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## RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2004-2005

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 2004 to 2005 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, such as number of complaints, prosecutions and convictions.

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**Table 1: Animals received nationally by the RSPCA for the 2004-2005 financial year**

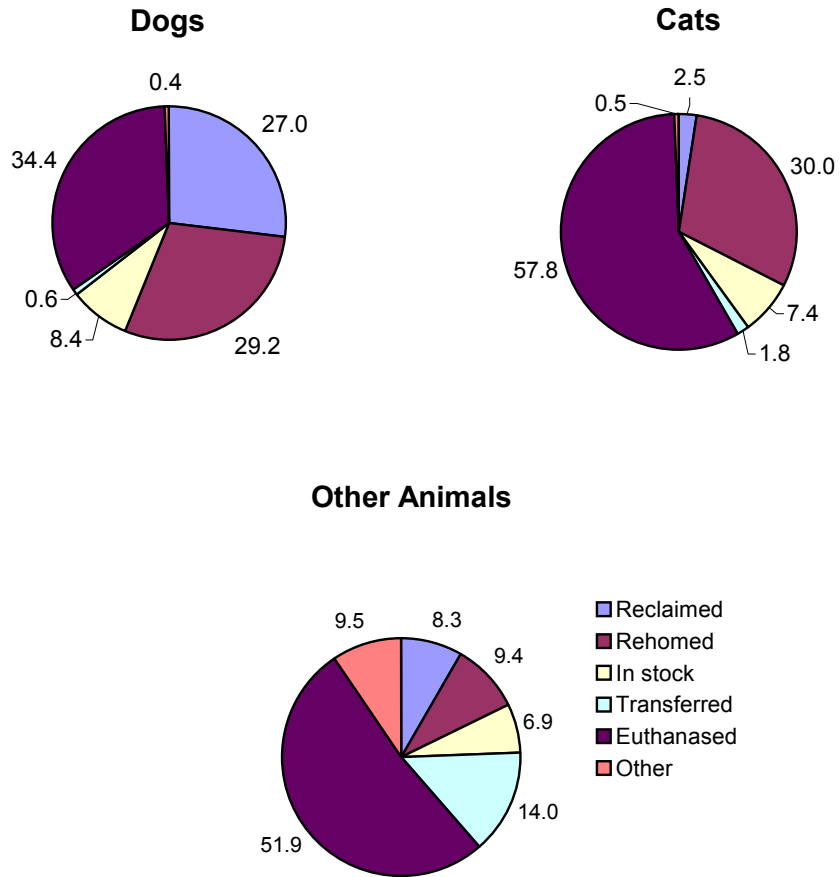
	Number of animals	Percentage of total
<b>Total Animals Received: 132,159</b>		
<b><u>Dogs</u></b>		
Reclaimed	16179	27.0% of total dogs
Rehomed	17520	29.2% of total dogs
In Stock	5041	8.4% of total dogs
Transferred	379	0.6% of total dogs
Euthanased	20658	34.4% of total dogs
Other*	253	0.4% of total dogs
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,030</b>	<b>45.4% of total animals</b>
<b><u>Cats</u></b>		
Reclaimed	1365	2.5% of total cats
Rehomed	16589	30.0% of total cats
In Stock	4092	7.4% of total cats
Transferred	1011	1.8% of total cats
Euthanased	31941	57.8% of total cats
Other*	293	0.5% of total cats
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,291</b>	<b>41.8% of total animals</b>
<b><u>Other animals<sup>#</sup></u></b>		
Reclaimed	1393	8.3% of other animals
Rehomed	1588	9.4% of other animals
In Stock	1155	6.9% of other animals
Transferred	2361	14.0% of other animals
Euthanased	8733	51.9% of other animals
Other*	1608	9.5% of other animals
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,838</b>	<b>12.7% of total animals</b>

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

<sup>#</sup>Including: horses, small animals, livestock, and wildlife.

Note: Data from the NT is from the Darwin Regional Branch only; NSW data excludes the Blue Mountains Shelter

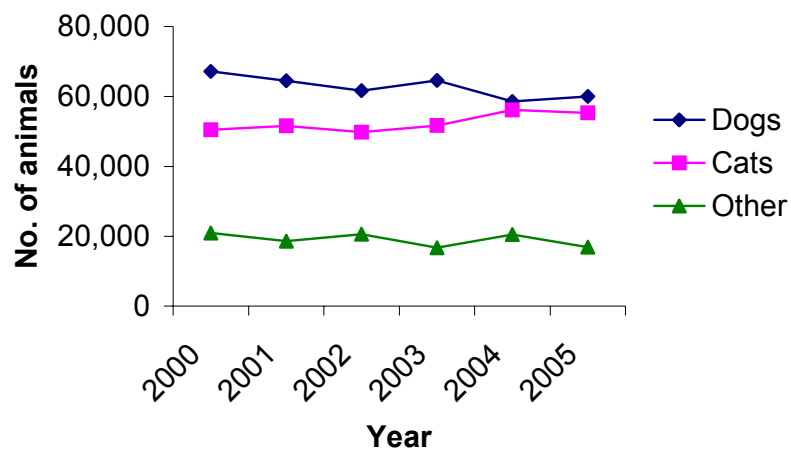
Figure 1: The fate of animals received by the RSPCA in 2004-2005



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

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	Change from previous year
<b><u>Dogs</u></b>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	38,560	38,084	40,039	36,415	39,372	8.12%
Euthanased	25,911	23,608	24,554	22,169	20,658	-6.82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,471</b>	<b>61,692</b>	<b>64,593</b>	<b>58,594</b>	<b>60,030</b>	<b>2.45%</b>
<b><u>Cats</u></b>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	18,697	18,745	21,253	20,192	23,350	15.64%
Euthanased	32,901	31,009	30,449	35,934	31,941	-11.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,598</b>	<b>49,754</b>	<b>51,702</b>	<b>56,126</b>	<b>55,291</b>	<b>-1.49%</b>
<b><u>Others</u></b>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	9,871	11,172	7,662	8,583	8105	-5.57%
Euthanased	8,730	9,436	9,007	11,887	8733	-26.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,601</b>	<b>20,608</b>	<b>16,669</b>	<b>20,470</b>	<b>16,838</b>	<b>-17.74%</b>
<b><u>Total Animals</u></b>	<b>134,670</b>	<b>132,054</b>	<b>132,964</b>	<b>135,180</b>	<b>132,159</b>	<b>-2.23%</b>

**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 <sup>#</sup>	NT <sup>*</sup>	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
<b><u>Dogs</u></b>									
Reclaimed	610	4278	168	1661	1770	470	6667	555	16,179
Rehomed	636	5493	588	4023	776	720	4534	750	17,520
In stock <sup>1</sup>	79	4173	48	106	93	54	418	70	5,041
Transferred <sup>2</sup>	12	0	0	0	0	117	250	0	379
Euthanased	247	7456	903	6197	883	203	4637	132	20,658
Other <sup>3</sup>	13	133	1	103	0	3	0	0	253
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>21,533</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>12,090</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>16,506</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>60,030</b>
Last year's total	1,706	18,006	1,769	12,538	4,650	1,539	16,643	1,733	58,584
Change from previous year	-6.4%	19.6%	-3.5%	-3.6%	-24.3%	1.8%	-0.8%	-13.0%	2.5%
<b><u>Cats</u></b>									
Reclaimed	134	247	18	219	70	30	647	0	1,365
Rehomed	1014	3906	367	3577	942	820	5599	364	16,589
In stock	58	3504	42	92	44	114	193	45	4,092
Transferred	14	0	0	0	0	193	804	0	1,011
Euthanased	1010	8255	617	10469	1748	657	9133	52	31,941
Other	24	45	20	154	0	15	35	0	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>15,957</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>14,511</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>16,411</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>55,291</b>
Last year's total	2,464	13,580	1,416	16,360	4,416	1,929	15,449	512	56,126
Change from previous year	-8.5%	17.5%	-24.9%	-11.3%	-36.5%	-5.2%	6.2%	-10.0%	-1.5%
<b><u>Horses</u></b>									
Reclaimed	1	3	0	0	0	2	4	0	10
Rehomed	1	4	0	5	1	1	0	10	22
In stock	2	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	11
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Euthanased	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4
Other	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>
Last year's total	2	29	0	9	12	23	11	0	63
Change from previous year	100%	-51.7%	n/a	-11.1%	-66.7%	-87.0%	-36.3%	n/a	-15.9%

<b><u>Livestock</u></b>									
Reclaimed	1	4	0	4	6	23	18	0	56
Rehomed	55	158	17	148	26	89	42	21	556
In stock	2	583	4	51	6	5	17	1	669
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	1	165	0	166
Euthanased	45	228	2	332	77	3	119	2	808
Other	1	8	0	237	0	11	1	0	258
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,513</b>
Last year's total	90	596	12	385	124	106	900	83	3,429
Change from previous year	15.6%	64.6%	91.7%	100.5%	-7.3%	24.5%	-59.8%	-71.1%	-26.7%
<b><u>Wildlife</u></b>									
Released	652	33	0	233	123	20	132	0	1,193
In stock	55	8	0	29	0	0	63	0	155
Transferred	9	0	23	389	0	149	1602	0	2,172
Euthanased	720	174	0	2089	217	57	1766	2	5,025
Other	604	41	0	349	0	14	121	0	1,129
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9,674</b>
Last year's total	2,454	1,207	0	3,882	1,284	183	4,076	0	13,086
Change from previous year	-16.9%	-78.8%	n/a	-20.4%	-73.5%	31.2%	-9.6%	n/a	-26.1%
<b><u>Other animals</u></b>									
Reclaimed	15	12	0	30	6	20	50	1	134
Rehomed	138	238	11	111	85	93	312	22	1,010
In stock	12	233	2	34	6	3	29	1	320
Transferred	2	0	5	0	0	2	13	0	22
Euthanased	219	1210	0	666	278	26	495	2	2,896
Other	13	11	0	162	0	9	21	0	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,598</b>
Last year's total	445	1,932	15	759	544	115	1,192	0	5,002
Change from previous year	-10.3%	-11.8%	20.0%	32.1%	-31.1%	33.0%	-22.8%	n/a	-8.1%
<b><u>Total Animals received</u></b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>40,445</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>31,473</b>	<b>7,160</b>	<b>3,924</b>	<b>37,890</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>132,159</b>
Total 2003-2004	7,161	35,350	3,212	33,933	11,030	3,895	38,271	2,328	135,180
Change from previous year	-10.65%	+14.41%	-11.71%	-7.25%	-35.09%	+0.74%	-1.00%	-12.67%	-2.23%

\*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

#Data from NSW excludes the Blue Mountains Shelter

<sup>1</sup>In stock: animals remaining in shelter at 30/06/05

<sup>2</sup>Transferred: animals transferred to non-RSPCA shelter or pound

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

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

**Livestock**

- Cattle
- Chickens
- Ducks
- Geese
- Goats
- Bantam Hens
- Pigs
- Roosters
- Sheep

**Wildlife**

- A wide variety of native birds
- Magpies
- Galahs
- Lizards
- Possums
- Kookaburras
- Water birds
- Turtles
- Koalas
- Kangaroos and Wallabies

**Other animals**

- Budgerigars
- Doves
- Ferrets
- Guinea pigs
- Mice
- Pigeons
- Rabbits
- Rats
- Tame ducks and chickens

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

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
<b>Cruelty complaints</b>								
Received	746	12502	10942	3011	1823	9759	3606	42,389
Investigated	746	12502	10942	2957	1823	9759	3606	42,335
<b>Cruelty prosecutions</b>								
Prosecutions	9	146	48	31	24	45	36	339
Convictions	1	86	34	31	21	43	35	251
Charges laid	17	1784	78	67	56	172	76	2,250
People charged	9	146	55	31	21	45	36	343
Cases examined	11	0	37	75	5	0	0	128
Cases pending	5	59	11	24	22	7	7	135
<b>Routine Inspections</b>	0	40	#	166	153	104	81	544

\* No inspectorate in NT

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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
- Zoo



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

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
<b><u>Complaints</u></b>								
2004-2005	746	12502	10942	3011	1823	9759	3606	42,389
2003-2004	728	12748	11843	2831	2053	8360	5352	44,035
2002-2003	688	12594	10630	2934	2461	9667	4715	43,888
2001-2002	601	23369	10675	2910	2360	8476	2589	51,216
2000-2001	749	18831	10704	3087	2034	9579	3313	48,503
<b><u>Prosecutions</u></b>								
2004-2005	9	146	37	31	24	45	36	328
2003-2004	12	112	43	51	20	52	30	320
2002-2003	8	119	57	28	#	70	48	330
2001-2002	10	106	62	37	15	73	36	339
2000-2001	13	103	87	21	34	57	48	364
<b><u>Convictions</u></b>								
2004-2005	1	86	34	31	21	43	35	251
2003-2004	2	#	32	40	16	50	15	155
2002-2003	0	#	#	28	10	69	31	138
2001-2002	3	104	56	23	12	70	22	290
2000-2001	5	101	61	19	15	57	39	298

\* NT results are not included as there is no NT inspectorate currently

# Data not available

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

