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RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2006-2007

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 2006 to 2007 financial year and give details on the receipt and placement of animals by each state and territory RSPCA during that period. The statistics also include the number of cruelty complaints received by the RSPCA inspectorate and prosecutions undertaken.

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Table 1: Animals received nationally by the RSPCA for the 2006-2007 financial year

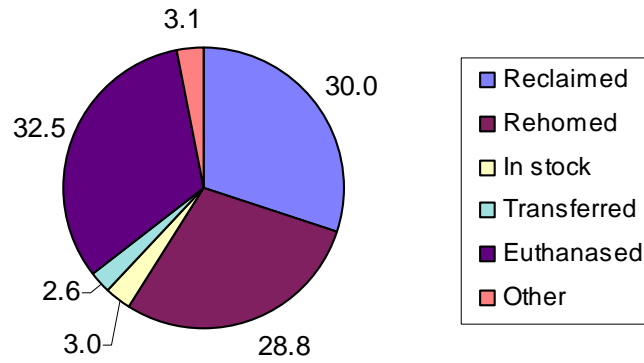
	Number of animals	Percentage of total
Total animals received: 144,421		
Dogs		
Reclaimed	20,318	30.0% of total dogs
Rehomed	19,526	28.8% of total dogs
In Stock	2,034	3.0% of total dogs
Transferred	1,765	2.6% of total dogs
Euthanased	21,973	32.5% of total dogs
Other*	2,087	3.1% of total dogs
Total dogs	67,703	46.9% of total animals
Cats		
Reclaimed	1,773	3.0% of total cats
Rehomed	19,205	32.8% of total cats
In Stock	1,733	3.0% of total cats
Transferred	1,392	2.4% of total cats
Euthanased	33,343	57.0% of total cats
Other*	1,034	1.8% of total cats
Total cats	58,480	40.5% of total animals
Other animals[#]		
Reclaimed	2,175	11.9% of other animals
Rehomed	2,913	16.0% of other animals
In Stock	744	4.1% of other animals
Transferred	1,770	9.7% of other animals
Euthanased	9,089	49.8% of other animals
Other*	1,547	8.5% of other animals
Total other animals	18,238	12.6% of total animals

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

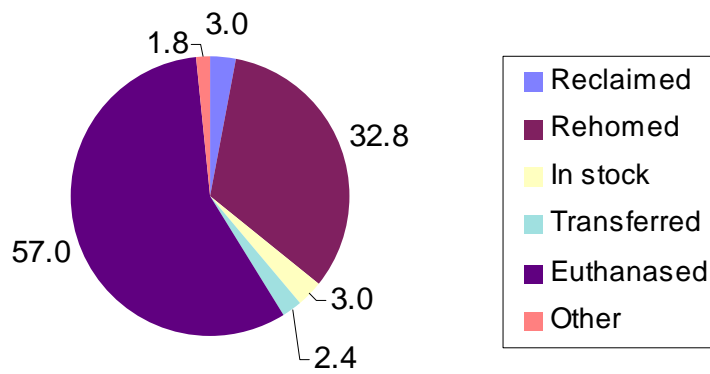
[#] Including: horses, small animals, livestock, and wildlife

Figure 1: The fate of animals received by the RSPCA in 2006-2007

Dogs



Cats



Other Animals

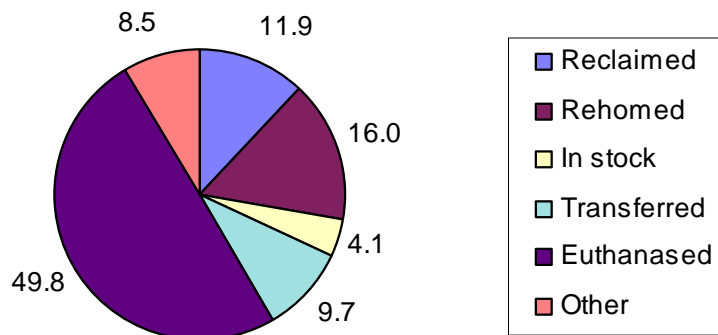


Table 2: Comparison of animals received over the past 5 years

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Change from previous year
Dogs						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	40,039	36,415	39,372	44,790	45,730	Up 2.1%
Euthanased	24,554	22,169	20,658	21,554	21,973	Up 1.9%
Total dogs	64,593	58,594	60,030	66,344	67,703	Up 2.0%
Cats						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	21,253	20,192	23,350	24,173	25,137	Up 4.0%
Euthanased	30,449	35,934	31,941	37,010	33,343	Down 9.9%
Total cats	51,702	56,126	55,291	61,183	58,480	Down 4.4%
Others						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	7,662	8,583	8,105	9,668	10,180	Up 5.3%
Euthanased	9,007	11,887	8,733	9,626	9,089	Down 5.6%
Total others	16,669	20,470	16,838	19,294	18,238	Down 5.5%
Total animals	132,964	135,180	132,159	146,821	144,421	Down 1.6%

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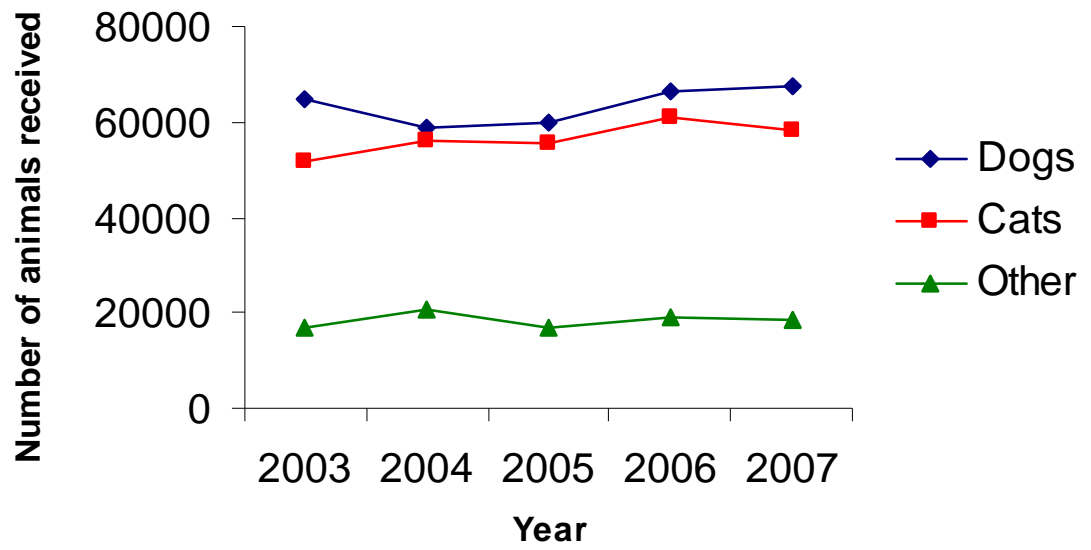


Table 3: Breakdown of animals received by each State and Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								
	ACT	NSW	NT*	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Dogs									
Reclaimed	564	5062	147	3216	1957	714	8159	499	20318
Rehomed	558	5746	593	5349	743	812	4769	956	19526
In stock ¹	58	913	39	429	69	96	326	104	2034
Transferred ²	42	1300	0	4	279	140	0	0	1765
Euthanased	179	8597	506	6946	1285	314	3926	220	21973
Other ³	5	189	2	1512	226		153	0	2087
Total	1406	22077	1287	17456	4559	2076	17333	1779	67703
Last year's total	1435	22480	1297	17309	4582	1889	16347	1408	66344
Percent change ⁴	-2.02%	-1.2%	-0.8%	+0.9%	-0.5%	+9.9%	+6.0%	+26.4%	+2.0%
Cats									
Reclaimed	111	298	11	456	138	8	750	1	1773
Rehomed	1218	4542	344	5206	1340	994	4926	635	19205
In stock	47	756	49	478	73	76	202	52	1733
Transferred	5	353	0	13	0	412	609	0	1392
Euthanased	1130	9773	795	10257	2877	1340	7061	110	33343
Other	27	145	18	683	136	0	25	0	1034
Total	2538	15867	1217	17093	4564	2830	13573	798	58480
Last year's total	2598	15277	1221	18831	4727	2439	15615	475	60651
Percent change ⁴	-2.3%	+3.9%	-0.3%	-9.2%	-3.5%	+16.0%	-13.1%	+68.0%	-4.4%
Horses									
Reclaimed	1	6	0	6	1	4	2	0	20
Rehomed	5	35	0	13	1	2	0	0	56
In stock	0	21	0	11	1	9	35	0	77
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanased	0	6	0	7	4	1	1	0	19
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	6	68	0	37	7	16	39	0	173
Last year's total	3	43	0	27	6	11	5	2	97
Percent change ⁴	+100%	+58.1%	n/a	+37.0%	+16.7%	+45.5%	+680.0%	-100%	+78.4%
Livestock									
Reclaimed	2	9		30	5	7	42	0	95
Rehomed	51	288	8	466	37	111	189	19	1169
In stock	3	81	2	22	1	7	7	0	123
Transferred	0	34	0	13	0	1	0	0	48
Euthanased	29	350	1	317	32	13	207	3	952
Other	1	18	3	94	0	0	1	0	117
Total	86	780	14	942	75	139	446	22	2504
Last year's total	178	925	0	897	383	129	400	6	2918
Percent change ⁴	-51.7%	+15.7%	n/a	+5.0%	-80.4%	+7.8%	+11.5%	+266.7%	-14.2%

Wildlife									
Released	786	18	0	917	26	127	19	0	1893
In stock	28	57	0	51	0	0	6	0	142
Transferred	7	290	0	0	106	120	979	0	1502
Euthanased	1202	324	0	2707	187	37	1578	0	6035
Other	625	116	0	538	17	14	8	0	1318
Total	2648	805	0	4213	336	298	2590	0	10890
Last year's total	2536	668	0	4009	461	232	3145	0	11051
Percent change ⁴	+4.4%	+20.5%	n/a	+5.1%	-27.1%	+28.5%	-17.7%	n/a	-1.5%
Other animals									
Reclaimed	11	30	0	73	11	4	38	0	167
Rehomed	265	249	9	665	121	72	229	21	1631
In stock	18	67	0	52	20	0	12	0	169
Transferred	0	169	0	2	15	0	0	0	186
Euthanased	205	970	1	273	195	9	633	5	2291
Other	10	43	2	128	0	0	44	0	227
Total	509	1528	12	1193	362	85	956	26	4671
Last year's total	323	2027	0	1570	342	114	845	7	5228
Percent change ⁴	+57.6%	-24.6%	n/a	-24.0%	+5.8%	-25.4%	+13.1%	+271.4%	-10.7%
Total animals received									
	7193	40855	2530	40934	9903	5444	34937	2625	144421
Total 2005-06	7073	41017	2518	42643	10501	4814	36357	1898	146821
Percent change ⁴	+1.7%	-0.6%	+0.5%	-4.0%	-5.7%	13.1%	-3.9%	38.3%	-1.7%

*Data from Darwin Regional Branch only

¹In stock: animals remaining in shelter at end of financial year

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

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

⁴ Percentage change in 2006-07 from previous year's figures

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

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	684	11812	9576	2738	1848	12,361	2896	41,915
Revisited	600	#	#	#	755	#	#	1,355
Cruelty prosecutions								
Prosecutions	0	144	40	35	67	25	41	352
Convictions	1	96	32	35	22	24	26	236
Charges laid	1	704	62	82	28	154	60	1,091
People charged	1	140	43	41	14	25	41	305
Cases examined	7	0	31	97	7	0	0	142
Cases pending	0	58	9	25	22	6	10	130
Routine inspections	n/a	45	n/a	162	182	59	79	527

* No inspectorate in NT

^ The increase in complaints investigated by RSPCA Victoria is due to change in way the statistics were collated

Data not available or included in overall total

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

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

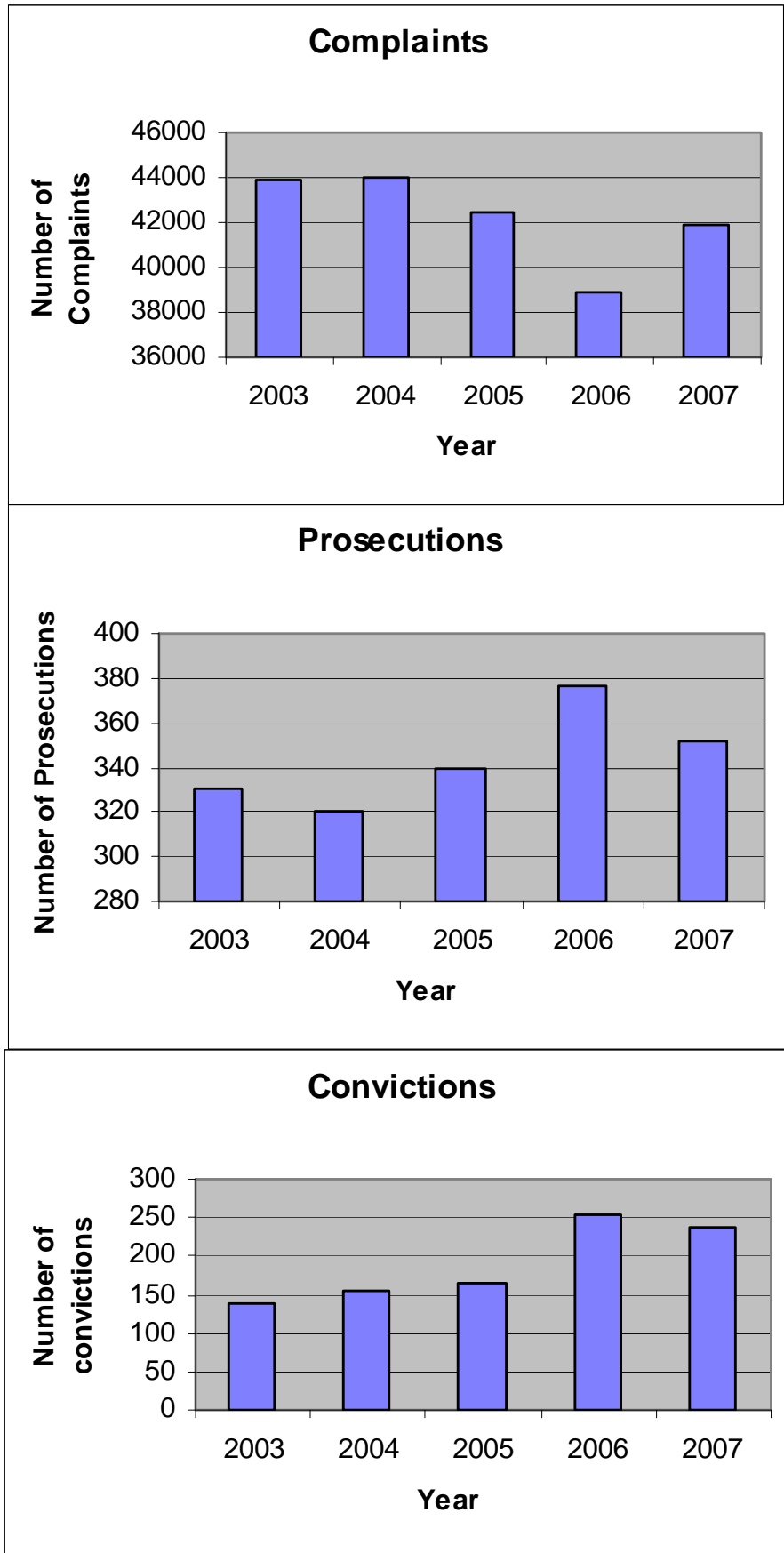


Table 5: Breakdown of cruelty complaints investigated and prosecutions over the past 5 years

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC^	WA	
Complaints								
2006-2007	684	11812	9576	2738	1848	12361	2896	41,915
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
Prosecutions								
2006-2007	0	144	40	35	67	25	41	352
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
Convictions								
2006-2007	1	96	32	35	22	24	26	236
2005-2006	3	60	41	71	27	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

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

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Data not available

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

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs	0	98	26	19	27	16	18	204
Cats	0	12	8	3	4	2	5	34
Birds	0	3	2	7	4	1	0	17
Horses	0	15	4	3	37	6	5	70
Livestock	0	19	0	2	30	1	4	56
Wildlife	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Others	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4

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

Figure 4: Total RSPCA cruelty prosecutions by type of animal in 2006-2007

