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OPA 2017 Shelter Animal Count Data

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Operation Pets Alive! is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization founded in 2011 striving to elevate Montgomery county to a No-Kill community. Operation Pets Alive! believes in complete transparency in reporting both animal and financial data.

Operation Pets Alive! reports its animal statistics using the format used by Shelter Animal Count, the National Database Project. This project was started in 2011 by a number of national organizations who came together to standardize the compilation of statistics to represent a complete and accurate picture of the animals entering and leaving shelters in the United States.

This format evolved out of the Basic Data Matrix, which evolved from the 2004 Asilomar Accords, a gathering of national organizations and funders in the animal sheltering industry which established a common set of definitions and a standard way of reporting animal shelter statistics.

The intake and outcome statistics for animals in care by Operation Pets Alive! for 2017 are listed in the table below. Following are descriptions of what animals fall into the various categories defined by the standard. The standard definition of these categories can be found on the Basic Data Matrix published by Shelter Animal Count.

Using the Live Release Rate calculation defined by the Asilomar Accords, Operation Pets Alive!'s Live Release Rate for 2017 was 98.93%. This does not include 126 dogs and cats that died or were lost in care (mostly very young puppies and kittens affected by disease). Including all animals, Operation Pets Alive!'s Live Release Rate for 2017 was 94.54%.

Description of Categories:

A. Beginning Animal Count: Animals in care by Operation Pets Alive! at the start of the year.
B. Stray/At Large: This includes animals brought into Operation Pets Alive!'s program by members of the community seeking help to find homes for found animals.
C. Relinquished by Owner: Operation Pets Alive! is not an open admission shelter, and does not take animals owned by the community directly. Therefore extremely few animals fall into this program, and are included in our community intake numbers in row B as these are not distinguishable in our current data system.
D. Owner intended Euthanasia: Operation Pets Alive! is not an open admission shelter, and does not accept animals from the community with the intent of Euthanasia. Therefore, no animals fall into this category.

Species	Canine		Feline		Total
A	Beginning Animal Count	161		227		388
Live Intake		**Adult**	**Up to 5 months**	**Adult**	**Up to 5 months**	
B	Stray/at large	68	168	50	428	714
C	Relinquished by owner	0	0	0	0	0
D	Owner intended euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
E	Transferred in from agency	667	853	173	421	2114
F	Other intakes	0	84	0	14	98
G.1	TOTAL LIVE INTAKE	735	1105	223	863	
G.2	TOTAL LIVE INTAKE	1840		1086		2926
Outcomes						
H	Adoption	233	554	85	514	1386
I	Returned to owner	1	0	0	0	1
J	Transferred to another agency	474	440	31	214	1159
K	Returned to field	0	0	94	5	99
L	Other live outcomes	0	0	20	20	40
M.1	Subtotal: Live outcomes	708	994	230	753	
M.2	Subtotal: Live outcomes	1702		983		2685
N	Died in care	8	48	1	58	115
O	Lost in care	1	3	5	2	11
P	Shelter euthanasia	7	10	2	10	29
Q	Owner intended euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0
R.1	Subtotal: Other outcomes	16	61	8	70	
R.2	Subtotal: Other outcomes	77		78		155
S.1	TOTAL OUTCOMES	724	1055	238	823	
S.2	TOTAL OUTCOMES	1779		1061		2840
T	Ending Animal Count	222		252		474

E. Transferred in: The vast majority of these animals were rescued from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter or the Conroe Animal Adoption Center (city shelter). A very small number come from other rescues or shelters.

F. Other Intakes: Includes animals Born in Care or whose origin can no longer be determined.

G. Total Live Intake: Sum of B, C, D, E, and F

H. Adoption: Animals adopted from the program. These are mostly initiated through the many offsite events hosted by Operation Pets Alive!, through our online web presence, or through word of mouth.

I. Returned to Owner: This row accounts for those animals whose previous owner is found after the animal comes into the program from a shelter.

J. Transferred Out: Animals transferred to another shelter or rescue organization. Operation Pets Alive! has a very active transport program, rescuing animals from local shelters, vetting them, and transporting them to other shelters with high demand and very high Live Release Rates. Most transfer partners are in the North-East United States and Colorado, as well as Austin Pets Alive for kittens.

K. Returned to Field: This includes feral cats rescued from our local shelters (which would otherwise die) released to free roaming communities (mostly to some of our volunteers' rural properties).

L. Other Live Outcomes: This includes animals who came into care through our community program that were taken back out of the program by the person who brought them in, usually due to switching rescues or due to inability to contact the person.

M. Subtotal: Live Outcomes: Sum of H, I, J, K, and L

N. Died in Care: Animals who die while in Operation Pets Alive! care.

O. Lost in Care: Animals who escape from, or are stolen from care.

P. Shelter Euthanasia: Animals who are Euthanized due to either terminal illness or unmanageable behavioral issues that present a danger to the community. Operation Pets Alive!, being a foster-based rescue and not an open admission shelter, does not euthanize for space, and every reasonable attempt is made to rehabilitate sick animals and animals with manageable behavioral issues, at least to the standard established by the Asilomar accords.

Q. Owner Intended Euthanasia: Operation Pets Alive! is not an open admission shelter, and does not accept animals from the community with the intent of Euthanasia. Therefore no animals fall into this category.

R. Subtotal: Other Outcomes: Sum of N, O, P, and Q

S. Total Outcomes: Sum of M and R

T. Ending Shelter Count: Animals in care by Operation Pets Alive! at the end of the year.