

Director's Update to the Board of Health January 2016

Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

Healthy Nashville Summit

This year's Healthy Nashville Summit will be on Friday, April 22, at Trevecca Community Church on Murfreesboro Pike from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The focus this year will be on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which are childhood events creating toxic stress that are strongly correlated with a variety of adverse health outcomes in adulthood. The Community Health Improvement Plan has identified Supporting Mental and Emotional Health as a priority area. The summit will address this priority, focusing on how to engage the community to help prevent these negative outcomes.

Promote and Support Healthier Living

Breathe Easy

As of January 1 two apartment complexes, Fallbrook Apartment Community and Riverwood Tower Apartment Community, became the first to implement smoke-free policies under our Breathe Easy Campaign since it was launched in October. They join 16 other smoke-free apartment communities identified on the Breathe Easy website (www.breatheeasy.nashville.gov). The two newest members are in the east Nashville and Madison areas, respectively. Together they have 361 rental units and have taken their entire complexes smoke-free, curb-to-curb. We congratulate them, and will continue working to make them the first of many to do so.

Create Healthier Community Environments

HNLC and Housing

You have seen and considered today the Healthy Nashville Leadership Council's position statement regarding mixed income housing/inclusionary zoning. The statement has been provided to other decision-making bodies, including the Planning Commission and the Metro Council, and has been featured in media reports as well. The Metro Council will receive the Planning Department's proposal on January 20, and then begin design of its final approach. The chairman and co-chairman of the HNLC (Dr. Freida Outlaw and Elisa Friedman) are scheduled to present the group's position to the Metro Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Affordable Housing on January 21. Any endorsements of it will almost certainly be a part of that presentation.

Spay/Neuter Grant

Our current year budget included \$100,000 for a low-cost spay and neuter campaign. We solicited bids and earlier this month awarded the contract to Pet Community Center. PCC proposed to focus its efforts in northeast and southeast Nashville, based in part on intake data at MACC which helped identify the areas of greatest need. The service will be free to low-income residents in the targeted areas, and includes assistance with transportation as well as education and community outreach. MACC has seen a 42 percent decrease in the number of animals taken into the facility over the last five years and we believe this is largely a result of free and low-cost spay/neuter efforts in the community.

Public Health 3.0

Nashville has been chosen as one of five communities to be visited this summer under a project called Public Health 3.0, an initiative of acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Director Karen DeSalvo. The project emphasizes cross-sector collaboration designed to directly affect the social determinants of health. The summer visits are intended to identify and learn from innovations in this realm that are under way already. I'll be helping HHS identify other local community members who should be involved in the visit. The other communities chosen by HHS are Spokane, Wash., Pittsburgh, Kansas City, and Sonoma County, Cal.

Prevent and Control Epidemics and Respond to Public Health Emergencies

Ebola

On December 29 the World Health Organization declared the end of Ebola virus transmission in Guinea, marking the end of a two-year outbreak in West Africa. Therefore, we will no longer actively monitor travelers for signs and symptoms of the disease. Since October, 2014, MPHDC communicable disease staff members have monitored 62 travelers from West Africa. It was a huge undertaking for them, including multiple after-hours calls and home visits. We acknowledge and appreciate their efforts.

Increase Access and Connection to Clinical Care

ACA

We will once again host a last-day-of-enrollment event with our partners assisting people with enrollment in insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act. The last day of the current open enrollment period, begun in November, is Sunday, January 31. This event was heavily attended last year and we are hopeful for its continued success. Last year the local enrollment coalition did very well, getting just short of 70,000 people signed up for one insurance plan or another. We will provide this year's numbers when they've been tallied. Through January 2, more than 230,000 people across the state had signed up during this enrollment period.

Organizational Updates

Budget

Mayor Barry has requested that departments submit a three-year budget request, which is a change from past direction. She also has charged departments will collectively formulating budget improvement requests that will cut across traditional intergovernmental barriers. We will take a deliberate and strategic approach to that request. Most such collaborations will take time to develop, although in the meantime we are assessing whether any current proposals are sufficiently evolved to be proposed in the upcoming budget cycle.

Peers

TDH Commissioner Dr. John Dreyzehner had a welcome dinner for the newest metro public health department director in the state and I was happy to join. Dr. Alisa Haushalter, whom many of you know from her years here, is the new director in Memphis/Shelby County. We join the commissioner in welcoming our former colleague back to Tennessee.

Metro Animal Care and Control

Monthly Report
December 2015

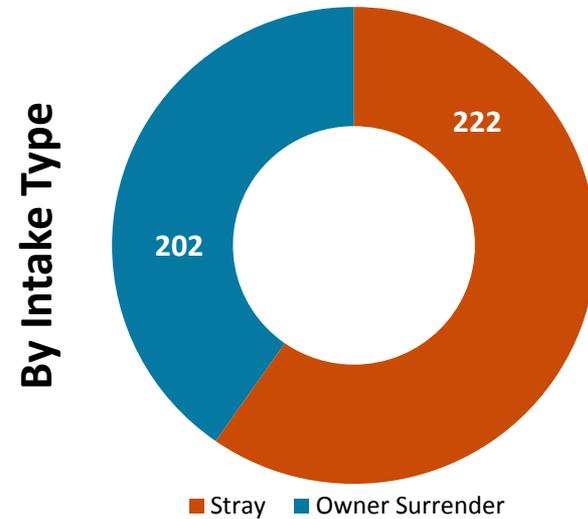
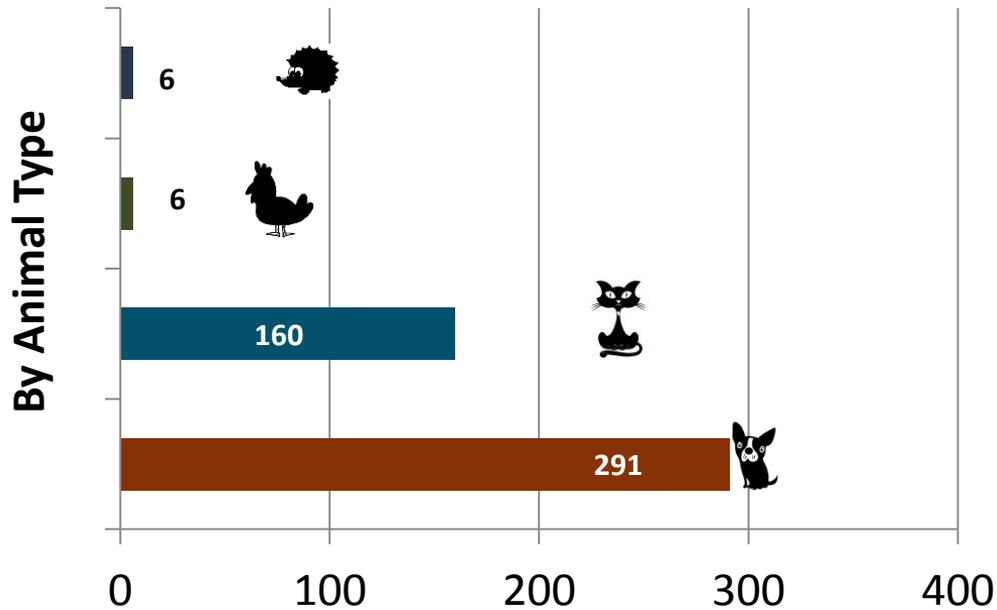


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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

December 2015 Intakes

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Owner Surrender	24	60	29	87	2	0	202
Request for Humane Euthanasia	6	15	0	18	0	0	39
Stray	23	32	17	140	4	6	222
Total	53	107	46	245	6	6	463

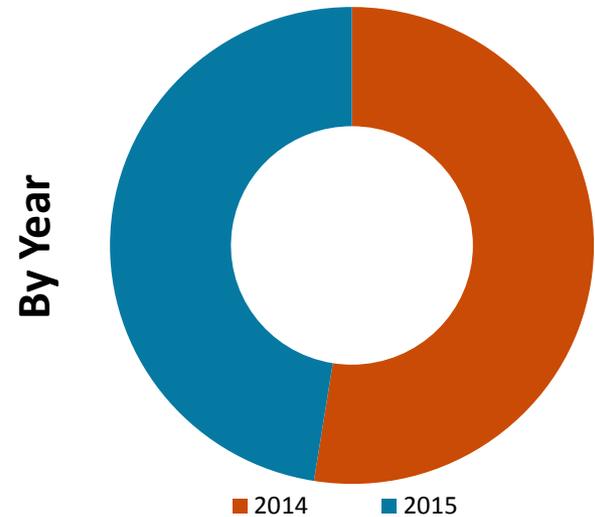
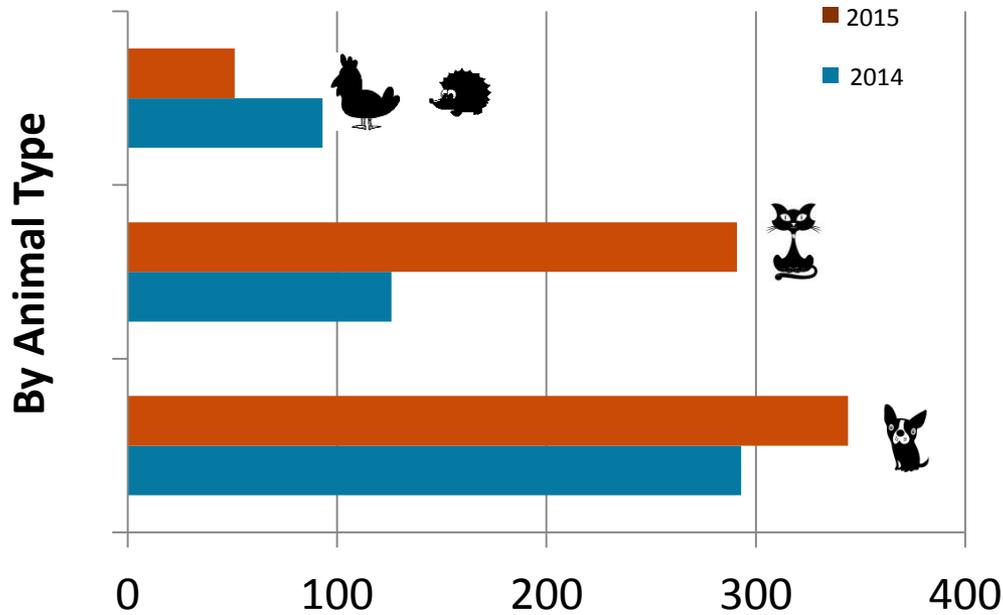
Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 11 months old
Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older
Other: Includes Livestock, small animals



December 2014 to 2015 Intakes

	2014				2015			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Owner Surrender	79	147	66	292	84	116	2	202
Request for Humane Euthanasia (Owner Surrender)	3	22	0	25	21	18	0	39
Stray	44	124	27	195	55	157	10	222
Total	126	293	93	512	160	291	12	463

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife



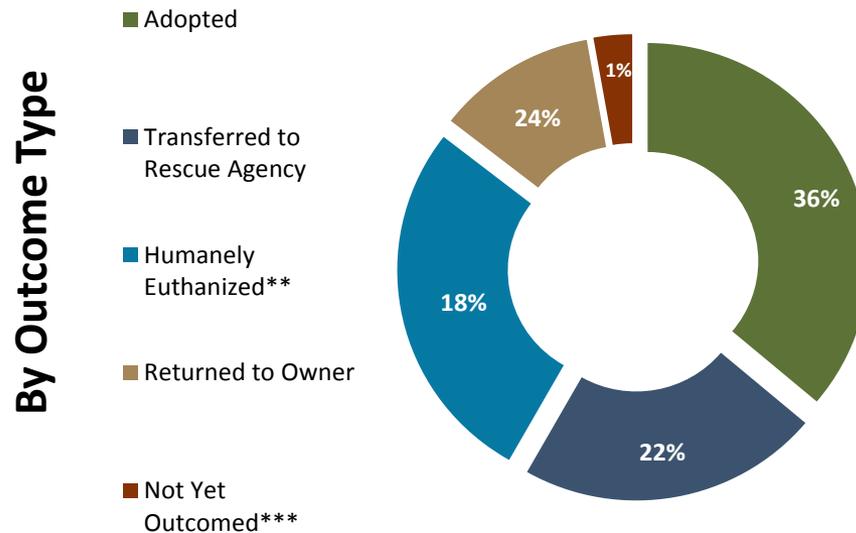
December 2015 Outcomes*

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Adopted	35	31	17	81	3	0	167
Transferred to Rescue Agency	17	14	26	43	2	0	102
Returned to Owner	0	3	2	49	0	0	54
Community Cats Program	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Humanely Euthanized	11	41	3	68	0	3	126
Total	63	90	48	241	5	3	450

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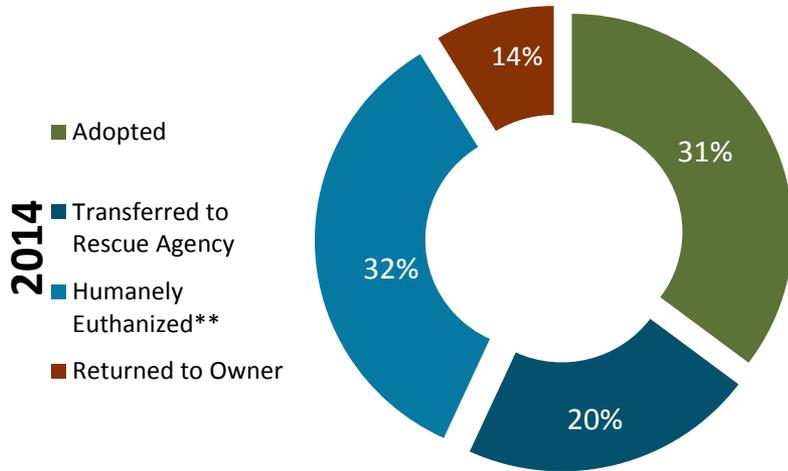
***Not Yet Outcomed refers to animals that are still in the shelter or foster care.

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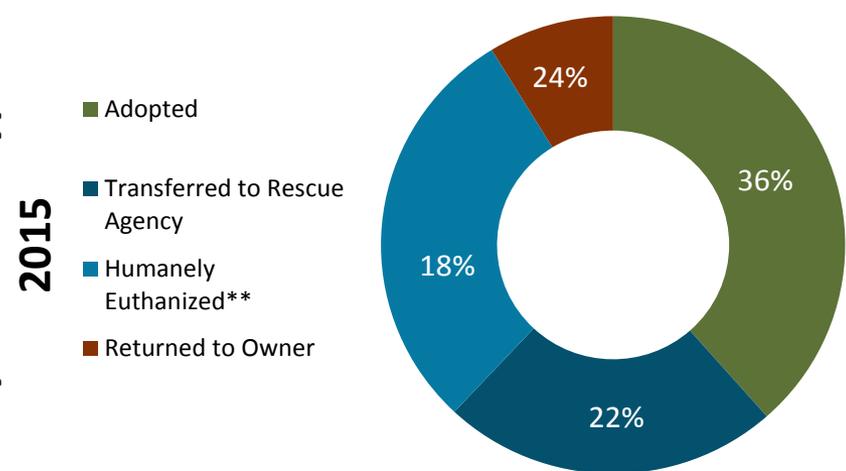
	2014				2015			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Adopted	55	52	58	165	66	98	3	167
Transferred to Rescue Agency	16	80	5	101	31	69	2	102
Returned to Owner	1	28	0	29	3	51	0	54
Community Cat Program	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Humanely Euthanized	47	95	19	161	52	71	3	126
Total	119	255	82	456	153	289	8	450

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Yearly Comparison: 2014 and 2015

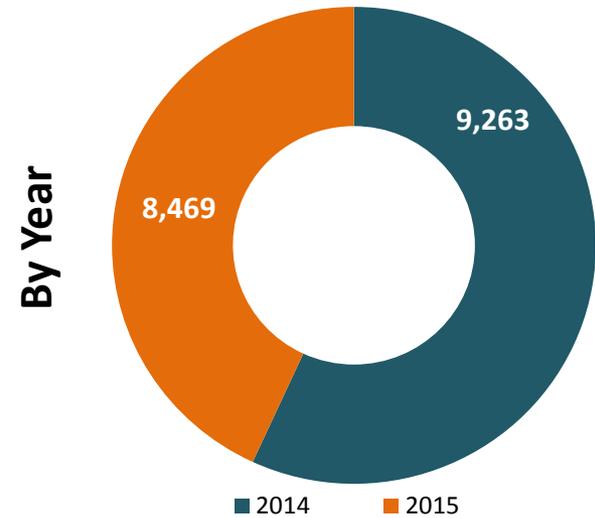
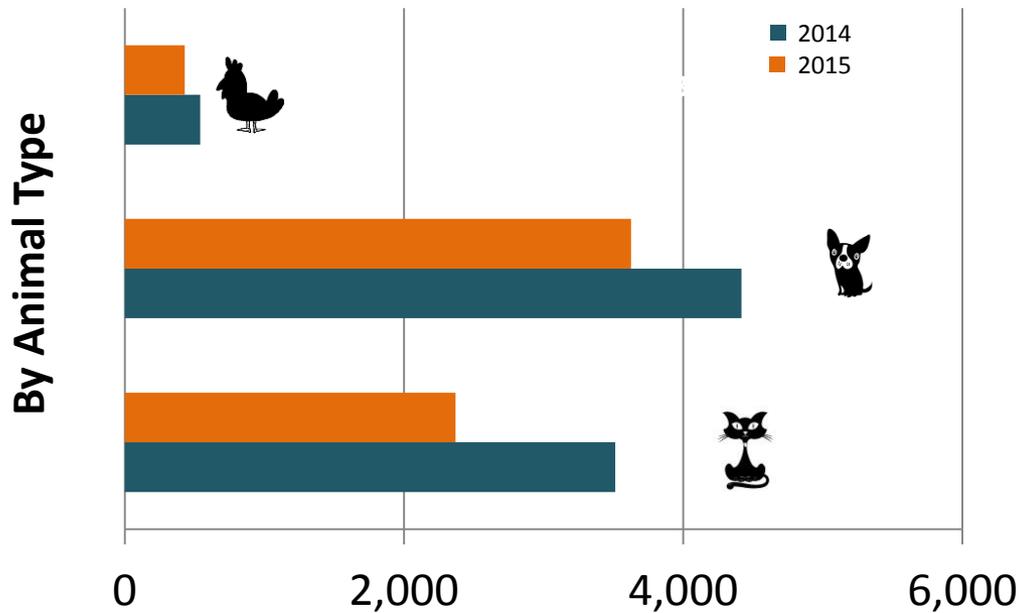


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Owner Surrender	1,638	2,374	186	4,198	1,260	1,639	112	3,011
Request for Humane Euthanasia (Owner Surrender)	43	143	2	188	192	219	33	444
Stray	1,832	1,900	351	4,083	916	1,768	284	2,968
Total	3,513	4,417	539	8,469	2,368	3,626	429	6,423

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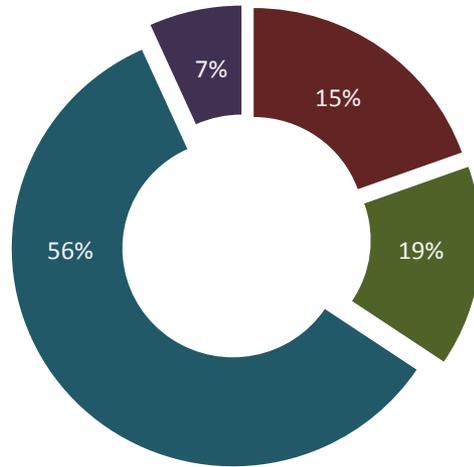
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	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Adopted	487	956	132	1,575	831	1117	38	1,986
Transferred to Rescue Agency	226	914	60	1,200	359	790	118	1,267
Returned to Owner	32	512	1	545	33	483	5	521
Humanely Euthanized	2,585	1,951	212	4,748	994	1,171	194	2,359
Total	3,330	4,333	405	8,068	2,217	3,561	355	6,133

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2014

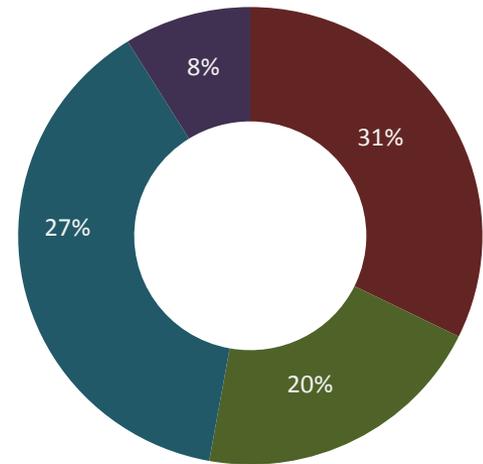
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- Transferred to Rescue Agency
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By Outcome Type

2015

- Adopted
- Transferred to Rescue Agency
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2014 - 2015 Year to Date

	2014	2015
Animal Intake	8469	6423
Owner Surrenders	4198	3011
Strays	4083	2968
Adopted	1575	1986
Transferred to Rescue Agency	1200	1267
Community Cat Program	35	14
Returned to Owner	545	521
Humane Euthanasia	56%	27%