AWLQ STATISTICS 2020/21

(compiled Sept 2021)

The following statistics are divided into **two** sections:

SECTION 1

This section includes the total animals cared for by AWLQ in 2020/21 (almost 9 000 animals), including all impounded animals in Brisbane City (the largest Council by population and third largest city in Australia) and City of Gold Coast (the 2nd largest Council by population and sixth largest city in Australia) plus surrenders from the public, as well as unclaimed strays and surrenders from other surrounding southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales areas).

SECTION 2

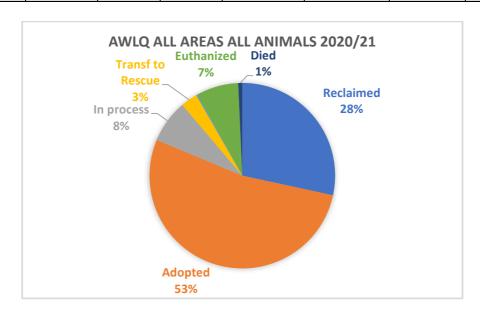
This section includes Gold Coast City Council residents' animals only (i.e. almost 4000 stray and surrendered dogs, cats and other animals such as birds, guinea pigs, cattle, horses and sheep.) Gold Coast City data is particularly useful, for the following reasons:

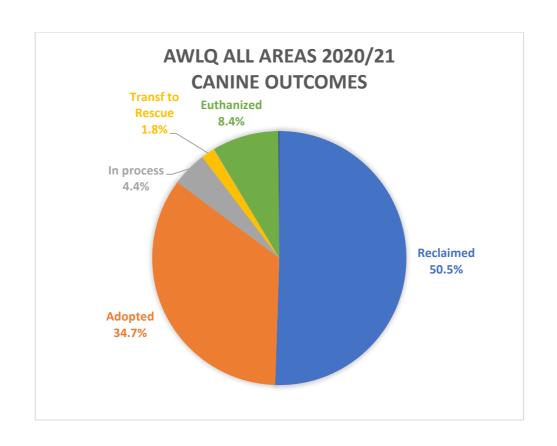
- a. It is one of few large Australian cities where the data represents the whole city (in this case, a growing city with an estimated population of 635 000 in 2020. AWLQ cares for all the pound animals for the Gold Coast City Council and receives all unclaimed strays. It also runs the only two shelters on the Gold Coast for animals surrendered by their owners. This has provided a unique opportunity to understand the issues and develop solutions to the oversupply of abandoned animals in a whole community.
- b. AWLQ has been working with the community since 2001/2 to reduce the numbers of unwanted cats and dogs and improve rehoming to achieve zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable cats and dogs. This was achieved in 2016/17 and has been maintained since then. The graphs below show that in 2020/21, 92% of all stray and surrendered animals were saved for the whole City of Gold Coast. 8.3% of dogs and 9.5% of cats were euthanized due to irremediable suffering or presenting a serious risk to the safety of humans and/or other companion animals if rehomed.
- c. Dog intake has been reduced from 5626 in 2001/2 to 1367 in 2020/21 and euthanasia from 30% (1670 euthanized) to 8% (114 euthanized). Cat intake has been reduced from 3830 in 2001/2 to 1847 in 2020/21 and euthanasia from 50% in 2001/2 (1930 cats euthanized) to 9.5% (176 cats euthanized) in 2020/21.
- d. The combined pound and shelter intake in the City of Gold Coast has been reduced from 13 dogs and 9 cats per 1,000 residents in 2001/02 to 2 dogs and 3 cats per 1000 residents in 2020/21.
- e. Euthanasia has been reduced from 4 dogs and 4.5 cats per 1,000 residents in 2001/2 to 0.17 dogs and 0.28 cats in 2020/21.
- f. These Gold Coast City statistics show the success of many strategies that AWLQ has put in place i.e. the Getting to Zero Model. As well as **increasing rehoming with innovative strategies**, the G2Z model focuses on **prevention of abandoned animals** through:
 - Co-operative desexing programs In 2020/21, 12 Councils participated in AWLQ's NDN-managed programs with 5 additional Councils planning to come on board to fund desexing subsidies for residents in need of support to desex their cats.
 - Strategies to get lost cats and dogs home
 - Increasing availability and promotion of desexing at 2-4 months of age in vet clinics
 - Community veterinary clinics providing low cost desexing and other services so that no animal is euthanized due to an owner's incapacity to pay
 - Raising awareness of the public, secondary students, teachers, and TAFE students of how to keep.animals.happy.and.safe with cat safe fencing or enclosures and enrichment
 - A Breeder Permit requirement to desex kittens prior to sale or transfer see Breeder Code of Practice Section 11.2 p.29 https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/Services/Animals-pets/Keeping-breeding-of-animals.

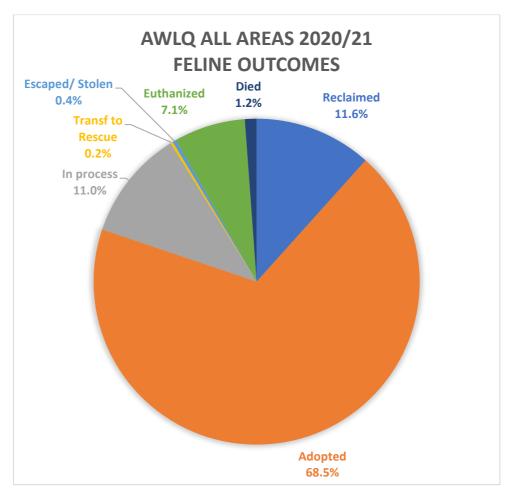
AWLQ provides a free service to help Councils Get 2 Zero in their communities. In 2021, due to COVID restrictions, AWLQ organised monthly webinars to replace the G2Z Summit normally held every 2 years to share effective strategies from around the world. To access these webinars or previous Summits, or find out more about how to Get 2 Zero, go to www.g2z.org.au. If you are a Council, shelter or community member who is interested in implementing these strategies you can contact us at info@g2z.org.au or jverrinder@awlgld.com.au.

SECTION 1AWLQ Outcomes All Animals 2020 21 (incl Brisbane & Gold Coast Pound Reclaims)

Animal Type	Reclaimed	Adopted	In process	Transf to Rescue	Escaped/ Stolen	Euthanized	Died	Total
Puppy	46	265	27	5	0	9	3	355
Dog	1932	1092	147	64	2	321	2	3560
Canine	1978	1357	174	69	2	330	5	3915
% Canine	50.5	34.7	4.4	1.8	0.1	8.4	0.1	100
Kitten	4	1350	228	6	2	84	40	1714
Cat	467	1422	215	4	13	202	7	2330
Feline	471	2772	443	10	15	286	47	4044
% Feline	11.6	68.5	11.0	0.2	0.4	7.1	1.2	100
Total Dogs & Cats	2449	4129	617	79	17	616	52	7959
%Dogs&Cats	31	52	8	1	0	8	1	100
Bird	3	128	0	2	0	5	1	139
Cattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fowl	3	122	8	165	0	13	4	315
Goat	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	9
Guinea Pig	4	142	27	0	0	1	5	179
Horse	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pig	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
Rabbit	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Rodent	0	57	0	0	0	3	0	60
Sheep	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	5
Other Subtotal	15	462	35	174	0	23	10	719
%TotOth	2.1%	64.3%	4.9%	24.2%	0.0%	3.2%	1.4%	100%
All Animals	2464	4591	652	253	17	639	62	8678
% All Animals	28.4%	52.9%	7.5%	2.9%	0.2%	7.4%	0.7%	100%







SECTION 2
Incoming Gold Coast Stray and Surrendered Animals 2020/21 with Outcomes

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Туре	Reclaimed	Adopted	In process	Trans to Rescue	Escaped/ Stolen	Euthanized	Died	Total 2020/21
Puppy	7	110	14	1	0	2	2	136
Dog	690	382	35	11	0	112	1	1231
Canine	697	492	49	12	0	114	3	1367
%TotDog	51.0%	36.0%	3.6%	0.9%	0.0%	8.3%	0.2%	100%
Kitten	0	574	39	0	1	49	11	674
Cat	241	729	68	1	5	127	2	1173
Feline	241	1303	107	1	6	176	13	1847
% Total Cat	13.0%	70.5%	5.8%	0.1%	0.3%	9.5%	0.7%	100%
Dog+Cat	938	1795	156	13	6	290	16	3214
% Total Dogs & Cats	29.2%	55.8%	4.9%	0.4%	0.2%	9.0%	0.5%	100%
Bird	2	114	0	2	0	5	1	124
Fowl	0	53	6	78	0	11	2	150
Goat	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Guinea Pig	4	88	20	0	0	0	3	115
Pig	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rabbit	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Rodent	0	43	0	0	0	3	0	46
Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed(pound)	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Other total	25	304	26	83	0	19	6	463
%TotOth	5.4%	65.7%	5.6%	17.9%	0.0%	4.1%	1.3%	100%
Total Animals	963	2099	182	96	6	309	22	3677
% All Animals	26%	57%	5%	3%	0%	8%	1%	100%

