

Director's Update to the Board of Health

December 2015

Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

I spoke at Alignment Nashville's Community Meeting, a call to action to engage new partners in efforts to improve children's health. I also joined board members of Alignment Nashville in a meeting with the Mayor last week regarding collaborative efforts with schools to improve children's health.

I participated in a panel about birth outcomes and infant mortality reduction at the Global Action Summit, a gathering of business and university leaders, researchers, NGOs and others focused on food, health and prosperity. Thanks to D'yuanna Allen-Robb for providing useful support regarding our ongoing Fetal Infant Mortality Review program.

Promote and Support Healthier Living

Health & Housing

The Healthy Nashville Leadership Council is finalizing a statement on the health implications of housing policy it intends to present to policy makers as the city considers changes to its zoning laws. The current debate regarding inclusionary zoning (IZ) started with an ordinance by Metro Council instructing the Planning Department to formulate a plan for IZ. The Planning Department engaged a consultant and is expected to present its recommendation back to the Council on January 20. The HNLC statement stresses the health benefits of reducing geographic concentration of people living in poverty and of ensuring that reasonable commute times are the norm for all workers rather than a luxury for the affluent.

Create Healthier Community Environments

MACC

Our 3rd Annual Black Friday adoption event was a success, with more than 80 animals finding homes. My thanks to the shelter staff that worked over the holiday weekend to make it successful. Also, our continuing progress at the shelter was featured prominently in the cover story of last week's *Nashville Scene*. MACC currently has over 10,000 followers on Facebook.

Prevent and Control Epidemics and Respond to Public Health Emergencies

World AIDS Day

I was invited to the White House for World AIDS Day last week, an honor reflecting the dedicated work of our staff here at MPH to reduce the impacts of this disease. It was a short trip and an honor to join about 100 colleagues for this annual commemoration. Among the messages that struck me most were the realistic possibility of envisioning a world without AIDS. Michael Botticelli, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, emphasized the connections between the epidemic of opiate and opioid use and HIV transmission, and the importance of making drug treatment available. A corollary came from James LoDuca of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, who noted that HIV "thrives on the margins," a reminder of the positive public health impacts of not marginalizing people.

Increase Access and Connection to Clinical Care

Open Enrollment

MPHD is assisting and supporting Mayor Barry for President Obama's "Healthy Communities Challenge." That challenge has been issued to Nashville and 19 other cities across the country to encourage the

enrollment of uninsured citizens into health insurance plans offered under the Affordable Care Act. The cities making the most progress “get bragging rights, a healthier community, and a visit from President Obama,” per the White House’s announcement of the challenge.

We continue to make progress toward assisting presumptively eligible pregnant women get full TennCare coverage. Eleven staff members in Community Health and Population Health Bureaus are taking federal and state training for this purpose. The state has enlisted all health departments across the state, through an agreement with TennCare, to get these individuals enrolled while they are within our doors. The presumptive eligibility is good for 45 days, and many of the women do not get fully enrolled within that period. As a result providers may be reluctant to honor the presumptive eligibility, leaving women without access to coverage during their pregnancy. Our goal is to have everyone trained and ready to serve by January.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Hiring

Panel interviews are underway this week for Bureau directors in Finance, Community Health, and Administrative Services as well as the Civil Service Medical Examiner.

Art

No doubt you’ve noticed we now have art on the walls here: 189 pieces of it. My thanks to the members of the art committee: Martha Bickley, Angela Boffah, Nellie Bowman, Jim Diamond, Lisa Fenton, Shelia Morris, Lisa Nistler, Burns Rogers, Carl Sutton, Teresa Thomas, and John Vick. The committee set criteria for art that is colorful, tasteful, natural, evocative of motion, and inviting, especially to our younger customers in places like the exam rooms in Room 120. Thanks also to Metro Archives, which provided some images from their collection, including shots of the old mobile dental trailer now featured in the dental clinic, and to our contractor, Artonomy out of Cincinnati, which hung all these on Friday and Saturday over the Thanksgiving break. The reaction from staff has been very positive, and we hope you enjoy it as well. Special thanks to Jim for leading the effort and both Jim and Martha for the time consuming work of sifting through images for keepers.

Dr. Campbell

We’re pleased to have Dr. Thomas Campbell join the Board for his inaugural meeting today. Dr. Campbell brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the board (see packet for details) and we’re glad to have him. Welcome.

Budget

A preliminary description of anticipated budgetary requests for the department over the next three years has been prepared, in anticipation of conversations with Mr. Riebeling and Ms. Lomax-O’neal leading up to the FY 2017 budget process.

Metro Animal Care and Control

Monthly Report
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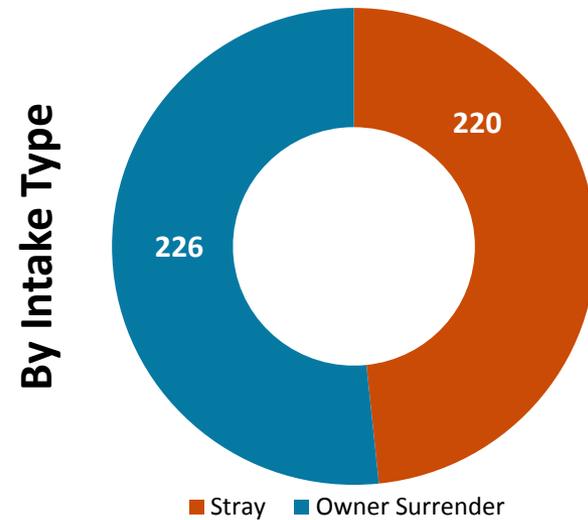
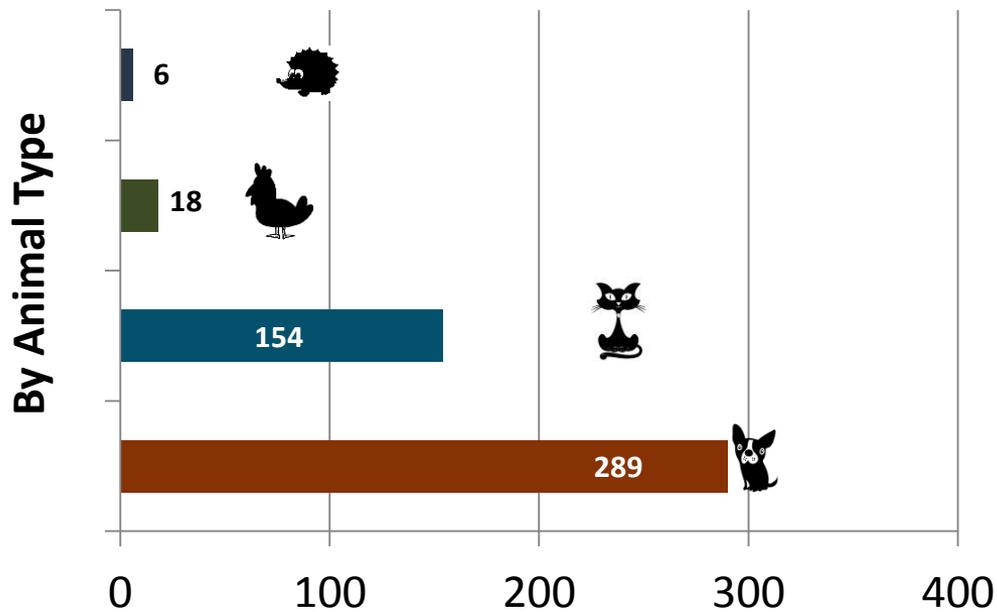
November 2015 Intakes

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Owner Surrender	42	44	16	108	16	0	226
Request for Humane Euthanasia	1	5	1	14	0	0	21
Stray	34	28	29	121	2	6	220
Total	77	77	46	243	18	6	467

Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 11 months old

Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older

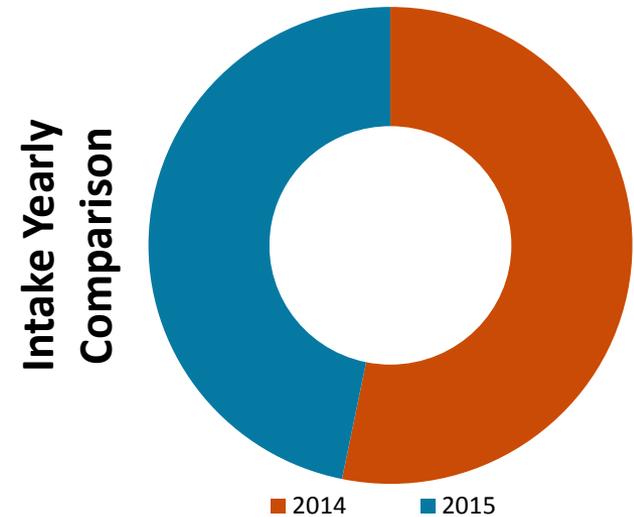
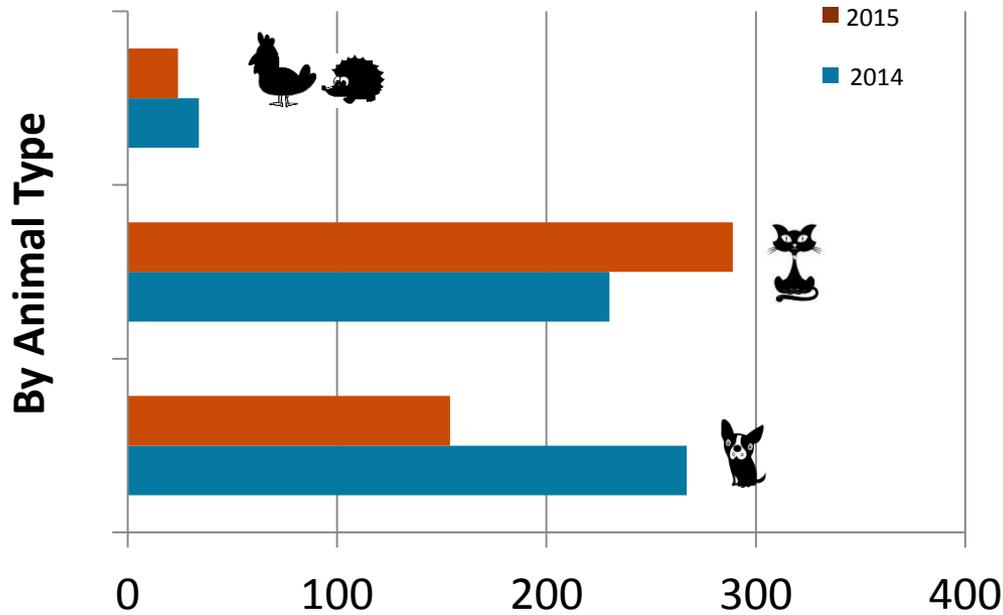
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November 2014 to 2015 Intakes

	2014				2015			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Owner Surrender	132	126	7	265	86	124	16	226
Request for Humane Euthanasia (Owner Surrender)	8	10	0	18	6	15	0	21
Stray	90	131	27	248	62	150	8	220
Total	230	267	34	531	154	289	24	467

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife



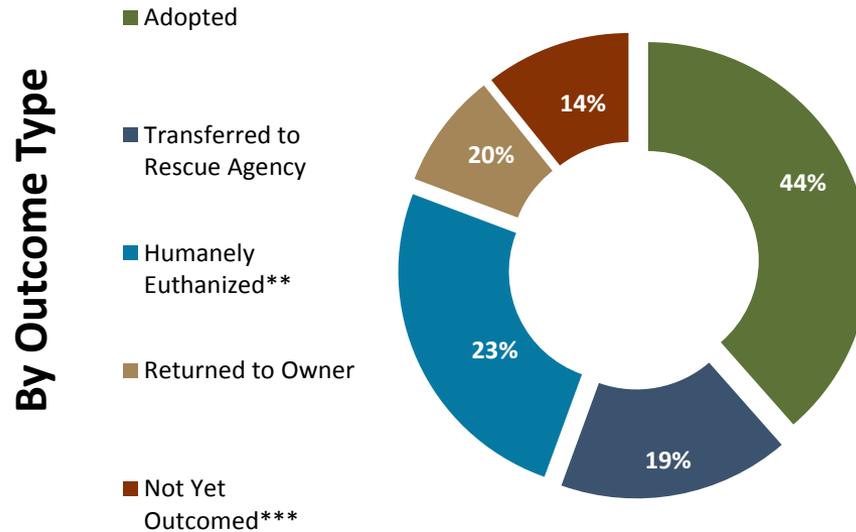
November 2015 Outcomes*

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Adopted	72	26	24	81	0	0	203
Transferred to Rescue Agency	11	12	18	31	17	0	89
Returned to Owner	0	4	3	35	3	0	45
Community Cats Program	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Humanely Euthanized	21	28	6	73	0	5	133
Total	104	73	51	220	20	5	473

Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 12 months old

Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older

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*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.

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

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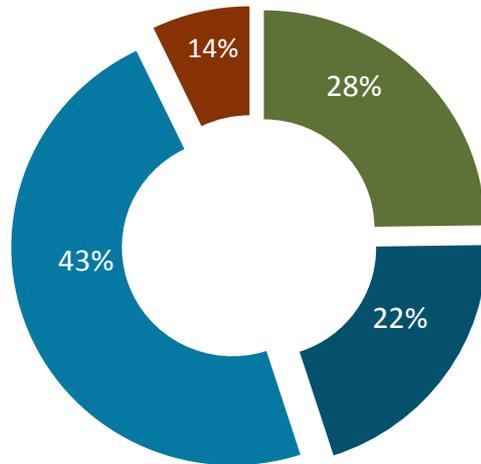
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Adopted	59	82	1	142	98	105	0	203
Transferred to Rescue Agency	16	94	6	116	23	49	17	89
Returned to Owner	1	34	0	35	4	38	3	45
Community Cat Program	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3
Humanely Euthanized	157	99	18	274	49	79	5	133
Total	235	309	25	569	177	271	25	473

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife

By Outcome Type

2014

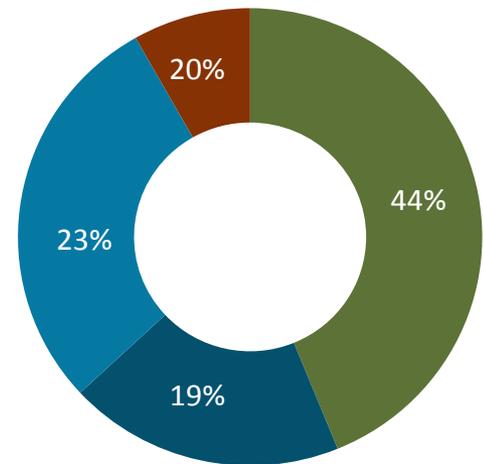
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2015

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