter and end the euthanasia of adoptable animals in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, ending the euthanasia of adoptable animals is the responsibility of the entire community and will only occur through the collaboration of County leadership, animal welfare professionals, public and private shelters, rescue organizations and the residents of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches, Inc. has already committed to collaborating with the County on the "Countdown to Zero" Program and it is expected that many other animal welfare professionals, public and private shelters, rescue organizations and interested parties will also collaborate with the County to ensure the success of the "Countdown to Zero" Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the following goals are established:

1. Palm Beach County is a Countdown to Zero community.
2. Palm Beach County desires that no adoptable dogs or cats will be at risk of euthanasia and to provide and encourage programs and services that attain that goal.
3. Palm Beach County establishes February 28, 2024 as the target date by which no adoptable dogs or cats will be at risk of euthanasia.
4. Palm Beach County will work with other Countdown to Zero coalition partners for the greater good of the animals in Palm Beach County and will focus on the

following programs to reduce and/or eliminate euthanasia:

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5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.



6. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Vana, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|------------|
| Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Paulette Burdick, Vice Mayor | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Hal R. Valeche | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Shelley Vana | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Steven L. Abrams | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Mary Lou Berger | - | <u>Aye</u> |
| Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria | - | <u>Aye</u> |

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 2014.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:  
Deputy Clerk

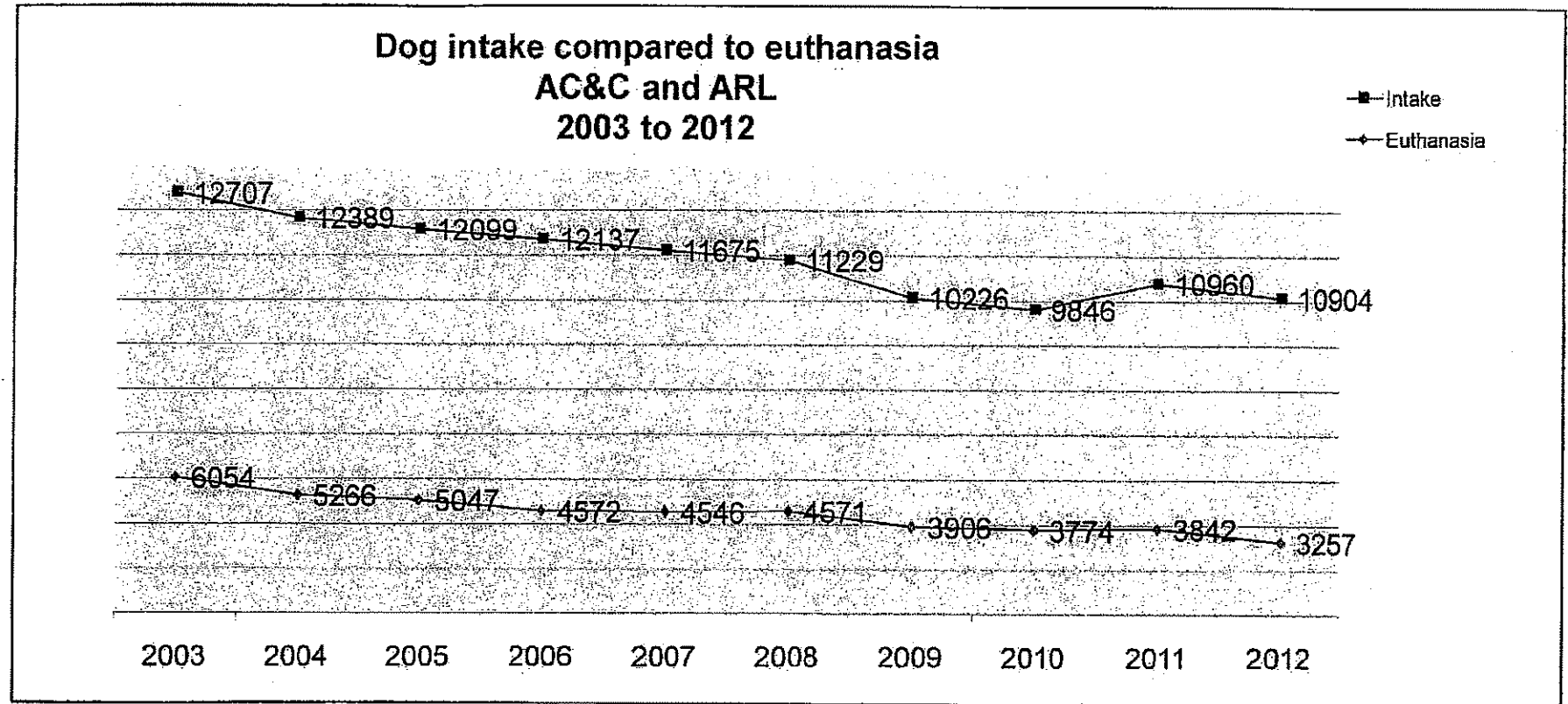
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 
County Attorney

Dogs euthanasia to intake ac&c and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

(Based on AC&C's Fiscal year October 1st through Sep 30th)

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Euthanasia | 6054 | 5266 | 5047 | 4572 | 4546 | 4571 | 3906 | 3774 | 3842 | 3257 |
| Intake | 12707 | 12389 | 12099 | 12137 | 11675 | 11229 | 10226 | 9846 | 10960 | 10904 |

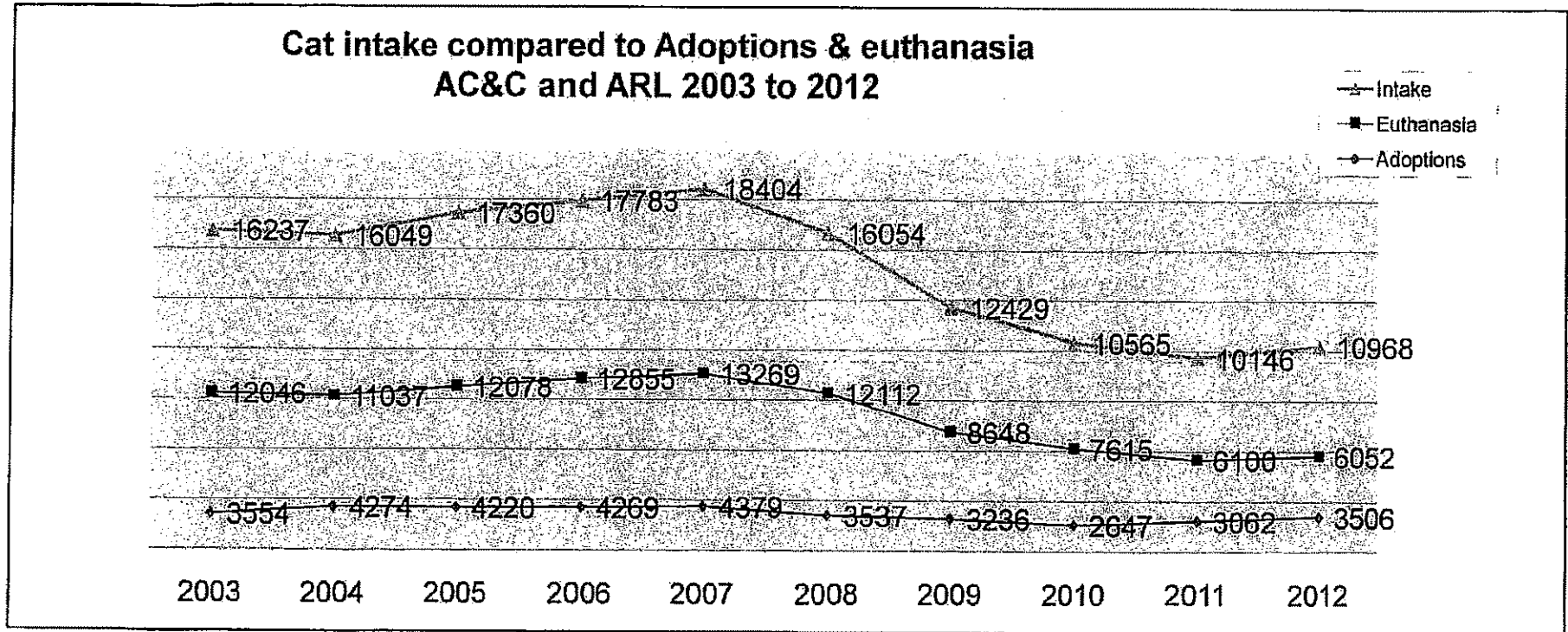


Euthanized shelter pets does not include owner requested euthanasia
Intake of transfers between AC&C and Peggy Adams were counted only once.

Cats euthanasia to intake ac&c and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

(Based on AC&C's Fiscal year October 1st through Sep 30th)

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Adoptions | 3554 | 4274 | 4220 | 4269 | 4379 | 3537 | 3236 | 2647 | 3062 | 3506 |
| Euthanasia | 12046 | 11037 | 12078 | 12855 | 13269 | 12112 | 8648 | 7615 | 6100 | 6052 |
| Intake | 16237 | 16049 | 17360 | 17783 | 18404 | 16054 | 12429 | 10565 | 10146 | 10968 |

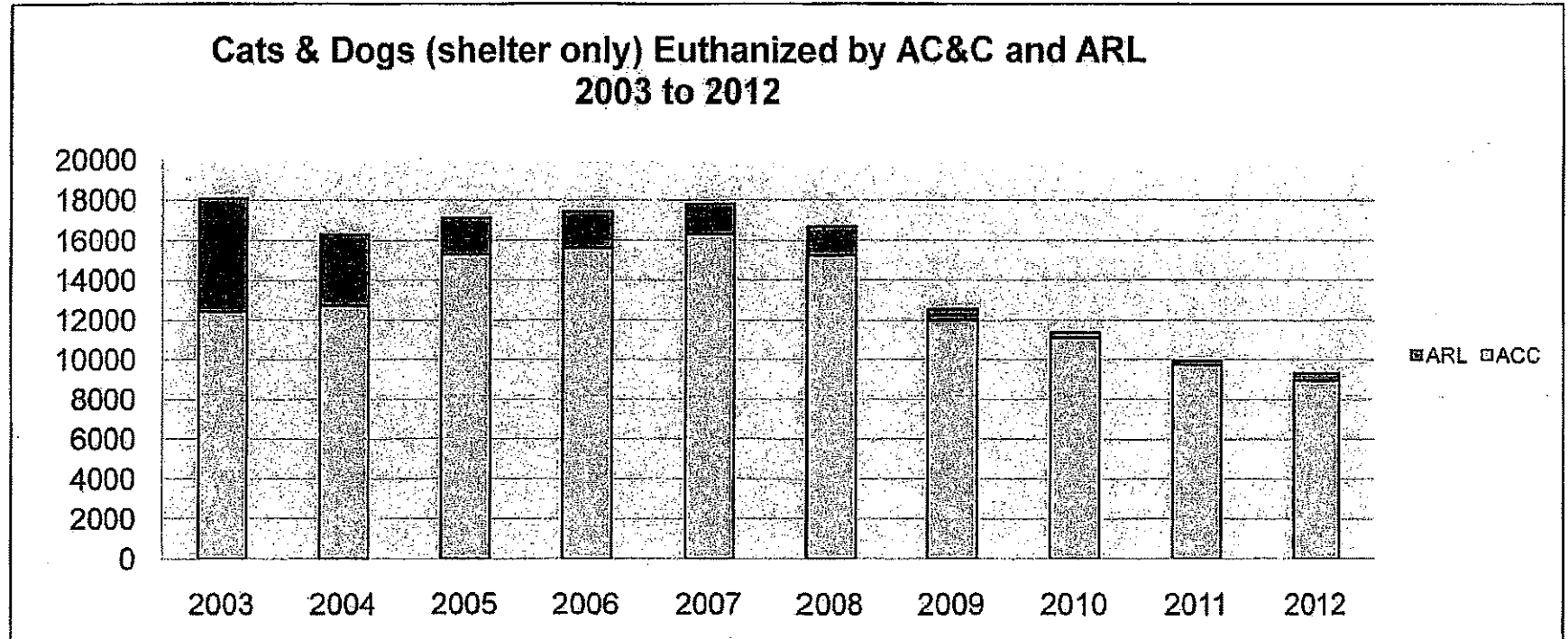


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 Intake data or euthanasia does not include feral cats
 Intake of transfers between AC&C and Peggy Adams were counted only once

Cats and Dogs accepted to shelter euthanized by AC&C and ARL

(Based on AC&C's Fiscal year October 1st through Sep 30th)

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| ACC | 12415 | 12723 | 15264 | 15621 | 16288 | 15227 | 12012 | 11120 | 9715 | 8951 | |
| ARL | 5685 | 3580 | 1861 | 1806 | 1527 | 1456 | 542 | 269 | 227 | 358 | |
| TOTAL | 18100 | 16303 | 17125 | 17427 | 17815 | 16683 | 12554 | 11389 | 9942 | 9309 | 146,647 |



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