



Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Fédération des sociétés canadiennes d'assistance aux animaux

National Shelter Statistics 2008

Actual Numbers

	DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTALS
ADMITTED	36,651	84,301	9,846	130,798
ADOPTED	18,113	35,287	5,637	59,037
RETURN TO OWNER	11,217	3,249	314	14,780
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ORG	421	665	849	1,935
EUTHANIZED	6,962	45,388	1,899	54,249
DIED IN SHELTER	304	1,537	867	2,708

Percentages

	DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTALS
ADMITTED	36,651	84,301	9,846	130,798
ADOPTED	49%	41%	57%	45%
RETURN TO OWNER	30%	3.8%	3.2%	11%
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ORG	1%	.8%	8.6%	1.5%
EUTHANIZED	19%	54%	19%	41.5%
DIED IN SHELTER	.8%	1.8%	8.8%	2.1%

Reasons for Euthanasia

	DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTALS
Physically or Behaviourally Healthy	6%	9%	15%	9%
Physically or Behaviourally Unhealthy	60%	60%	72%	61%
Not Categorized	34%	31%	13%	30%

Shelter Policy & Procedure Questions

	YES	NO
Open Admission Shelter	40%	44%
No Kill Shelter	12%	72%
Spay/Neuter Before Adoption	79%	5%
Microchip Before Adoption	36%	48%

Statistics were collected from August till October 2009. Results were received from 100 shelters – 88 of these were humane societies/SPCAs, including BC and Ontario branches and 12 were rescue organizations. This represents about a 60% response rate from humane societies/SPCAs.