

Director's Update to the Board of Health

February 2016

Improve and Sustain Family and Child Well-Being

Tobacco

By month's end we will launch our fourth Tobacco Settlement initiative, the "Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program." The program addresses smoking among young women during pregnancy, providing counseling and other resources to help them quit during pregnancy and, it is hoped, beyond. The program has been successful in helping women quit and stay smoke free, resulting in improved birth outcomes and long-term positive outcomes for women, children, and their families. Pregnant mothers can be enrolled through MPHD home visiting programs (HUGS and Healthy Beginnings), one of our partners (Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee), and other agencies across the city. The program offers a \$25.00 diaper voucher to participants, partners or others who live in the home and remain smoke-free.

Prevent and Control Epidemics and Respond to Public Health Emergencies

Zika Virus

The World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern based on an association between the mosquito-borne Zika virus and a spike in microcephaly and Guillain-Barre Syndrome, mostly in South America, Central America and Mexico. The Centers for Disease Control is closely monitoring for cases in the United States, with at least one reported last week in Texas. Most people (about 80 percent) infected with the virus have no symptoms; and the symptoms that do appear tend to be mild. The association with birth defects is "evolving" according to CDC, which in the meantime is recommending travel precautions for women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant. We will continue to monitor CDC's advice, which, as with all such infections, will stress avoiding mosquito bites in the first place.

Increase Access and Connection to Clinical Care

ACA Enrollment event

January 31 was the last day of the open enrollment period for insurance plans offered under the Affordable Care Act. We opened the lobby and Centennial rooms to over a dozen volunteer enrollment counselors. Collectively they enrolled 71 people that day. We appreciate the work they do, and thank the MPHD staff who stepped up to assist.

Organizational Updates

Budget

Mayor Barry is taking a different tack in the budgeting process. The key differences are that she is looking for a three-year budget proposal, and has encouraged departments to collaborate on projects that require additional investment. Mayor Barry has asked that departments identify which of her priorities any budget improvements address. Those are: Education, Public Safety, Transit/Infrastructure, and Economic Development. The collaborative areas the mayor has identified are: Jobs, Mental Health, Animal Welfare, Community Beautification, and Youth Violence. You have seen our original budget

outline for the coming year. The year two and year three outlines will be higher level views of where we intend to go. We are exploring whether any of our current collaborations are sufficiently evolved to merit a current-year budget improvement request, most promisingly a possible expansion of the school nursing program. We will examine our budget plans with you in greater detail in March.

Snow Days I

Based on the back-to-back inclement weather events of a couple of weeks ago, we're reviewing and updating our decision-making processes for closing entirely, opening late or shutting down early. We're looking at each decision point, and at ways to monitor current conditions at our buildings so that we have the most up-to-date information possible.

Snow Days II

Some things have to get done even with eight inches of snow and ice on the roads. The MACC staff cared for the animals in the shelter and responded to field calls, including from co-workers needing help getting to work. Dr. Sanmi Areola loaned MACC a desperately needed four-wheel drive vehicle to help out. On Friday night of the big snow, the Woodbine Clinic lost power, putting building equipment and vaccine storage in jeopardy. Terry Grimes responded to check temperatures in the vaccine refrigerators and freezer. Under time pressure, he contacted Erin Arnold, the nurse on call, and together they prepared the vaccines for transport to Lentz. During this time power was restored and they put the vaccines into the proper refrigeration. The outage caused other problems, including the fire sprinkler system and the circulation pumps supplying hot water to the HVAC systems. This resulted in audible alarms ringing in the neighborhood, police response, and no heat. Terry stayed until 11 p.m. working with the sprinkler system vendor, and again on Saturday to troubleshoot problems with the HVAC systems. All systems were functioning properly by that afternoon. On Sunday, Terry, Ed Watkins, and Tony Dotson worked throughout the day shoveling snow and spreading salt at East, Woodbine, SNC, and MACC.

Thank you, and well done.

Training

In light of the tragic death of Dr. Thomas-Trudo, MPHD is forming a workgroup to develop a domestic violence strategy for our organization. A notice has gone to all staff soliciting members from all levels of MPHD to serve on this workgroup. The purpose is to develop a comprehensive strategy encompassing increased awareness, ongoing staff training, and support for staff and clients wishing to secure assistance. The Metro Nashville Police Department's Domestic Violence Crisis Counseling Supervisor will be part of the group. In the near term, a section on the Behavioral Health page of the MPHD website is being added to list domestic violence crisis lines and resources.

General Staff Meetings

One of the outcomes of our recent Strategic Plan update was to reinstitute general staff meetings, the first of which is scheduled for next month. We believe these gatherings will help with communications and transparency, and give all of us a beneficial chance to mingle with colleagues we don't get to see often.

Metro Animal Care and Control

Monthly Report January 2016

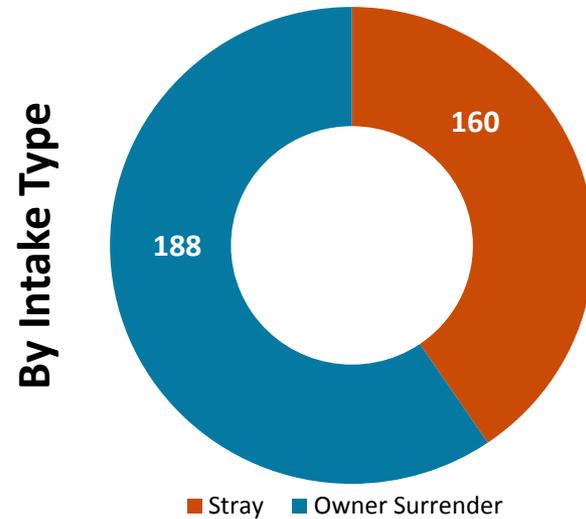
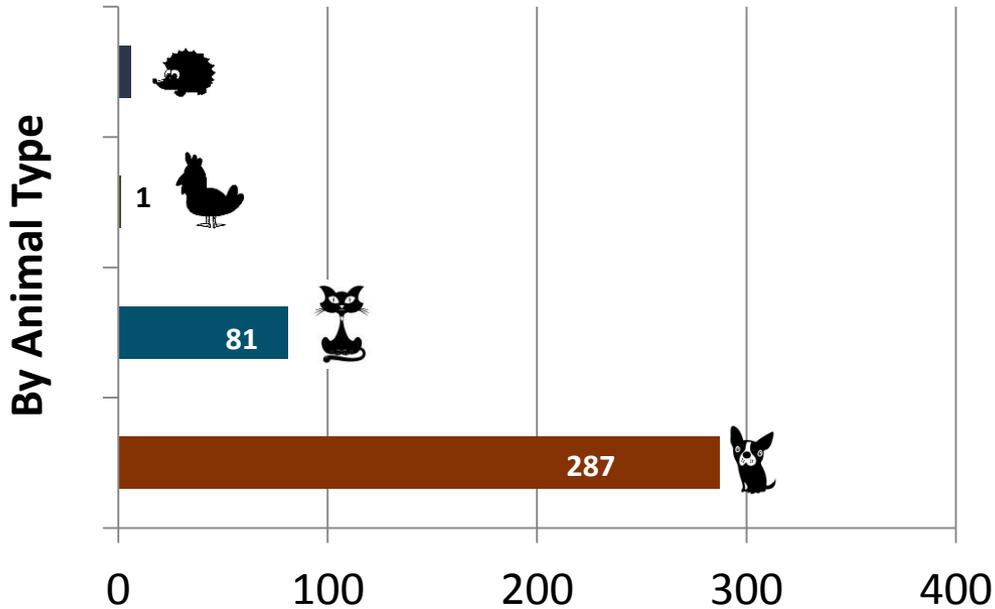


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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

January 2016 Intakes

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Owner Surrender	9	38	28	106	1	6	188
Request for Humane Euthanasia	0	6	0	21	0	0	27
Stray	4	24	37	95	0	0	160
Total	13	68	65	222	1	6	375

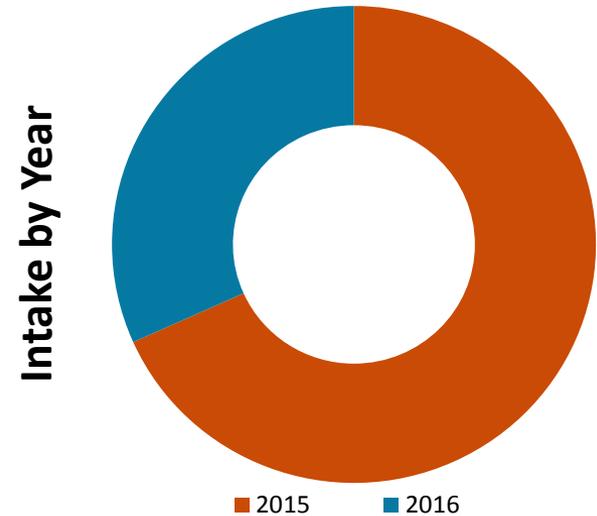
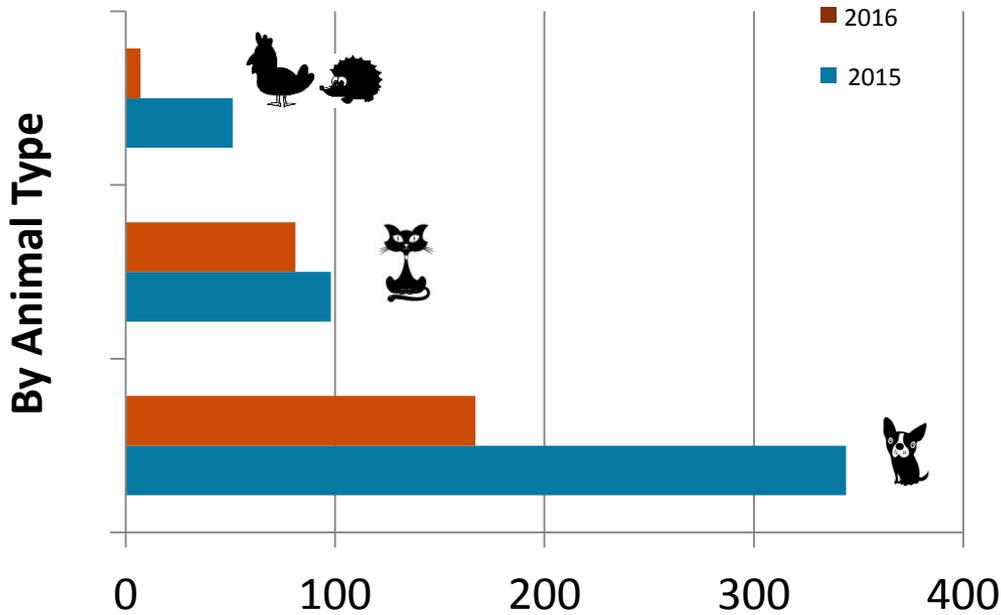
Kitten/Puppy: 6 weeks old to 11 months old
Adult Cat/Dog: 1 year or older
Other: Includes Livestock, small animals



January 2015 to 2016 Intakes

	2015				2016			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Owner Surrender	43	168	18	229	47	134	7	188
Request for Humane Euthanasia (Owner Surrender)	8	14	4	26	6	21	0	27
Stray	47	162	29	238	28	132	0	160
Total	98	344	51	493	81	167	7	375

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife



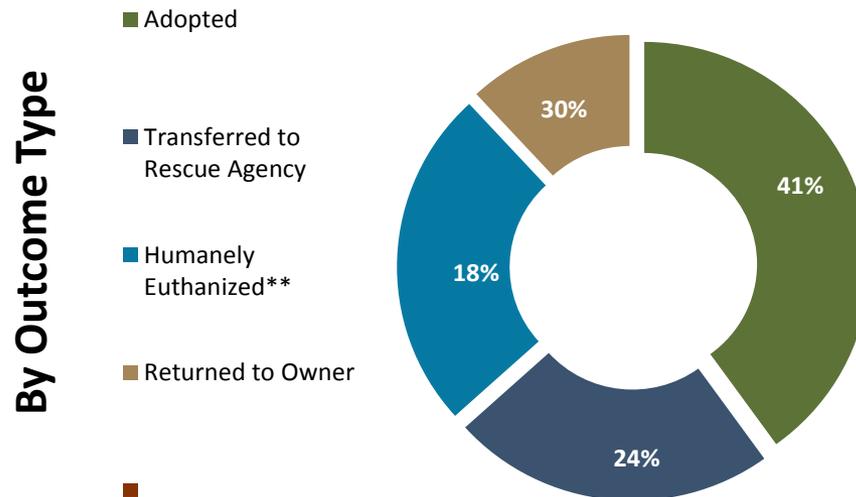
January 2016 Outcomes*

	Kitten	Adult Cat	Puppy	Adult Dog	Other	Wildlife	Total
Adopted	9	26	34	85	1	0	155
Transferred to Rescue Agency	6	34	13	34	3	0	90
Returned to Owner	0	3	0	43	0	0	46
Community Cats Program	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Humanely Euthanized	1	23	2	68	0	2	96
Total	16	96	49	230	4	2	397

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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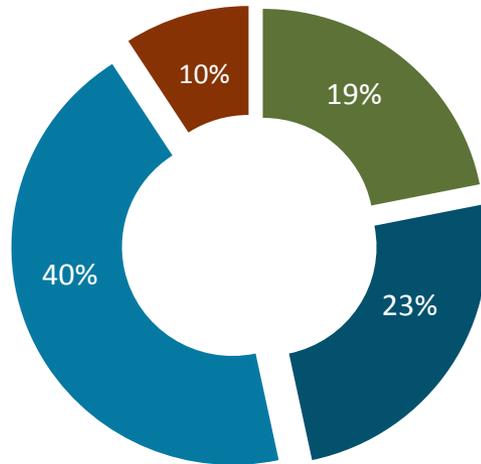
	2015				2016			
	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total	Cats	Dogs	Other	Total
Adopted	28	66	4	98	35	119	1	155
Transferred to Rescue Agency	8	90	13	111	40	47	3	90
Returned to Owner	2	48	0	50	3	43	0	46
Community Cat Program	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
Humanely Euthanized	61	111	26	198	24	70	2	96
Total	99	315	43	457	112	279	6	397

Other: Includes Livestock, small animals and wildlife

By Outcome Type

2015

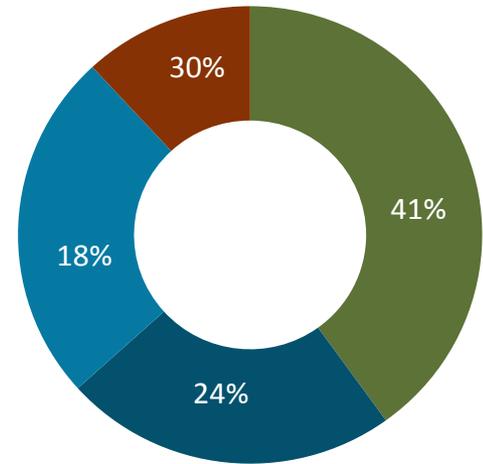
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- Humanely Euthanized**
- Returned to Owner



By Outcome Type

2016

- Adopted
- Transferred to Rescue Agency
- Humanely Euthanized**
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2014 - 2015 Year to Date

	2015	2016
Animal Intake	493	375
Owner Surrenders	229	188
Strays	238	160
Adopted	98	155
Transferred to Rescue Agency	111	90
Community Cat Program	0	10
Returned to Owner	50	46
Humane Euthanasia**	40%	18%

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