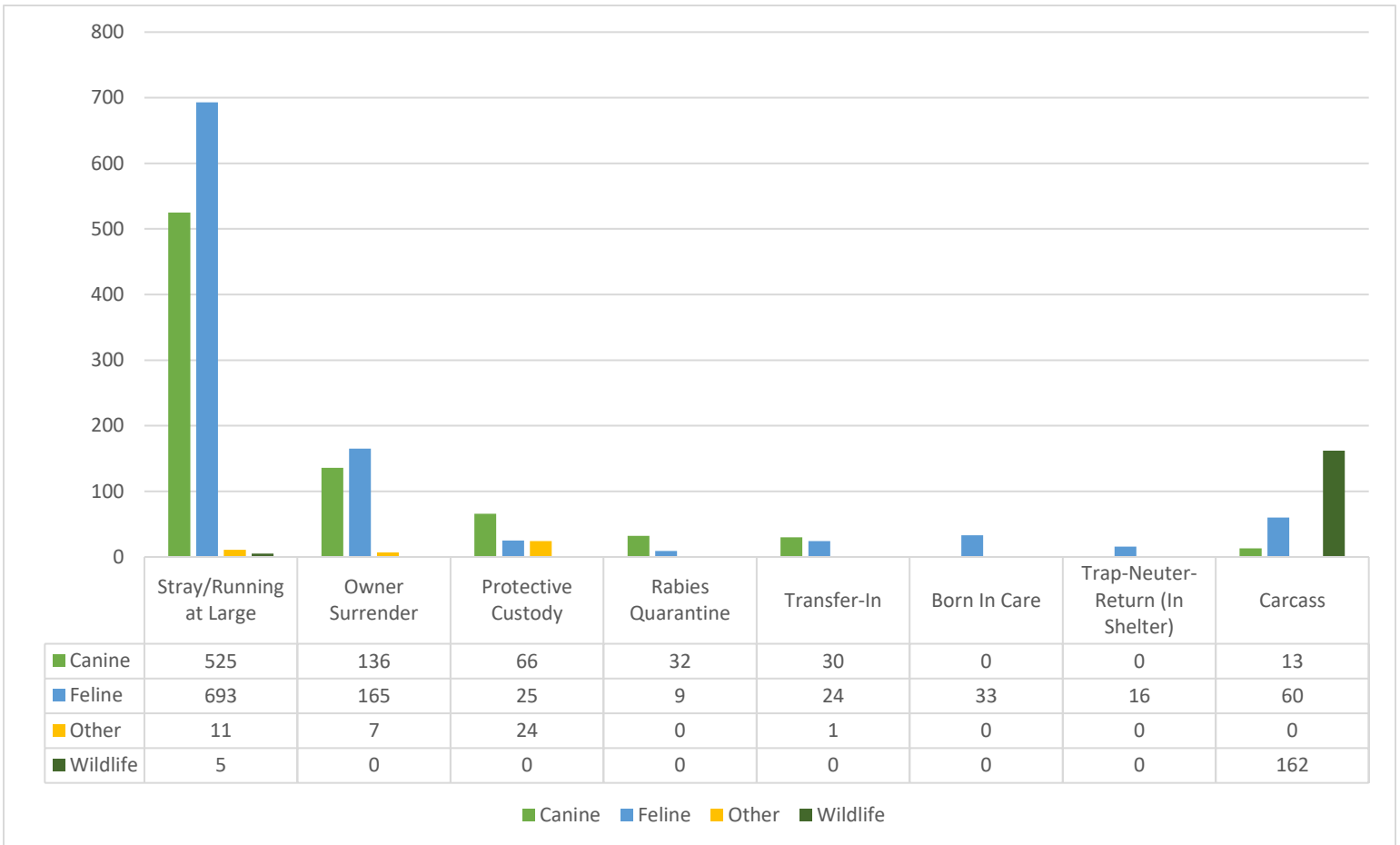


City of Gillette Animal Control and Animal Shelter

Annual Report

2025

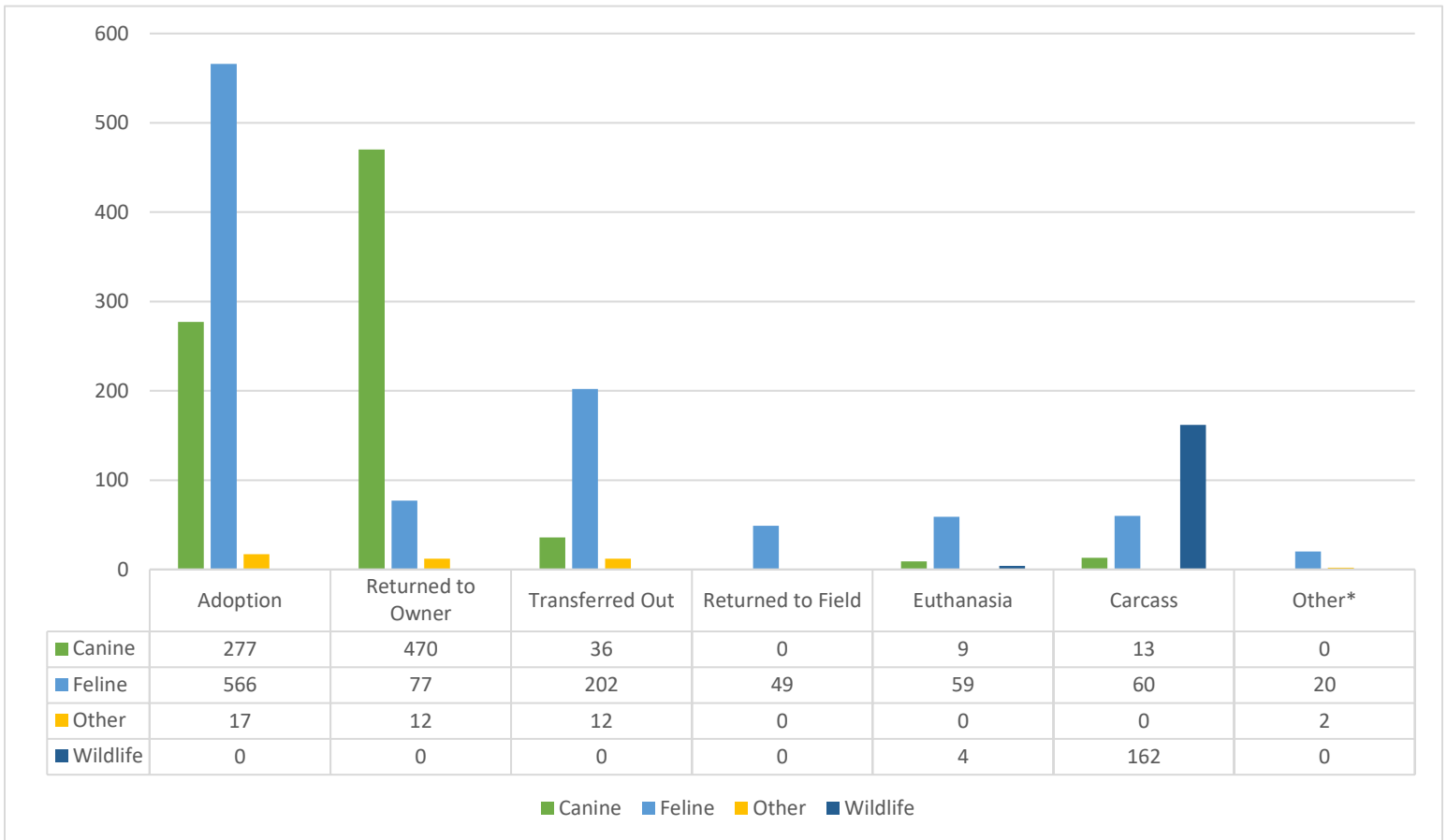
Animal Intakes at the City of Gillette Animal Shelter



	Total Number of Animals
Stray/Running at Large	1234
Owner Surrender	308
Protective Custody	115
Rabies Quarantine	41
Transfer-In	55
Born in Care	33
Trap-Neuter-Return (in Shelter)	16
Carcass	235
Total Animal Intakes	2037

Other: Guinea Pigs, Parakeets, Chickens, Ducks, Rabbits, Turtles

Animal Outcomes at the City of Gillette Animal Shelter

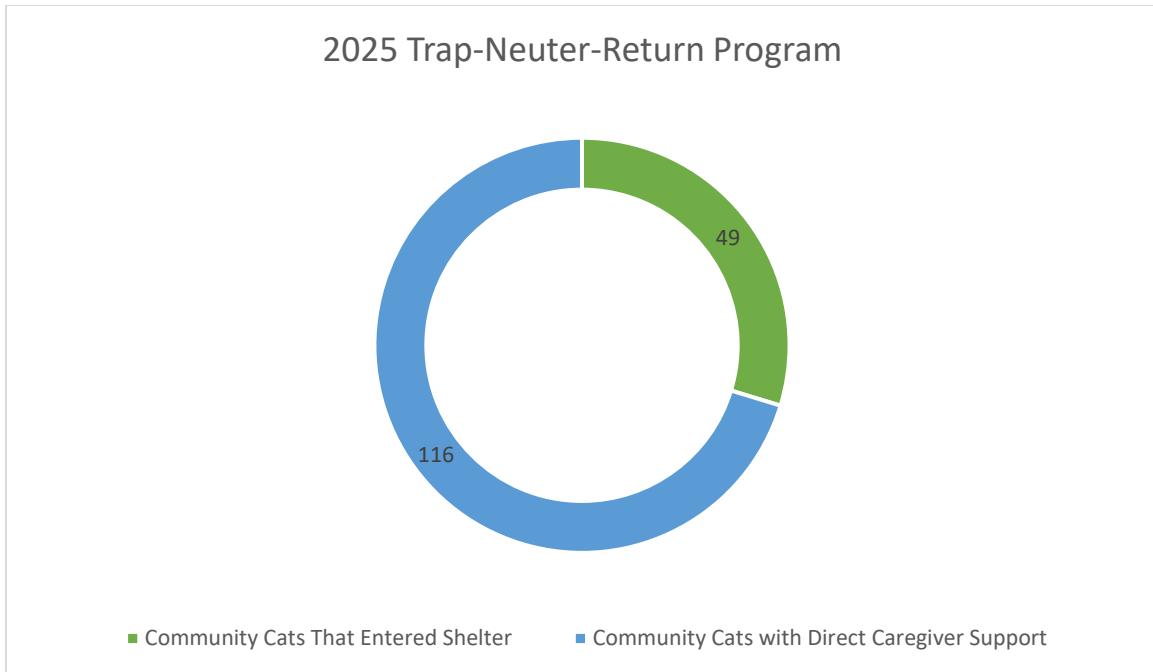


*Other: Died in care

Outcome Type	Total Number of Animals
Adoption	860
Returned to Owner	559
Transferred Out	250
Returned to Field	49
Euthanasia	72
Carcass	235
Other*	22
Total Animal Outcomes	2047

Other: Guinea Pigs, Parakeets, Chickens, Ducks, Rabbits, Turtles

Other*: Died in Care, Lost in Care, Stolen



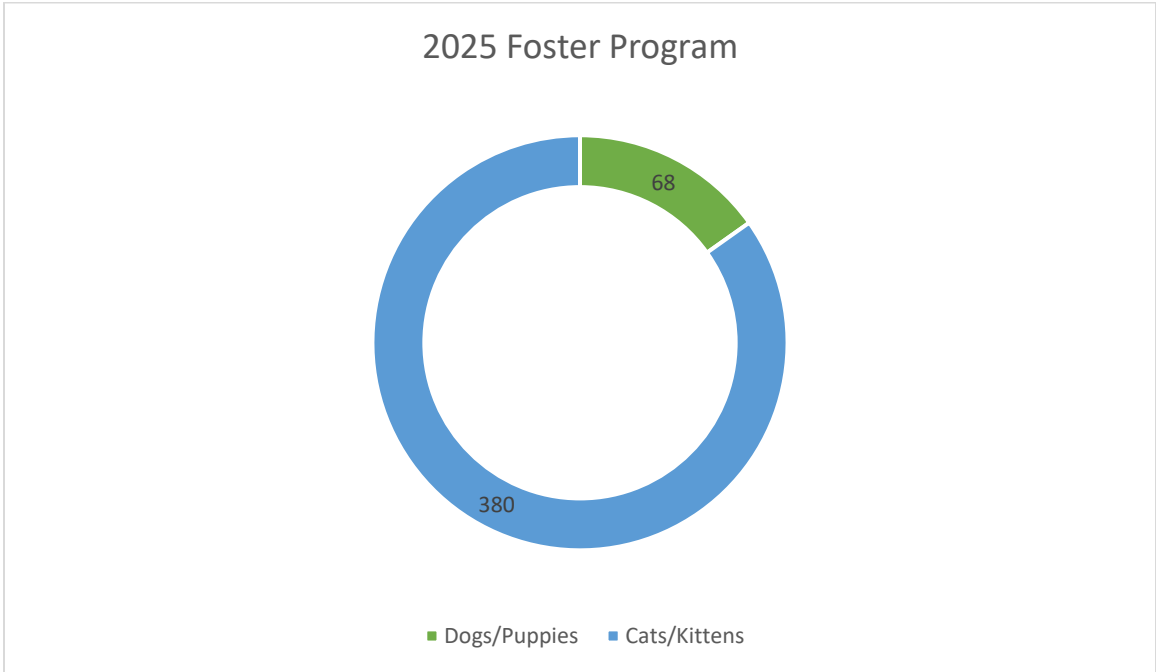
Total Community Cats Helped: 165

We have successfully started our Trap-Neuter-Return program in the City of Gillette. In 2025, we significantly expanded our community outreach through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Thanks to the generous support of the Rachael Ray Save Them All Grant, we successfully provided spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and ear-tipping/hole punching for 165 community cats. By focusing on these 165 cats, we aren't just improving their individual lives; we are preventing thousands of unplanned births and ensuring a more stable, healthy environment for our community.

Our partnership allowed us to be flexible in how we serve community cats. We recognize that the most efficient way to manage colonies is to meet them where they are.

- Direct Caregiver Support: 116 cats were brought in for surgery directly by their community caregivers, meaning they received vital medical care without ever needing to occupy a kennel in our facility.
- Shelter Intake: 49 cats entered our facility for trapping and processing before being returned to their outdoor homes.

By supporting 70% of these cats through direct caregiver transport, we kept our shelter doors open for the most vulnerable animals in immediate crisis, while still ensuring the community cat population remains healthy and stable.



Total Animals Fostered: 448

Our foster program remains the backbone of our lifesaving operations. In 2025, we successfully placed 448 animals into foster homes, including 380 felines and 68 canines. This community-led initiative is vital to our operational health; by placing these animals in homes, we free up critical shelter space for emergency intakes while providing a higher quality of life for the animals in our care. From “bottle baby” kittens to senior dogs, the dedicated care provided by our foster volunteers is the primary reason we can maintain such a high save rate for our community’s most vulnerable pets.

Total Animal Intakes	2024	2025	% Change
	2164	2037	5.9% Decrease

	City	County
2024	1695	469
2025	1572	466
% Change	-7.3%	-0.6%

	Running at Large	Protective Custody	Rabies Quarantine	Owner Surrender	Carcass	Transfer In	Other - wildlife, born in shelter, TNR (in shelter)
2024	1317	81	50	330	290	44	52
2025	1234	115	41	308	235	55	49
% Change	-6.3%	42%	-18%	-6.7%	-19%	25%	-5.8%

	Returned to Owner	Adopted	Euthanized	Transfer Out	Other - wildlife, died in captivity*, escaped
2024	697	888	183	170	21
2025	559	860	72	250	22
% Change	-19%	-3%	-60%	47%	4.8%

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2024	2025	% Change
ANIMAL BARKING	350	278	-20.5%
ANIMAL BITE CAT	45	37	-17%
ANIMAL BITE DOG	111	110	-1%
ANIMAL BITE OTHER	1	0	-100%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	27	28	4%
ANIMAL DEAD	302	248	-18%
ANIMAL LIVESTOCK	34	46	35%
ANIMAL MISC	104	120	15%
ANIMAL NUISANCE CAT	8	2	-75%
ANIMAL NUISANCE DOG	103	98	-5%
ANIMAL NUISANCE OTH	3	6	100%
ANIMAL RAL CAT	211	180	-15%
ANIMAL RAL DOG	1315	1277	-3%
ANIMAL RAL OTHER	10	11	10%
ANIMAL SICK	62	79	27%
ANIMAL VICIOUS	37	21	-43%
ANIMAL WILDLIFE	149	112	-25%
ANIMAL WELFARE	216	224	4%
TOTAL	3088	2877	-7%

Calls for Service Involving Animals

These calls are handled by animal control officers as well as police officers. The overall number of calls for service decreased slightly. We continue to educate the public about handling wildlife and to leave them be. Animal Control officers are also very active at direct patrols, targeting troubled areas in hope of keeping pet's home.

2025 In Review

The Animal Control Officers and Animal Shelter Assistants performed many public outreach programs, talking to school and other group events.

We participated in Empty the Shelters events sponsored by Bissell Pet Foundation. These events allowed us to reduce or remove our adoption fees to help animals find homes faster.

We received several grants from Best Friends Animal Society which helped with spay/neuter funding and animal care.

We are continuing to allow people to Foster-to-Adopt shelter pets that are not yet spayed/neutered. This reduces an animal's length of stay at the shelter, therefore reducing its chances of becoming sick or overly stressed.

We continue to allow people to list their pets for rehoming through Rehome.AdoptaPet.com. This allows owners to rehome their pets on their own instead of the pets coming into the shelter.

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What We Need

Foster families willing to care for neonatal kittens and puppies, as well as adult animals

Adoptive families to provide forever homes

More resources to allow us to help the community with spay/neuter services, core vaccinations and microchips

Volunteers (15+ years old) and Dog Walkers (18+ years old) to dedicate time to working with our shelter animals and assisting with their care