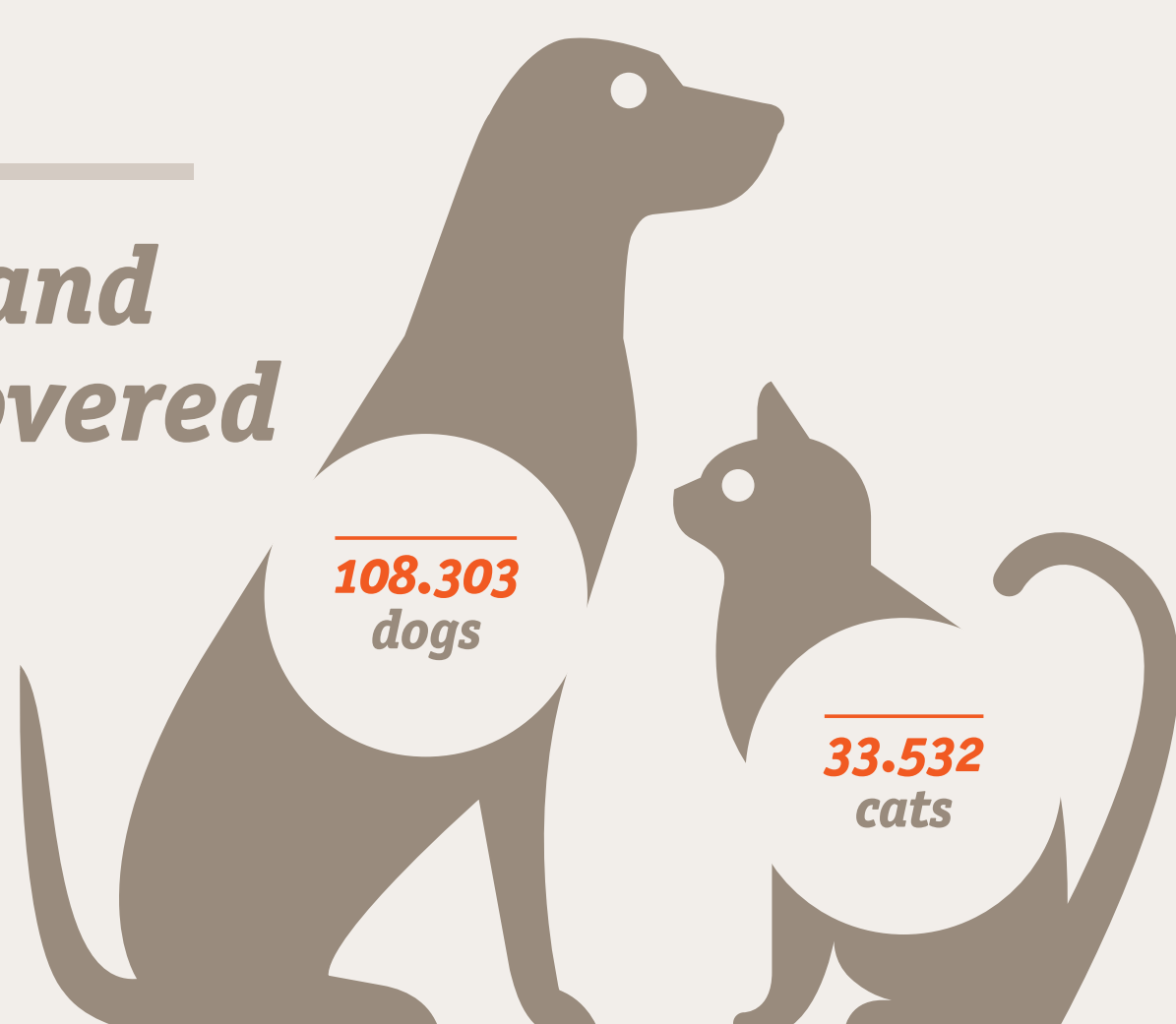# affinity
FOUNDATION
— 1987 —

STUDY
OF ABANDONMENT
& ADOPTION

141,000 dogs and cats were recovered in 2013.

Thousands of animals are received by shelters every year. This figure has not fallen in recent years.

108.303 dogs

33.532 cats

Why did they abandon them?

The main reasons for abandonment are:

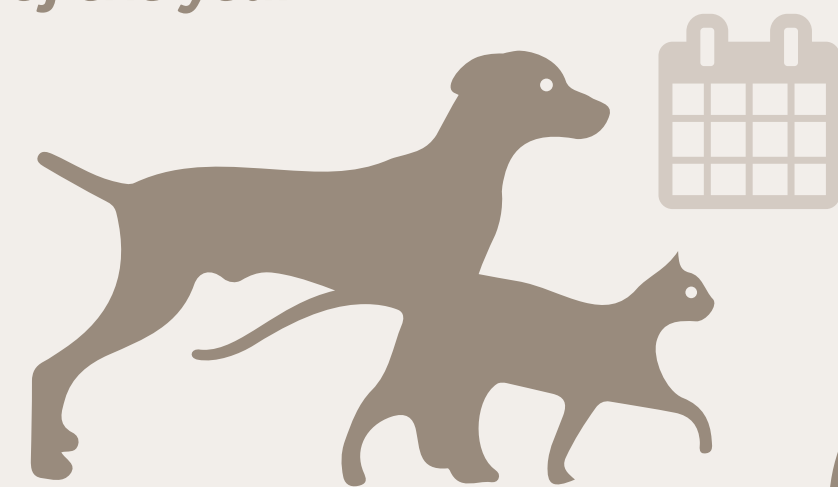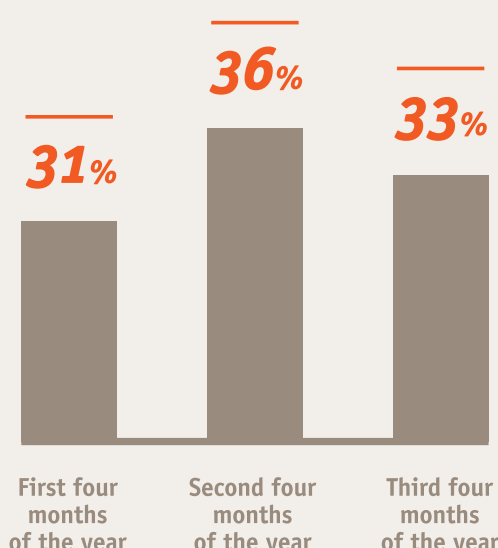| **15%**	**14%**	**11%**	**9%**	**9%**
Financial factors	Unwanted litters	End of hunting season	Loss of interest in the animal	Animal behaviour

When do shelters receive them?
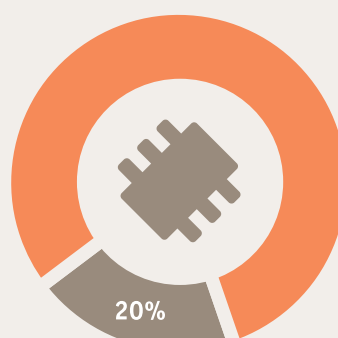
Pets are abandoned at all times of the year

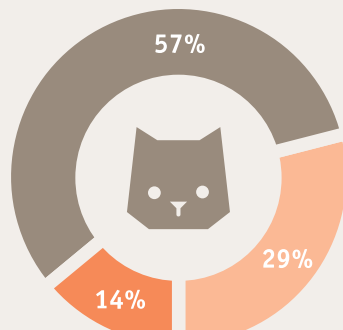Dogs and cats recovered by **four-month period**

31% — First four months of the year
36% — Second four months of the year
33% — Third four months of the year

What are they like?

Features of the animals

Microchip
20%
20% have a microchip

Age
57%
29%
14%
Adult 57%
Puppy 29%
Senior 14%

Breed
84%
16%
Mixed breed 84%
Pure breed 16%

Health
70%
30%
Healthy 70%
Sick or injured 30%
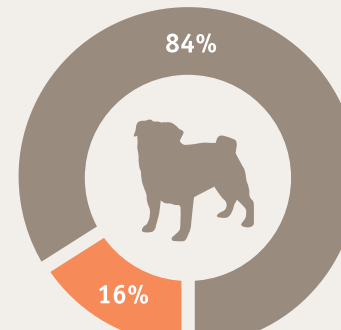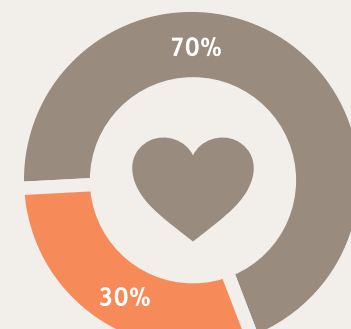
Where do they go?

Once recovered, they are:

44% adopted

Put down **11%**

Returned **16%**
Animals returned to their owners

Stayed **15%**
Animals that remain in the shelter or foster home until they are adopted

Others **15%**

Progression % adopted
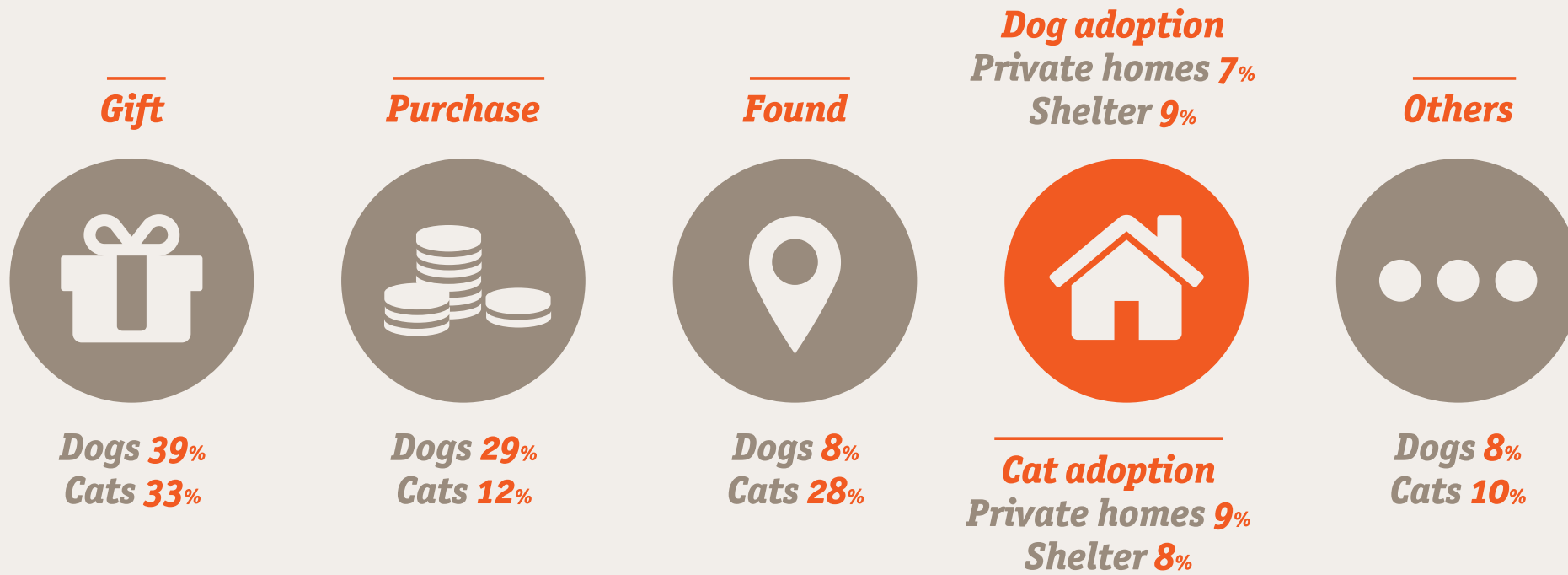24% — 2008
41% — 2010
45% — 2012
44% — 2013
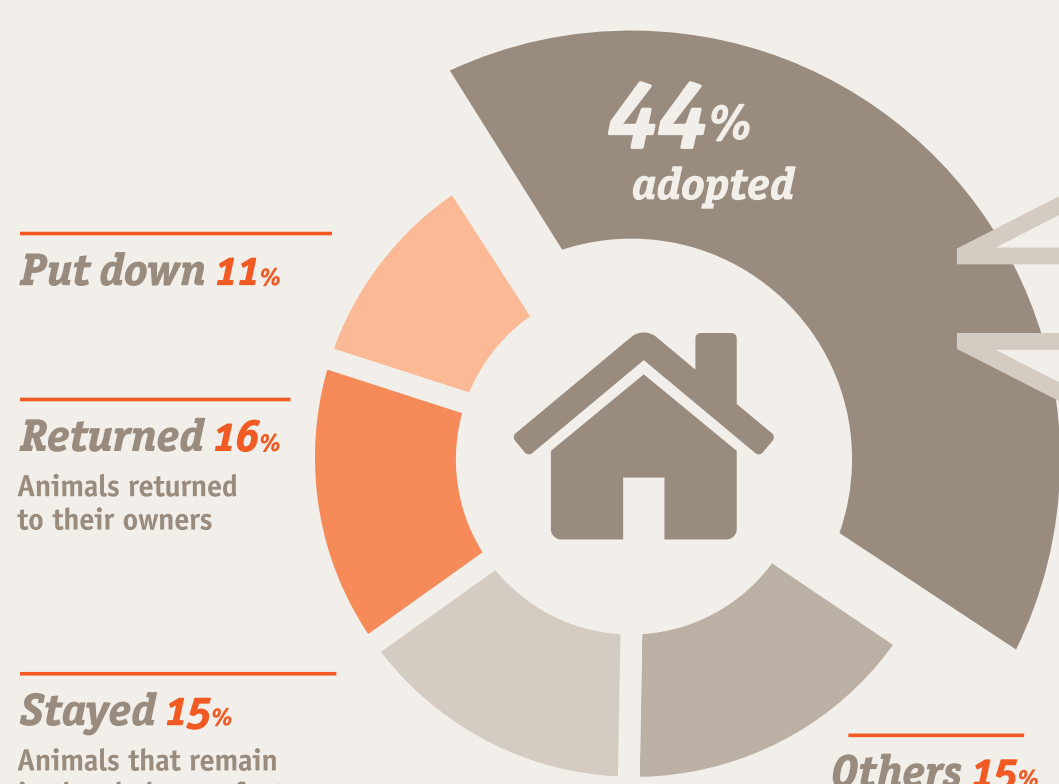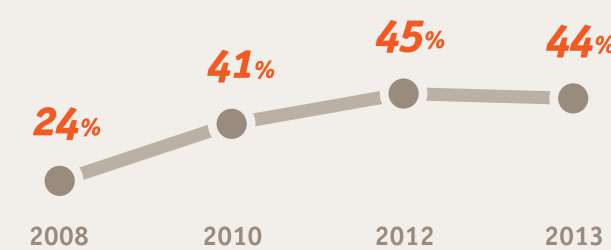
Reasons for adopting
Aware of the problem **37%**
Cooperating with the shelter **25%**
Recommendations **14%**

Where do our dogs and cats come from?

The animals' origin:

Gift	**Purchase**	**Found**		**Others**
Dogs 39%	Dogs 29%	Dogs 8%		Dogs 8%
Cats 33%	Cats 12%	Cats 28%		Cats 10%

Dog adoption
Private homes 7%
Shelter 9%

Cat adoption
Private homes 9%
Shelter 8%

What can you do?

- Adopt an animal
- Sterilise your dog or cat
- Identify (microchipping and registering) your animal
- Become a member or volunteer of an animal shelter