

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Animal Care & Control Division  
Monthly Report – February 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 February a **total of 41 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	7	1
Adopted	22	2
Transferred to Rescue Group	0	2
Transferred to Partnered Shelter	7	0



**Calls and Visitors**

MONTH	CALLS	VISITORS
January	586	358
February	575	427
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>785</b>



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★ **What is the process for becoming a partner with the Animal Shelter and what animals are available for them to take?**

The process is fairly easy. California State Law requires that a rescue group be a 501C3. Next the rescue group would complete and submit an application to partner with the Animal Shelter, along with a copy of their letter from the IRS showing they are a 501C3. The application is reviewed to verify that the 501C3 is still viable and verifying there are no current issues with the rescue group in the community which they are based and/or where they house their animals. Normally, with the 501C3 being in good standing and with no other issues located, the rescue group is approved.

Once approved, the rescue group can take stray animals from the shelter, which are not being held for owner redemption. The adoption cost for a partnered rescue group is waived. In cases where the animal has been identified as having a behavioral or temperamental defect that would cause safety concerns for release from the shelter, the shelter may require a cage / crate / transportation unit be required for the animal to be released. The major requirement of the rescue group is to provide a spay or neuter certificate for each animal taken within 30 days of release from the shelter and prior to placement into a permanent home. The exception is if the animal is unable to spay or neutered due to illness, the rescue group needs to submit documentation from the veterinarian indicating the animal cannot be spayed or neutered, the reason the animal cannot be spayed or neutered, and an estimated date when the animal should be in such condition as to be spayed or neutered. In these cases, the due date for the certificate is adjusted based upon the date on the veterinarian's note. If the animal is unable to be altered due to another medical condition, a statement from a veterinarian indicating the animal cannot be spayed or neutered will be substituted for the required certificate.

California State Law states, "...a stray dog that is impounded pursuant to this division shall, before the euthanasia of that animal, be released to a nonprofit, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, animal rescue, or adoption organization if requested by the organization before the scheduled euthanasia of that animal. The public or private shelter may enter into cooperative agreements with an animal rescue or adoption organization. In addition to a required spay or neuter deposit, the public or private shelter, at its discretion, may assess a fee, not to exceed the standard adoption fee, for animals adopted or released." State law also identifies a companion animal as "Companion animals are personal property, and their value is to be ascertained in the same manner as the value of other property."

In cases where an owner, with proof of ownership, has surrendered an animal to the shelter and indicated the "animal has a behavioral or temperamental defect that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet", those animals would not be available for a rescue partner. They are not stray and it is explained to the owner at the time of surrender, the animal would not be placed by the shelter. Most owners in these cases are specifically requesting the animal be euthanized.

NOTE: The above was for dogs. The same process and requirements apply for cats.



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**SHELTER SERVICES**

★ **Town & County Impounded Animal Statistics During February 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 February 2025. “Other” animals consist of animals such as Guinea Pigs, cage birds, reptiles, small livestock, etc.

IMPOUNDS	2025												TOTAL	% of Total	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
<b>Dogs</b>															
AC Officer Impounds	26	9												35	22.2%
Strays From Citizens	11	14												25	15.8%
Owner Turn Ins	8	14												22	13.9%
Dead Animals	5	7												12	7.6%
Quarantine	0	2												2	1.3%
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0	0												0	0.0%
Transferred from Vet	0	0												0	0.0%
Holding Pen	41	21												62	39.2%
Born @ Shelter	0	0												0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</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>158</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cats</b>															
AC Officer Impounds	0	0												0	0.00%
Strays From Citizens	3	3												6	19.35%
Owner Turn Ins	7	8												15	48.39%
Dead Animals	2	0												2	6.45%
Quarantine	0	0												0	0.00%
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0	0												0	0.00%
Transferred from Vet	0	0												0	0.00%
Holding Pen	3	5												8	25.81%
Born @ Shelter	0	0												0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</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>31</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>OTHER</b>															
	10	16												26	
<b>TOTAL IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>99</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>215</b>	

