

Director's Update to the Board of Health

May 2015

Improve the health and well-being of children

School Health

Dr. Paul was included in a group of children's health and social service stakeholders that provided input to the search firm that will recommend a new superintendent of the Metro Public School system.

Last week through Tuesday of this week the front-line workers in this and many other respects were recognized with National Nurses Week, which included School Nurses Day on the 6.

Increase physical activity and healthy eating and reduce tobacco use in Nashville

Healthy Nashville Leadership Council

The council, now being chaired by Nancy Lim from St. Thomas (and our thanks to immediate past chairman, Ted Cornelius) has completed its work plans for moving the Community Health Improvement Plan objectives forward. The council will use consensus workshops to develop strategies for its goal of promoting positive parenting and violence-free homes. On April 17, representatives from forty community organizations gathered to answer the question: *What strategies can we use to implement a comprehensive public health initiative which will prevent childhood adversity, promote family resilience and improve lifelong health?* The group identified six strategies and is aligning its work accordingly.

HiAP

The Health in All Policies Leadership Roundtable convened for its quarterly session in late April and received reports from the Metropolitan Planning Organization on its efforts to prioritize health in transportation project funding, and from Metro Human Resources and their consultants on the update among Metro employees of various wellness benefits available to them through their Metro health insurance. The uptake is relatively low. How to increase usage will be a task for the HiAP Departmental coordinators, who meet next week. The urge to improve employee wellness continues to establish a foothold. Dr. Paul presented to an employee wellness panel hosted by the Nashville Business Journal in which he outlined the healthful aspects of the design of this building.

Ensure cleaner air and a safer environment

MACC

The staff at Animal Care and Control is pleased to note that more than 130 pets were adopted during the Dog Days of Summer Adoption Event -- emptying the building, for the first time ever, of all available dogs and cats.

Prevent, detect and alleviate outbreaks and emergencies

HIV

Officials from the White House Office on HIV/AIDS came to Nashville in April, one of five stops in the nation to receive input for their pending update of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Dr. Paul presented introductory remarks for the forum, the topic for which was access to care and outcomes of that care. In the course of the meeting one of our Ryan White Planning Council members was invited to Washington (and subsequently attended) a session on the use of social media to engage HIV-positive individuals.

PHEP

Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness group conducted a full-scale Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise on Tuesday at McGavock High School. About 60 MPH employees served as POD workers and 300 McGavock students filled the roles of “patients” receiving medications. The scenario for the exercise was a release of anthrax. The Regional Health Operations Center (RHOC) was activated here at Lentz as part of the exercise.

Management and accountability

Ruth Stewart

I personally, and on behalf of the Metro Public Health Department and the citizens of this community, offer my sincerest appreciation to Dr. Stewart for her 15 years of service on this board. Ruth has been and I’m sure will continue to be a strong and consistent voice for the community, particularly its most vulnerable children. The department is stronger and the community is richer for her service. Please don’t be a stranger, and thank you.

Chris Taylor

Tomorrow will be Chris’s last day at MPH after 31 years in Metro, including 11 years here at MPH and 4 1/2 years as Bureau Director for Community Health. The place will not be the same without him, although there are undoubtedly some plants that will benefit from the increased attention a master gardener will be able to afford them now. I thank Chris for his insights into operations all across the department, his competence, his leadership, his unfailing good humor and his support for not just his staff but all employees of the department. We wish him well, and we will miss him.

Executive Staff

Obviously we have several major positions to fill at the executive level. Work proceeds with finding replacements for the directors in the environmental, finance and community health bureaus, as well as for deputy director.

Budget

The Mayor released his FY2016 budget proposal and it is generally favorable. We did give up one position and the anticipated salary reduction from hiring a new bureau director at a lower level, but none of our other cuts were taken. All of our improvement requests were funded. Those are three new positions at MACC; a fund for reduced cost spay and neuter programs which we will put out for bid; and

the addition of dental staff so that we may make full use of our facilities here every day. The additional dental funding will allow us to add a full day of adult emergency dental service each week, partially helping address a longstanding gap in the community safety net. Also, the mayor's budget includes proposed 2.5 percent cost of living raises for all employees, plus enough money to fund an additional 2 percent raise. The budget is of course subject to alteration by the Metro Council. Our hearing before the Council is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on May 26.

Metro Animal Care and Control

Monthly Report
April 2015

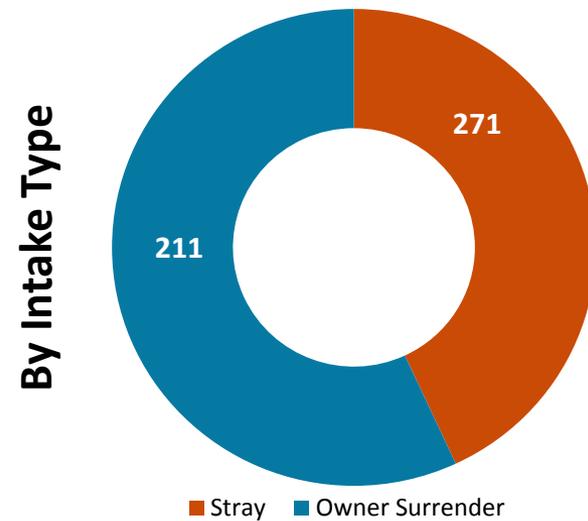
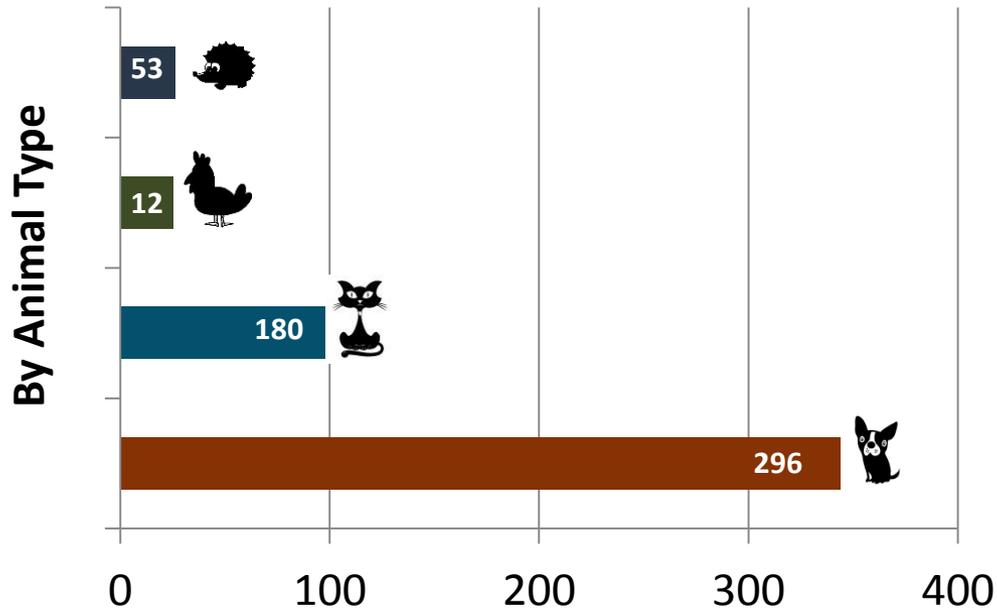


METRO NASHVILLE
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

April 2015 Intakes

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Owner Surrender	20	68	17	102	4	0	211
Request for Humane Euthanasia	0	30	2	19	8	0	59
Stray	23	39	31	125	0	53	271
Total	43	137	50	246	12	53	541

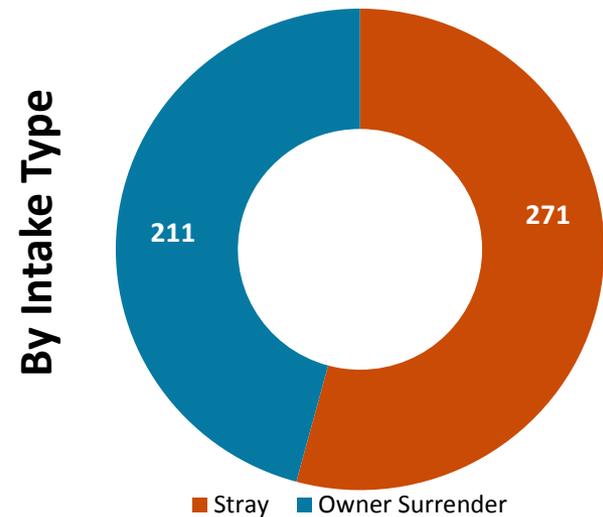
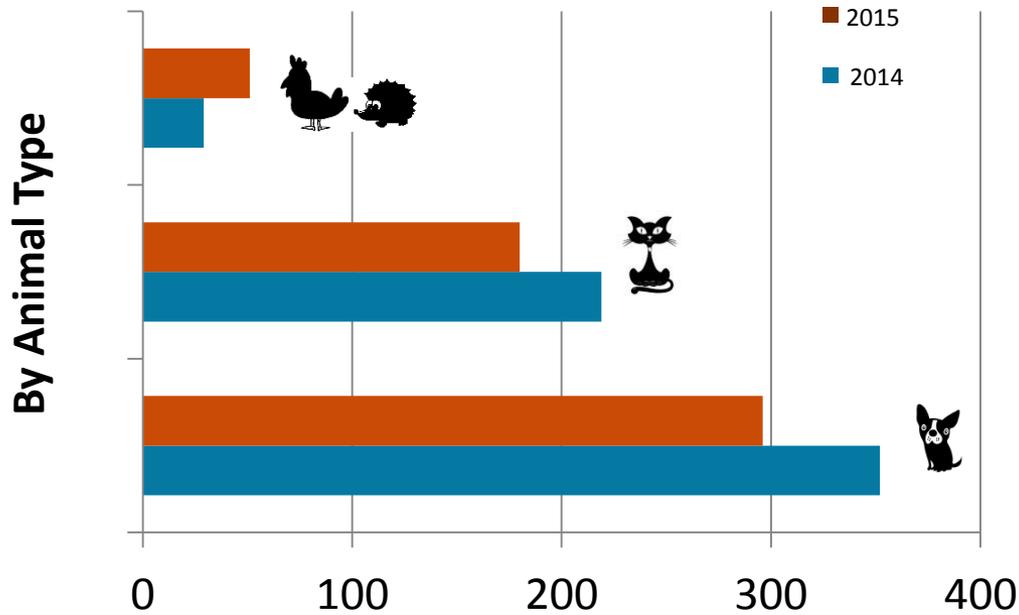
Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 11 months old
Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older
Other: Includes Livestock, small animals



April 2014 to 2015 Intakes

	2014				2015			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Owner Surrender	97	206	7	310	88	119	4	211
Request for Humane Euthanasia (Owner Surrender)	3	9	0	12	30	21	8	59
Stray	119	139	22	280	62	156	53	271
Total	219	354	29	602	180	296	65	541

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife



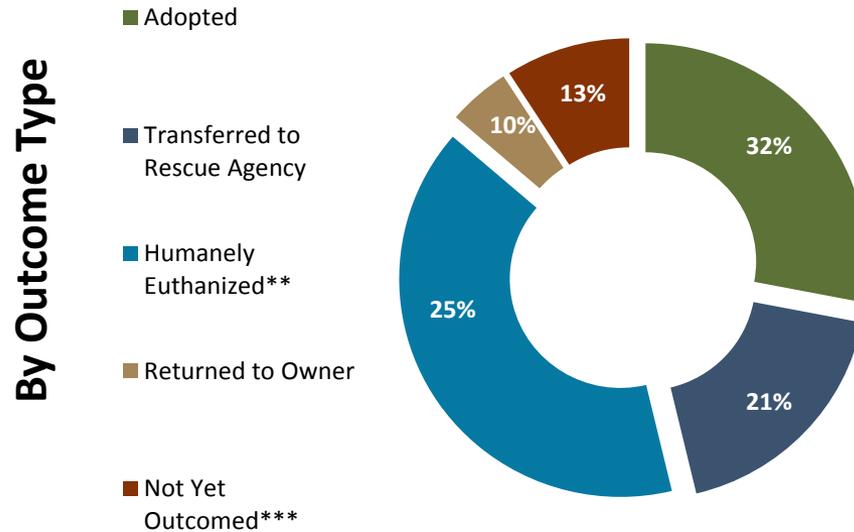
April 2015 Outcomes*

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Adopted	19	29	23	98	3	0	172
Transferred to Rescue Agency	15	10	22	48	11	6	112
Community Cat Program	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Returned to Owner	0	3	2	22	1	0	28
Humanely Euthanized**	3	85	4	107	0	47	246
Total	37	127	51	275	15	53	558

Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 12 months old

Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife



*Outcome Data will rarely match Intake Data due to the fluidity of the shelter census. Animals are constantly being moved through the "Animal Flow Through" process.

**This percentage does not include Owner Requested Euthanasia and Wildlife.

***Not Yet Outcomed refers to animals that are still in the shelter or foster care.

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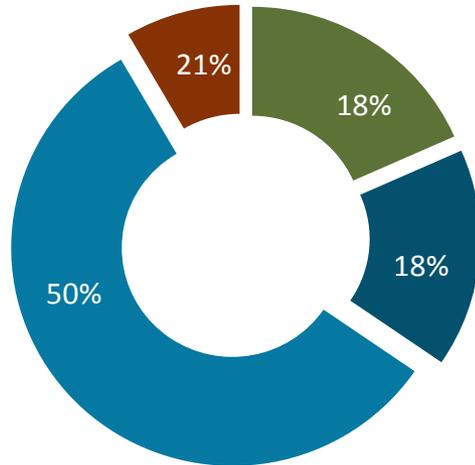
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	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Adopted	20	72	2	94	48	121	3	172
Transferred to Rescue Agency	30	52	1	83	25	70	17	112
Returned to Owner	3	55	0	58	3	24	1	28
Humanely Euthanized	134	144	14	292	88	111	47	246
Total	187	323	17	527	164	326	68	558

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife

By Outcome Type

2014

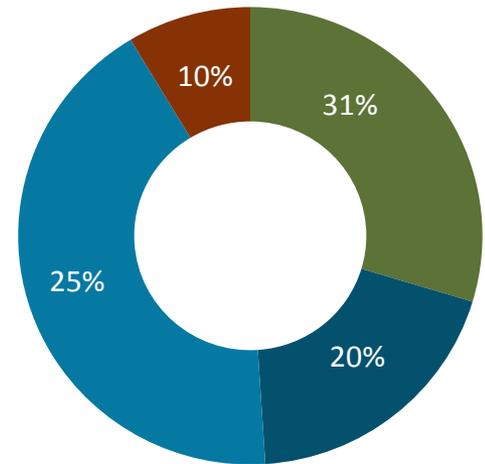
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By Outcome Type

2015

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