

## Riverside County Department of Animal Services Shelter Summary - Calendar Year 2024

DOGS	Total	Blythe <sup>8</sup>	Coachella	Jurupa Valley	San Jacinto
<b>Live Intake</b>	<b>22,016</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>11,408</b>	<b>6,519</b>
Stray	17,037	360	2,766	8,550	5,361
Owner Surrender	3,553	21	721	2,217	594
Seizure/Confiscate	1,353	34	187	568	564
Other Intake	73	0	0	73	0
<b>Live Outcomes</b>	<b>14,869</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>8,169</b>	<b>3,701</b>
Return to Owner (RTO)	2,974	74	559	1,514	827
Adoption	6,765	33	1,543	3,868	1,321
Transfer Out <sup>1</sup>	5,130	7	783	2,787	1,553
<b>Non Live Outcomes</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>1,800</b>
Owner Intended Euthanasia <sup>2</sup>	1,254	7	241	769	237
Shelter/Foster/Other Euthanasia <sup>3</sup>	3,765	32	363	1,678	1,455
Died In Care <sup>4</sup>	205	1	28	103	73
Lost In Care <sup>5</sup>	111	2	23	51	35
<b>Total Outcomes</b>	<b>19,967</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>10,770</b>	<b>5,501</b>
<b>Live Release Rate <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>74.5%</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>67.3%</b>

The table above reflects Chameleon data as of February 25, 2025.

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CATS	Total	Blythe <sup>8</sup>	Coachella	Jurupa Valley	San Jacinto
<b>Live Intake</b>	<b>9,454</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>2,254</b>
Stray	8,391	395	2,137	3,891	1,968
Owner Surrender	755	3	164	423	165
Seizure/Confiscate	294	2	32	139	121
Other Intake	14	0	10	4	0
<b>Live Outcomes</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>947</b>
Return to Owner (RTO)	191		47	103	41
Adoption	3,329	2	1,281	1,616	430
Transfer Out <sup>1</sup>	1,132	2	515	348	267
Community Cats (RTF) <sup>7</sup>	1,167	14	401	543	209
<b>Non Live Outcomes</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>823</b>
Owner Intended Euthanasia <sup>2</sup>	191	2	52	109	28
Shelter/Foster/Other Euthanasia <sup>3</sup>	2,071	21	185	1,258	607
Died In Care <sup>4</sup>	388	1	134	149	104
Lost In Care <sup>5</sup>	460	5	177	194	84
<b>Total Outcomes</b>	<b>8,929</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>1,770</b>
<b>Live Release Rate <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>65.2%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>	<b>60.4%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>

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## Shelter Report Notes:

With guidance provided by Outcomes for Pets, RCDAS will use the Shelter Animals Count (SAC) national database for standardized data definitions, collections, and reporting. This will also allow RCDAS to compare data with similar organizations throughout the country.

### [Link to Shelter Animals Count Animal Welfare Glossary](#)

1. RCDAS relies on the great work of nonprofit partners who collaborate to take thousands of animals from our shelters each year and place them in homes. The transfer partner program includes hundreds of animal rescue groups locally, nationwide, and even in Canada.
2. Owner Intended Euthanasia refers to situations where an owner brings in their pet to the shelter specifically requesting euthanasia due to a medical or behavioral issue.
3. Animal euthanized in the custody of the organization.
4. RCDAS is an open-admission shelter, meaning we take in and care for all animals that come through our doors. Because of this, we do receive critically ill or injured animals. Our staff veterinarians work hard to save the lives of all treatable animals, but sometimes, despite our best efforts, they succumb to their injuries or illnesses.
5. Lost in care represents animals with an unknown outcome. RCDAS receives thousands of animals each year, and each animal is tracked in Chameleon, our shelter software system. While we try to maintain meticulous care of our animals and animal records, sometimes an animal goes missing, becomes lost, or is stolen in care. Please note that foster records were reconciled in February 2025 and transitioned to Chameleon's new foster portal.
6. Shelter Animals Count (SAC) calculates the Live Release Rate (LRR) as  $\text{Live Outcomes} / \text{Total Outcomes}$ . The Live Release Rate tells us what percentage of animals with an outcome, leave with a **live** outcome.
7. Return to Field (RTF) represents the return of cats taken into RCDAS, counted as stray intake, altered, ear-tipped, and then returned to their capture location as free-roaming cats. This does not include TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) cats, which are brought to the shelter by the public for the sole purpose of sterilization and ultimately returned to their found location.
8. RCDAS Operates four shelters across Riverside County and moves animals between locations to manage space and improve adoption outcomes.  
**Intake and Outcome Reporting:** Intake is recorded at the shelter where an animal first enters, while the final outcome is counted at the shelter where it occurs.  
**Transfers:** Animals transferred outside of RCDAS are counted as "Transfer Out" outcomes. Animals moved between RCDAS shelters are counted only one - one intake and one outcome - to avoid double counting.  
**Blythe Shelter Impact:** Blythe takes in fewer than 900 animals annually. Most are transferred to the Coachella Valley shelter, where their final outcome is recorded. Because Blythe has more intake than outcomes, its live release rate may appear lower than it actually is.