St. Charles Parish

Animal Control Annual Report

April 2025

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Our Team



















TOTAL SHELTER INTAKE



- Dogs 636 (615 in 2023)
- -stray 340
- -seized 102
- -PETCO grant spay/neuter 59
- -owner surrender 134
- Cats 1165 (1204 in 2022):
- -stray 629
- -trap/neuter/return 421
- -seized 10
- -owner surrender 109

HOW THEY FIND HOMES

- Reclaimed by OWNER
- Cats 33 (2023 20)
- Dogs 135 (2023-127)
- Adopted LOCALLY (In house or PETCO)
- Cats 260 (2023-313) {74% through 5 PETCO Partners}
- Dogs **71** (2023-83)
- Adopted NATIONALLY (\$800 in donations to use towards spay/neuter)
- Cats 22 (2023-10)
- Dogs 138 (2023- 105)















Flight PARTNERSHIP

2024

We placed and transported 138 Dogs (14 HW +) by participating in 31 jet flights. This is a 945k value at NO cost to us!

- This creates space, saves daily care cost, and saved us \$15,000 in heartworm treatment cost.
- Donated \$234 towards early HW tx for in house dogs.
- Donated \$81k in HW/Flea/Tick prevention.
- Donated pet food- \$159k value.
- \$800 give back \$\$ to put back into our spay/neuter program based on animals flown from our shelter.









Length of Stay 2024

• **Dogs** 13.1 days (2023: 14.9days)

• Cats 10.8 days (2023: 11.6 days)

Average cost of care \$25/day

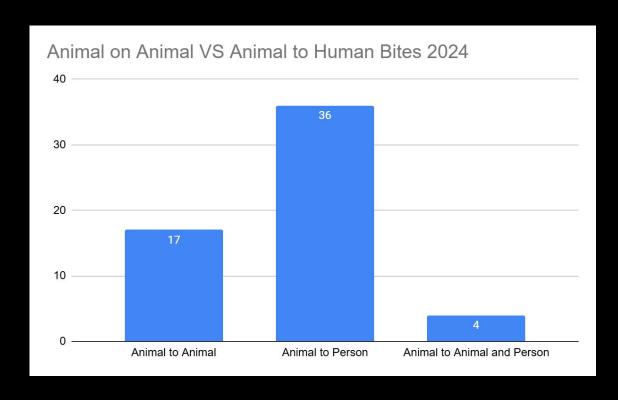




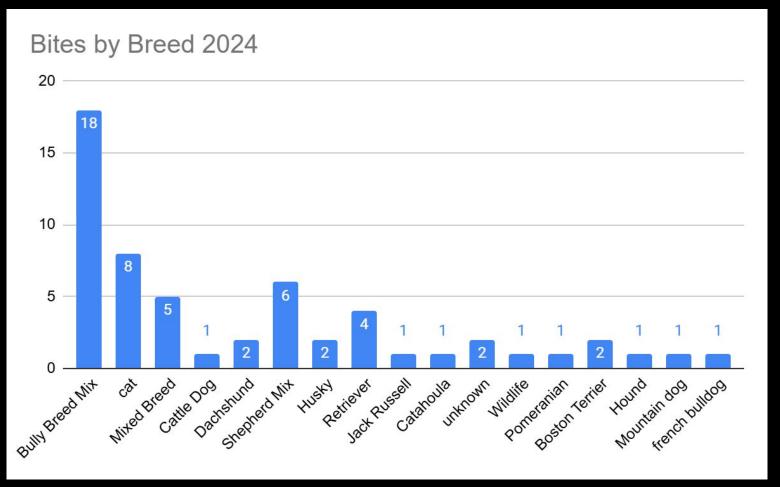




BITE CASES 2024 57 Cases (36 in 2023)



Bites by breeds 2024



Dangerous Spectrum*

NON BREED SPECIFIC - BEHAVIOR BASED



- 2024 we had 57 dogs declared on the dangerous dog spectrum.
 - 46 Potentially Dangerous
 - 10 Dangerous
 - 1 Vicious
- ACTIVE Declared dogs in St. Charles Parish:
 - Potentially Dangerous- 107
 - Dangerous- 18

Since the ordinance has been enacted: 13 dogs reoffended. These 13 dogs were out of 9 households. Human errors of inappropriate use of leash, fence or fencing system and keeping dogs out of stressful situations is the cause.

TOP BREEDS DECLARED: 1) Bully Breeds 2) Mixed Breeds- up to 44lbs 3)German Shepherds

Stray Hold Standard of Care..

How much goes into a stray hold pet?:

Vaccines (required on intake for herd health): \$50

Dewormer/Deflea (prevents disease transmission to humans and pets): \$20

Exam: **\$40**

ACO Pickup (office hours vs emergency dispatch/ paying OT can cost up to): \$135/call

Feeding/Housing per day (\$25x7 days [5 business day legal stray hold]): \$175

TOTAL: \$420 per stray to accomplish legal stray hold.

Redemption fees paid in 2024: \$16,852 (Some elected lower cost to have their pet leave fixed.)

53% of intakes came in fixed, 27% chose to have their pet leave fixed, 20% left intact

44% of animals that were claimed entered our care unvaccinated prior based on redemptions requiring an updated Rabies vaccination.





Adoption & Care

How much care goes into adopted pets?

Vaccines, Parasite Checks, HW or Leukemia/FIV test:\$220

Microchip: \$20

Proheart6 for 6 months of HW Prevention: \$100

Deworm/deflea: \$20

Spay/neuter: \$330

Vaccine Boosters: \$50

TOTAL: \$750 of medical care put into each animal adopted.

{491 adoptions x \$750/pet= \$368,250 in medical care}

Adoption fees paid by new owners 2024: \$26,480



SURGERIES 2024

- Free surgery, microchip, rabies, ear notch for cats kept on residential property without complaints: 421 (2023-380)
- In house surgeries : 946 (2023 873) \$84k value
- Exams 3,207 (\$128 K value)
- K9 heartworm treatments: 17 (2023-21) \$17K value

Animal Control budgets for \$40,000 for medical care. The shelter saves \$884,490 in just basic medical care of animals by providing an in-house Veterinarian/Supervisor and well trained staff.













VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Orientation Monday-Friday
- Over 1403 hours devoted equivalent to \$19K Value
- 34% increase since offering orientation 5 days a week as a walk-in option.













CASES 2024 (ordinance violations, nuisance, animal well being, etc.)

Over 4,000 calls to service

651 (2023-327) Investigations

Top 3 Call for Service

- Animals Running at-large: 202

- Outdoor Cats: 173

- Wellness Checks: 81



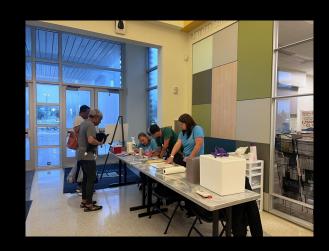


GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- ASPCA \$30,000 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 5 locations.
- PETCO grant \$13,000 for life-savings grant: 61 dog spay/neuters provided.













FREE SPAY & NEUTER FOR BULLY BREEDS!

Pit Stop: April 21-25

Got a Pit Bull, American Bull or other Bully-type dog?

> Get them fixed for FREE during our special Pit Stop Event!

WHY SPAY/NEUTER?
-Helps prevent unwanted litters
-Reduces stress & reactivity
-Keeps more pets out of shelters

EN: April 21-25

ERE: 921 Deputy Jeff G Watson Dr. Luling

W: Call to Register: 985-783-5010

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Sponsored by:



ASK THE EXPERT

Be on the lookout for signs of heatstroke like: excessive panting, weakness, lethargy, dark red gums, drooling and rapid heartbeat.

Call your pet's vet immediately.



Network & Response

• Multi Parish effort: Worked with our coastal parish shelters in transport year round and prior to disaster.













COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 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
- Daily volunteer orientation
- Birthday Pawties
- Condo sponsorship
- Open 2 Saturdays per month
- School presentations























Questions



