

Monthly Shelter Statistics for Year 2023

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, 2023

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 2/1/2023 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 370	Cats - 210	Other - 58
Surrendered by Owner	79	28	3
Stray	246	178	50
Impounded	44	4	5
Confiscated	1	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	131	43	4
Reclaimed by Owner	102	3	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	2	3
Owner Requested Euthanasia	16	9	2
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	87	97	11
Euthanasia	43	47	48
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	1	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	59	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	201	49	5

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for February, 2023

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 3/1/2023 at 6:20:10 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 281	Cats - 271	Other - 62
Surrendered by Owner	51	63	3
Stray	209	202	59
Impounded	21	4	0
Confiscated	0	1	0
Born in Shelter	0	1	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	127	34	3
Reclaimed by Owner	66	7	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	19	7	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	70	88	10
Euthanasia	22	47	45
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	75	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	177	70	7

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for March, 2023

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Current as of 4/1/2023 at 6:00:14 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 407	Cats - 352	Other - 63
Surrendered by Owner	86	47	1
Stray	255	285	60
Impounded	46	13	2
Confiscated	20	7	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	129	36	11
Reclaimed by Owner	90	16	4
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	1	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	17	13	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	93	153	14
Euthanasia	41	58	38
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	100	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	215	48	4

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for April, 2023

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Current as of 5/1/2023 at 8:45:20 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 333	Cats - 486	Other - 39
Surrendered by Owner	60	68	1
Stray	238	397	38
Impounded	30	21	0
Confiscated	5	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	129	30	1
Reclaimed by Owner	91	26	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	11	7	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	118	263	7
Euthanasia	39	67	30
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	70	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	168	93	2

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for May, 2023

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Current as of 6/5/2023 at 7:49:12 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 408	Cats - 680	Other - 46
Surrendered by Owner	73	28	0
Stray	261	643	45
Impounded	48	8	0
Confiscated	4	0	1
Born in Shelter	22	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	1	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	123	56	2
Reclaimed by Owner	84	9	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	8	5	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	22	6	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	91	318	8
Euthanasia	31	96	32
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	86	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	204	192	6

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for June, 2023

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Current as of 7/1/2023 at 6:00:04 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 388	Cats - 620	Other - 64
Surrendered by Owner	76	34	9
Stray	271	572	36
Impounded	34	14	19
Confiscated	7	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	109	97	9
Reclaimed by Owner	95	12	6
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	6	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	36	11	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	94	274	17
Euthanasia	51	74	22
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	90	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	223	230	15

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for July, 2023

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Current as of 8/1/2023 at 6:00:14 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 374	Cats - 538	Other - 42
Surrendered by Owner	80	66	9
Stray	253	421	30
Impounded	37	21	3
Confiscated	4	22	0
Born in Shelter	0	8	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	147	149	4
Reclaimed by Owner	77	18	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	12	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	27	9	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	78	265	23
Euthanasia	68	87	18
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	85	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	225	170	10

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for August, 2023

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Current as of 9/1/2023 at 7:05:09 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 340	Cats - 538	Other - 23
Surrendered by Owner	72	56	1
Stray	230	440	19
Impounded	31	36	3
Confiscated	7	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	6	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	145	96	2
Reclaimed by Owner	60	4	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	3	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	31	13	4
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	101	252	9
Euthanasia	42	70	15
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	1
Released in Field/TNR	0	96	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	222	151	4

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for September, 2023

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Current as of 10/2/2023 at 9:07:04 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 305	Cats - 555	Other - 32
Surrendered by Owner	51	27	0
Stray	230	504	30
Impounded	21	6	2
Confiscated	3	18	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	124	85	2
Reclaimed by Owner	55	8	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	3	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	29	6	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	86	280	6
Euthanasia	23	58	24
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	108	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	216	178	3

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for October, 2023

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Current as of 11/1/2023 at 6:00:01 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 387	Cats - 590	Other - 32
Surrendered by Owner	73	42	0
Stray	257	535	30
Impounded	32	12	2
Confiscated	23	1	0
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	127	112	9
Reclaimed by Owner	92	10	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	6	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	22	9	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	99	271	5
Euthanasia	32	97	16
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	99	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	223	189	4

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for November, 2023

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Current as of 12/1/2023 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 346	Cats - 396	Other - 34
Surrendered by Owner	52	45	0
Stray	256	349	18
Impounded	31	2	13
Confiscated	3	0	3
Born in Shelter	3	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	1	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	90	65	0
Reclaimed by Owner	86	10	9
Death in Kennel/Custody	4	4	3
Owner Requested Euthanasia	13	7	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	111	194	10
Euthanasia	43	103	12
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	78	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	224	120	10

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for December, 2023

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Current as of 1/2/2024 at 8:35:24 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 346	Cats - 289	Other - 37
Surrendered by Owner	67	24	0
Stray	250	248	35
Impounded	29	13	1
Confiscated	0	0	1
Born in Shelter	0	4	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	100	93	3
Reclaimed by Owner	58	7	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	2	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	29	11	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	139	111	6
Euthanasia	33	63	19
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	74	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	210	74	7