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RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2005-2006

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 2005 to 2006 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 2005-2006 financial year

	Number of animals	Percentage of total
Total Animals Received: 146,821		
<u>Dogs</u>		
Reclaimed	21,895	33.0% of total dogs
Rehomed	18,199	27.4% of total dogs
In Stock	1,951	2.9% of total dogs
Transferred	1,015	1.5% of total dogs
Euthanased	21,554	32.5% of total dogs
Other*	1,730	2.6% of total dogs
Total	66,344	45.12% of total animals
<u>Cats</u>		
Reclaimed	1,983	3.2% of total cats
Rehomed	18,791	30.7% of total cats
In Stock	1,336	2.2% of total cats
Transferred	1,168	1.9% of total cats
Euthanased	37,010	60.5% of total cats
Other*	895	1.5% of total cats
Total	61,183	41.67% of total animals
<u>Other animals</u>[#]		
Reclaimed	2,199	11.4% of other animals
Rehomed	2,976	15.4% of other animals
In Stock	512	2.7% of other animals
Transferred	1,925	10.0% of other animals
Euthanased	9,626	49.9% of other animals
Other*	2,056	10.7% of other animals
Total	19,294	13.14% 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 2005-2006

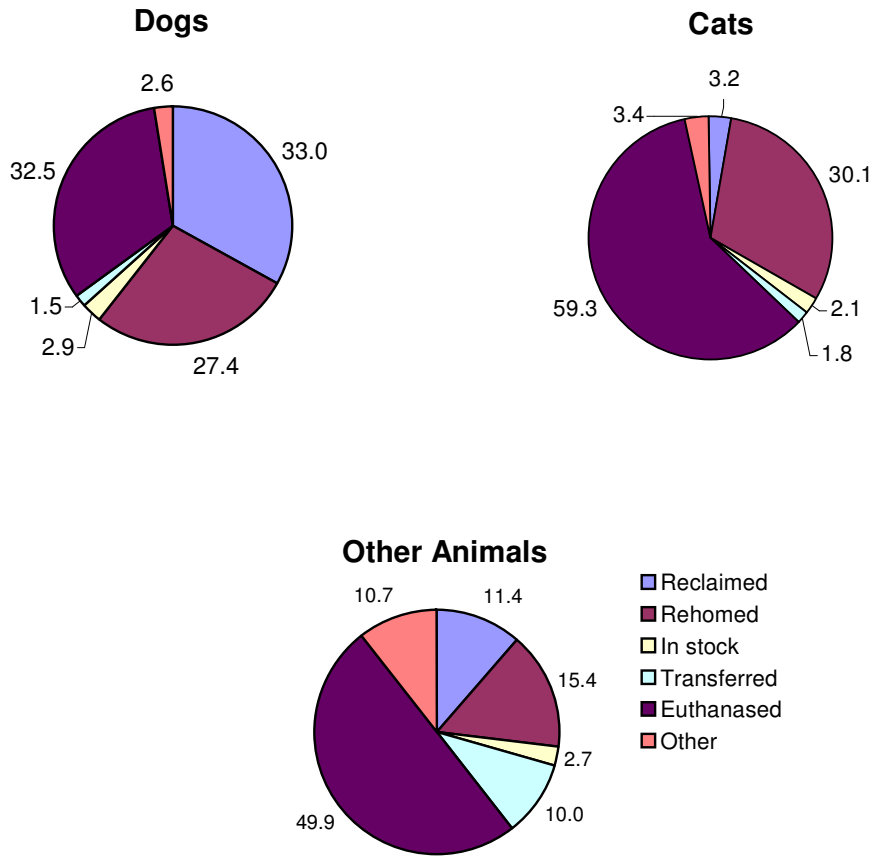


Table 2: Comparison of animals received over the past 5 years

	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	Change from previous year
<u>Dogs</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	38,084	40,039	36,415	39,372	44,790	13.76%
Euthanased	23,608	24,554	22,169	20,658	21,554	4.34%
Total	61,692	64,593	58,594	60,030	66,344	10.52%
<u>Cats</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	18,745	21,253	20,192	23,350	24,173	3.52%
Euthanased	31,009	30,449	35,934	31,941	37,010	15.87%
Total	49,754	51,702	56,126	55,291	61,183	10.66%
<u>Others</u>						
Reclaimed/rehomed/other	11,172	7,662	8,583	8,105	9,668	19.28%
Euthanased	9,436	9,007	11,887	8,733	9,626	10.02%
Total	20,608	16,669	20,470	16,838	19,294	14.59%
<u>Total Animals</u>	132,054	132,964	135,180	132,159	146,821	11.09%

Figure 2: Animals received over the past five years

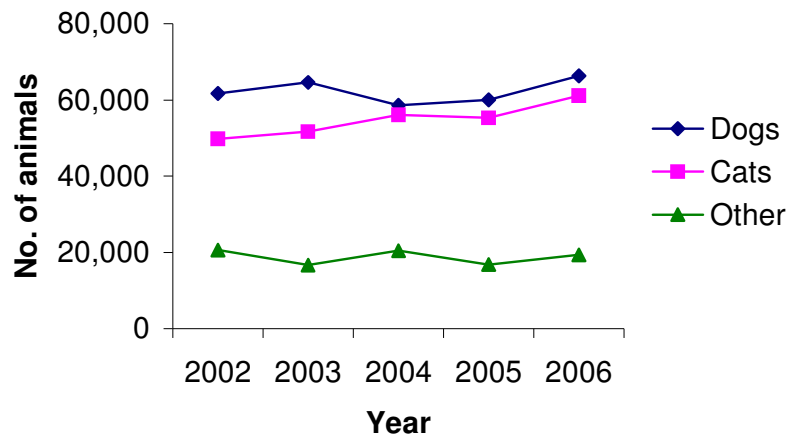


Table 3: Breakdown of animals received by each State and Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
<u>Dogs</u>									
Reclaimed	518	7598	183	3197	2208	635	7126	430	21,895
Rehomed	667	5075	606	5323	552	696	4508	772	18,199
In stock ¹	57	657		456	97	79	472	133	1,951
Transferred ²	0	390		47	451	127	0	0	1,015
Euthanased	188	8146	505	6883	1274	344	4141	73	21,554
Other ³	5	211	3	1403		8	100	0	1,730
Total	1,435	22,077	1,297	17,309	4,582	1,889	16,347	1,408	66,344
Last year's total	1,597	21,533	1,708	12,090	3,522	1,567	16,506	1,507	60,030
Change from previous year	-10.14%	2.53%	-24.06%	43.17%	30.10%	20.55%	-0.96%	-6.57%	10.52%
<u>Cats</u>									
Reclaimed	278	308	19	460	136	51	728	3	1,983
Rehomed	1223	4442	384	4514	1235	900	5702	391	18,791
In stock	45	399		474	96	52	218	52	1,336
Transferred	0	18		21	0	300	829	0	1,168
Euthanased	1040	9959	801	12727	3260	1121	8073	29	37,010
Other	12	151	17	635	0	15	65	0	895
Total	2,598	15,277	1,221	18,831	4,727	2,439	15,615	475	61,183
Last year's total	2,254	15,957	1,064	14,511	2,804	1,829	16,411	461	55,291
Change from previous year	15.26%	-4.26%	14.76%	29.77%	68.58%	33.35%	-4.85%	3.04%	10.66%
<u>Horses</u>									
Reclaimed	0	14	0	6	0	8	2	0	30
Rehomed	1	15	0	13	0	0	2	2	33
In stock	2	3	0	7	2	2	0	0	16
Transferred	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Euthanased	0	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	8
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	43	0	27	6	11	5	2	97
Last year's total	4	14	0	8	4	3	7	13	53
Change from previous year	-25.00%	207.14%	n/a	237.50%	50.00%	266.67%	-285.57%	-84.62%	83.02%

<u>Livestock</u>									
Reclaimed	3	45	0	15	29	4	90	0	186
Rehomed	112	396	0	404	271	102	159	5	1349
In stock	9	101	0	26	13	0	6	0	155
Transferred	0	70	0	0	0	9	0	0	79
Euthanased	54	364	0	377	70	14	144	1	1024
Other	0	49	0	75	0	0	1	0	125
Total	178	925	0	897	383	129	400	6	2,918
Last year's total	104	981	23	772	115	132	362	24	2,513
Change from previous year	71.15%	-5.71%	n/a	16.19%	233.04%	-2.27%	10.50%	-75.00%	16.12%
<u>Wildlife</u>									
Released	791	41	0	882	89	18	0	0	1,821
In stock	53	3	0	22	0	0	39	0	117
Transferred	0	242	0	1	118	124	1091	0	1,576
Euthanased	1028	257	0	2626	254	58	1864	0	6,087
Other	664	125	0	478	0	32	151	0	1,450
Total	2,536	668	0	4,009	461	232	3,145	0	11,051
Last year's total	2,040	256	23	3,089	340	240	3,684	2	9,674
Change from previous year	24.31%	160.94%	n/a	29.78%	35.59%	-3.33%	-14.63%	n/a	14.23%
<u>Other animals</u>									
Reclaimed	5	41		54	10	5	47	0	162
Rehomed	113	249		694	108	95	329	6	1,594
In stock	24	41		80	2	1	76	0	224
Transferred	0	260		0	0	0	0	0	260
Euthanased	181	1074		645	222	11	373	1	2,507
Other	0	362		97		2	20	0	481
Total	323	2,027		1,570	342	114	845	7	5,228
Last year's total	399	1,704	18	1,003	375	153	920	26	4,598
Change from previous year	-19.00%	19.00%	n/a	56.5%	-8.80%	-25.50%	-8.20%	-73.10%	14.59%
<u>Total Animals received</u>	7,073	41,017	2,518	42,643	10,501	4,814	36,357	1,898	146,821
Total 2004-2005	6,398	40,445	2,836	31,473	7,160	3,924	37,890	2,033	132,159
Change from previous year	10.55%	1.41%	-11.21%	35.49%	46.66%	22.68%	-4.05%	-6.64%	11.09%

*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

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

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

³Other: 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	
Cruelty complaints								
Investigated	854	11374	9445	2802	1974	9714	2750	38,913
Revisited	800			1406	542	1635		4,383
Cruelty prosecutions								
Prosecutions	1	109	51	71	83	23	39	377
Convictions	3	60	41	71	27	23	29	254
Charges laid	6	1152	71	117	78	74	94	1,592
People charged	3	102	51	71	45	23	39	234
Cases examined	8	0	0	0	9	0	35	52
Cases pending	1	42	9	36	47	10	4	149
Routine Inspections		50		45	165	49	135	444

* No inspectorate in NT

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

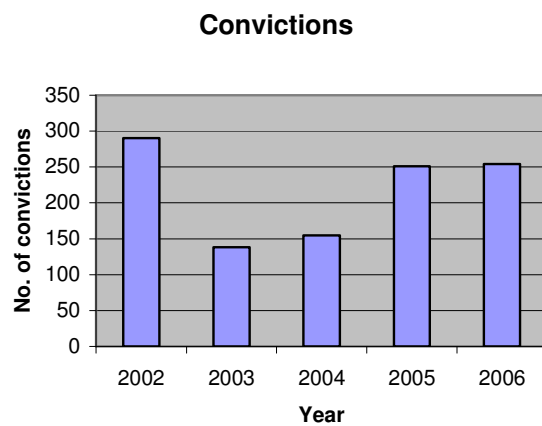
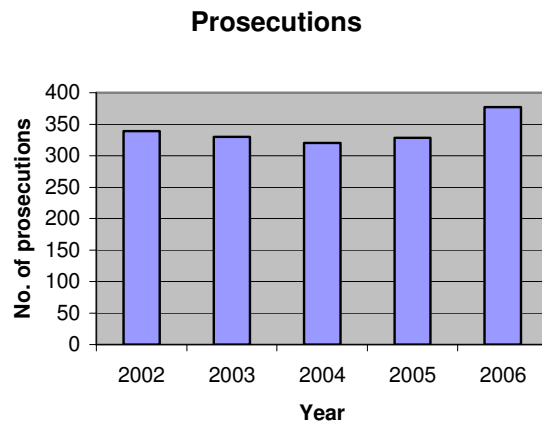
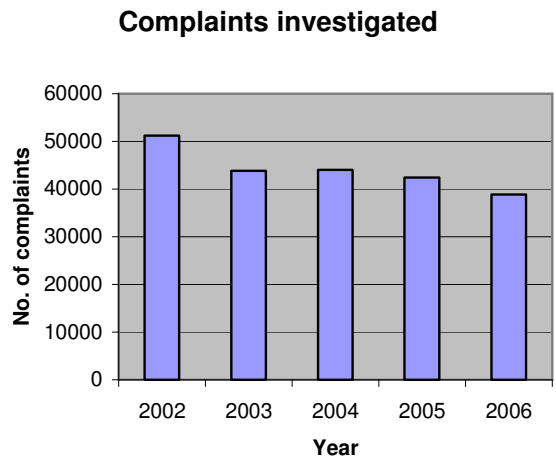


Table 5: Breakdown of cruelty complaints, prosecutions and convictions over the past 5 years

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
<u>Complaints investigated</u>								
2005-2006	854	11374	9445	2802	1974	9714	2750	38,913
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
<u>Prosecutions</u>								
2005-2006	1	109	51	71	83	23	39	377
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
<u>Convictions</u>								
2005-2006	1	60	51	71	83	23	29	254
2004-2005	1	86	34	31	21	43	35	251
2003-2004	2	0	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

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

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD [#]	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs	1	80		24	44	13	18	180
Cats	0	8		5	4	7	5	29
Birds	0	4		7	0	0	1	12
Horses	0	4		4	8	2	3	21
Livestock	0	12		2	14	1	9	40
Wildlife	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0		0	0	0	0	0

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Figure 4: Cruelty prosecutions by type of animal in 2005-2006

