

# Monthly Shelter Statistics for Year 2024

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, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 2/1/2024 at 6:00:05 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 381</b>	<b>Cats - 340</b>	<b>Other - 58</b>
Surrendered by Owner	76	42	5
Stray	243	288	47
Impounded	37	9	6
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

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	122	55	4
Reclaimed by Owner	83	10	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	3	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	33	10	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	124	97	14
Euthanasia	54	73	38
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	97	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	194	72	6

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for February, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 3/1/2024 at 6:00:07 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 331</b>	<b>Cats - 310</b>	<b>Other - 35</b>
Surrendered by Owner	62	65	0
Stray	242	231	32
Impounded	24	13	3
Confiscated	3	1	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	108	54	5
Reclaimed by Owner	74	19	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	1	3
Owner Requested Euthanasia	32	18	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	102	91	2
Euthanasia	32	40	27
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	112	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	185	60	4

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for March, 2024

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Current as of 4/1/2024 at 1:47:27 PM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 360</b>	<b>Cats - 377</b>	<b>Other - 57</b>
Surrendered by Owner	85	48	2
Stray	249	302	37
Impounded	23	13	11
Confiscated	3	3	7
Born in Shelter	0	11	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	98	34	2
Reclaimed by Owner	89	6	5
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	6	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	25	8	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	154	177	8
Euthanasia	31	66	33
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	115	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	172	46	13

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for April, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 5/1/2024 at 6:00:03 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 320</b>	<b>Cats - 495</b>	<b>Other - 53</b>
Surrendered by Owner	55	30	1
Stray	237	457	51
Impounded	28	3	1
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	5	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	115	25	4
Reclaimed by Owner	77	9	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	29	15	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	93	236	11
Euthanasia	22	67	33
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	116	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	181	87	14

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for May, 2024

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Current as of 6/1/2024 at 6:00:01 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 325</b>	<b>Cats - 729</b>	<b>Other - 31</b>
Surrendered by Owner	33	18	1
Stray	249	700	30
Impounded	43	9	0
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	2	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	110	48	0
Reclaimed by Owner	65	8	2
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	5	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	41	7	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	84	364	9
Euthanasia	31	86	23
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	102	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	214	198	11

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for June, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 7/1/2024 at 6:00:01 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 315</b>	<b>Cats - 699</b>	<b>Other - 55</b>
Surrendered by Owner	43	24	9
Stray	243	666	45
Impounded	28	9	1
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

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	115	106	1
Reclaimed by Owner	67	7	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	5	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	23	8	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	74	335	14
Euthanasia	32	93	31
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	93	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	213	282	20

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for July, 2024

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Current as of 8/1/2024 at 6:00:01 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 342</b>	<b>Cats - 618</b>	<b>Other - 30</b>
Surrendered by Owner	52	24	0
Stray	258	580	30
Impounded	32	9	0
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	5	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	98	125	4
Reclaimed by Owner	79	8	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	3	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	26	12	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	103	298	16
Euthanasia	29	78	19
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	128	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	216	231	11



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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for August, 2024

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Current as of 9/1/2024 at 6:00:06 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 367</b>	<b>Cats - 441</b>	<b>Other - 33</b>
Surrendered by Owner	73	25	0
Stray	256	403	33
Impounded	25	13	0
Confiscated	13	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	124	120	1
Reclaimed by Owner	80	11	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	6	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	22	10	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	93	208	10
Euthanasia	51	60	25
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	89	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	220	183	6

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for September, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 10/1/2024 at 6:00:04 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 425</b>	<b>Cats - 499</b>	<b>Other - 34</b>
Surrendered by Owner	90	42	0
Stray	290	441	30
Impounded	38	16	4
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	7	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	131	100	2
Reclaimed by Owner	77	6	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	2	6	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	46	14	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	126	240	7
Euthanasia	43	62	24
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	81	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	256	177	4

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for October, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 11/1/2024 at 7:05:04 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 318</b>	<b>Cats - 589</b>	<b>Other - 43</b>
Surrendered by Owner	35	62	3
Stray	232	504	35
Impounded	51	23	5
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	118	92	0
Reclaimed by Owner	98	19	6
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	8	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	17	7	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	99	265	9
Euthanasia	27	69	25
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	79	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	219	223	9

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for November, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 12/1/2024 at 2:00:04 AM

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 347</b>	<b>Cats - 410</b>	<b>Other - 40</b>
Surrendered by Owner	54	46	2
Stray	262	357	36
Impounded	31	7	0
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	2
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	121	110	4
Reclaimed by Owner	90	7	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	5	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	25	14	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	121	183	5
Euthanasia	17	72	31
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	79	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	197	186	6

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## Monthly Shelter Statistics for December, 2024

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

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

<b>Live Animal Intakes</b>	<b>Dogs - 343</b>	<b>Cats - 349</b>	<b>Other - 51</b>
Surrendered by Owner	53	38	8
Stray	246	306	43
Impounded	44	5	0
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

<b>Animal Outcomes</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Other</b>
Adoption	122	89	0
Reclaimed by Owner	81	11	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	3	5	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	29	6	2
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	105	196	11
Euthanasia	25	57	40
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	1	1
Released in Field/TNR	0	74	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	187	102	11