



2015 ANIMAL SHELTERING REPORT

	DOGS	CATS
ANIMAL COUNT AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR (JAN. 1, 2015)	125	298
LIVE INTAKE IN 2015:		
STRAY/RUNNING AT LARGE	1,373	2,907
RELINQUISHED BY OWNER	1,819	2,083
OWNER REQUESTED EUTHANASIA ¹	106	75
OTHER (ANIMAL CONTROL IMPOUNDS, EVICTIONS, ETC.)	1,468	358
TOTAL LIVE INTAKE IN 2015	4,766	5,423*
ANIMAL DISPOSITION/OUTCOMES IN 2015:		
ADOPTION	1,696	2,544
RETURNED TO OWNER	623	70
TRANSFERRED TO PARTNER AGENCY (RESCUE GROUPS, SHELTERS) ²	1,347	1,642
DIED/LOST IN CARE ³	16	99
EUTHANASIA - OWNER'S REQUEST ¹	96	73
EUTHANASIA - ALL OTHER THAN OWNER'S REQUEST ⁴	994	1,073
TOTAL DISPOSITION/OUTCOMES IN 2015	4,772	5,501
ANIMAL COUNT AT THE END OF YEAR (DEC. 31, 2015)	115	179

¹ Owner requested euthanasia is a low-cost public service that BARCS provides to Baltimore City pet owners in need. This program is for pets that come to our shelter that are terminally sick, suffering, are unable to be treated or have a dangerous bite history. BARCS' medical team and program staff evaluate all requests for euthanasia, and if we feel those animals can be saved, they are.

² As the largest companion animal shelter in our state, BARCS relies heavily on our partnerships with nearby shelters and rescue groups (both locally and nationally) to aid with our high-volume intake. These organizations take not only cats and dogs, but also exotic pets, farm animals and wildlife that come to our shelter.

³ BARCS is an open admission shelter, which means that we take in and care for all animals that come to our door. Because of this, we get dozens of critically sick and injured animals each month. Our staff veterinarians and Franky Fund partnering clinics work to save the lives of all treatable animals--but sometimes, despite our best efforts, they succumb to their injuries/illnesses. In addition, during the summer months, our shelter takes in hundreds of neonatal kittens. While most of these newborns are able to be saved with round-the-clock care and bottle feeding, some--despite our greatest efforts--are unable to thrive.

⁴ The most common reasons for euthanasia are due to aggression; animals that are seriously sick and unable to be medically treated; and animals who have reached the end of their lifespan. Also factoring into this selection are cost-to-save, foster availability and shelter space for long-term, intensive care. **BARCS saved all healthy and friendly animals again this year, and continues to save more and more medical cases each year thanks to donations to our medical care funds.**

*Not included in Total Live Intake in the cats category is an additional 3,453 cats, that were cared for in 2015 by the BARCS' Community Cats Program. This program manages outdoor cat populations through Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR), and provides resources to community colony caretakers.

