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RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2003-2004

The RSPCA receives thousands of animals every year in every State and Territory in Australia. Annual statistics on the numbers of animals received, reclaimed or rehomed are compiled on a national basis by RSPCA Australia. The following statistics cover the 2003 to 2004 financial year and give details on the receipt and placement of animals by each State and Territory RSPCA during that period. We also compile data relating to the RSPCA inspectorate, membership and volunteers.

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Table 1: Animals received nationally by the RSPCA for the 2002-2003 financial year

	Number of animals	Percentage of total
Total Animals Received: 135,180		
<u>Dogs</u>		
Reclaimed	14984	25.6% of total dogs
Rehomed	18434	31.5% of total dogs
In Stock	1616	2.8% of total dogs
Transferred	1202	2.1% of total dogs
Euthanased	22169	37.8% of total dogs
Other*	179	0.3% of total dogs
Total	58584	43.3% of total animals
<u>Cats</u>		
Reclaimed	1475	2.6% of total cats
Rehomed	16150	28.8% of total cats
In Stock	1111	2.0% of total cats
Transferred	1283	2.3% of total cats
Euthanased	35934	64.0% of total cats
Other*	292	0.5% of total cats
Total	56126	41.5% of total animals
<u>Other animals[#]</u>		
Reclaimed	1812	8.9% of other animals
Rehomed	1885	9.2% of other animals
In Stock	560	2.7% of other animals
Transferred	3581	17.5% of other animals
Euthanased	11887	58.1% of other animals
Other*	805	3.9% of other animals
Total	20470	15.2% of total animals

*Including: dead on arrival, escaped, foster care or not specified.

[#]Including: horses, small animals, livestock, and wildlife.

Figure 1: The fate of animals received by the RSPCA in 2002-2003

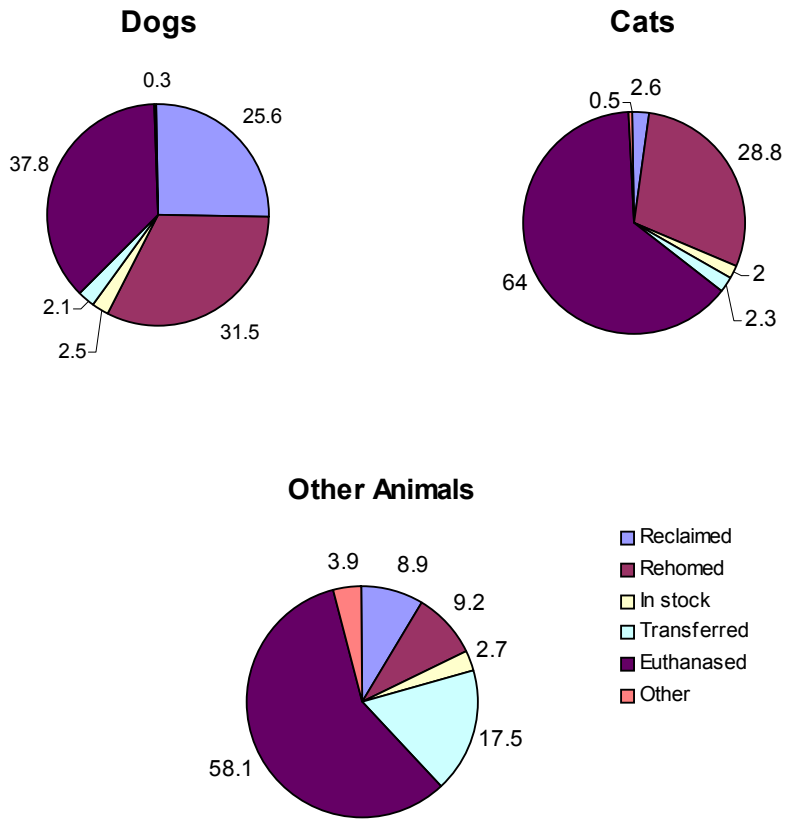


Table 2: Comparison of animals received over the past 5 years

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	Change from previous year
<u>Dogs</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	40,865	38,560	38,084	40,039	36,415	-9.05%
Euthanased	26,339	25,911	23,608	24,554	22,169	-9.71%
Total	67,204	64,471	61,692	64,593	58,594	-9.3%
<u>Cats</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	19,283	18,697	18,745	21,253	20,192	-4.99%
Euthanased	31,202	32,901	31,009	30,449	35,934	+18.01%
Total	50,485	51,598	49,754	51,702	56,126	+8.56%
<u>Others</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	13,830	9,871	11,172	7,662	8,583	+12.02%
Euthanased	7,088	8,730	9,436	9,007	11,887	+31.97%
Total	20,918	18,601	20,608	16,669	20,470	+22.80%
<u>Total Animals</u>	138,607	134,670	132,054	132,964	135,180	+1.67%

Figure 2: Animals received over the past five years

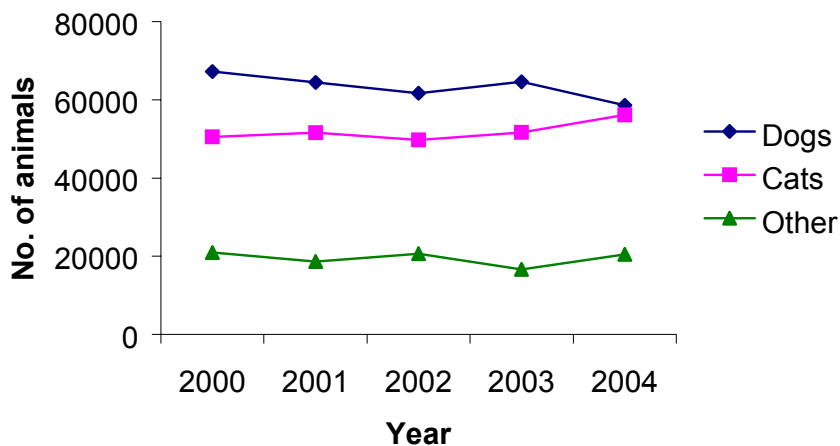


Table 3: Breakdown of animals received by each State and Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
<u>Dogs</u>									
Reclaimed	620	3310	195	1692	1395	510	6573	689	14984
Rehomed	808	6053	504	3581	1502	508	4697	781	18434
In stock ¹	81	812	50	0	77	69	452	75	1616
Transferred ²	0	687	19	0	318	128	50	0	1202
Euthanased	197	6992	1001	7265	1358	313	4855	188	22169
Other ³	0	152	0	0	0	11	16	0	179
Total	1706	18006	1769	12538	4650	1539	16643	1733	58584
<u>Cats</u>									
Reclaimed	125	213	29	270	140	35	639	6	1475
Rehomed	1078	4343	237	3664	967	633	4851	377	16150
In stock	30	768	20	0	36	59	154	44	1111
Transferred	0	283	0	0	0	185	815	0	1283
Euthanased	1220	7910	1040	12426	3273	1001	8979	85	35934
Other	11	164	90	0	0	16	11	0	292
Total	2464	13580	1416	16360	4416	1929	15449	512	56126
<u>Horses</u>									
Reclaimed	0	11	0	0	2	8	1	0	22
Rehomed	0	12	0	2	2	14	0	0	36
In stock	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	9
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanased	0	3	0	7	5	0	0	0	15
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Total	2	29	0	9	12	23	11	0	86
<u>Livestock</u>									
Reclaimed	4	13	0	5	15	8	87	7	139
Rehomed	84	287	12	180	47	82	0	57	749
In stock	1	16	0	0	0	5	28	9	59
Transferred	1	14	0	0	0	2	365	0	382
Euthanased	0	253	0	200	62	2	420	10	947
Other	0	13	0	0	0	7	0	0	20
Total	90	596	0	385	124	106	900	83	2296
<u>Wildlife</u>									
Released	837	212	0	297	151	34	0	0	1531
In stock	32	67	0	0	0	0	60	0	159
Transferred	635	305	0	471	227	68	1404	0	2475
Euthanased	899	450	0	2645	906	61	2612	0	7573
Other	51	173	0	469	0	20	0	0	1348
Total	2454	1207	0	3882	1284	183	4076	0	13086
<u>Other animals</u>									
Reclaimed	20	26	0	0	31	22	21	0	120
Rehomed	268	270	15	97	264	64	128	0	1106
In stock	0	286	0	0	5	3	39	0	333
Transferred	0	80	0	0	0	9	0	0	89
Euthanased	153	1217	0	662	244	12	1004	0	3352

Other	4	53	0	0	0	5	0	0	62
Total	445	1932	15	759	544	115	1192	0	5002
<u>Total Animals received</u>	7161	35350	3212	33933	11030	3895	38271	2328	135180
Total 2002-2003	6393	32321	3079	35738	10745	3824	37958	2790	132964
Change from previous year	12.01%	9.37%	4.32%	-5.05%	2.65%	1.86%	0.82%	-16.56%	+1.67

*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

¹In stock: animals remaining in shelter at 30/06/04

²Transferred: animals transferred to non-RSPCA shelter or pound

³Other: includes animals dead on arrival, escaped, or none of the above categories

⁴WA recorded Horses, Livestock, Wildlife and Other Animals as one category

Footnote to Table 3: Examples of livestock, wildlife and other animals received by the RSPCA

Livestock

- 1 Cattle
- 2 Chickens
- 3 Ducks
- 4 Geese
- 5 Goats
- 6 Bantam Hens
- 7 Pigs
- 8 Roosters
- 9 Sheep

Wildlife

- 10 A wide variety of native birds
- 11 Magpies
- 12 Galahs
- 13 Lizards
- 14 Possums
- 15 Kookaburras
- 16 Water birds
- 17 Turtles
- 18 Koalas
- 19 Kangaroos and Wallabies

Other animals

- 20 Budgerigars
- 21 Doves
- 22 Ferrets
- 23 Guinea pigs
- 24 Mice
- 25 Pigeons
- 26 Rabbits
- 27 Rats
- 28 Tame ducks and chickens

Table 4: Cruelty complaints and prosecutions by State/Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Cruelty complaints									
Received	728	12748	120	11843	2831	2053	8360	5352	44035
Investigated	728	12748	120	10260	2831	2053	8360	5352	42452
Revisited	#	#	#	796	#	501	1167	644	3108
Cruelty prosecutions									
Prosecutions	12	112	#	43	51	20	52	30	320
Convictions	2	#	#	32	40	16	50	15	155
Charges laid	20	652	#	89	158	54	226	49	1345
People charged	13	112	#	#	51	20	52	30	278
Cases examined	0	0	#	#	80	#	#	15	95
Cases pending	10	0	#	11	11	16	21	15	84
Routine Inspections	0	50	0	388	146	191	172	191	1138

*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

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Footnote to Table 4: Routine Inspection Details

Following are examples of the types of establishments routinely inspected by the RSPCA:

- Abattoirs
- Aquariums
- Breeding establishments
- Circuses
- Feedlots
- Guard dog firm
- Hobby farm
- Intensive farms
- Kennels
- Livestock vessels
- Markets
- Pet shops
- Poultry farms
- Pounds
- Riding schools
- Rodeos
- Saleyards
- Scientific establishments
- Shelters
- Shows
- Tourist parks
- Zoos

Figure 3: Complaints, prosecutions and convictions over the past five years

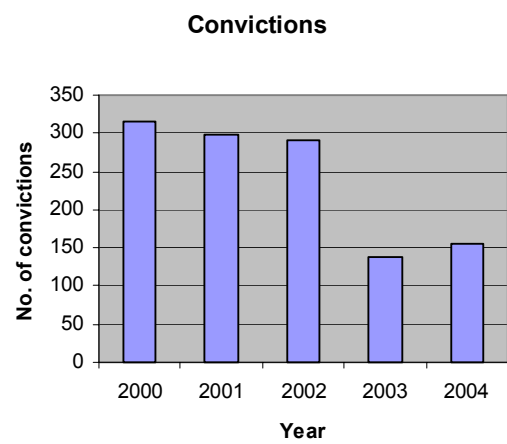
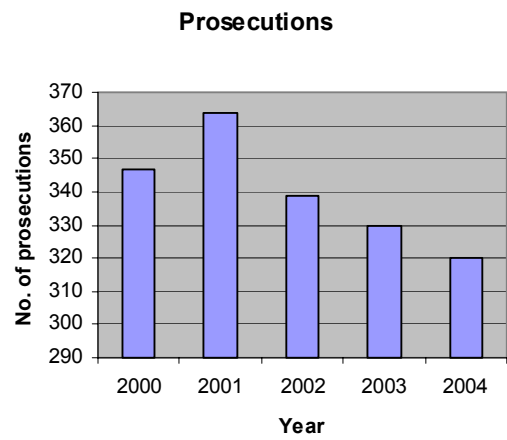
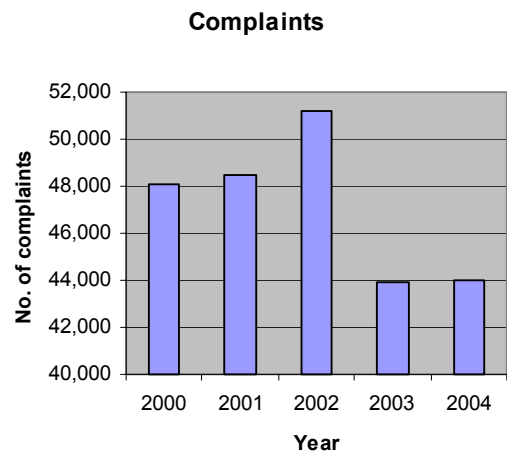


Table 5: Breakdown of cruelty complaints and prosecutions over the past 5 years

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
<u>Complaints</u>									
2003-2004	728	12,748	120	11,843	2,831	2,053	8,360	5,352	44,035
2002-2003	688	12,594	199	10,630	2,934	2,461	9,667	4,715	43,888
2001-2002	601	23,369	236	10,675	2,910	2,360	8,476	2,589	51,216
2000-2001	749	18,831	206	10,704	3,087	2,034	9,579	3,313	48,503
1999-2000	752	18,833	228	9,411	3,162	2,453	10,164	3,075	48,078
<u>Prosecutions</u>									
2003-2004	12	112	0	43	51	20	52	30	320
2002-2003	8	119	0	57	28	#	70	48	330
2001-2002	10	106	0	62	37	15	73	36	339
2000-2001	13	103	1	87	21	34	57	48	364
1999-2000	9	77	7	70	42	10	105	27	347
<u>Convictions</u>									
2003-2004	2	0	0	32	40	16	50	15	155
2002-2003	0	#	0	#	28	10	69	31	138
2001-2002	3	104	0	56	23	12	70	22	290
2000-2001	5	101	1	61	19	15	57	39	298
1999-2000	5	74	3	65	38	10	103	18	316

*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

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Table 6a: Cruelty complaints¹ by type of animal and State/Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs	517	#	89	5004	1905	973	4085	3272	14945
Cats	87	#	10	2823	704	122	693	1028	5467
Birds	21	#	0	210	482	296	393	405	1807
Horses	0	#	21	1037	372	42	1390	401	3263
Livestock	67	#	0	2135	3353	248	969	219	6991
Wildlife	0	#	0	53	2754	0	88	155	3050
Other	17	#	0	208	166	8	742	0	1141

¹ Refers to the number of complaints received, not the number of animals involved in each complaint. For example, a single complaint about livestock may have involved 100 head of cattle

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Table 6b: Cruelty prosecutions¹ by type of animal and State/Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs	8	74		31	37	19	25	18	212
Cats	2	6		4	38	1	1	4	26
Birds	1	7		0	3	9	2	0	22
Horses	0	11		6	55	0	11	9	42
Livestock	0	17		1	61	2	12	42	80
Wildlife	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	2
Other	0	0		0	3	0	1	0	4

¹ Refers to the number of complaints received, not the number of animals involved in each complaint. For example, a single complaint about livestock may have involved 100 head of cattle

*NT Animal Welfare Authority now handling prosecutions.

Figure 4: Cruelty complaints and prosecutions by type of animal in 2003-2004

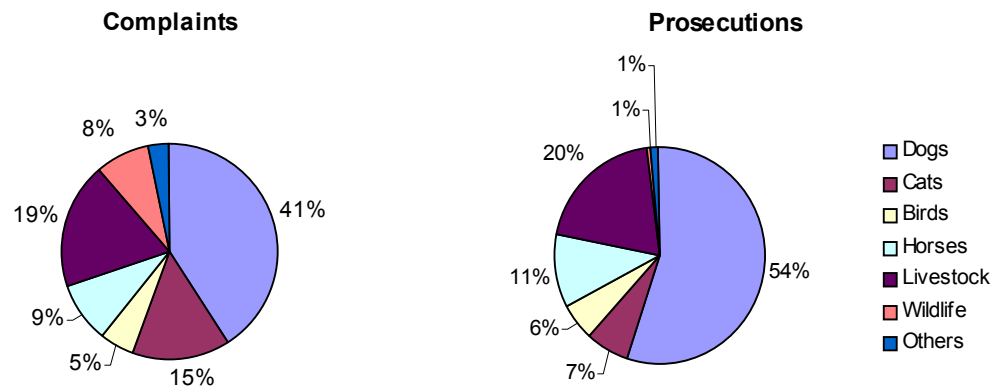


Table 7: Members of the RSPCA in each State/Territory

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW*	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Total voting members ¹	591		194	1182	366 5	398	2347	171 6	10093
Life	102		20	717	735	76	315	837	2802
Adult/ Full	279		112	349	178 9	289	1056	671	4545
Concession/ Senior	88		7	105	525	0	453	105	1283
Family	119		54	0	616	33	432	89	1343
Corporate	0		0	0	0	0	4	3	7
Honorary	3		1	11	0	0	87	11	113
Child	190		5	237	243	21	2054	481	3231

*Data from NSW not supplied

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¹Does not include Child membership

Figure 5: Total Members by Category

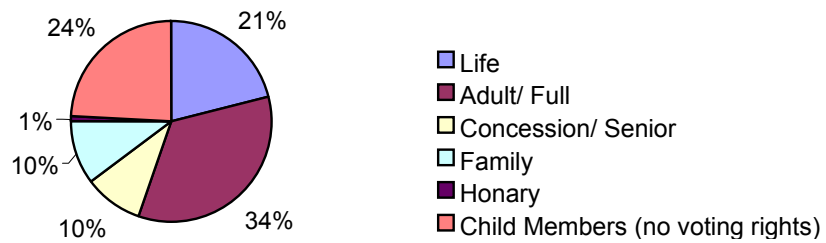


Table 8: Volunteers by State/Territory

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW [#]	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Shelter	15		25	800	100	114	651	390	2095
Organisation	15		13	0	20	40	155	45	288
Fund raising	110		5	60	20	27	436	200	856
Others	55		10	120	200	2	184	30	601
Total	285		53	980	340	183	1426	665	3932

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Figure 6: Total Volunteers by Category

