

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Animal Care & Control Division  
Monthly Report – July 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 July a **total of 59 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	9	0
Adopted	28	13
Transferred to Rescue Group	9	0
Transferred to Partnered Shelter	0	0



**Calls and Visitors**

MONTH	CALLS	VISITORS
January	586	358
February	575	427
March	558	347
April	553	416
May	674	470
June	687	514
July	770	570
August	0	0
September	0	0
October	0	0
November	0	0
December	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4403</b>	<b>3102</b>



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★ **CHANGES AT THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

On August 15, 2025, Doug Smith retires after a forty-year career in the field of Animal Services. Doug started his career on August 15, 1985, at a Los Angeles County humane society as a Kennel Technician. Before long, Doug was promoted to Animal Control Officer, then Supervisor of humane society kennel operations, before returning to the field as the Field Supervisor. After relocating to San Bernardino County and becoming a field Animal Control Officer for the County, Doug was promoted to Investigator, specializing in cruelty and aggressive animal investigations. Doug's work continued to be recognized as he became a Field Supervisor, then Shelter Manager. For the past decade, Doug has been the Animal Care and Control Manager for Yucca Valley, overseeing both shelter and field operations.

Through Doug's time in Animal Services, he has had the opportunity to work animal-related cases, as well as other types, with the San Gabriel, Monrovia, Azusa, Covina, West Covina, and El Monte Police Departments. In addition to the local police departments, Doug has worked cases with both the Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County Sheriff Departments, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the FBI. Along with the traditional law enforcement agencies, Doug has worked with several Animal Control Agencies and Humane Societies. Over his career, Doug was assigned to major disaster events throughout the County, such as the Grand Prix and Old Fires.

Retirement will find Doug spending time with family, traveling, and enjoying the companionship of his two dogs, both adopted from the Shelter.



★ **AUGUST ADOPTION EVENT**

For the month of August, the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter will be the only shelter in the basin participating in the nationwide pet adoption event, Clear the Shelters. This adoption event is part of an ongoing adoption event hosted by NBC and Telemundo. Adoption prices have been reduced to \$25 for dogs and \$20 for cats. Adoptions include all current vaccinations, microchip, spay/neuter, and a leash for the dogs and a carrier for the cats. Required dog licensing is an additional cost, depending on the area (town or county) where the dog will be living.



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**FIELD SERVICES**

The numbers below show the number of calls and follow-ups responded to by field Animal Control Officers and the associated documents issued. The chart also does not show the actual number of after-hours calls received, only the calls staff responded to out in the field.

Routine service request calls are: Abandonment, female in heat, public assistance, loose animal reports, noise (barking dogs), paid pick up (owner surrender), and animal zoning complaints.

Priority service request calls are: Animals in distress / injured, live animals causing a traffic hazard, government agency assist (police/fire/etc.), vicious (aggressive animal), and loose livestock complaints.

Bite Investigations: Initial response, secondary investigative responses, and quarantining of biting animals.

Rabies Service Request: Health checks of quarantined animals, quarantine violations, and rabies exposure (wild animal) reports

<b>2025 Call Type Numbers</b>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>CALL RESPONSES</b>													
Regular Hours	43	36	31	49	43	27	28						<b>257</b>
After hours	9	5	9	12	6	8	14						<b>63</b>
<b>FIELD ACTIVITIES</b>													
Routine - A F J K L N P Z	23	21	16	12	11	9	15						<b>107</b>
Bite Investigations	1	4	2	1	2	0	1						<b>11</b>
Cruelty Investigations	6	4	5	1	7	4	7						<b>34</b>
Deads	7	5	4	3	2	3	5						<b>29</b>
Priority - E G T V X	13	3	9	13	13	7	9						<b>67</b>
Rabies - H Q R	0	4	1	3	1	1	1						<b>11</b>
Confined Stray	2	2	0	12	3	6	1						<b>26</b>
Wildlife	0	0	1	4	4	5	1						<b>15</b>
Hearing/Court appearance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>
Trap delivery / pick up	0	0	2	11	5	0	2						<b>20</b>
													<b>320</b>
<b>DOCUMENTS</b>													
Notice of Correction	0	0	0	0	0	0	2						<b>2</b>
Notice of Violation	0	5	3	0	1	0	0						<b>9</b>
License Compliance Notice	0	0	1	0	0	0	1						<b>2</b>
Pre / Post Seizure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>
Admin Cite	2	2	2	1	2	0	0						<b>9</b>
Court Cite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>
Door Hanger	5	4	9	1	1	1	2						<b>23</b>
Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>
Preventative Measures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>
Trap Rental Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						<b>0</b>

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**SHELTER SERVICES**

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

IMPOUNDS															
2025															
Dogs	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% of Total	
AC Officer Impounds	26	9	20	21	8	14	5						103	20.2%	
Strays From Citizens	11	14	19	23	18	27	23						135	26.5%	
Owner Turn Ins	8	14	10	9	14	11	14						80	15.7%	
Dead Animals	5	7	2	3	4	1	6						28	5.5%	
Quarantine	0	2	1	2	0	1	2						8	1.6%	
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0	0	0	1	5	10	5						21	4.1%	
Transferred from Other Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0%	
Holding Pen	41	21	13	6	9	3	6						99	19.4%	
Born @ Shelter	0	0	5	15	0	15	0						35	6.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Cats	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% of Total	
AC Officer Impounds	0	0	0	7	2	0	2						11	11.00%	
Strays From Citizens	3	3	3	2	5	3	9						28	28.00%	
Owner Turn Ins	7	8	2	3	3	1	0						24	24.00%	
Dead Animals	2	0	1	1	0	0	0						4	4.00%	
Quarantine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
Neonates (under 8 weeks)	0	0	0	0	8	9	3						20	20.00%	
Transferred from Other Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
Holding Pen	3	5	0	0	1	0	4						13	13.00%	
Born @ Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
OTHER	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
	10	16	10	11	8	6	5						66		
<b>TOTAL IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>675</b>		
DISPOSITION															
2025															
Dogs	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% of Total Dogs	
Adopt	7	22	14	12	31	32	28						146	34.19%	
Return To Owner	18	7	11	12	6	13	9						76	17.80%	
Euthanasia	26	26	17	3	8	9	10						99	23.19%	
Owner Request Euth.	0	7	2	2	2	3	6						22	5.15%	
Dead Animals	5	7	2	3	4	1	0						22	5.15%	
Died in kennel	0	0	0	5	3	5	0						13	3.04%	
Esc/Stolen	0	0	2	0	0	0	3						5	1.17%	
Transferred to rescue	3	7	9	12	1	2	9						43	10.07%	
Transferred to shelter	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1	0.23%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
Cats	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% of Total Cats	
Adopt	4	2	3	9	13	8	13						52	65.00%	
Return To Owner	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1	1.25%	
Euthanasia	3	13	2	0	1	1	0						20	25.00%	
Owner Request Euth.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
Dead Animals	2	0	1	1	0	0	0						4	5.00%	
Died in kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
Esc/Stolen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
Transferred to rescue	3	0	0	0	0	0	0						3	3.75%	
Transferred to shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.00%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
Others	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL		
	8	7	18	12	11	5	6						67		
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITION</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>574</b>		