

Riverside County Department of Animal Services Shelter Summary - AUGUST 2026

DOGS	Total	Blythe ⁸	Coachella	Jurupa Valley	San Jacinto
Live Intake	1,434	17	240	671	506
Stray	1,093	12	181	491	408
Owner Surrender	233	1	39	138	56
Seizure/Confiscate	105	4	20	40	41
Other Intake	3			2	1
Live Outcomes	1,477	23	253	648	553
Return to Owner (RTO)	245	9	58	83	95
Adoption	837	5	150	390	292
Transfer Out ¹	395	9	45	175	166
Non-Live Outcomes	240		27	128	85
Owner Intended Euthanasia ²	78		15	48	15
Shelter/Foster/Other Euthanasia ³	119		8	68	43
Died In Care ⁴	21		1	10	10
Lost In Care ⁵	22		3	2	17
Total Outcomes	1,717	23	280	776	638
Live Release Rate ⁶	86.0%	100%	90.4%	83.5%	88.1%

The table above reflects Chameleon data as of September 21st, 2026.

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CATS	Total	Blythe ⁸	Coachella	Jurupa Valley	San Jacinto
Live Intake	1,157	24	202	459	472
Stray	1,079	24	186	442	428
Owner Surrender	66		15	16	34
Seizure/Confiscate	12		1	1	10
Other Intake					
Live Outcomes	1,095	5	321	401	368
Return to Owner (RTO)	15		3	2	10
Adoption	831	3	263	329	236
Transfer Out ¹	175		43	33	99
Community Cats (RTF) ⁷	74	2	12	37	23
Non Live Outcomes	327	3	50	154	120
Owner Intended Euthanasia ²	6		1	3	2
Shelter/Foster/Other Euthanasia ³	194	1	16	89	88
Died In Care ⁴	108	2	32	50	24
Lost In Care ⁵	19		1	12	6
Total Outcomes	1,422	8	371	555	488
Live Release Rate ⁶	77.0%	62.5%	86.5%	72.3%	75.4%

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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 Live Outcomes / 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.