

Monthly Shelter Statistics for Calendar Year, 2025

Effective July 1, 2013, the Florida State Legislature passed data reporting requirements of all public and private animal shelters, humane organizations or animal control agencies operated by a humane organization, or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision. Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control has operated with transparency on sheltering data, including intake and euthanasia records, since the agency's inception.

Although the State is requiring all agencies to compile data into specific categories, the law does not define the individual classifications. In order to avoid subjectivity, Palm Beach County has defined the required categories. These definitions are specific to Palm Beach County and may not be applicable to other counties.

Palm Beach County encourages reporting transparency for all animal welfare organizations, including those not required by law. Only through collaborative collection of data from every organization and individual involved in animal sheltering and rescue, will we achieve a true and accurate accounting of animal welfare in each community and the state of Florida.

Species Category

Dogs - All domestic dogs, including neonates, including captured/trapped feral dogs.

Cats - All domestic cats, including neonates, including captured/trapped feral cats.

Other - All other animals, including livestock, exotic pets, birds, wildlife, etc.

Intake Category

Surrendered by Owner - Any animal surrendered to the shelter by the owner or designee, including those for bite quarantine; excludes those surrendered after being 'Confiscated'; excludes those surrendered/transferred in from other animal shelters, agencies and/or rescues.

Stray - Animals whose owner is unknown, including those with possible, but unverified, owner information; excludes those transferred from other animal shelters, agencies and/or rescues.

Impounded - Owned animals sheltered for Bite Quarantine, Dangerous/Vicious Dog investigation, Special Hold cases (evictions, crime scenes, owner being arrested or being taken to hospital, domestic violence holds, or any other legal situation that results in a requirement for sheltering).

Confiscated - Owned animals seized as part of an animal cruelty and/or neglect investigation, including animal hoarding.

Transferred from within Florida - Any animal transferred into the shelter by other local Florida animal shelters, agencies, rescues, etc., regardless of ownership status.

Transferred into or imported from out of state - Any animal transferred into the shelter by other animal shelters, agencies, rescues, etc., originating outside of Florida, regardless of ownership status.

Born in shelter - Any animal born at the shelter.

Disposition Category

Adoption - Any animal adopted to the general public.

Reclamation by Owner - Any animal reclaimed by the owner or designee.

Death in Kennel - All animals that died at shelter or in transit, including trauma cases.

Euthanasia at the owner's request - Any sick, injured, or dangerous animal euthanized at the request of the owner.

Transfer to another public or private animal shelter, humane organization - Any animal adopted or permanently transferred to another shelter or rescue organization, including injured/orphaned wildlife transferred to licensed wildlife rehabilitators.

Euthanasia - Any animal euthanized, including unadoptable animals and sick/injured animals that no rescue or other shelter would accept, excluding euthanasia service requests for personally owned sick, injured, or dangerous animals.

Released in field/Trapped, Neutered, Released (TNR) - Any animal released from shelter by staff, volunteer, or agent as part of a TNR program.

Lost in care / missing animals or records - Any animal stolen or escaped from shelter or from foster parent.

Ending inventory / shelter count at end of last day of the month - All animals in shelter population at the end of the last day of the month, including those in foster homes

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for January, 2025

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 2/1/2025 at 2:00:05 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 355	Cats - 406	Other - 45
Surrendered by Owner	61	38	0
Stray	265	359	43
Impounded	21	5	0
Confiscated	8	1	2
Born in Shelter	0	3	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	106	72	1
Reclaimed by Owner	87	8	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	4	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	28	2	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	133	109	4
Euthanasia	27	84	36
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	142	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	177	75	7

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for February, 2025

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Current as of 3/1/2025 at 2:00:08 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 387	Cats - 328	Other - 103
Surrendered by Owner	77	25	41
Stray	260	252	58
Impounded	46	39	0
Confiscated	1	3	4
Born in Shelter	3	9	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	102	30	7
Reclaimed by Owner	82	12	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	6	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	15	9	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	144	91	0
Euthanasia	23	68	53
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	102	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	194	98	47

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for March, 2025

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Current as of 4/1/2025 at 2:00:05 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 382	Cats - 394	Other - 81
Surrendered by Owner	92	36	0
Stray	238	342	80
Impounded	38	15	1
Confiscated	4	1	0
Born in Shelter	10	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	118	36	3
Reclaimed by Owner	98	12	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	3
Owner Requested Euthanasia	15	4	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	112	162	40
Euthanasia	34	66	68
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	1	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	121	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	212	68	12

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for April, 2025

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Current as of 5/1/2025 at 2:00:04 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 370	Cats - 475	Other - 78
Surrendered by Owner	79	23	1
Stray	262	436	73
Impounded	22	4	4
Confiscated	6	6	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	1	6	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	115	22	7
Reclaimed by Owner	69	16	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	7	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	22	3	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	117	234	12
Euthanasia	26	78	66
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	105	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	231	114	3

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for May, 2025

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Current as of 6/1/2025 at 2:00:04 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 320	Cats - 726	Other - 63
Surrendered by Owner	57	24	2
Stray	231	661	51
Impounded	24	13	7
Confiscated	8	28	2
Born in Shelter	0	0	1
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	118	63	8
Reclaimed by Owner	81	5	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	9	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	25	6	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	105	310	3
Euthanasia	33	88	38
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	77	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	213	266	12

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for June, 2025

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Current as of 7/1/2025 at 2:00:08 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 344	Cats - 639	Other - 38
Surrendered by Owner	54	26	2
Stray	254	592	34
Impounded	33	11	2
Confiscated	1	9	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	2	1	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	119	127	1
Reclaimed by Owner	66	3	11
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	8	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	23	15	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	137	369	5
Euthanasia	24	91	31
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	76	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	201	240	3

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for July, 2025

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Current as of 8/12/2025 at 1:22:57 PM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 360	Cats - 603	Other - 32
Surrendered by Owner	65	29	2
Stray	257	545	30
Impounded	27	29	0
Confiscated	10	0	0
Born in Shelter	1	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	118	153	0
Reclaimed by Owner	79	9	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	5	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	40	8	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	109	268	1
Euthanasia	34	72	29
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	99	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	203	244	4

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for August, 2025

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Current as of 9/1/2025 at 2:00:08 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 314	Cats - 438	Other - 65
Surrendered by Owner	43	30	2
Stray	245	401	25
Impounded	23	7	2
Confiscated	3	0	36
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	110	140	17
Reclaimed by Owner	60	11	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	7	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	26	4	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	123	202	21
Euthanasia	20	67	19
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	77	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	203	200	9

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for September, 2025

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Current as of 10/1/2025 at 2:00:01 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 290	Cats - 595	Other - 41
Surrendered by Owner	43	30	2
Stray	222	554	36
Impounded	20	9	2
Confiscated	4	2	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	1
Transfer from Within Florida	1	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	105	92	0
Reclaimed by Owner	63	11	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	8	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	16	8	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	89	263	9
Euthanasia	17	87	28
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	93	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	201	246	13

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for October, 2025

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Current as of 11/1/2025 at 2:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 296	Cats - 601	Other - 77
Surrendered by Owner	59	47	14
Stray	207	552	31
Impounded	28	2	7
Confiscated	0	0	25
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	2	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	92	96	4
Reclaimed by Owner	63	4	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	16	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	16	7	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	105	282	5
Euthanasia	23	81	33
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	154	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	215	220	44

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for November, 2025

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Current as of 12/1/2025 at 2:00:12 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 238	Cats - 489	Other - 36
Surrendered by Owner	51	21	0
Stray	169	455	36
Impounded	16	13	0
Confiscated	2	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	87	116	4
Reclaimed by Owner	46	9	16
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	9	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	12	11	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	88	192	11
Euthanasia	20	58	24
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	115	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	209	205	23

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for December, 2025

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Current as of 1/1/2026 at 2:00:09 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 317	Cats - 423	Other - 32
Surrendered by Owner	56	25	1
Stray	222	390	30
Impounded	36	7	0
Confiscated	1	1	1
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	2	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	104	115	8
Reclaimed by Owner	78	15	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	3	2	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	23	11	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	101	188	8
Euthanasia	30	68	26
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	83	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	193	157	11