## City of Chico Animal Services

## Second Year of Operation Jan 2013 - Dec 2013

A total of 1,353 dogs, 443 cats, and 73 other live animals were brought to the shelter during 2013. Policy changes went into effect in February which include a waiting list for non-urgent dog surrenders, and no longer taking healthy stray cats. Cat surrenders are now referred directly to Butte Humane Society. The April-May spike is due in part to accepting cats from a hoarding situation.

Intake Numbers


The following charts show the number of animals entering the shelter by source. The number of animals brought in by animal control decreased for all categories. This is likely due to the reduction of animal control officers from three officers to two in July 2013. The number of dogs surrendered decreased due to the use of a waiting list. Even with a short waiting time (2-4 days), many people had either decided to keep their dog or had re-homed them on their own when contacted to bring the dog to the shelter. Dogs are accepted immediately when the situation warrants (eviction, dangerous dog, etc.).

Dog Intake


There was a significant decrease in the number of cats brought in by citizens, both surrendered and stray. The City Shelter no longer accepts healthy strays, and refers surrenders to the Butte Humane Society. Before this policy change, surrendered cats were accepted by the shelter and transferred to BHS after a holding period, causing the cats to have to go through two facilities before being put up for adoption. The City is no longer the middleman, saving time, resources and lives. Feral cats are now referred to Neighborhood Cat Advocates for Trap Neuter Return.

Cat Intake

"Other" includes wildlife like squirrels and raccoons, and domestic animals other than dogs and cats, like rabbits, snakes, and chickens.

Other Intake


Sources: AC - Animal Control, Surr - surrendered by owner, Public - stray brought in by citizen, QT - quarantine, Return - returned by adopter (BHS), OR - owner request euthanasia, County county stray, Drop - left at shelter, Cnty Surr - surrendered by owner (county resident)

## Outcomes Comparison



[^0]See following chart for percentage of all live animals euthanized, which includes owner requests (not all owner requests were euthanized).



[^0]:    *Intake adjusted for owner requests [live animals - owner request for euthanasia] for comparison to previous years, which were also adjusted.

