# SPCA of Tompkins County 2023: By the Numbers

#### **WHO CAME IN**

DOGS In 2023, **1,459** animals came to the SPCA of Tompkins County. Most of those animals were cats or dogs, but we also cared for rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, and a snake.

#### WHERE DID THEY COME FROM

The majority of the animals who came to us were surrendered by their owners, or were found as strays. Some of the animals came to us from other rescue organizations.

#### WHERE DID THEY GO

The vast majority of the animals who come to us are adopted or reunited with their families. Sadly, some died while in our care (especially the very young or very old) or are humanely euthanized for severe health or behavioral problems.

#### LIVE RELEASE RATE

An amazing 93.45% of the animals we cared for found new homes, reunited with their owners, or were transferred to other rescues!

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Data source: SPCA of Tompkins County Asilomar Advanced Animal Statistics for 2023

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#### **Owner Surrender/Stray**

- 322 dogs
- 1.070 cats
- 9 other animals

#### Transfers

From other rescues, shelters

- 55 dogs
- 3 cats
- 0 other animals

	Dogs	Cats	Other
Adopted	197	867	12
Returned to Owner	159	100	0
Transferred	3	0	0
Euthanized or Died	17	76	2

## **HOW LONG WERE THEY HERE**



#### 2 guinea **FOSTER FAMILIES** pigs

1 snake We could not achieve our mission of being an open admission, adoption guarantee shelter without the work of our dedicated foster parents! This group totals 64 families caring for dogs, **132** families caring for cats & kittens, and 2 families fostering other animals.



#### VOLUNTEERS

In 2023, the SPCA relied on the time, talent, and generosity of nearly 300 volunteers. We are grateful for their support.



#### **COMMUNITY ASSIST**

We provide community assistance to people in Tompkins County who were



in a difficult situation and needed care for their pets temporarily. In 2023, we provided assistance to community members in 14 different cases, involving **16** animals. These 16 animals were housed for a total of **190** days! 9 DOGS CATS

#### **PET FOOD PANTRY**

Food insecurity continues to be an issue for both humans and their pets in our community. With donations from individuals and businesses. we were able to offer 52



drive-up pet food pantries.





### **SPCA** of Tompkins County

For many years, the number of local cats and dogs who have come to the SPCA needing our help has steadily declined. We credit that reduction, in part, to our efforts to provide low-cost spay/neuter clinics. When more owned cats and dogs in the area are spayed or neutered, the number of unexpected litters decreases.

In 2023 we held **47** low-cost spay/neuter clinics for pet owners in Tompkins County and 15 surrounding counties where low-cost options are not available. Through the clinics, 19 TNR cats were altered. A total of **1,369** animals were altered during the weekly clinics



In 2023, our medical team performed **1,425** medical procedures on **1,377** animals. The total number of procedures includes **1,075** spay/neuter surgeries (75% of the total). The most common procedures beyond spay/neuter were dentals, hernia repair, amputations, and mass removals.





Between 2015 and 2023, a total of **2,531** feral cats were spayed or neutered by the SPCA and our clinic partners. TNR, or trap/neuter/return, is an incredibly effective solution in managing overpopulation of large colonies of unowned cats. Cats are trapped, brought to the SPCA for spay/neuter surgery, given rabies and distemper vaccinations, ear tipped, and tattooed at the surgical site. In 2023, **165** feral cats were TNR through our spay/neuter clinics and shelter surgery days