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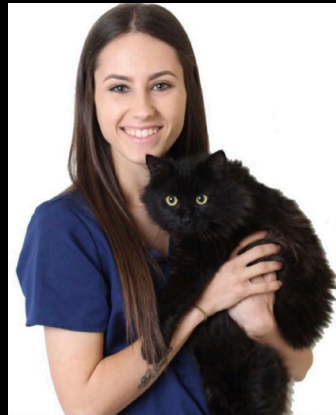
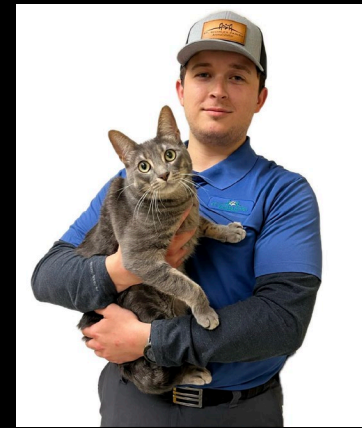
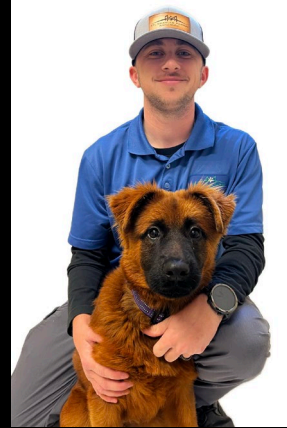
Animal Control Annual Report

January 2024

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Our Team



TOTAL SHELTER INTAKE



- Dogs 555 (473 in 2022) 17.5% increase in intake
 - -stray 294
 - -seized 97
 - -PETCO grant spay/neuter 13
 - -owner surrender 151
- Cats 1204 (1066 in 2022):
 - -stray 701
 - -trap/neuter/return 358
 - -seized 3
 - -owner surrender 141

HOW THEY FIND HOMES

GREATER
GOOD
CHARITIES

**GOOD
FLIGHTS**

- **Reclaimed by OWNER**

- Cats 20 (2022 - 22)

- Dogs 127 (2022-143)

- **Adopted LOCALLY**

- In house or PETCO 313 (2022-87 cats)

- Dogs 83 (2022- 58)

- **Adopted NATIONALLY (\$996.80 in donations)**

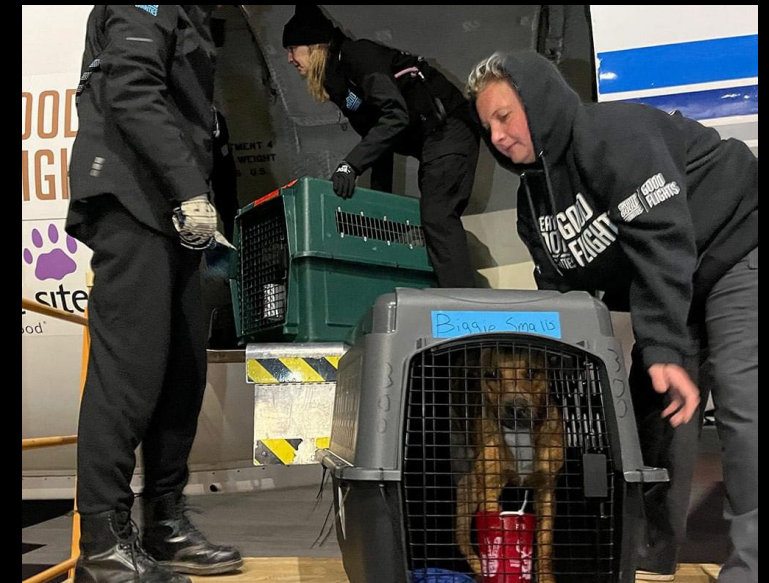
- Cats 10 (2022- 140)

- Dogs 105 (2022- 126)



PARTNERSHIP

- Good Flights milestones of 200 transports and over 12,000 pets in a little over 2 ½ years!
- In 2.5 years: Greater Good Charities, placement for 377 dogs (51 HW+) and 313 cats from St Charles Parish Animal Shelter.
- 2023 alone we have placed and transported 98 Dogs (15 HW +)
- This creates space, saves daily care cost, saves \$15,000 in heartworm treatment cost



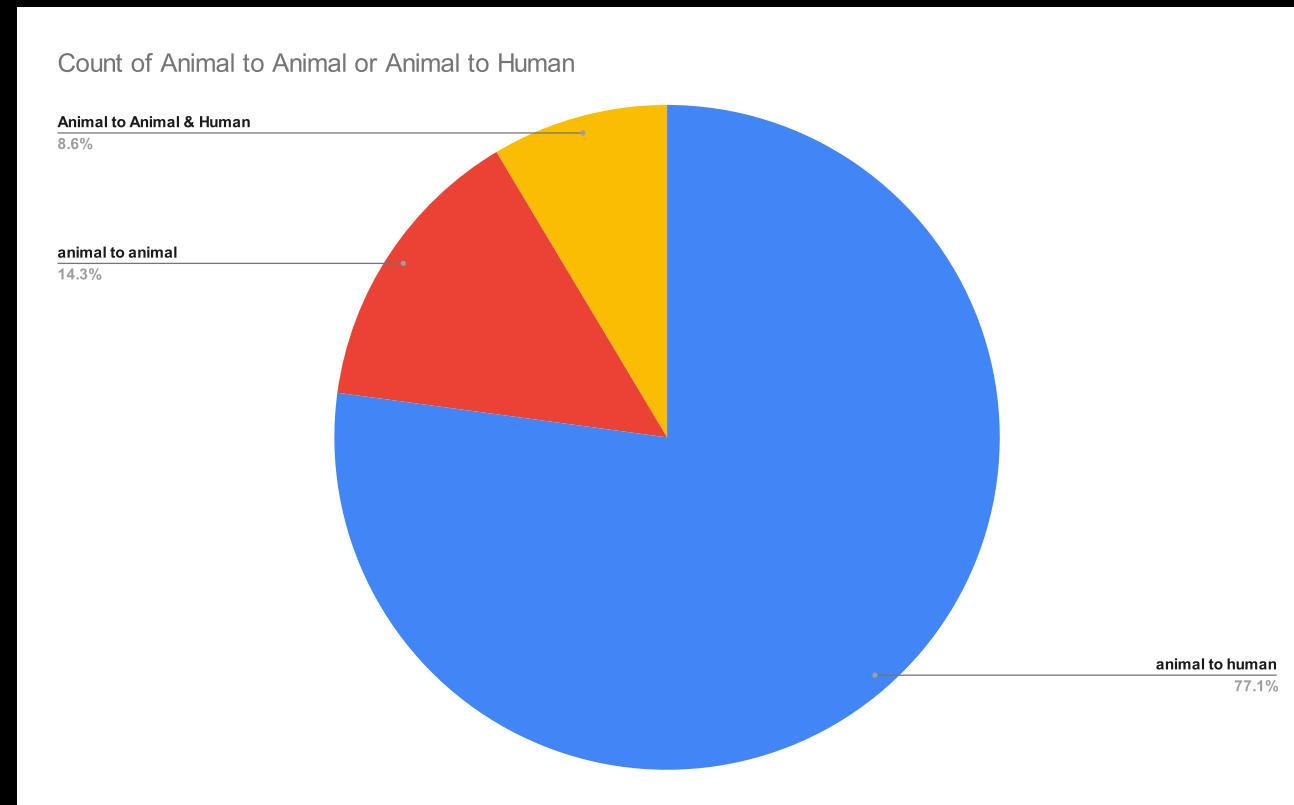
Length of Stay 2023

- **Dogs** 14.9 days (2022: 15 days)
- **Cats** 11.6 days (2022: 13 days)
- Average cost of care \$25/day

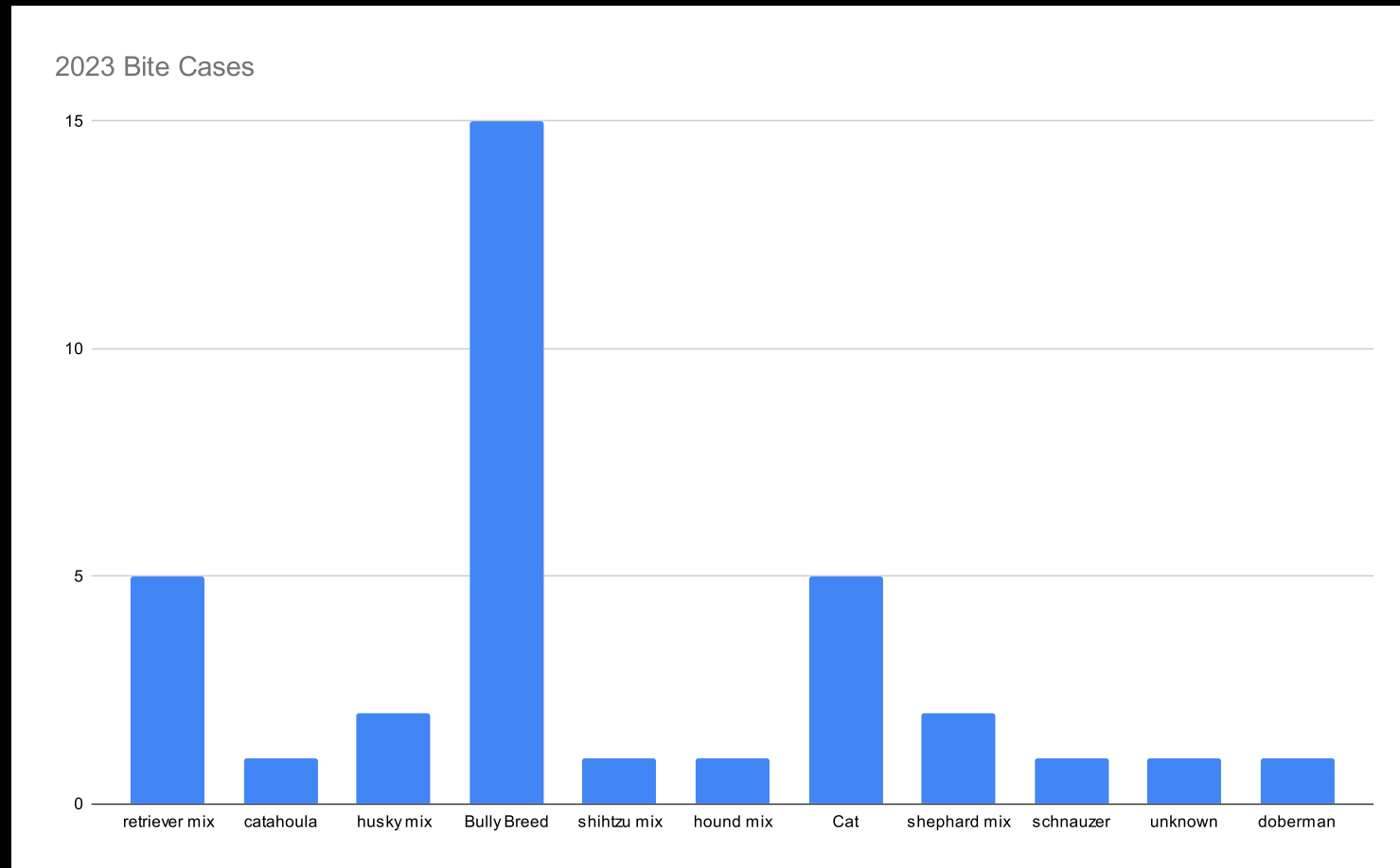


BITE CASES 2023

36 Cases



Bites by breeds 2023



Dangerous Spectrum



- 2023 we had 36 cases on the dangerous dog spectrum. Same for 2022
- 2020-2022 (2 years): 83 dogs on dangerous spectrum due to bite to human or pet.
- 2023 had 36 dangerous cases deemed:
- EIGHT dogs reoffend in 2023. These 8 were out of 3 households. Humans inappropriate use of leash, fence or fencing system and keeping dogs out of stressful situations is the cause.
- 14 reoffended since ordinance inception. This is a total of 8 households. Owner responsibility. (11% of animals) or (6% of households reoffend)

OPTIONS ↑ FOSTERING

- Mobile Medical: assist residents to foster without coming to shelter
- Full medical care brought to the owner surrendering a pet. Surrendering owner keeps the pet in the home where they are comfortable and shelter staff place them in permanent homes within 2 weeks.
- Don't want permanent responsibility?
Foster or visit us for volunteering



REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- **DOGS:**

- 116 aggression; escape artist; high arousal; feral) (2022 69)
- ***68% bully types (heartworms 56 +/-154; 52% bully types)
- ***60% increase in behavioral cases since 2022. Why?
- 2 geriatric
- 11 heartworm dz
- 0 house soiling
- 19 medical (cancer, severe injury, infectious)
- 37 owner intended euthanasia
- 0 time/space



- **CATS:**

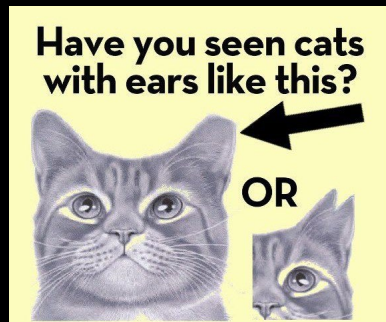
- 425 feral
- 1 DOA
- 20 severe medical
- 35 sick
- 0 time/space/healthy



SURGERIES 2023



- Free surgery, microchip, rabies, ear notch for cats kept on residential property without complaints : 380 (2022 293)- 30% increase
- In house surgeries : 873 (2022 780) *131K-336K value*
- Exams 3,122 (*187 K value*)
- K9 heartworm treatments : 21 (2022 11) *21K value*



VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Orientation every Tuesdays 10am
- Give-a-Lick on select Saturdays
- Over 1280 hours devoted equivalent to \$17,416



CASES 2023 (ordinance violations, nuisance, animal well being, etc.)



Over 3,000 calls to service

- 4-10 (c) Bully type ordinance violation 27
- 4-4 At large: 57 (2022 55)
- 4-5 Public nuisance 17 (2022 13)
- 4-40 Rabies violation 52 (2022 6)
- 4-54 Breeder's license 4
- Dogs on tethers 13
- Failure to restrain vicious 6
- Stray sighting 334

327 (2022 222) Investigations

- Cat complaint 42 (2022 8)
- Facility/yard check 9 (2022 6)
- RS 102.2 cruelty 13 (2022 18)
- Bully breed complaint 17
- Wellness check 67 (2022 41)
- Outdoor cat management 2



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Greater Good Charities: we participated in jet flights (\$25,000 each) every 2 weeks. Some dogs were heartworm +, thus saving the parish in medical expenses caring for dogs with mosquito transmitted heartworms. Also, donated heartworm prevention and flea/tick prevention for our entire shelter population for 2023.
- ASPCA \$20,000 grant to purchase disaster response supplies (flight crates/shed)
- Turning Rescues Into Pets (TRIP): paid thousands in orthopedic surgeries and spay/neuter grants for community in need
- PETCO partnerships pay for condos and food and facilitate adoption process offsite 7 days a week at 2 locations
- PETCO grant \$10,000 for medical supplies (autoclave and microchips,)



Network & Response

- Multiparish effort: Worked with our coastal parish shelters in transport year round and prior to disaster



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Weekly in person volunteer training Tuesday 10 am
- Santa Paws with people and pets (1st week of December)
- Tails Up and Out with staff Wednesday 2pm
- Rescue Run Club Thursday 6 am
- Rabies Drive
- Weekly volunteer orientation
- Birthday Pawties
- Condo sponsorship
- Open 2 Saturdays per month
- School presentations



Ultimate Goals

- Public health and safety
- Reuniting, adoption of healthy, behaviorally sound pets
- Get into homes as soon as out of legal stray hold and medically cleared. Healthier for pets, better able to respond to community in disaster and fiscally responsible.
- Education
- Continuing TNR program to address core
- Expand disaster response training



Questions

