



SHELTER
ANIMALS
COUNT

THE NATIONAL DATABASE



COMMUNITY SERVICES DATA

2022



IN THIS REPORT

DATA ANALYZED FROM 2022

INCLUDES COMPLETE AND PARTIAL DATASETS

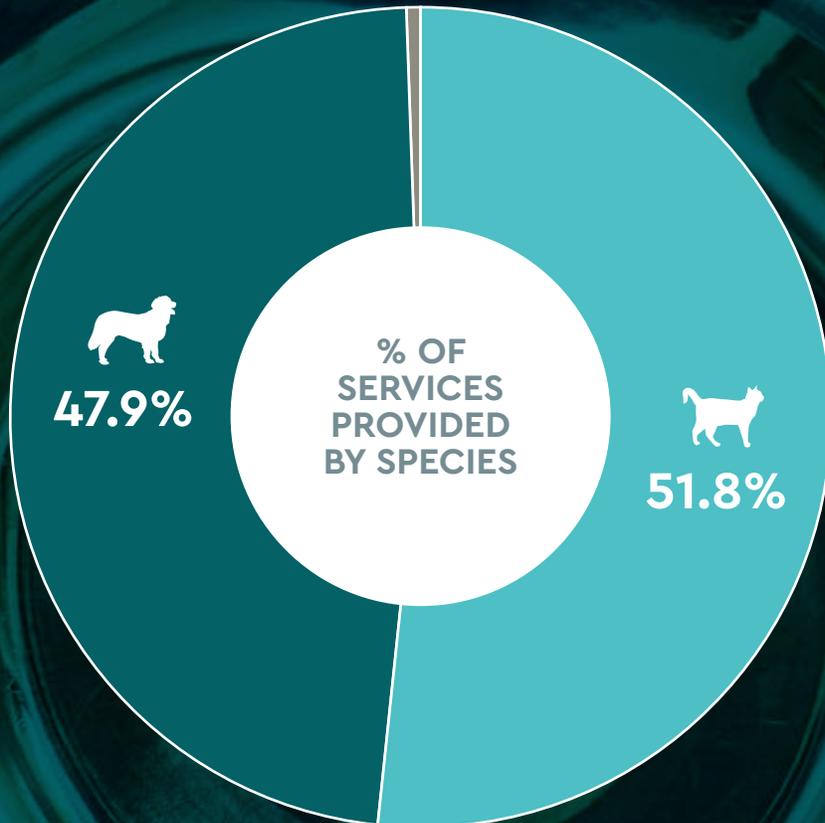
representing
523,074 SERVICES

PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY ANIMALS AS REPORTED FROM

496 ORGANIZATIONS

1,300 ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED WITH THE DATABASE,
INDICATING THAT THEY OFFER SERVICES TO THEIR COMMUNITY

0.3% ADDITIONAL SPECIES





Shelter Animals Count began collecting community services data in 2021 to capture the most common ways shelters, rescues, and service-based organizations are supporting pets and people in our communities.

These organizations provide services to keep owned pets in their homes and to keep community pets thriving in their neighborhoods. Organizations that contribute data include animal shelters, rescue groups and non-sheltering organizations that provide direct or partnered services.

These services exist to help keep pets in their homes and out of the shelters, and also to help people during difficult times.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DATA IS COLLECTED IN FOUR CATEGORIES:



SUPPORT SERVICES



FIELD SERVICES



VETERINARY SERVICES



BEHAVIOR SERVICES

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DATABASE ONLY TRACKS SERVICES PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY/OWNED ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT COUNTED AS AN INTAKE.



VIEW THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DASHBOARD ON OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON SERVICES BEING REPORTED:
WWW.SHELTERANIMALSCOUNT.ORG/COMMUNITY-SERVICES-DATABASE-CSD

Here are a few examples of how community services data is categorized.



SUPPORT SERVICES

Retention and rehoming support provided to community members to ensure their pets can stay in the home, return to home, or find new placement without entering the shelter.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Temporary Housing: An organization provides short-term housing for a pet while a family finds pet-friendly housing.

Pet Food: A family experiencing financial hardships (or other) receives pet food from a pet pantry or human food pantry.



FIELD SERVICES

Services provided by organizations to care for and manage community pet populations such as community cats, and return animals to owners without entering the shelter.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR): An organization traps community animals, animals are spayed/neutered and the trapping organization returns animals to their original location. Does not include animals that are trapped and then become an intake with the intention of a live outcome (adoption, transfer, etc).

Return to Owner in the Field: Animal Control Officer responds to a stray dog call, captures the dog, scans microchip and contacts the owner. Dog is reunited with its owner prior to being taken to the shelter and would be tracked as a service because the dog never experienced an intake at the shelter.



VETERINARY SERVICES

Veterinary Services are provided to owned/community pets as free/low cost services. Includes microchipping, spay/neuter, preventative wellness care, basic and advanced medical care.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Spay/Neuter for Owned Animals: An organization provides spay/neuter to owned pets in the community, not animals in shelter possession (intake). TNR partnered services are not tracked here, but in Field Services.

Owner-Intended Euthanasia: Euthanasia services by appointment at pet owner's request or after consultation with a veterinarian, for medical or behavioral conditions. Services provided at low or no-cost.



BEHAVIOR SERVICES

Low-cost/free behavior programs & services to assist community members with pet behavior issues that otherwise may lead to that animal coming into the shelter.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Behavior Consult: Owned animals receiving behavior consultation and/or resources in-person, by phone, or online. Consults are provided as a free or low-cost community service.

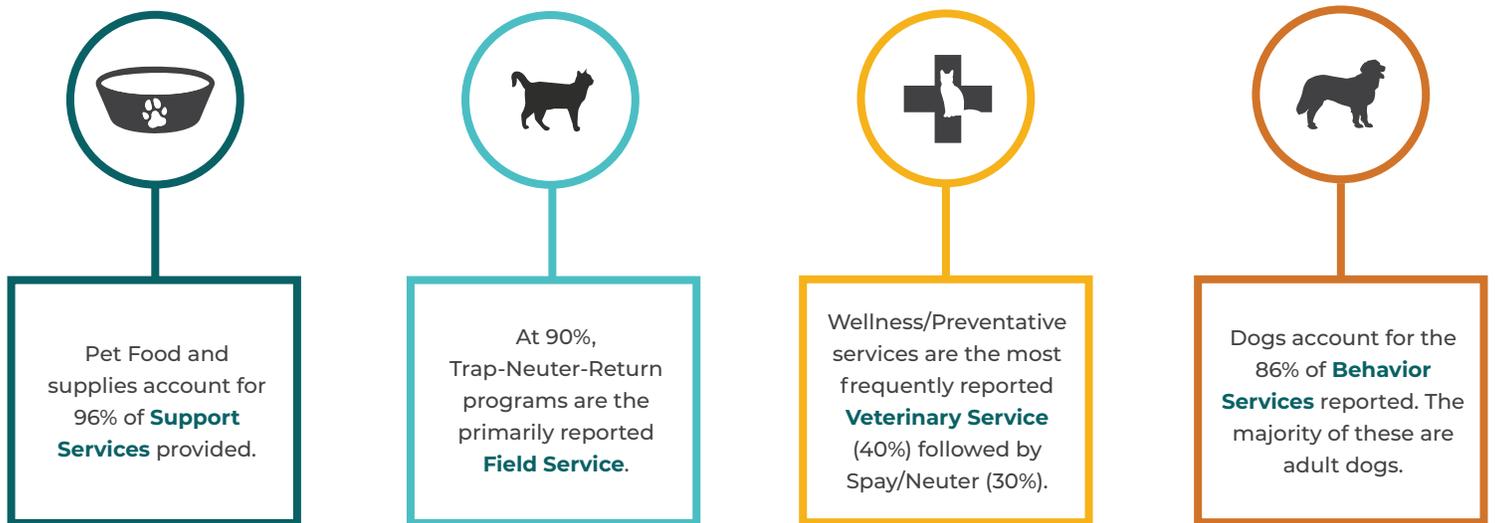
Group Training: Owned animals participating in low-cost or free group training program.

2022 COMMUNITY SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

The National Shelter Partnership Survey* 2022 found that three-fourths of organizations provide at least one service to owned or community supported pets.

More than half of these organizations provide food or supplies, assist with lost pet reunification, provide information for found kittens and/or assist with spay/neuter efforts.

**In partnership with the ASPCA and Adopt a Pet, the National Shelter Partnership Survey was distributed in Sep 2022. 2,055 organizations responded.*



WHERE ARE THESE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED?

52%

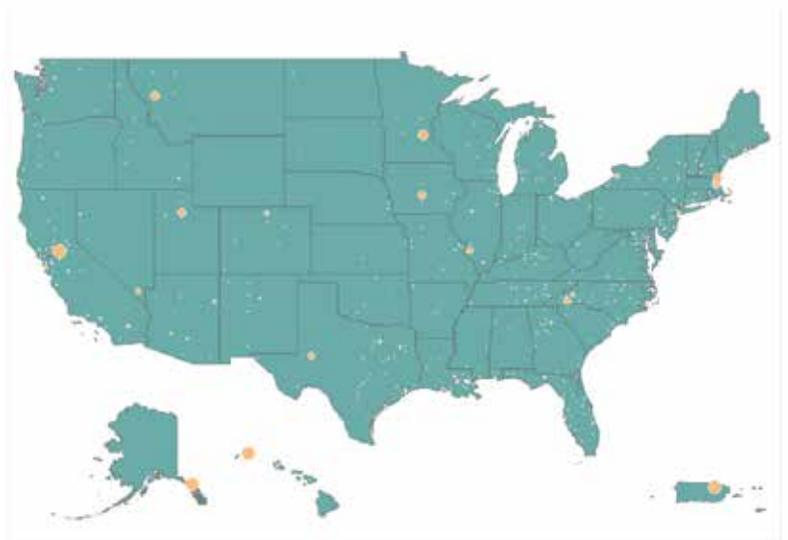
of services reported were in counties with **higher levels of vulnerability overall**.

39%

of services reported were in counties with higher levels of vulnerability **related to socioeconomic status** (i.e. poverty, unemployment, housing cost burdens, no health insurance, and no high school diploma).

69%

of services reported were in counties with higher levels of vulnerability **related to housing and transportation** (i.e. multi-unit housing and group housing, mobile homes, crowding, and no vehicle access).

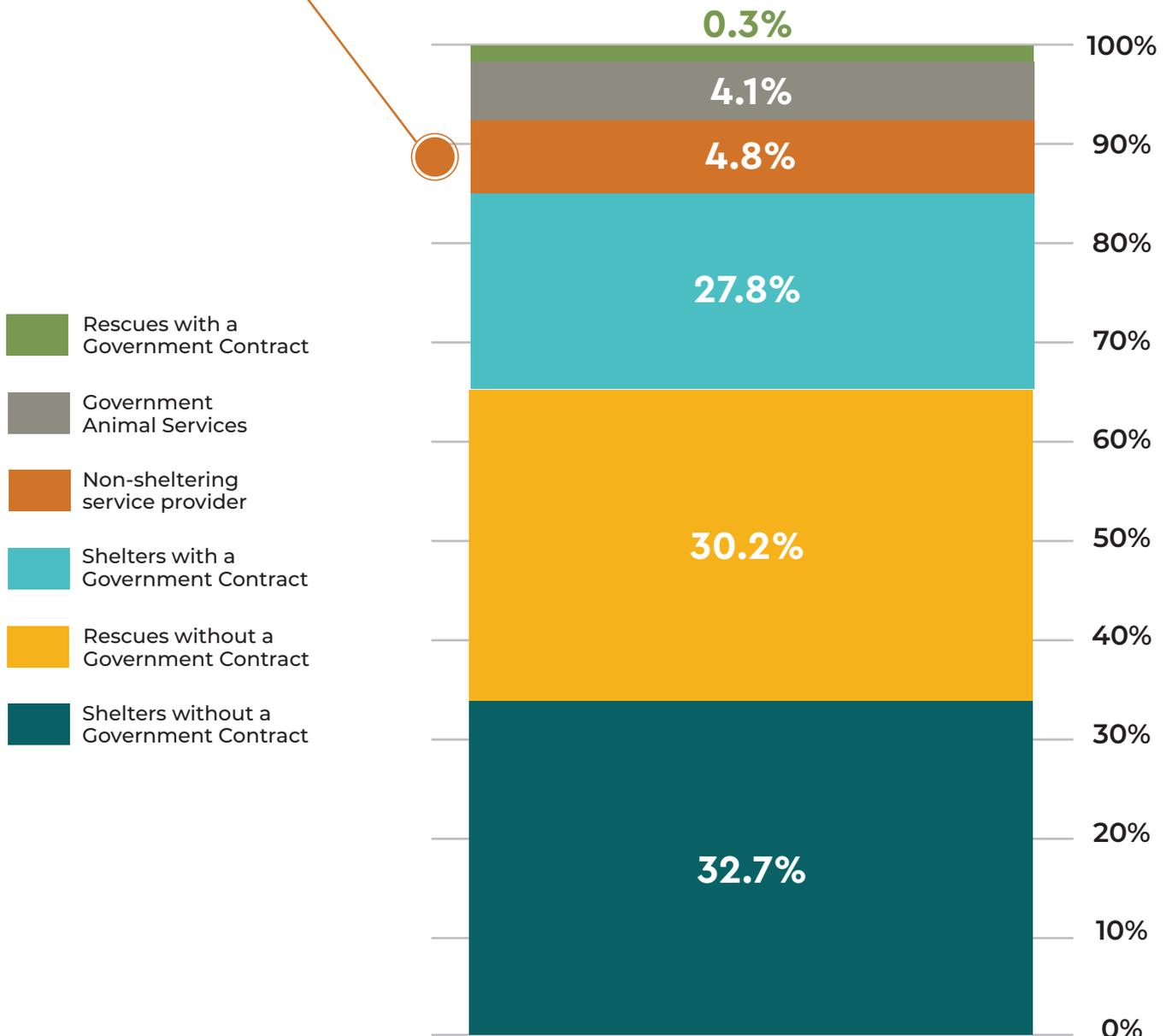


INFORMATION BASED ON THE CDC'S SOCIAL VULNERABILITY INDEX WHICH COMBINES DEMOGRAPHICS TO DETERMINE HOW RESILIENT A COMMUNITY WOULD BE WHEN FACED WITH A NATURAL DISASTER (PHYSICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, ETC.). ON A SCALE OF 0 TO 1, COUNTIES WITH A RATING OF 0.6 OR HIGHER ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE HIGHER LEVELS OF VULNERABILITY IN THIS REPORT.

% OF SERVICES BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

Shelters without a government contract provided 32.7% of all services reported in 2022, followed closely by **rescues without a government contract** (30.2%).

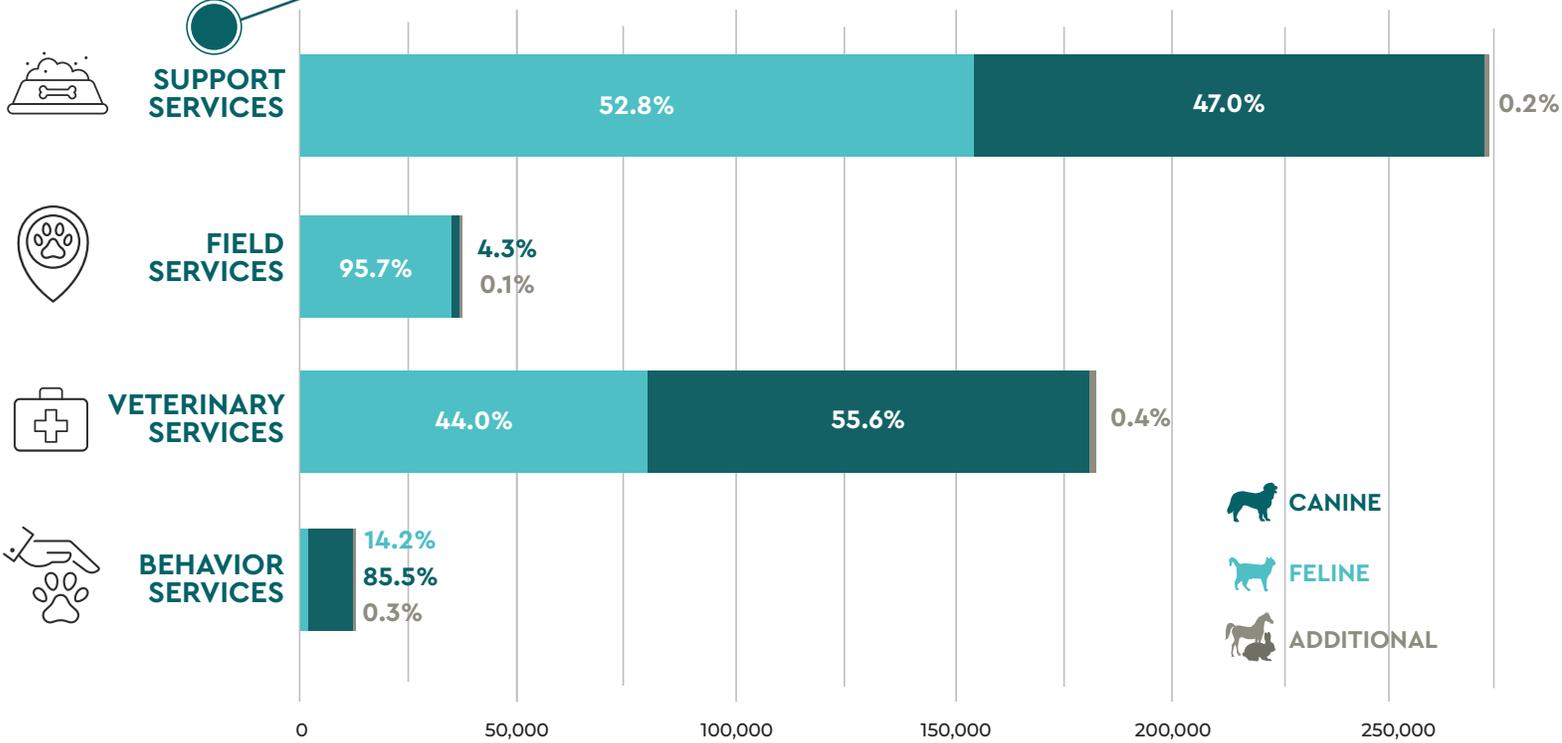
The Shelter Animals Count Community Services Database is the first database to allow both animal sheltering and non-sheltering organizations, as well as human services organizations, to count their animal services in a central database.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE

Support services are the most frequently reported service provided (56% of all services) followed by Veterinary Services (35% of all services).



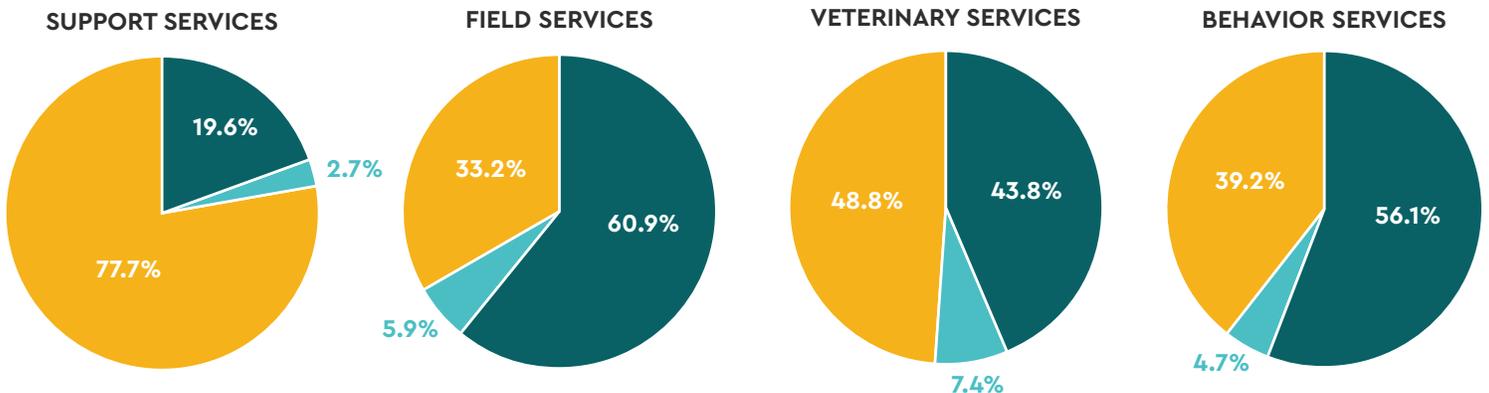
SERVICE CATEGORY BY AGE

Age data is important to help us better understand the service needs in areas such as Field, Vet and Behavior.

ADULT
>5 months

JUVENILE
<5 months

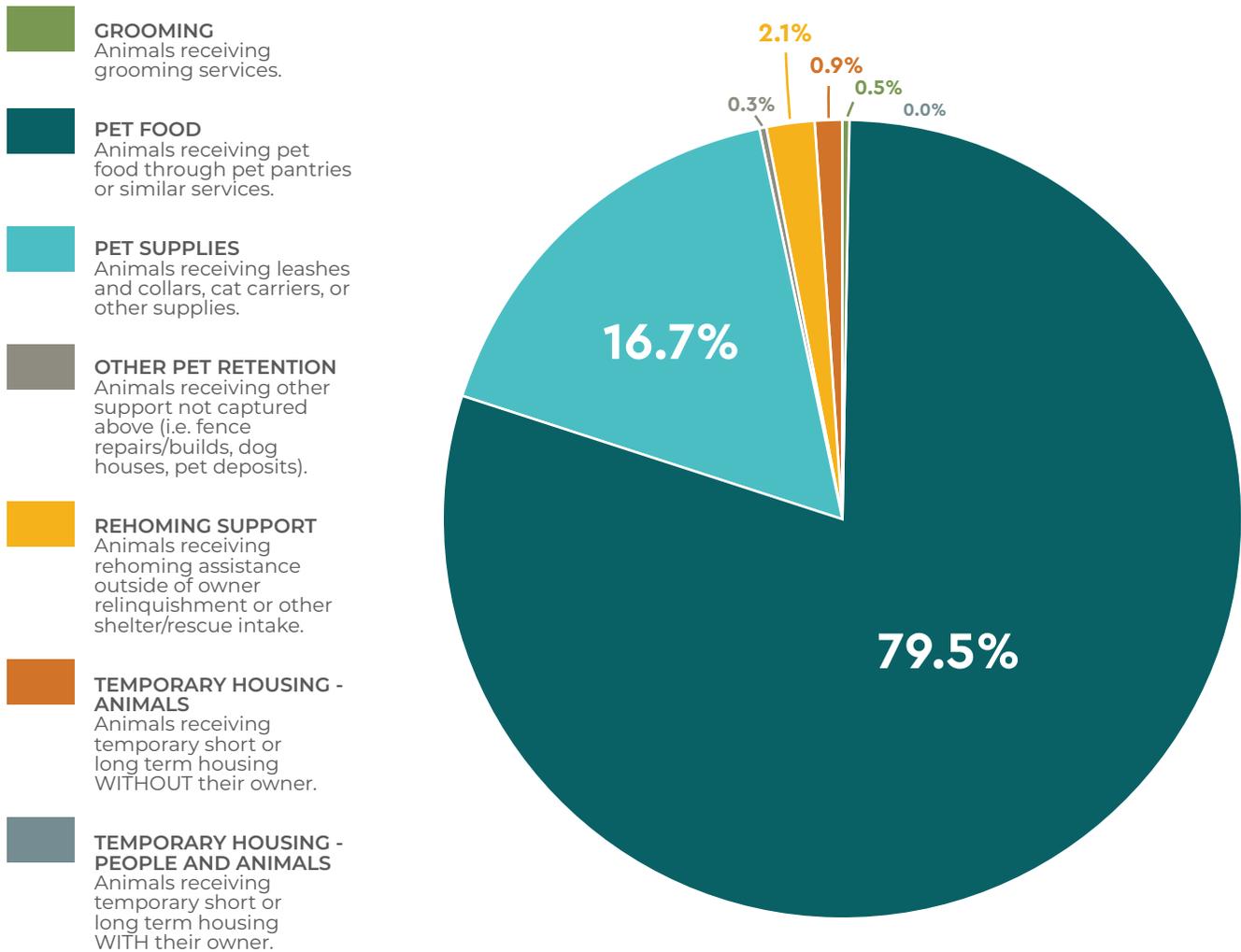
AGE UNKNOWN
no age provided



SUPPORT SERVICES

BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE

2% of services reported are for rehoming support outside of intake. In 2022, 15% of pets listed on Rehome by Adopt a Pet, a self-supported rehoming website, were referred there by shelter/rescue organizations. Of these, 82% had a documented outcome of something other than being relinquished to a shelter or rescue.



	GROOMING	PET FOOD	PET SUPPLIES	OTHER PET RETENTION	REHOMING SUPPORT	TEMPORARY HOUSING ANIMALS	TEMPORARY HOUSING ANIMALS & PEOPLE	TOTAL
CANINE	1,216	109,204	20,896	528	4,009	1,583	31	137,467
FELINE	274	123,213	27,653	263	1,935	975	37	154,350
ADDITIONAL*	37	182	183	0	179	38	13	632

* ADDITIONAL SPECIES: RABBITS, EQUINE, SMALL MAMMALS, BIRDS, FARM ANIMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

FIELD SERVICES

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE



Cats account for 96% of field services reported. The majority of these are adult cats (58%).



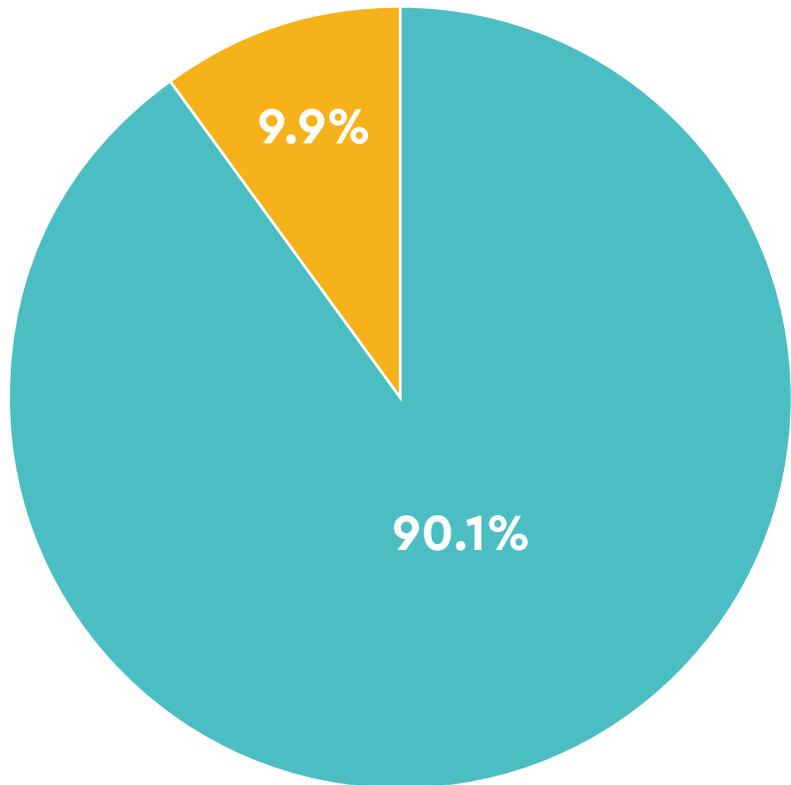
TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR)

Animals not included in intake, already altered or altered after trapping, and returned to capture location.



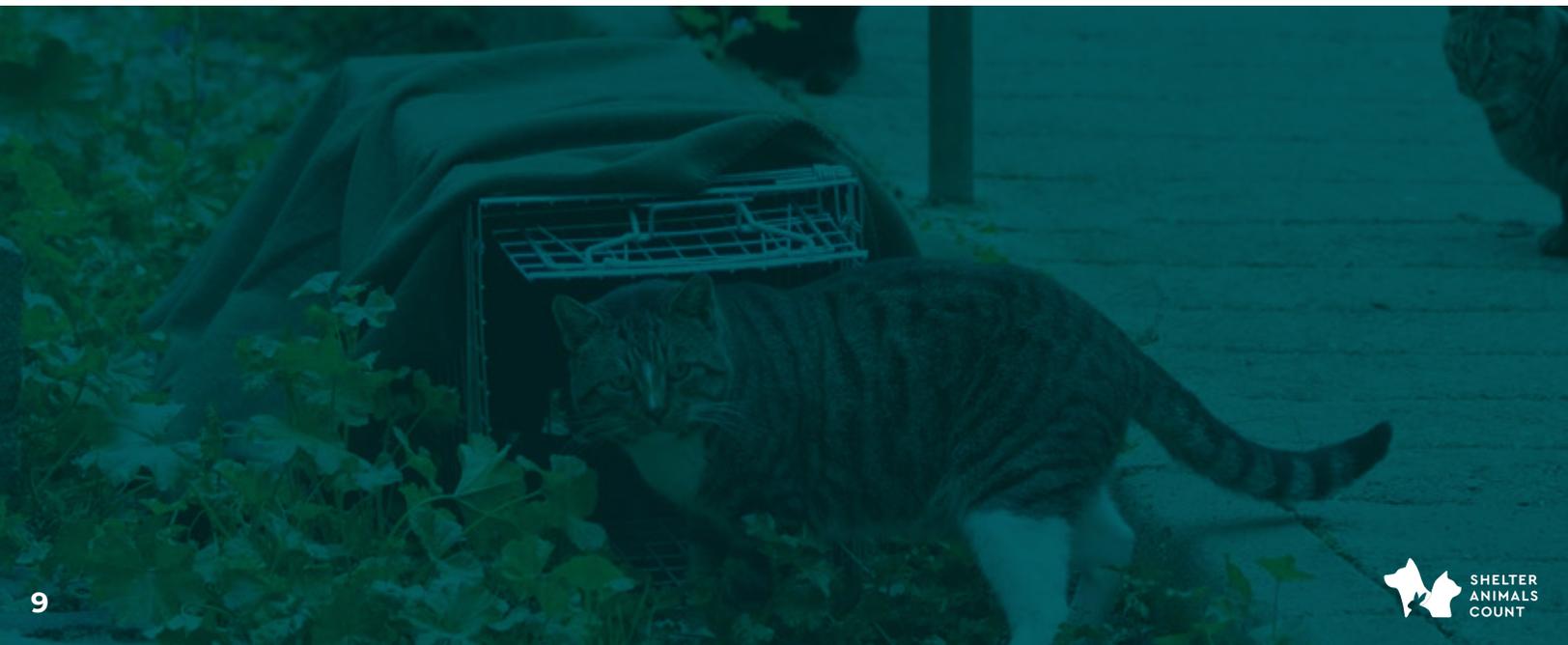
RETURN-TO-OWNER IN THE FIELD

Stray animals returned to their owner without intake.



	TNR	RTO	TOTAL
CANINE	59	1,496	1,555
FELINE	32,858	2,083	34,941
ADDITIONAL*	1	22	23

* ADDITIONAL SPECIES: RABBITS, EQUINE, SMALL MAMMALS, BIRDS, FARM ANIMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS



VETERINARY SERVICES

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE

- MICROCHIP, COLLAR, ID**
 Animals receiving insertion of microchip and/or application of longwear collar with identification, as well as registering microchip/recording identification.

- WELLNESS/PREVENTATIVE**
 Routine preventive care provided to healthy pets and/or same treatments provided to mildly affected pets (i.e. vaccinations, routine deworming, flea/tick treatment, heartworm prevention, etc.).

- SPAY/NEUTER OWNED PETS**
 Owned animals receiving spay/neuter services. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is not recorded here, but in Field Services.

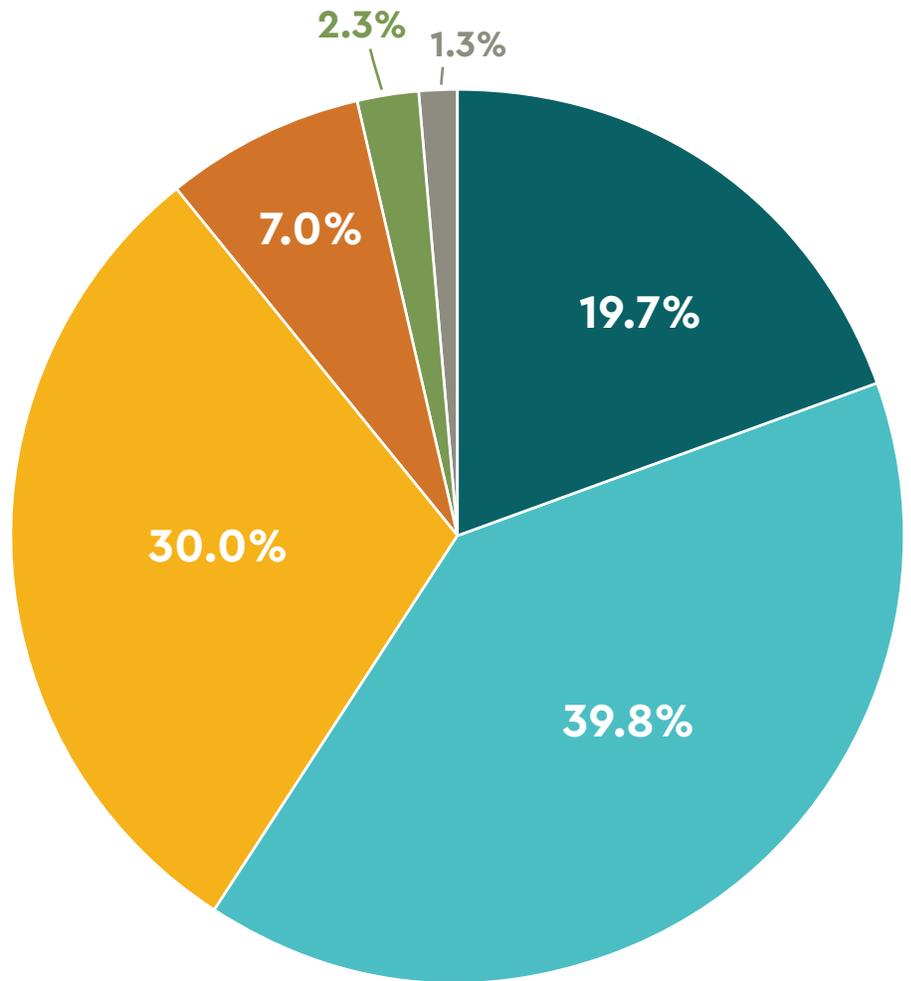
- OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA (OIE)**
 Owner makes an appointment with the shelter to euthanize their animal due to a medical or behavioral condition OR owner selects euthanasia as the best treatment option after consultation with a veterinarian. In this report, OIE provided to pets received at intake are counted as a service.

- BASIC VETERINARY CARE**
 Minor medical or surgical care provided to pets with a condition requiring single course of treatment (i.e. dentistry, tooth extraction, minor heartworm disease, routine skin allergy, ear infection, etc.)

- ADVANCED VETERINARY CARE**
 Animal presents with illness as complaint and illness requires more than routine preventive medical or surgical care to address. Condition requires ongoing or chronic care, or hospitalization to prevent death/disability (i.e. fractures, chronic diarrhea, URI, parvo, diabetes, cancer, etc.).

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Dogs account for 56% of all veterinary services provided. The majority of these are reported as an unknown age.



	MICROCHIP, COLLAR, ID	WELLNESS/PREVENTATIVE	SPAY/NEUTER OWNED PETS	OWNER-INTENDED EUTHANASIA	BASIC VETERINARY CARE	ADVANCED VETERINARY CARE	TOTAL
CANINE	19,754	48,332	20,547	8,345	2,508	1,650	101,136
FELINE	15,985	23,759	33,877	4,132	1,652	719	80,124
ADDITIONAL*	32	264	90	204	45	16	610

* ADDITIONAL SPECIES: RABBITS, EQUINE, SMALL MAMMALS, BIRDS, FARM ANIMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

BEHAVIOR SERVICES

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE

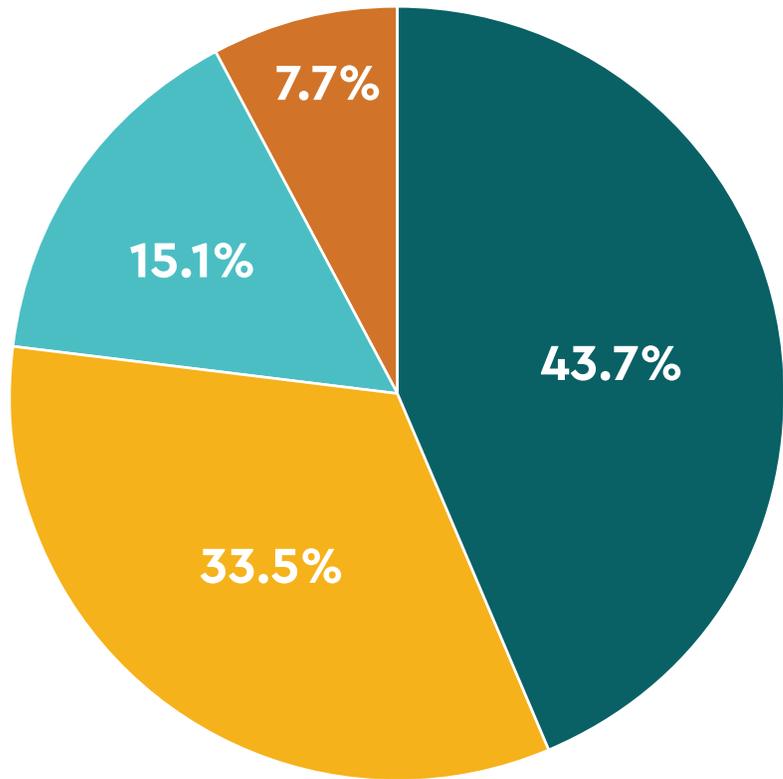
BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION
Owned animals receiving behavior consultation in-person, by phone, or online. Consult is provided as a free or low-cost community service.

GROUP TRAINING
Owned animals receiving training in a group setting. Training provided as a free or low-cost community service. Classes can be provided directly by an organization or indirectly with a voucher for a private business.

PRIVATE TRAINING
Owned animals receiving training in a private setting. Training provided as a free or low-cost community service. Classes can be provided directly by an organization or indirectly with a voucher for a private business.

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION
Owned animals participating in a behavior modification program. Training provided as a free or low-cost community service. Classes can be provided directly by an organization or indirectly with a voucher for a private business.

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Behavior Services are the least reported service provided.



	BEHAVIOR CONSULT	GROUP TRAINING	PRIVATE TRAINING	BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION	TOTAL
CANINE	3,975	4,066	1,812	571	10,424
FELINE	1,335	4	24	374	1,737
ADDITIONAL*	21	13	0	0	34

* ADDITIONAL SPECIES: RABBITS, EQUINE, SMALL MAMMALS, BIRDS, FARM ANIMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS





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