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PRESS RELEASE

Trinity County Releases 2025 Animal Control and Animal Shelter Annual Report *February 17, 2026*

The Trinity County Sheriff's Office has released its 2025 Annual Report for Animal Control and the Animal Shelter, summarizing service demand, shelter operations, and community outcomes for the 2025 calendar year.

In 2025, Animal Control experienced an increase of more than 11 percent in service calls, with report activity rising accordingly.

The Trinity County Animal Shelter operated public hours four days per week with the assistance of American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) grant funding administered through the Trinity Animal Shelter Auxiliary. Intake of both dogs and cats increased from the prior year, while owner surrenders declined due to extended wait times caused by shelter overcrowding. Capacity challenges were driven primarily by an increase in stray animals and Animal Control enforcement intakes.

Adoptions declined for both dogs and cats. Owner redemptions increased in total number but remained proportionally consistent with overall intake. Rescue transfers increased significantly, but did not fully offset the decline in adoptions.

Euthanasia increased over 2024 (which had been a three-year low). In dogs, behavioral euthanasia continued to rise for the third consecutive year, and euthanasia related to space limitations also increased.

Following the suspension of the Spay and Neuter Voucher Program in 2024, the Trinity Animal Shelter Auxiliary implemented a volunteer-based spay and neuter program in 2025. The program served 69 community animals and generated more than 1,500 hours of volunteer service.

Goals for 2026 include maintaining consistent public hours and implementing an updated fee schedule.

The 2025 Annual Report can be accessed [here](#).

Agencies Involved:

Trinity County Sheriff's Office – Animal Control and Animal Shelter
Trinity Animal Shelter Auxiliary (T.A.S.A.)