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RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2012-2013

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 2012 to 2013 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 2012-2013 financial year

	Number of animals	Percentage of total
Total animals received: 126,673		
Dogs		
Reclaimed	17,956	36.5% of total dogs
Rehomed	16,627	33.8% of total dogs
Currently in Care ¹	2,670	5.4% of total dogs
Transferred ²	1,334	2.7% of total dogs
Euthanased	10,355	21.1% of total dogs
Other	247	0.5% of total dogs
Total dogs	49,189	38.83% of total animals
Cats		
Reclaimed	2,243	4.6% of total cats
Rehomed	22,917	46.5% of total cats
Currently in Care ¹	2,874	5.8% of total cats
Transferred ²	1,109	2.3% of total cats
Euthanased	19,464	39.5% of total cats
Other	629	1.3% of total cats
Total cats	49,236	38.87% of total animals
Other animals³		
Reclaimed	2,513	8.9% of other animals
Rehomed	4,654	16.5% of other animals
Currently in Care ¹	1,433	5.1% of other animals
Transferred ²	4,390	15.5% of other animals
Euthanased	13,437	47.6% of other animals
Other	1,821	6.4% of other animals
Total other animals	28,248	22.3% of total animals

¹Currently in Care: animals remaining in shelter at end of financial year including foster care

²Transferred: animals transferred to non-RSPCA facility, pound, welfare or rescue group

³Including: horses, small animals, livestock, and wildlife

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

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-2013	Change from previous year
Dogs						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	47,298	48,569	47,990	41,352	38,834	Down 6.09%
Euthanased	22,085	20,177	19,583	14,211	10,355	Down 27.13%
Total dogs	69,383	68,746	67,633	55,563	49,189	Down 11.47%
Cats						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	26,710	27,075	27,440	27,686	29,772	Up 7.53%
Euthanased	39,495	38,642	37,177	24,651	19,464	Down 21.04%
Total cats	66,205	65,717	64,617	52,337	49,236	Down 5.93%
Other Animals						
Reclaimed/rehomed /other	10,304	13,207	13,414	12,799	14,811	Up 15.72%
Euthanased	10,729	11,337	11,490	10,826	13,437	Up 24.12%
Total other animals	21,033	24,544	24,904	23,625	28,248	Up 19.57%
Total animals	156,621	159,007	157,094	131,525	126,673	Down 3.69%

Table 3: Reasons for euthanasia of dogs and cats by each state and territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW ¹	NT ²	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs									
Infectious	1	233	33	137	6	17	31	2	460
Medical	75	891	31	414	202	69	552	100	2,334
Behavioural	56	2,602	42	2,279	354	249	1,176	61	6,819
Legal	0	42	0	81	1	0	183	0	307
Other	0	253	0	88	55	8	31	0	435
Total dogs euthanased	132	4,021	106	2,999	618	343	1,973	163	10,355
Cats									
Infectious	136	2,259	97	923	598	317	1,198	51	5,579
Medical reasons	151	1,132	29	650	109	168	723	89	3,051
Behavioural Problems	88	1,312	35	953	289	373	1,079	31	4,160
Legal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other	401	2,521	14	1,059	483	534	1,661	0	6,673
Total cats euthanased	776	7,224	175	3,585	1,480	1,392	4,661	171	19,464

¹NSW included Council animals up to and including the 2010-11 Financial Year. Council animals are not included this year.

²Data not available for NT - data from Darwin Regional Branch only.

Table 4: Breakdown of animals received by each State and Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW ⁵	Darwin	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Dogs									
Reclaimed	1,072	1,208	94	5,568	1,800	652	7,259	303	17,956
Rehomed	389	4,693	253	5,809	1,043	550	3,636	254	16,627
Currently in Care ¹	76	652	93	761	435	74	485	94	2,670
Transferred ²	152	452	0	717	2	0	11	0	1,334
Euthanased	132	4,021	106	2,999	618	343	1,973	163	10,355
Other	9	45	0	134	11	5	43	0	247
Total dogs	1,830	11,071	546	15,988	3,909	1,624	13,407	814	49,189
Last year's total	1,807	11,989	721	18,028	4,284	1,840	15,460	1,434	55,563
Percent change ³	1.27%	-7.66%	-24.27%	-11.32%	-8.75%	-11.74%	-13.28%	-43.27%	-11.47%
Cats									
Reclaimed	187	422	4	561	134	76	855	4	2,243
Rehomed	1,192	5,531	254	7,639	1,517	1,208	5,301	275	22,917
Currently in Care ¹	67	701	0	812	502	198	474	120	2,874
Transferred ²	0	742	0	367	0	0	0	0	1,109
Euthanased	776	7,224	175	3,585	1,480	1,392	4,661	171	19,464
Other	121	113	9	249	34	15	81	7	629
Total cats	2,343	14,733	442	13,213	3,667	2,889	11,372	577	49,236
Last year's total	2,400	16,409	627	13,600	3,942	2,839	11,782	738	52,337
Percent change ³	-2.38%	-10.21%	-29.51%	-2.85%	-6.98%	1.76%	-3.48%	-21.82%	-5.93%
Horses									
Reclaimed	0	13	0	8	0	0	12	0	33
Rehomed	0	31	0	14	0	27	5	1	78
Currently in Care ¹	0	42	0	3	0	12	43	14	114
Transferred ²	0	6	0	4	0	0	1	0	11
Euthanased	0	8	0	4	1	5	5	6	29
Other	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total horses	0	101	0	34	1	44	66	21	267
Last year's total	2	99	0	63	9	15	36	8	232
Percent change ³	-100%	2.02%	0	-46.03%	-88.89%	193.33%	83.33%	162.50%	15.09%

	State/Territory RSPCA								Total
	ACT	NSW ⁵	Darwin	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Livestock									
Reclaimed	2	29	0	17	1	14	136	0	199
Rehomed	65	536	0	486	2	157	285	33	1,564
Currently in Care ¹	16	75	0	57	0	52	106	22	328
Transferred ²	0	15	0	173	0	0	48	0	1,806
Euthanased	16	435	0	243	0	74	147	107	1,022
Other	13	9	0	19	0	3	13	0	57
Total livestock	112	1,099	0	995	3	300	735	162	3,406
Last year's total	132	1,165	1	915	14	193	367	59	2,846
Percent change ³	-15.15%	-5-67%	-100%	8.74%	-78.57%	55.44%	100.27%	174.58%	19.68%
Wildlife									
Released	677	102	0	1,046	33	6	82	0	1,946
Currently in Care ¹	136	16	0	44	0	11	37	0	244
Transferred ²	30	185	3	3,064	52	0	622	0	3,956
Euthanased	1,330	304	0	7041	109	79	840	0	3,366
Other	526	204	0	463	4	8	293	0	1,498
Total wildlife	2,699	811	3	11, 658	198	104	1,874	0	17,347
Last year's total	2,850	964	1	8,312	136	160	1,672	0	14,095
Percent change ³	-5.30%	-15.87%	200%	40.26%	45.59%	-35.00%	12.08%	0	23.07%
Other animals									
Reclaimed	46	62	0	69	34	31	93	0	335
Rehomed	305	697	6	820	305	136	725	18	3,014
Currently in Care ¹	47	110	0	109	131	30	272	48	747
Transferred ²	0	28	0	152	7	0	0	0	187
Euthanased	131	1,346	2	474	153	45	516	16	2,683
Other	25	78	1	72	18	11	59	0	264
Total other animals	554	2,321	9	1,696	648	253	1,665	82	7,228
Last year's total	718	2,004	13	1,471	661	268	1,154	163	6,452
Percent change ³	-22.8%	15.8%	-30.8%	15.3%	-2.0%	-5.6%	44.3%	-49.7%	12%

Total animals received	7,538	30,136	1,000	43,584	8,426	5,214	29,119	1,656	126,673
Total 2011-12	7,909	32,630	1,363	42,389	9,046	5,315	30,471	2,402	131,525
Percent change ⁴	-4.69%	-7.64%	-26.63%	2.82%	-6.85%	-1.90%	-4.44%	-31.06%	-3.69%

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^{3,4}Percentage change in 2012-13 from previous year's figures

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Footnote to Table 4: Examples of livestock, wildlife and other animals received

Livestock

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

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 5: Cruelty complaints and prosecutions by State/Territory RSPCA

	State/Territory RSPCA*							Total
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Cruelty complaints								
Investigated	668	14,610	15,737	3,696	2,996	9,372	2,782	49,861
Cruelty prosecutions								
Prosecutions finalised	2	94	11	30	36	177	8	358
Successful prosecutions ^{^^}	2	91	11	28	30	174	7	343
Charges laid	4	339	26	107	99	457	8	1,040
People charged	3	94	14	40	38	177	8	374
Cases pending	5	34	10	32	16	26	24	147
Routine inspections	0	103	2	19	54	17	49	244

* No inspectorate in NT

^{^^} Facts proved in relation to principal charges

Footnote to Table 5: Routine Inspection Details

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

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

Table 6: National cruelty complaints and prosecutions since 2007 over the past 5 years

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Complaints	49,494	50,765	53,544	54,398	45,717	49,861
Prosecutions	266	259	247	275	206	358 ¹

¹ Finalised prosecutions