



Dumb Friends League®
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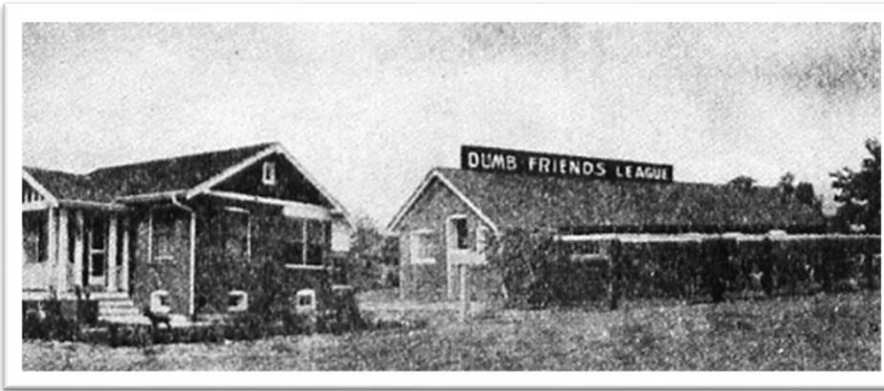
Castle Rock Town Council
September 5th, 2023

Our Mission

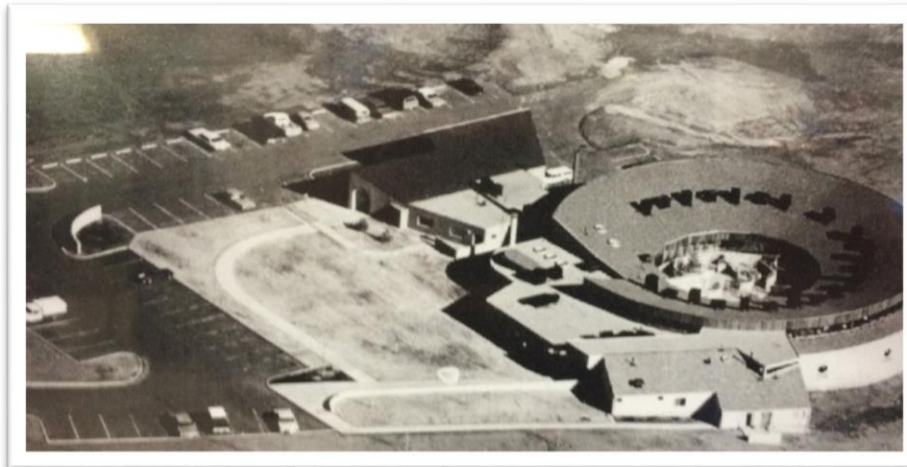
Working with our compassionate community, we will end pet homelessness and animal suffering.

History of the Dumb Friends League

1910: The Dumb Friends League was incorporated on September 8



1974: Quebec Street Shelter construction was finished in November



1948: A large “modern” shelter was built on South Santa Fe. In the 1970's, the shelter received as many as 45,000 animals annually with a staff of 17.

History of the Dumb Friends League



2002: The Buddy Center, in Castle Rock opens, creating the unique relationship between Douglas County and Dumb Friends League. The land was donated by the county commissioners and the League fundraised over \$3M to build the shelter.

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2010: Colorado Humane Society

2012: Harmony Equine Center



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2021: The Dumb Friend League
San Luis Valley Animal Center
opens in Alamosa.



Socially Conscious Sheltering to create best outcomes for all animals



Ensuring every unwanted or homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care



Placing every healthy and safe animal



Assessing the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensuring these needs are thoughtfully addressed



Alleviating suffering and making appropriate euthanasia decisions



Aligning policy with the needs of the community



Enhancing the human-animal bond through thoughtful placements and post adoption support



Considering the health and wellness of each animal and each community when transferring animals between communities



Implementing inclusive policies and practices



Fostering a culture of transparency, ethical decision making, mutual respect, continual learning and collaboration



A Socially Conscious
Animal Welfare
Organization™



**SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS
ANIMAL COMMUNITY**

Other Locations

Leslie A. Malone Center - Denver

- Largest shelter – 16,000 animals
- Headquarters for organization
- Veterinary and behavior resources
- Foster program

Harmony Equine Center - Franktown

- 70,000 square feet (buildings)
- 168 acres
- Statewide equine impound facility

San Luis Valley Animal Center - Alamosa

- Smallest shelter – 2,800 animals
- Smallest team – 7 staff
- League's first "rural" shelter
- Heavily supported by Buddy Center and Malone Center – adoptions, veterinary care

Buddy Center – 20 Years



2022: The Buddy Center celebrated 20 years of service and partnership in Douglas County. League staff, volunteer and supporters as well as county leadership gathered to celebrate and commemorate with a rib-bone cutting ceremony.

Since 2002 – over \$1.5M in building upgrades have been completed.

Buddy Center Shelter Statistics

Fiscal Year 2023 (7.1.22 – 6.30.23)

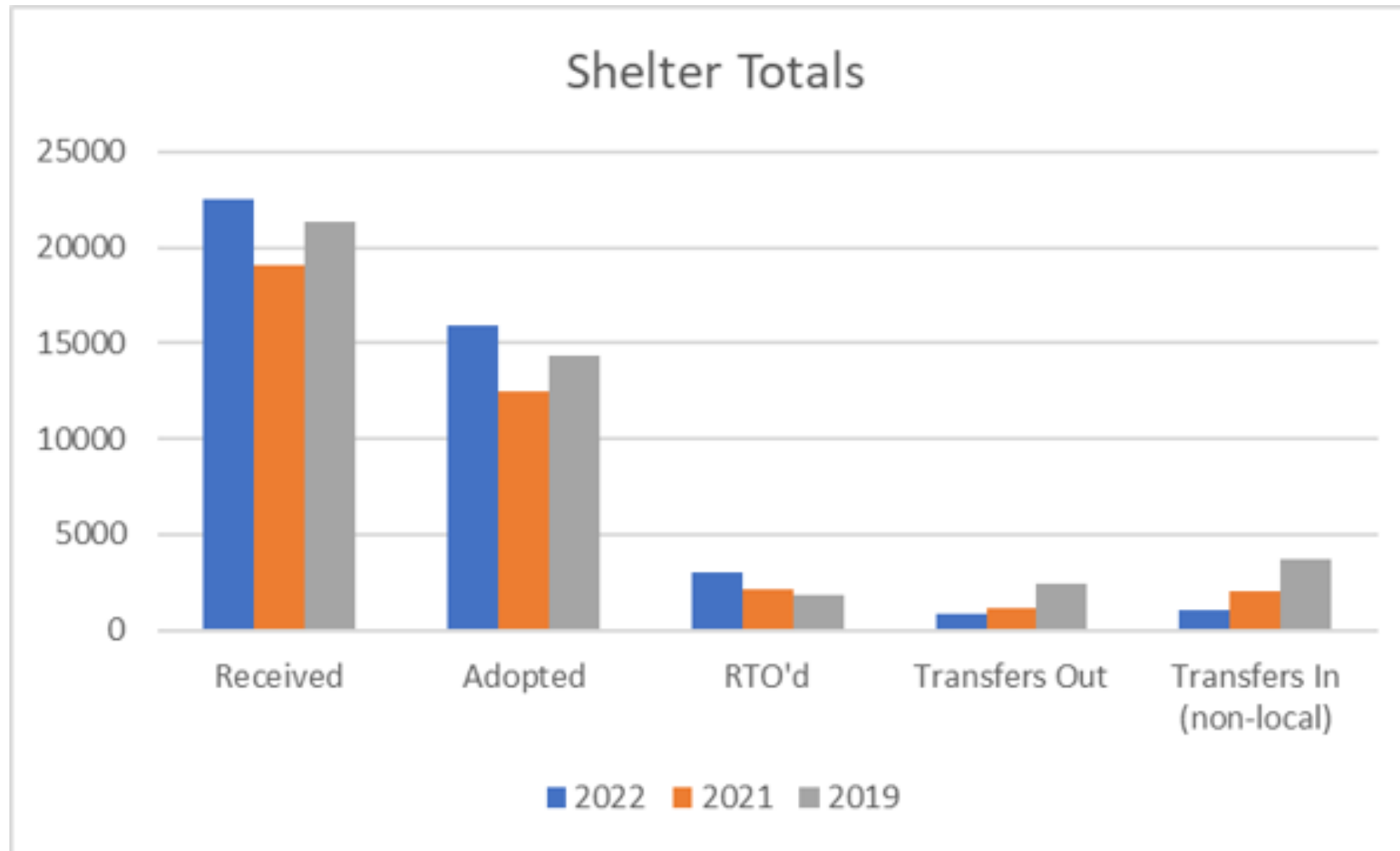
- Intakes: 3,561
 - Stray: 1,249
- Animal Control intakes: 424
- Adoptions: 2,560
- RTO Rate: 50%
- Average Length of Stay
 - Cats: 20.5 days (↑.5 days)
 - Dogs: 11.5 days (↑1.5 days)



Trends, Challenges & Future Needs



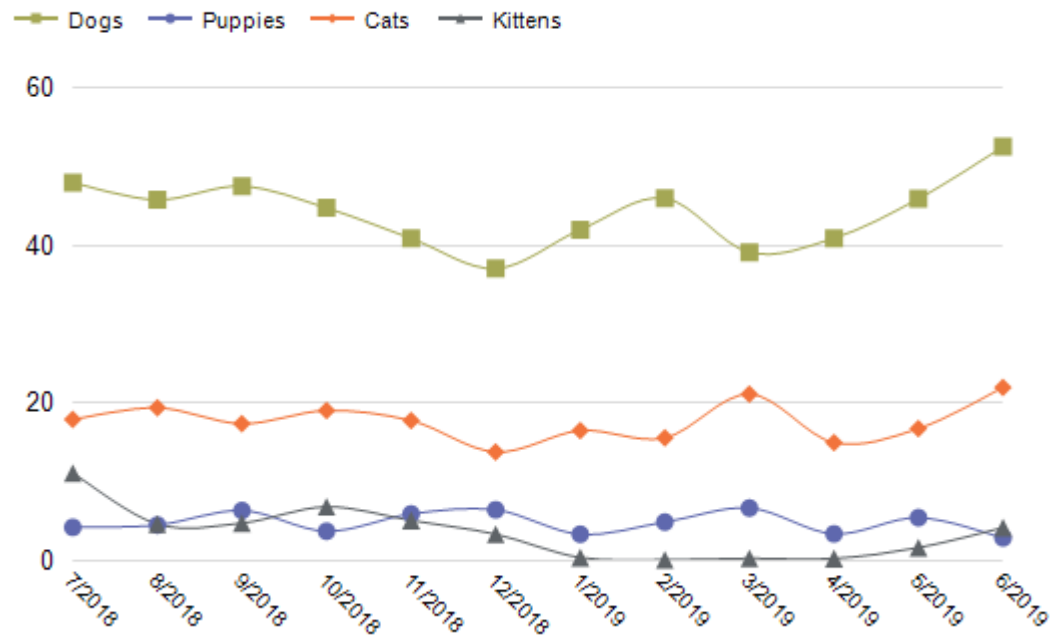
Increasing Community Need



Increasing Shelter Population

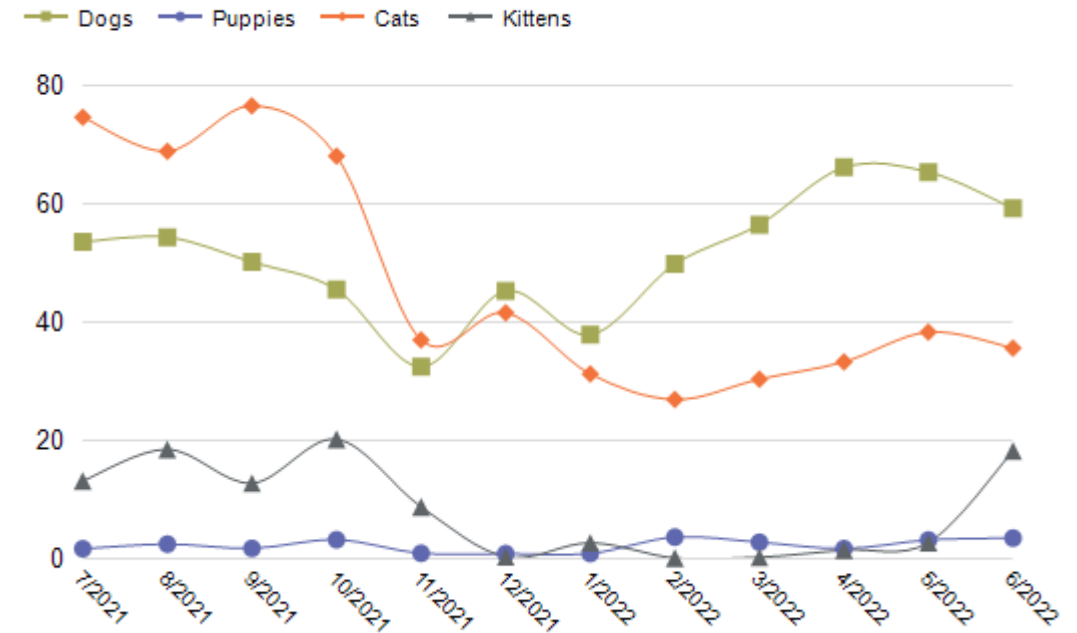
FY2019

Average Daily Animals In Care



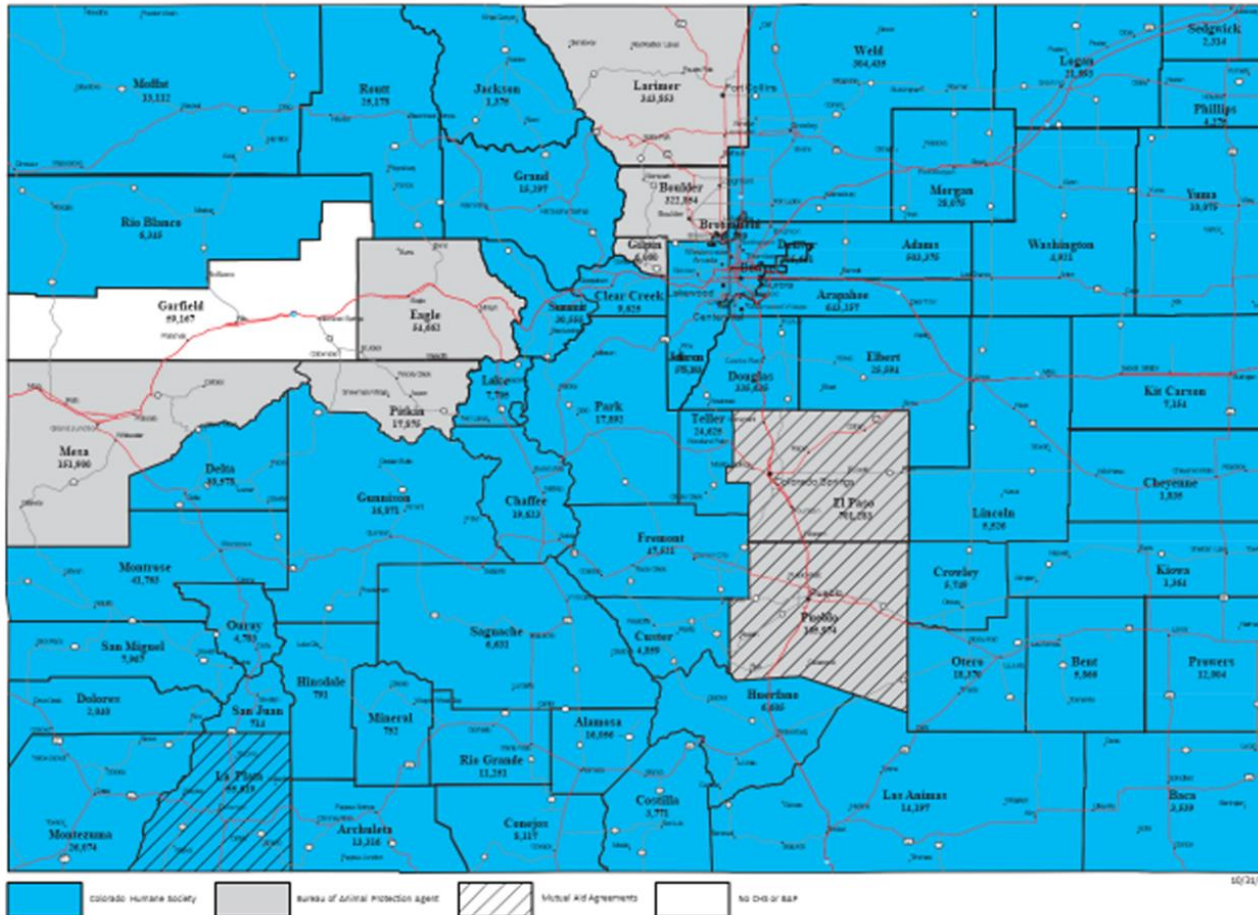
FY2022

Average Daily Animals In Care



Increasing Complexity

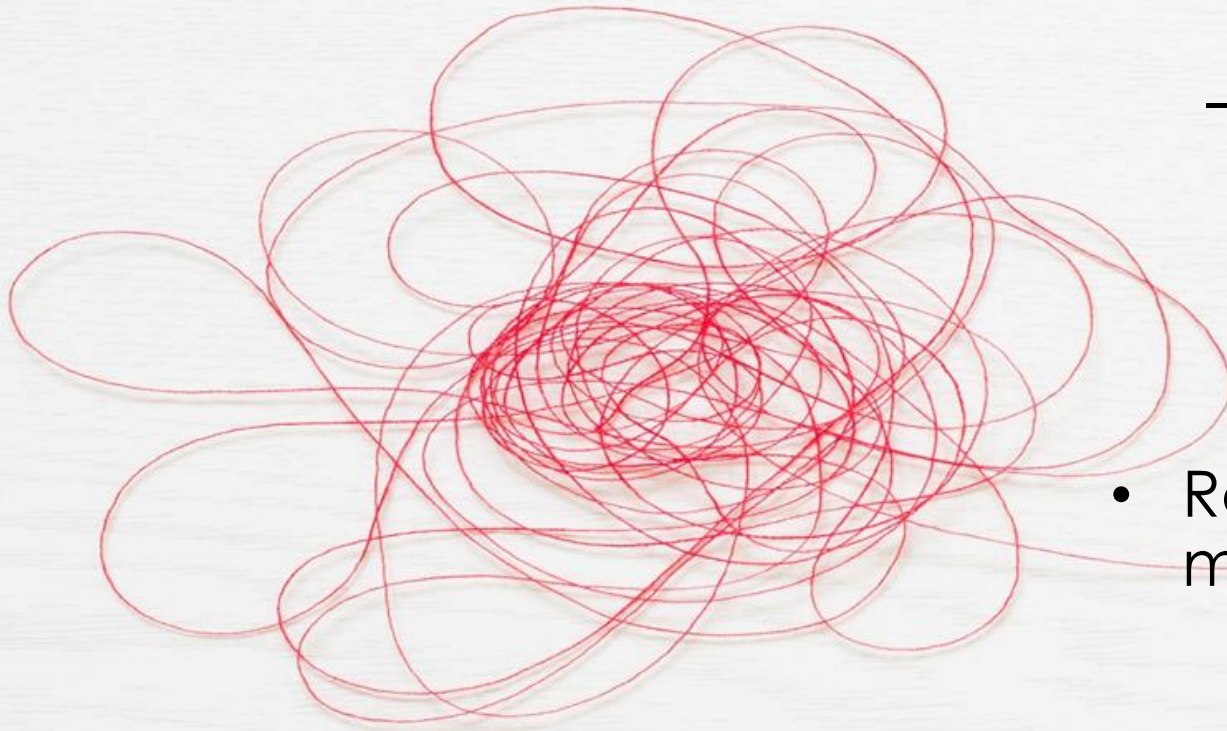
Colorado Humane Society and Dumb Friends League Jurisdiction



Cruelty and neglect – Colorado Humane Society

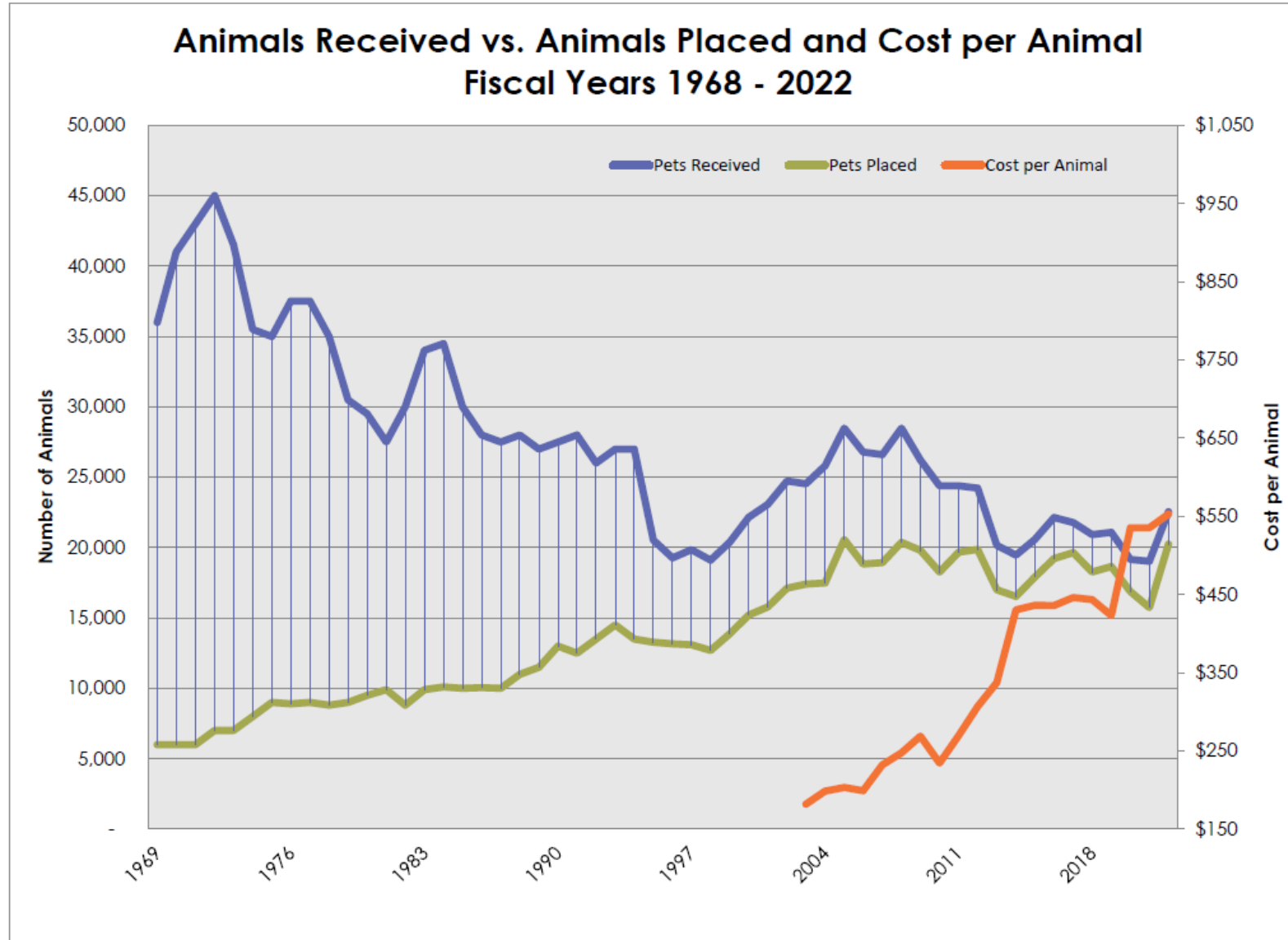
- More frequent
- More animals per case
- Statewide
 - Animals investigated up 158% over 2019
 - Animals impounded up 696% over 2019

Increasing Complexity

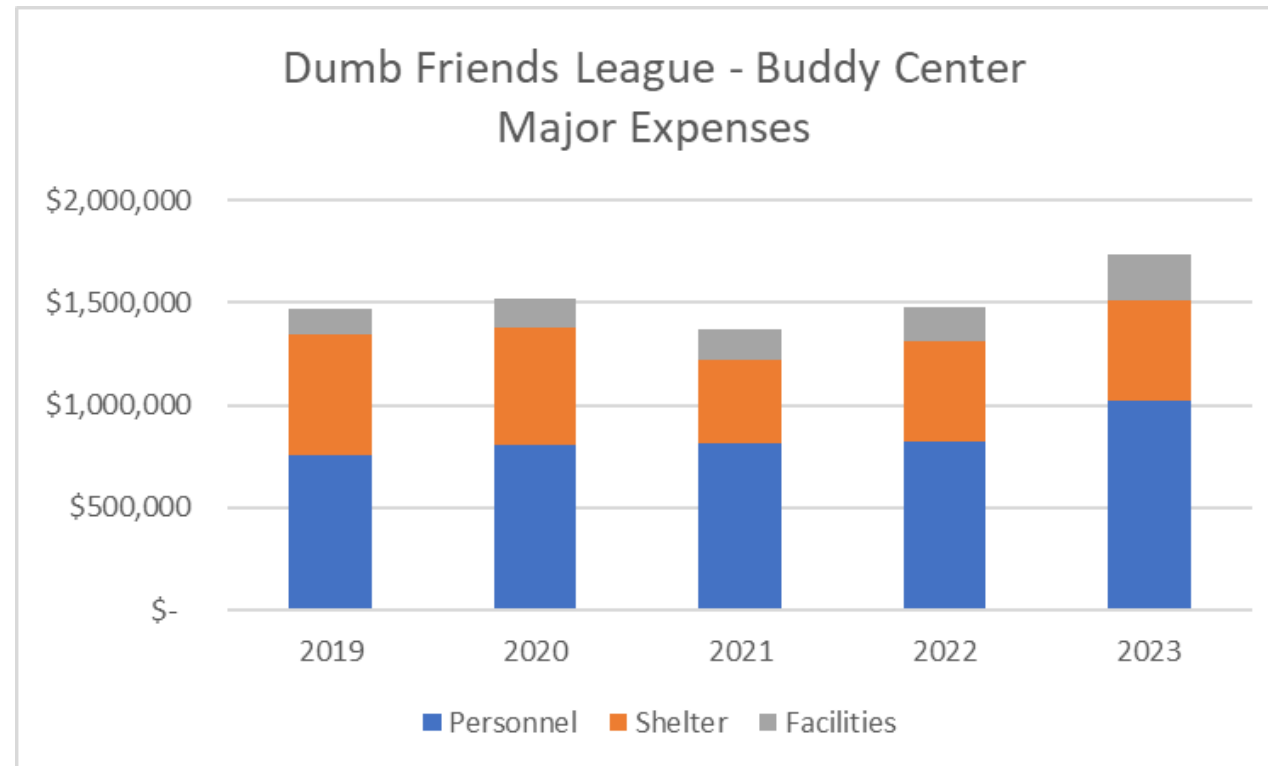


- Medical/behavior needs
 - Community animals instead of highly adoptable transfer animals
 - Existing behavior/medical issues that are difficult, expensive, time-intensive to resolve
- Reduced capacity at partner and municipal agencies

Increasing Cost of Success



Buddy Center Costs





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Thank you!

