

**Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency**

**Meeting Agenda**

**RESCHEDULED**

**Monday, February 7, 2022, 4:00 pm**

**Governing Board Members**

(\*Indicates Voting Member)

Dan Carson, City of Davis\*

Josh Chapman, City of Davis

Wade Cowan, City of Winters\*

Rich Lansburgh, City of Woodland

Mayra Vega, City of Woodland\*

Gary Sandy, County of Yolo\*

Jim Provenza, County of Yolo

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1. Call to Order (Sandy)
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of agenda (Sandy)
3. **Action Item:** Receive and file December 2, 2021 meeting minutes (Sandy) (Attachment A)
4. **Action Item:** Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Sandy) (Attachment B)
5. **Public Comment:** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency on subjects relating to YASPA business and not otherwise on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes (subject to change).
6. Receive a presentation on Yolo County Animal Services intake/outcome statistics from FY 2015-16 to 2020-21 and provide feedback to staff (Van Hoosear) (Attachment C)
7. Adjournment (Sandy)

Next Meeting: February 24, 2022

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## Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 2, 2021

The Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency met on the 2nd day of December, 2021, via [teleconference](#) at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1) (as amended by Assembly Bill 361), available at the following [link](#).

Governing Board Members Present: (\*Indicates Voting Member) Dan Carson – City of Davis\*, Wade Cowan – City of Winters\*, Mayra Vega – City of Woodland\* (joined late), Gary Sandy – County of Yolo\* Jim Provenza (alternate) – County of Yolo\*

Governing Board Members Absent: (\*Indicates Voting Member) Josh Chapman – City of Davis, and Rich Lansburgh – City of Woodland

Staff Present: Joanne Van Hoosear, County Administrator’s Office  
Philip Pogledich, County Counsel  
Chad Rinde, Interim County Administrator  
Stephanie Amato, Director of Animal Services  
Lupita Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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1. Call to Order
  2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of agenda (Sandy)

Minute Order No. 21-10: Approved agenda as submitted with the following update to Agenda Item No. 6: “Receive a presentation on the current Yolo County Animal Services cost allocation methodology and provide feedback to staff.” The discussion of the historical changes in costs has been deferred to a future meeting.

MOVED BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Cowan  
AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Vega.

3. **Action Item:** Receive and file October 28, 2021 meeting minutes (Sandy) (Attachment A)

Minute Order No. 21-11: Approved the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOVED BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Cowan

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

4. **Action Item:** Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Sandy) (Attachment B)

Minute Order No. 21-12: Authorized remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOVED BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Cowan

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

5. **Public Comment:** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency on subjects relating to YASPA business and not otherwise on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes (subject to change).

There was no public comment.

6. Receive a presentation on the current Yolo County Animal Services cost allocation methodology and ~~review of historical changes in costs~~ and provide feedback to staff (Van Hoosear) (Attachment C)

Eileen Samitz addressed the Board on this item.

Received a presentation on the current Yolo County Animal Services cost allocation methodology and provided feedback to staff. The discussion of the historical changes in costs has been deferred to a future meeting

7. Adjournment (Sandy)

Minutes prepared by Lupita Ramirez, Deputy Clerk



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

*Karen Larsen, LMFT*  
Director

**Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH**  
Health Officer

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Date: January 4, 2022

To: All Yolo County Boards and Commissions

From: Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer

Subject: Remote Public Meetings

On September 22, October 20, and November 20, 2021, I issued memoranda recommending remote meetings. The case rate in Yolo County has increased significantly since the November 20 memorandum, and the current case rate represents high community transmission. In the context of high community transmission, I recommend meetings be held remotely whenever possible. I am re-issuing the earlier memorandum with updated COVID-19 case rate data.

In light of the ongoing public health emergency related to COVID-19 and the high level of community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19, the Yolo County Public Health Officer recommends that public bodies continue to meet remotely to the extent possible. Board and Commissions can utilize the provisions of newly enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act and similar laws.

Among other reasons, the grounds for the remote meeting recommendation include:

- The continued threat of COVID-19 to the community. As of January 4, 2022, the case rate is 32.3 cases per 100,000 residents per day. This case rate is considered “High” under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) framework for assessing community COVID-19 transmission; and
- The unique characteristics of public governmental meetings, including the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges of ensuring compliance with safety requirements and recommendations at such meetings.

Meetings that cannot feasibly be held virtually should be held outdoors when possible, or indoors only in small groups with face coverings, maximal physical distance between participants, use of a portable HEPA filter (unless comparable filtration is provided through facility HVAC systems), and shortened meeting times.

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Public Health (916) 375-6380

#### **Winters**

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Winters, CA 95694  
Service Center (530) 406-4444

#### **Woodland**

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Mental Health (530) 666-8630  
Public Health (530) 666-8645

This recommendation is based upon current conditions and available protective measures. The Public Health Officer will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.



# Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA

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FEBRUARY 7, 2022



# Current JPA Work Plan

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- Establish baseline understanding of current state (October 2021 – February 2022):
  - Contract Cost Allocation Methodology (Dec. 2021)
  - **Historical costs and service levels (Jan. - Feb. 2022)**
- Develop a Strategic Plan (Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives) (March 2022 – May 2022):
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# Overview

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RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON  
YOLO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES  
INTAKES/OUTCOMES  
FY 16-17 TO 20-21



RECEIVE BOARD  
FEEDBACK AND  
INFORMATION REQUESTS

# Outline: Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS) Intakes and Outcomes FY 16-17 to FY 20-21

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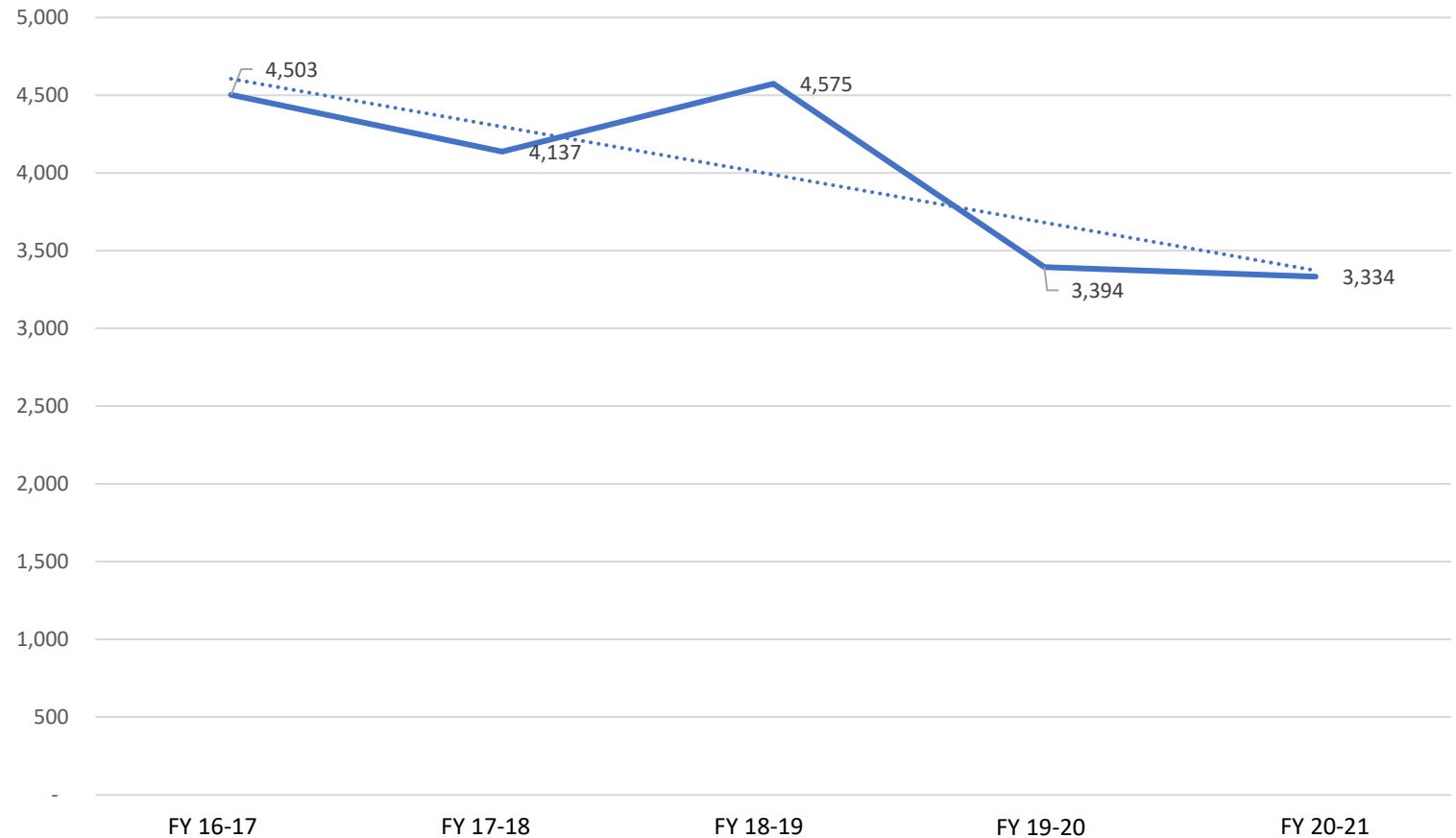
- Live Intakes by Fiscal Year and Jurisdiction
- Calls for Service by Jurisdiction
- Live Intakes by Category and Species
- Stray Animals by Species and Age
- FY 20-21 YCAS Outcomes – Cats and Dogs
- Live Release Rate (LRR) Comparison
- Community Investments and Actions that Could Improve Outcomes

# Summary

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- YCAS mirrors nationwide trends in animal intakes, decreasing 26% overall from FY 16-17 to FY 20-21, with a single year drop of 25.8% between FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 due to the pandemic.
- In FY 20-21, YCAS overall Live Release Rate (“LRR”) was 90%
  - Dog LRR: 95%
  - Cat LRR: 87%
  - YCAS’ LRR is better than many other local entities.
  - Community investments and actions can help improve outcomes for animals (and potentially reduce costs)

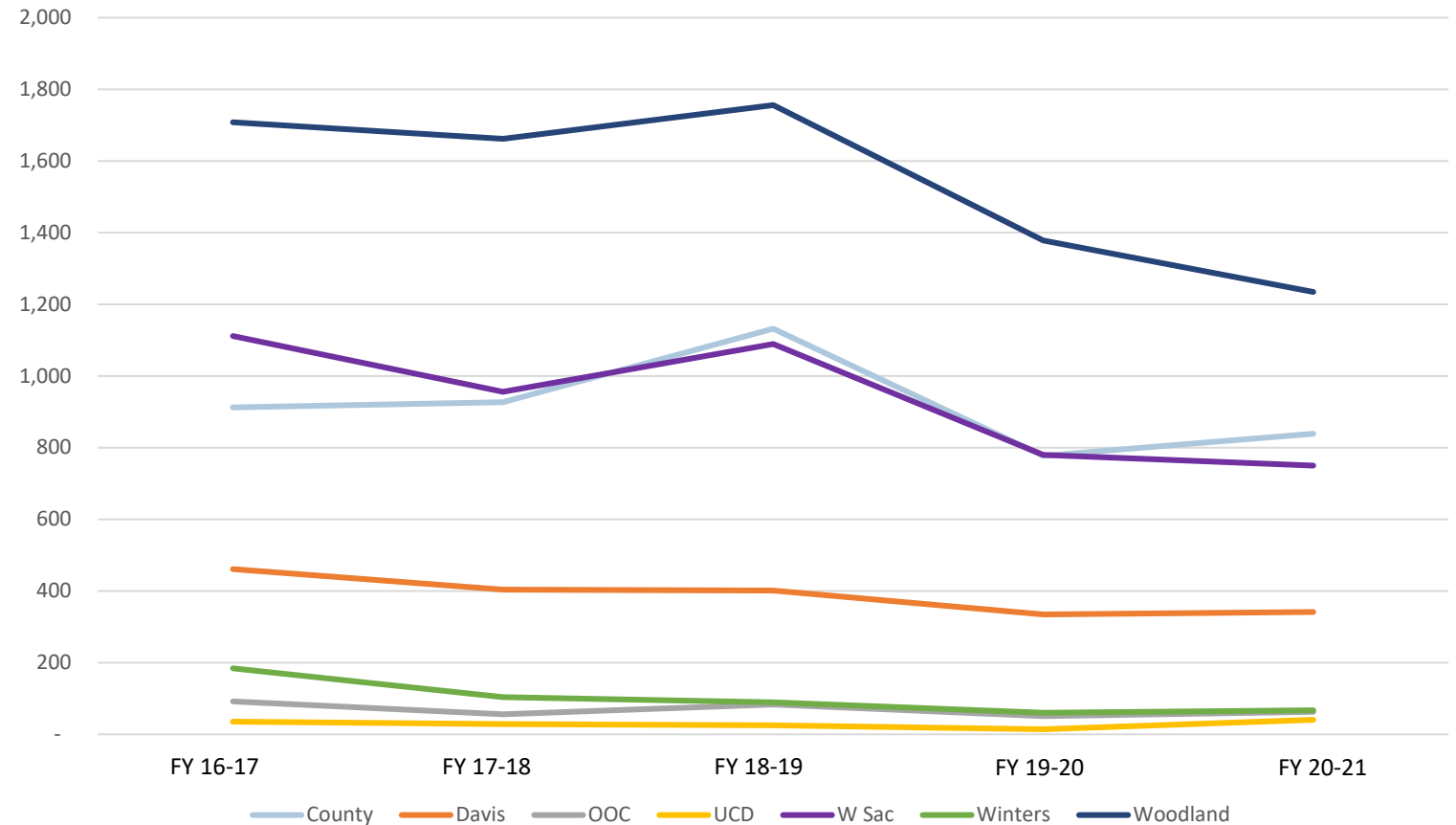
## Live Intakes by FY – Countywide (All Species)



- Dramatic decrease from FY 18-19 to FY 19-20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Live intakes Countywide decreased 25.8% in 1 year and remained essentially flat in FY 20-21.
- This appears to be consistent with what other jurisdictions are experiencing due to the pandemic.
- We can expect intakes to increase again in the coming years due to pandemic-related factors (e.g., decreased S/N availability).

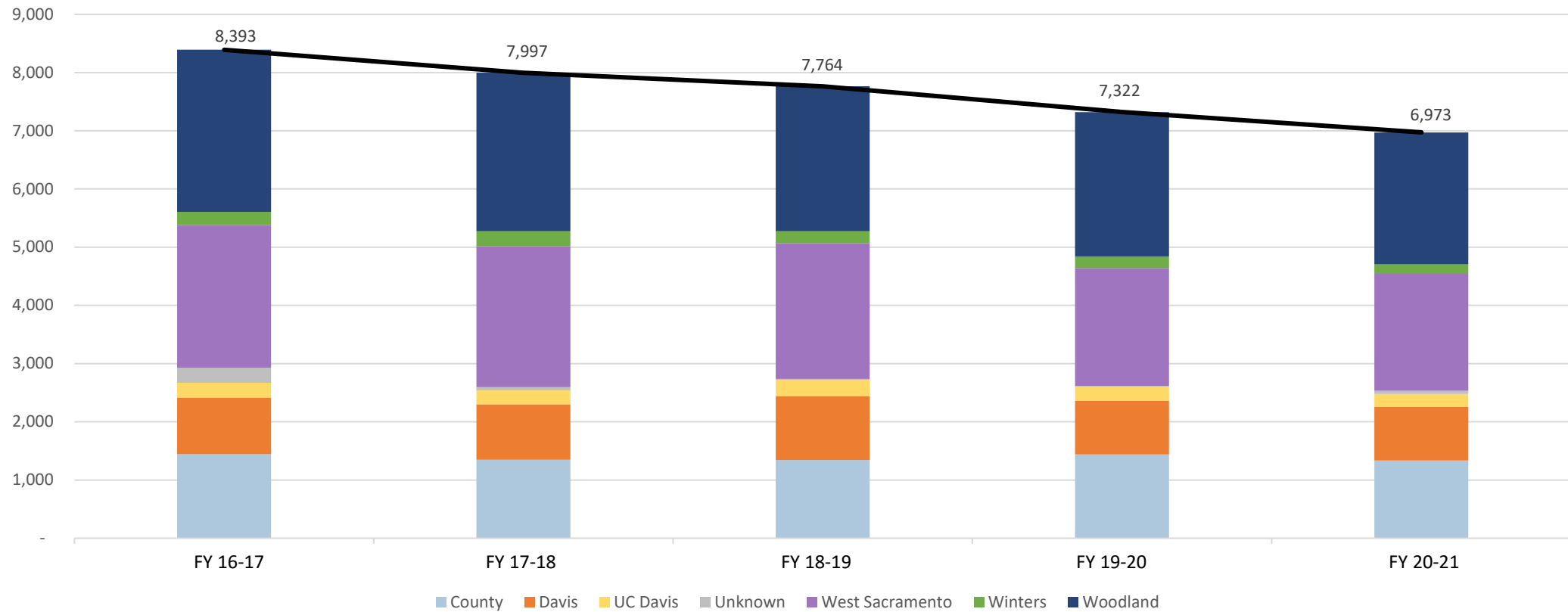
- Broken down by jurisdiction, the most dramatic-looking decreases in intakes are Woodland (38%) and W. Sac (32%).
- Only one jurisdiction (UCD) increased in intakes over the 5-year period.
- The other jurisdictions decreased between 8% (County-Unincorp) and 64% (Winters), for a 26% overall decrease

Live Intakes by FY and Jurisdiction (All Species)



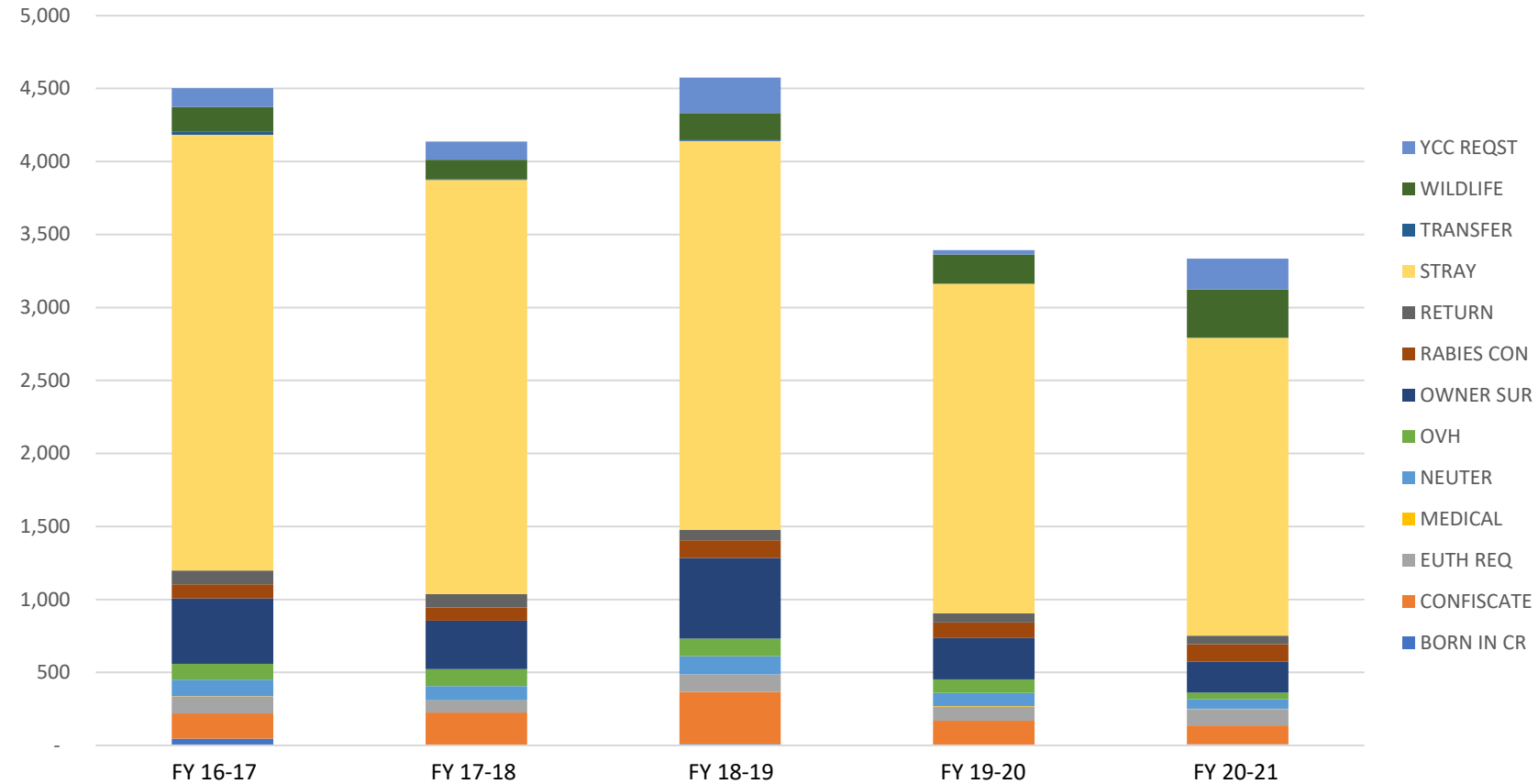
# Calls for Service by Jurisdiction

## FY 16-17 through FY 20-21



- Countywide, the greatest single source of Intakes is “Stray/At-Large” (64% of all live intakes during the 5-year period).
- Owner surrenders are a distant second place at 9% of overall live intakes.

Live Intakes by Intake Category and FY (All Species)

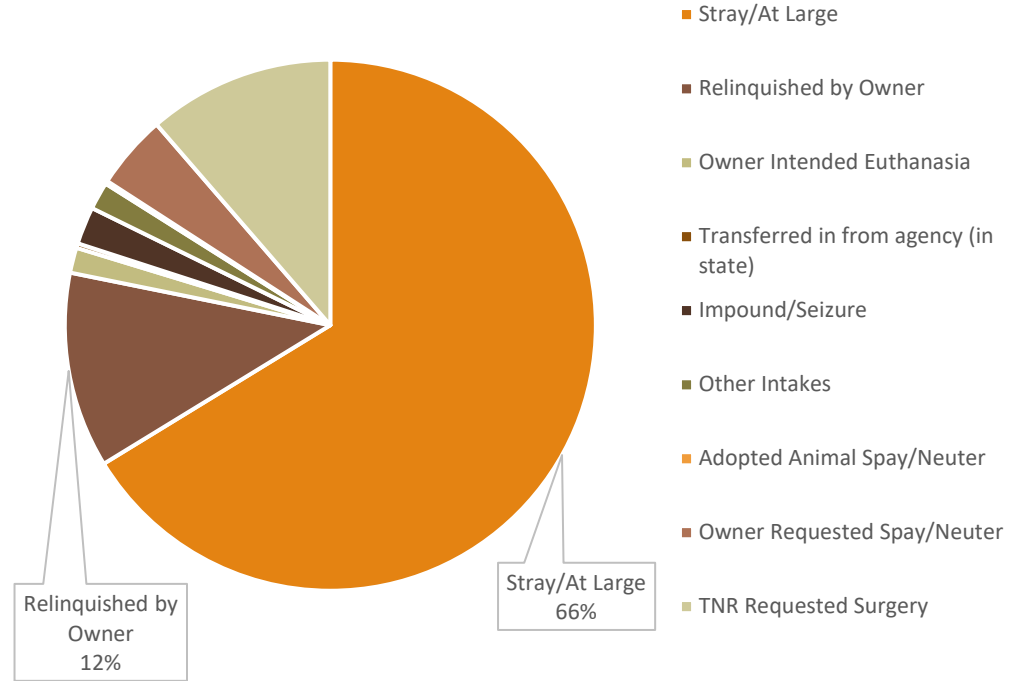




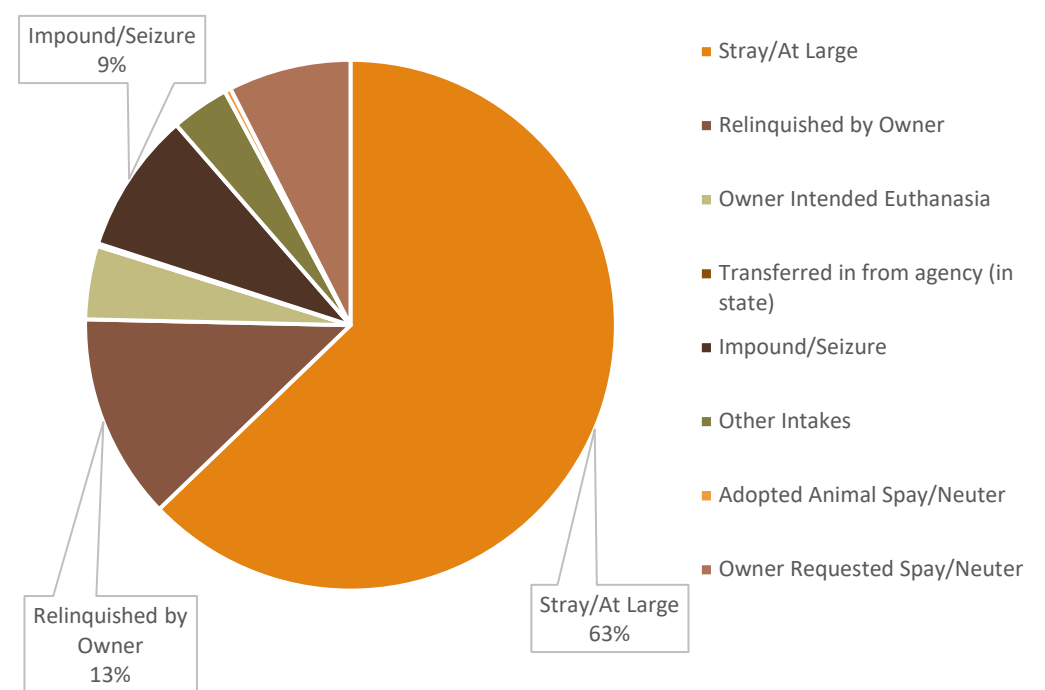
# Live Intakes by Type – Cats vs. Dogs

## FY 20-21

Cats



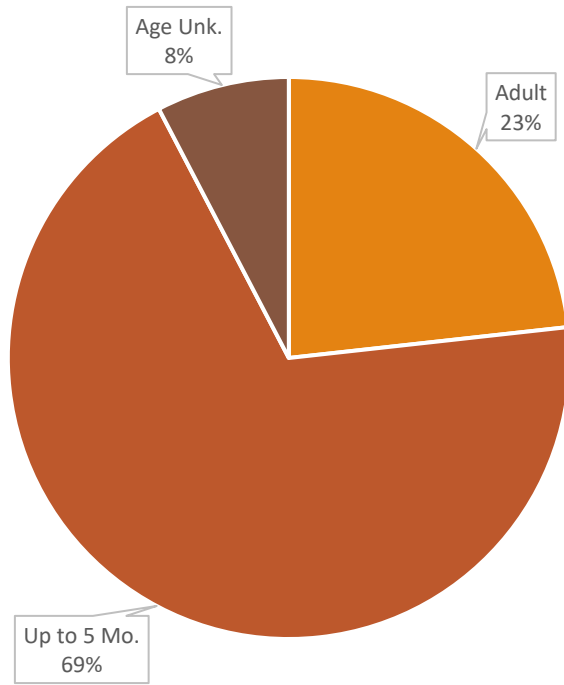
Dogs



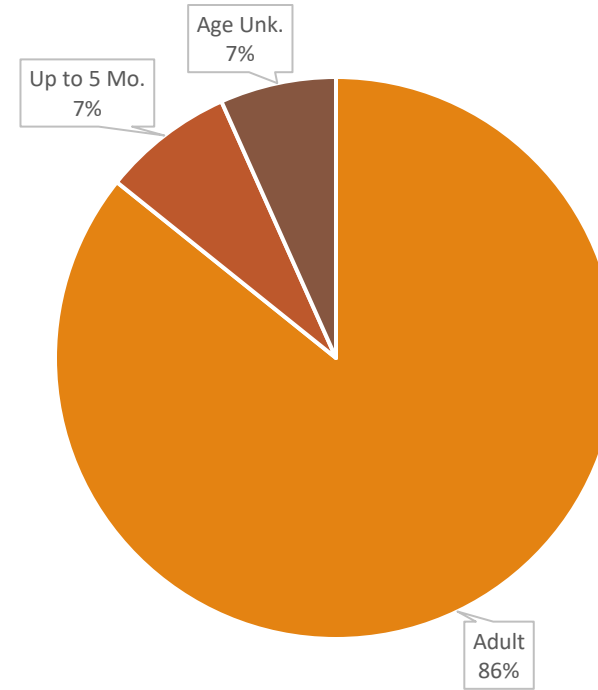
# Stray Animals by Species and Age

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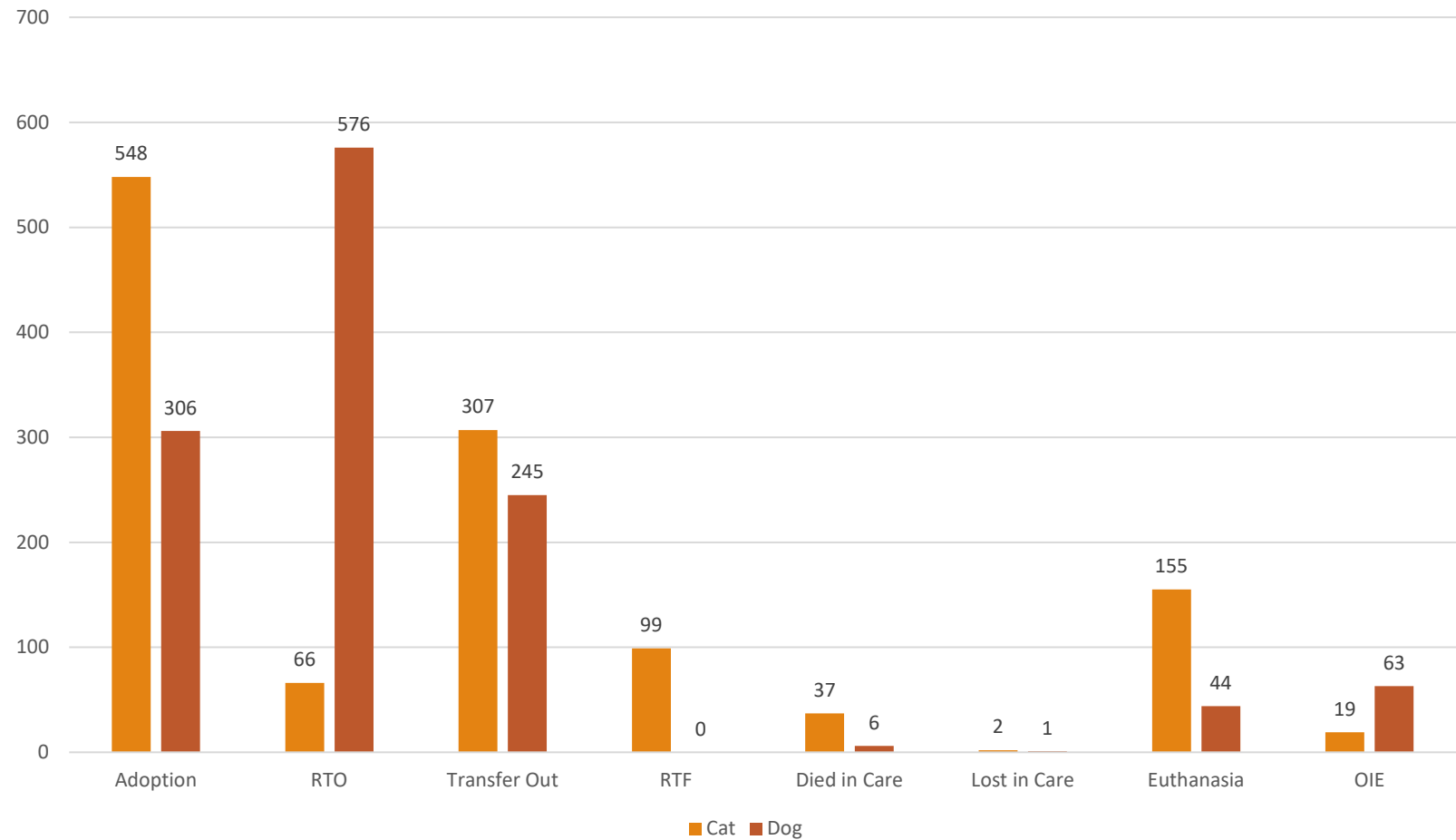
69% of stray cats are kittens under 5 months old



86% of stray dogs are adults



## FY 2020-21 YCAS Outcomes (Cats and Dogs)



- Animals entering YCAS are far more likely than the national average\* to be Returned to their Owners (71% for dogs and 6% for cats vs. national 17% for dogs and 3% of cats)
- YCAS surrender rate (14% for dogs and 7% for cats) is lower than national average (~21% for dogs and ~19% for cats)

\* National averages based on Shelter Animals Count “Animal Sheltering Statistics 2020”

# Live Release Rate (LRR)

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- Between FY 2016-17 and FY 2020-21, YCAS' dog LRR ranged from 95-97% and the cat rate ranged from 84-89%, with an overall LRR between 90-93%.
- Yolo County LRR for FY 2020-21 was higher than other local jurisdictions:

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Dog LRR</u></b>	<b><u>Cat LRR</u></b>	<b><u>Overall</u></b>	<b><u>Time Period</u></b>
Yolo County Animal Services	95%	84%	90%	FY 2020-21
County of Sac (Bradshaw)	93%	84%	88%	CY 2021
Sac SPCA	*	*	88%	CY 2021
Solano County Animal Care	*	*	88%	FY 2020-21
City of Sac (Front St.)	91%	78%	85%	CY 2021

\* Dog vs. cat LRR not specified

# Community Investments and Actions Can Improve Outcomes for Animals (and likely save money too)

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- Stray dogs are returned to their owners most of the time, and the % has increased from 54% of stray dogs to 71% between FY 2016-17 and 2020-21.
  - Yolo County has a high dog licensing rate of about 30%.
  - Since cats are not currently required to be licensed, it can be harder to identify owners without licensing and/or microchips (and owners may have a harder time tracking down their cats)
    - The ASPCA supports licensing for all companion dogs and cats, with fee differentials for intact vs. spayed/neutered pets and exemptions for unowned cats/feral cat colonies.
- Low/no cost spay and neuter services could help decrease the number of stray and relinquished kittens that arrive at the shelter.
  - Preventing unwanted litters could help improve shelter outcomes for cats

# Summary

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- Live animal intakes dropped significantly since the start of the pandemic, but will likely bounce back due to other pandemic-related factors.
- YCAS had a Live Release Rate of 90% overall 21 (95% dog / 84% cat) in FY 20-21.
  - This is higher than many other local entities.
  - YCAS outperforms national averages in several areas, most notably in returning stray pets to their owners.
- Community investments and actions can help improve animal outcomes, especially for cats
  - Increased low/no cost spay/neuter could help decrease the number of stray kittens entering the shelter (69% of all stray cat intakes).
  - Increased microchipping and/or licensing may help more stray cats get returned home.

# Board Discussion, Feedback, Direction

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