

ANIMAL CONTROL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Animal Control callstotal: 680 (9.87% of total call volume)

Animal Control reportstotal: 155

Potentially Dangerous Dog petitions.....5

Vicious Dog petitions.....1

2024 showed an increase in the number of animal control calls as well as the number of reports generated. The rise in reports was consistent with the rise in overall calls. We also saw a significant number of potentially dangerous dog petitions filed this year as well as one of those dogs rising to a petition for vicious dogs after failure to meet the dangerous dog requirements.

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Intake of Animals:

Animal Control/Deputies strays picked up: 122 dogs / 16 cats / 0 other

Strays surrendered by the public: 92 stray dogs / 65 stray cats / 0 other

Unwanted/Owner surrendered: 13 unwanted dogs / 37 unwanted cats / 0 other

Animals seized by Animal Control/Deputies: 31 dogs / 0 cats / 2 other

Total Entered the Shelter: 468 (dogs-326 / cats-138 / other-4)

Includes Arrested/Deceased owners and quarantine holds

The primary source locations for dogs (all intake types) were Weaverville (32%), Hayfork (31%), Trinity Pines (12%) and Douglas City (6%)

The primary source locations for cats (all intake types) were Weaverville (37%), Lewiston (22%), Douglas City (17%) and Junction City (14%)

Starting in 2024 we began tracking the breeds of dogs at intake. This information is highly subjective and based solely on the appearance of dogs as determined by shelter staff. The primary breed types for dogs (all intake types) were German Shepherd (26%), Pit (15%), and Lab Type (9%). LGD types, Terriers, and Malinois also had a strong showing.

Disposition of Animals:

Animals reclaimed by ownerTotal 105 (Dogs-102 / Cats-3 / Other-0)

Animal adopted.....Total 129 (Dogs-71 / Cats-56 / Other-2)

Animals euthanized Total 151 (Dogs-107/ Cats-31 / Feral-13 / Other-0)

Rescued group (adopted)..... Total 37 (Dogs-22 / Cats-14 / Other-1)

2025 showed an increase in animal intake from 2024. This included an increase in Animal Control/LEO strays as well as public strays. The number of animals seized by Animal Control under PC 597.1 also increased ten times the 2024 numbers.

Unfortunately, this increase in intake was accompanied by a decrease in the number of animals adopted with the adoption rate halving. In 2025, 22% of the animals entering the shelter were redeemed by their owners, a decrease of 3% from the previous year. There was an increase in the number of animals pulled from the shelter by 501c3 rescue groups, but the increase was far from what was needed to overcome the decreases in owner redemption and adoption. Similar to 2024, behavioral euthanasia was a significant factor in our euthanasia numbers reflecting 1) a continued trend of dogs with under socialized histories prior to shelter entry, 2) increased confinement time, 3) a population consisting of primarily large breed and active dogs. Live release rates dropped from 81.5% in 2024 to 64.2%.