

St. Charles Parish

Animal Control Annual Report

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TOTAL SHELTER INTAKE



- Dogs 531 (1% increase from 2020)
- 2019 688
- Cats 875 (2% increase from 2020)
- 2019 1227

HOW THEY FIND HOMES

- **Reclaimed by OWNER**
- Cats 20 (10%)-2019 3% (1% decrease)
- Dogs 115 (22%)-2019 29% (7% decrease)
- **Adopted LOCALLY**
- Cats 85 (55% decrease from 2020)
- Dogs 69 (16% decrease from 2020)
- **Adopted NATIONALLY**
- Cats 149 (6% increase)
- Dogs 166 (3.75% increase)



LIVE OUTCOME

**Dogs 82% Live Release Rate (2020
87% LRS)**

**Cats: 68% Live Release Rate (2020
79% LRS)**

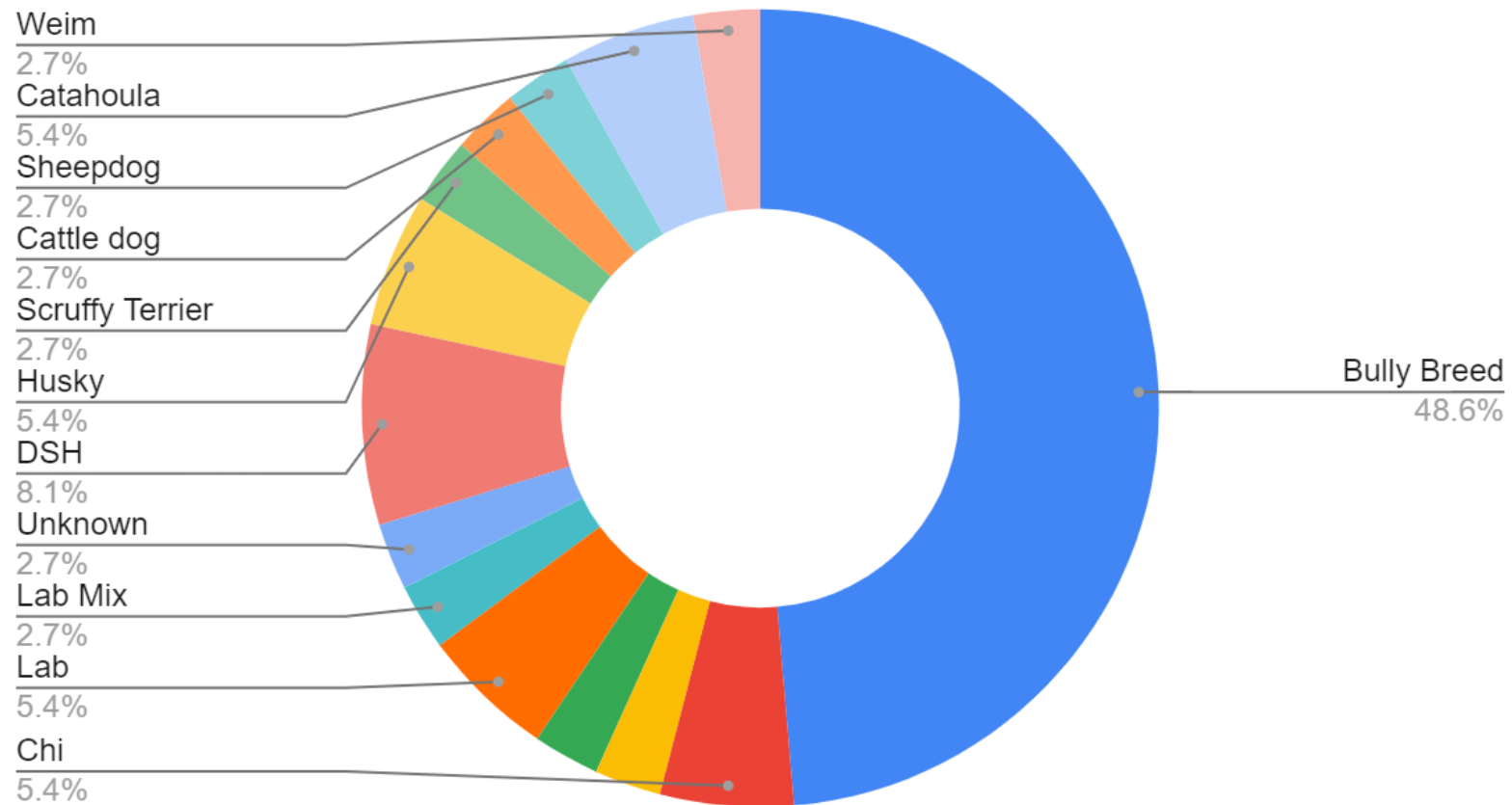
Length of Stay 2021

- **Dogs** 20.7 days (2020: 8.7 days, max 141d)
- (2019 15d, max 215d=58 % decrease in LOS, 65% decrease in max LOS)
- **Cats** 13.9 days (2020: 9.6 days, max 150 days)
- (2019 19d, max 190d=51% decrease in LOS, 79% decrease in max LOS)



BITE CASES 2021

2021 Bite Cases by Breed



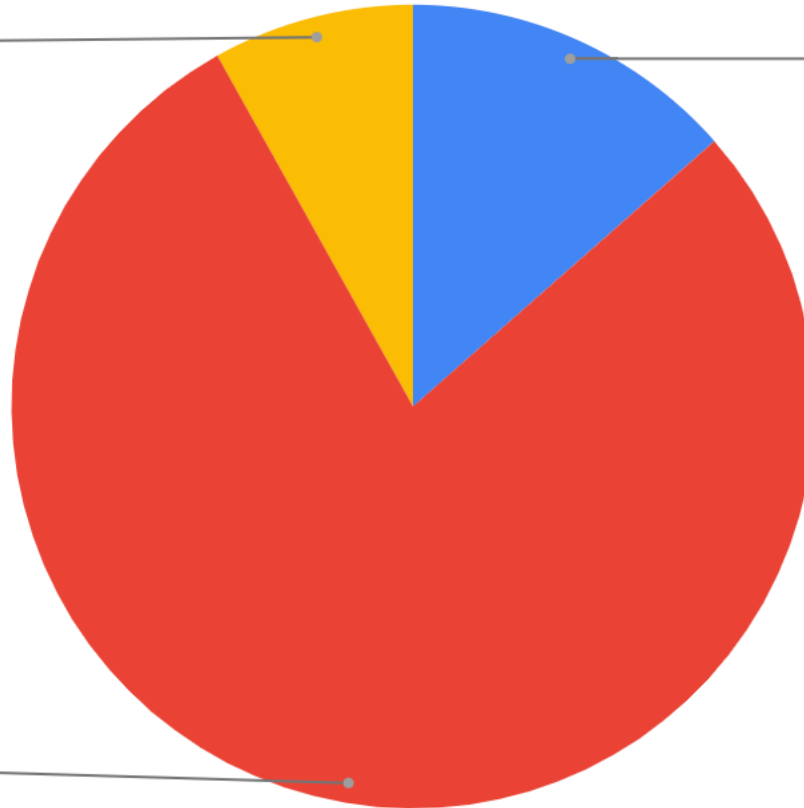
Bite Victims

Count of Type

Cat to Human
8.1%

Dog to Animal
13.5%

Dog to Human
78.4%



Dangerous Spectrum

- In past 2 years: 83 dogs on dangerous spectrum due to bite to human or pet
- 48% were bully type
- 10% of dogs deemed, reoffended and moved up on spectrum
- 90% of owners, responsibly contained their pets to keep from reoffending

NEW OPTIONS ↑ FOSTERING

- Mobile Medical: new options since 2020 to assist residents without grouping pets or people while maximizing resources.
- 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.
- Our community has this option



REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- **DOGS:**

- 111 aggression (2021 47)
- 0 breed
- 2 cancer
- 2 escape artists
- 0 failure to thrive
- 1 feral adult
- 1 geriatric
- 0 heartworm dz
- 8 high arousal
- 0 house soiling
- 0 separation anxiety
- 17 medical, 0 ringworm
- 0 time/space



- **CATS:**

- 6 aggression (2021 3)
- 4 cancer
- 13 failure to thrive
- 0 leukemia
- 121 feral adults (2021 115)
- 52 feral juveniles (2021 30)
- 1 FIP
- 5 FIV
- 0 geriatric
- 0 heartworm
- 0 house soiling
- 46 severe medical injuries (2021 20)
- 27 ringworm
- 0 time/space
- 2 URI



SURGERIES 2021

- Trap/neuter/return for cats kept on residential property without complaints : 251
- In house surgeries : 727
- K9 heartworm treatments : 8 (2021 13)



VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Orientation on Tuesdays 10am has restarted



CASES 2020 (ordinance violations, nuisance, animal well being, etc.)

2795 (2021 1800) calls

- 4-10 (b) Keeping of an exotic violation 1
- 4-10 (c) Bully type ordinance violation 36
- 4-4 At large: 77
- 4-5 Public nuisance 10
- 4-6 Bite cases 37
- 4-40 Rabies violation 33
- 4-54 Breeder's license 6



286 (2020 250) Investigations

- Cat complaint 5 (2021 23)
- Cruelty/neglect 10
- Facility/yard check 8
- RS 102.2 cruelty 9
- Pit bull registration 6
- Wellness check 31



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



- Greater Good Charities: we participated in 20 jet flights (\$25,000 each). 29 dogs were heartworm +, thus saving the parish \$14,500 in medical expenses caring for dogs with mosquito transmitted heartworms. Also, donated heartworm prevention and flea/tick prevention for our entire shelter population for 2021.
- Petco and PetSmart \$10,000 in Ida pet recovery to support the community
- Department of Agriculture
- ASPCA \$75,000 grant to host emergency response training for shelters across Louisiana. We hosted a shelter directory symposium and EOC directors collaborated on emergency response for pets. Hosted radiological decontamination, ropes and rescue and animal sheltering in disasters.
- Turning Rescues Into Pets (TRIP) + GGC=\$5K in our community
- Department of Agriculture: \$10,000 in wire crates and \$10,000 in food donations for community. 50 calls to service during Ida to support owned pets and provide opportunities for feeding in place vs impounding.



Animal Municode Updates

- 4-6 Dangerous Dog Ordinance revised
- 4-51 Redemption and Adoption: 70% spay/neuter now for the lesser redemption fee, mandatory microchip to improve reuniting rate



Network & Response

- Multiparish effort: Worked with our coastal parish shelters in transport year round and prior to disaster
- Hosted Code 3 Module B for training Animal Control Officers nationally in Humane Officer & Investigation



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- VicNet online volunteer scheduling. In person training Tuesday 10 am
- Santa Paws with people and pets
- Tails Up and Out with staff 2pm
- Rescue Run Club Thursday 6 am



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

