

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Animal Care & Control Division  
Monthly Report – January 2025**

★ **2025 Animal Control and Animal Shelter Calls/Visitors Statistics** – The following chart shows the numbers of calls and visitors received from January 1 through December 31, 2025. During January a **total of 35 dogs and cats** were either adopted, returned to their owners, or transferred to an animal rescue / partnered shelters for adoption!!

	Dogs	Cats
Returned to Owner	18	0
Adopted	7	4
Transferred to Rescue Group	3	0
Transferred to Partnered Shelter	0	3



**Calls and Visitors**

MONTH	CALLS	VISITORS
January	586	358
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>358</b>



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★ **When an animal comes to the shelter, what happens?**

There are four basic types of intakes to the Animal Shelter. Stray, Owned, Owner Surrender with proof of ownership and Owner Surrender without proof of ownership.

Stray animals are animals impounded with no traceable identification. Owned animals are those impounded with traceable identification. Traceable identified is defined as a license, ID tag, rabies vaccination tag, microchip, tattoo, or some other means of tracing identification. Traceable identification does not include a collar. Owner surrender with proof of ownership are animals relinquished to the Animal Shelter where the person relinquishing the animal has proof of ownership. Owner surrender without proof of ownership and animals relinquished to the Animal Shelter where the person does not have any proof of ownership. Proof of ownership is defined as microchip, veterinary records, breed registration (AKC), proof of purchase / adoption.

In situations where a person was arrested or transported due to medical condition, these animals fall into a special category and each case is evaluated on the circumstances of the intake type and circumstances.

Stray animals and Owner Surrender without proof of ownership are held at the shelter for a minimum of five (5) business days. Owned animals are held at the shelter a minimum ten (10) business days. Owner surrender with proof of ownership animals and held for owner redemption one (1) business day. Then if they are adoptable, they are placed for adoption. If they are not adoptable, they are held a minimum five (5) business days.

The State of California defines an Adoptable Animal as, “Adoptable animals include only those animals eight weeks of age or older that, at or subsequent to the time the animal is impounded or otherwise taken into possession, have manifest no sign of a behavioral or temperamental defect that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and have manifested no sign of disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal or that is like to adversely affect the animal’s health in the future.”

Although the State of California has mandated minimum holding periods based upon the type of intake, there is no timeline for how long an animal can be at the shelter.

One of the goals of the Animal Shelter is to place as many adoptable pets as possible, while maintaining the safety of the community.



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**SHELTER SERVICES**

★ **Town & County Impounded Animal Statistics During January 2025** - The following chart shows the total monthly and annual numbers of impounded Town and County animals brought into the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter during January 2025. “Other” animals consist of animals such as Guinea Pigs, cage birds, reptiles, small livestock, etc.

IMPOUNDS	2025													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% of Total
<b>Dogs</b>														
AC Officer Impounds	26												26	28.6%
Strays From Citizens	11												11	12.1%
Owner Turn Ins	8												8	8.8%
Dead Animals	5												5	5.5%
Quarantine	0												0	0.0%
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0												0	0.0%
Transferred from Vet	0												0	0.0%
Holding Pen	41												41	45.1%
Born @ Shelter	0												0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cats</b>														
AC Officer Impounds	0												0	0.00%
Strays From Citizens	3												3	20.00%
Owner Turn Ins	7												7	46.67%
Dead Animals	2												2	13.33%
Quarantine	0												0	0.00%
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0												0	0.00%
Transferred from Vet	0												0	0.00%
Holding Pen	3												3	20.00%
Born @ Shelter	0												0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>OTHER</b>														
	10												10	
<b>TOTAL IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>	

