

Monthly Shelter Statistics - Calendar Year 2021

Effective July 1, 2013, the Florida State Legislature passed data reporting requirements of all public and private animal shelters, humane organizations or animal control agencies operated by a humane organization, or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision. Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control has operated with transparency on sheltering data, including intake and euthanasia records, since the agency's inception.

Although the State is requiring all agencies to compile data into specific categories, the law does not define the individual classifications. In order to avoid subjectivity, Palm Beach County has defined the required categories. These definitions are specific to Palm Beach County and may not be applicable to other counties.

Palm Beach County encourages reporting transparency for all animal welfare organizations, including those not required by law. Only through collaborative collection of data from every organization and individual involved in animal sheltering and rescue, will we achieve a true and accurate accounting of animal welfare in each community and the state of Florida.

Species Category

Dogs - All domestic dogs, including neonates, including captured/trapped feral dogs.

Cats - All domestic cats, including neonates, including captured/trapped feral cats.

Other - All other animals, including livestock, exotic pets, birds, wildlife, etc.

Intake Category

Surrendered by Owner - Any animal surrendered to the shelter by the owner or designee, including those for bite quarantine; excludes those surrendered after being 'Confiscated',; excludes those surrendered/transferred in from other animal shelters, agencies and/or rescues.

Stray - Animals whose owner is unknown, including those with possible, but unverified, owner information; excludes those transferred from other animal shelters, agencies and/or rescues.

Impounded - Owned animals sheltered for Bite Quarantine, Dangerous/Vicious Dog investigation, Special Hold cases (evictions, crime scenes, owner being arrested or being taken to hospital, domestic violence holds, or any other legal situation that results in a requirement for sheltering).

Confiscated - Owned animals seized as part of an animal cruelty and/or neglect investigation, including animal hoarding.

Transferred from within Florida - Any animal transferred into the shelter by other local Florida animal shelters, agencies, rescues, etc., regardless of ownership status.

Transferred into or imported from out of state - Any animal transferred into the shelter by other animal shelters, agencies, rescues, etc., originating outside of Florida, regardless of ownership status.

Born in shelter - Any animal born at the shelter.

Disposition Category

Adoption - Any animal adopted to the general public.

Reclamation by Owner - Any animal reclaimed by the owner or designee.

Death in Kennel - All animals that died at shelter or in transit, including trauma cases.

Euthanasia at the owner's request - Any sick, injured, or dangerous animal euthanized at the request of the owner.

Transfer to another public or private animal shelter, humane organization - Any animal adopted or permanently transferred to another shelter or rescue organization, including injured/orphaned wildlife transferred to licensed wildlife rehabilitators.

Euthanasia - Any animal euthanized, including unadoptable animals and sick/injured animals that no rescue or other shelter would accept, excluding euthanasia service requests for personally owned sick, injured, or dangerous animals.

Released in field/Trapped, Neutered, Released (TNR) - Any animal released from shelter by staff, volunteer, or agent as part of a TNR program.

Lost in care / missing animals or records - Any animal stolen or escaped from shelter or from foster parent.

Ending inventory / shelter count at end of last day of the month - All animals in shelter population at the end of the last day of the month, including those in foster homes

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for January, 2021

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 2/1/2021 at 6:00:15 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 236	Cats - 242	Other - 50
Surrendered by Owner	42	37	2
Stray	166	199	46
Impounded	26	6	2
Confiscated	1	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	1	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	36	40	7
Reclaimed by Owner	81	13	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	3	1	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	37	19	4
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	115	83	5
Euthanasia	25	57	27
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	71	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	68	29	22

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for February, 2021

Monthly Shelter Reporting Required by Section 823.15, Florida Statute

Current as of 3/1/2021 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 217	Cats - 219	Other - 27
Surrendered by Owner	51	19	2
Stray	131	199	25
Impounded	24	1	0
Confiscated	2	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	9	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	40	30	2
Reclaimed by Owner	66	5	4
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	1	1
Owner Requested Euthanasia	26	14	4
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	103	54	12
Euthanasia	15	58	24
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	1	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	80	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	56	25	4

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for March, 2021

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Current as of 4/1/2021 at 6:00:12 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 283	Cats - 301	Other - 45
Surrendered by Owner	53	31	1
Stray	190	254	37
Impounded	35	7	6
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	7	0
Transfer from Within Florida	5	2	1
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	60	15	2
Reclaimed by Owner	84	11	3
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	38	15	2
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	82	96	7
Euthanasia	21	56	31
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	102	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	82	32	3

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for April, 2021

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Current as of 5/1/2021 at 6:00:08 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 262	Cats - 367	Other - 45
Surrendered by Owner	53	43	6
Stray	169	316	39
Impounded	31	8	0
Confiscated	3	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	6	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	59	23	0
Reclaimed by Owner	79	4	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	4	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	33	19	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	95	147	17
Euthanasia	18	59	27
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	94	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	93	85	5

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for May, 2021

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Current as of 6/1/2021 at 6:00:09 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 239	Cats - 498	Other - 43
Surrendered by Owner	59	53	3
Stray	148	428	30
Impounded	31	2	10
Confiscated	1	15	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	58	61	2
Reclaimed by Owner	70	7	4
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	3	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	31	16	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	97	139	4
Euthanasia	22	82	32
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	100	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	86	183	6

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for June, 2021

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Current as of 7/1/2021 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 265	Cats - 661	Other - 31
Surrendered by Owner	48	32	0
Stray	182	624	30
Impounded	29	4	1
Confiscated	1	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	5	1	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	54	94	10
Reclaimed by Owner	88	12	3
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	4	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	27	15	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	72	275	4
Euthanasia	23	128	15
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	121	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	108	219	6

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for July, 2021

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Current as of 8/1/2021 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 310	Cats - 481	Other - 83
Surrendered by Owner	65	64	4
Stray	217	395	59
Impounded	22	18	20
Confiscated	3	2	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	3	2	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	130	206	17
Reclaimed by Owner	95	9	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	6	2
Owner Requested Euthanasia	36	10	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	88	146	18
Euthanasia	18	87	36
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	118	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	87	117	15

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for August, 2021

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Current as of 9/1/2021 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 300	Cats - 523	Other - 43
Surrendered by Owner	82	83	3
Stray	182	422	37
Impounded	32	16	1
Confiscated	2	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	2	2	2
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	86	87	15
Reclaimed by Owner	62	12	3
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	4	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	48	6	2
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	91	187	2
Euthanasia	23	67	26
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	109	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	128	142	11

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for September, 2021

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Current as of 10/1/2021 at 6:00:05 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 298	Cats - 493	Other - 49
Surrendered by Owner	93	71	2
Stray	172	395	45
Impounded	30	21	1
Confiscated	0	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	5	0
Transfer from Within Florida	3	1	1
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	100	73	7
Reclaimed by Owner	92	30	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	0	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	34	12	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	72	233	3
Euthanasia	43	76	37
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	102	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	114	176	11

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for October, 2021

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Current as of 11/1/2021 at 6:00:10 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 267	Cats - 454	Other - 65
Surrendered by Owner	65	40	5
Stray	161	412	55
Impounded	39	2	5
Confiscated	2	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	0	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	59	66	5
Reclaimed by Owner	76	10	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	1	2	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	25	14	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	115	205	5
Euthanasia	26	77	54
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	98	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	103	147	13

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for November, 2021

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Current as of 12/1/2021 at 6:00:06 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 248	Cats - 530	Other - 63
Surrendered by Owner	65	69	7
Stray	153	443	55
Impounded	29	8	1
Confiscated	0	1	0
Born in Shelter	0	8	0
Transfer from Within Florida	1	1	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	73	67	5
Reclaimed by Owner	85	9	1
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	5	0
Owner Requested Euthanasia	23	10	0
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	66	234	8
Euthanasia	24	102	49
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	114	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	102	138	12

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Monthly Shelter Statistics for December, 2021

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Current as of 1/1/2022 at 6:00:11 AM

Live Animal Intakes	Dogs - 293	Cats - 383	Other - 94
Surrendered by Owner	75	42	3
Stray	184	315	87
Impounded	32	26	4
Confiscated	1	0	0
Born in Shelter	0	0	0
Transfer from Within Florida	1	0	0
Transfer in from Outside Florida	0	0	0

Animal Outcomes	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adoption	86	68	8
Reclaimed by Owner	81	6	0
Death in Kennel/Custody	0	2	3
Owner Requested Euthanasia	35	14	1
Transfer to Another Shelter/Rescue	74	191	12
Euthanasia	25	74	78
Lost/Missing/Unaccounted For	0	0	0
Released in Field/TNR	0	109	0
Ending Inventory / Monthly Count	126	80	5