



2017 Animal Sheltering Report

	DOGS	CATS
LIVE ANIMAL COUNT AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR (JAN. 1, 2017)	67	142
LIVE INTAKE IN 2017:		
STRAY/RUNNING AT LARGE	1,527	2,439
RELINQUISHED BY OWNER	992	1,536
OWNER REQUESTED EUTHANASIA ¹	191	109
OTHER (ANIMAL CONTROL, IMPOUNDS, EVICTIONS, ETC.)	1,008	2,673
TOTAL LIVE INTAKE IN 2017	3,718	6,757
ANIMAL DISPOSITION/OUTCOMES IN 2017:		
ADOPTION	1,686	2,620
RETURNED TO OWNER	620	120
TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY (RESCUE GROUP, SHELTERS) ²	684	943
RETURN TO FIELD (COMMUNITY CATS RETURNED ALTERED & HEALTHY TO COLONY) ⁵	-	2,283
DIED/LOST IN CARE ³	10	58
EUTHANASIA - OWNER'S REQUEST ¹	170	97
EUTHANASIA - ALL OTHER THAN OWNER'S REQUEST ⁴	525	614
TOTAL DISPOSITION/OUTCOMES IN 2017	3,695	6,735
LIVE ANIMAL COUNT AT THE END OF YEAR (DEC. 31, 2017)	90	164

Report Notes:

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 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.

5) Previously operated by Best Friends Animal Society staff, BARCS took over the Community Cat Program July 1, 2016. As a humane way to manage the outdoor cat population, BARCS traps, vaccinates, spays/neuters, and provides additional medical care as needed to outdoor cats then returns them to their original outdoor homes.