

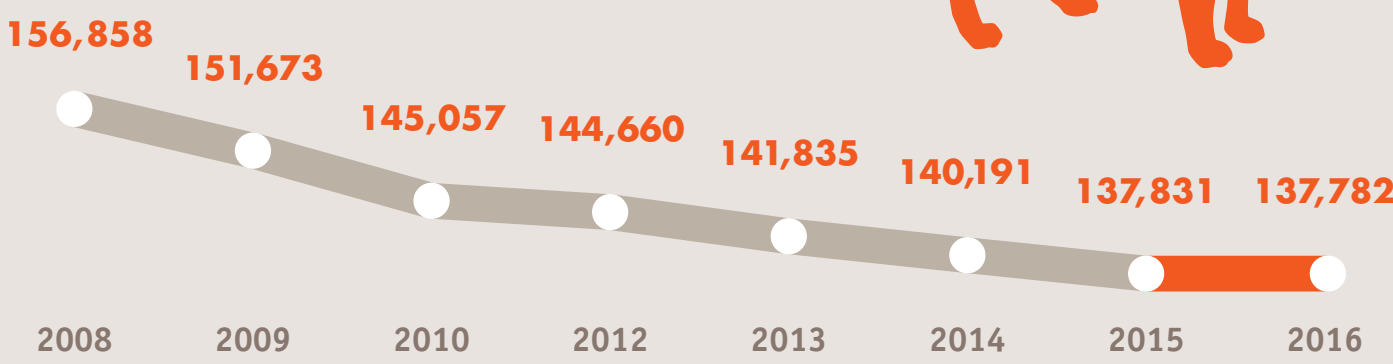
ABANDONMENT & ADOPTION STUDY 2017



Dogs and cats abandoned, adopted and lost in Spain during 2016

Over 137,000 dogs and cats were recovered in 2016

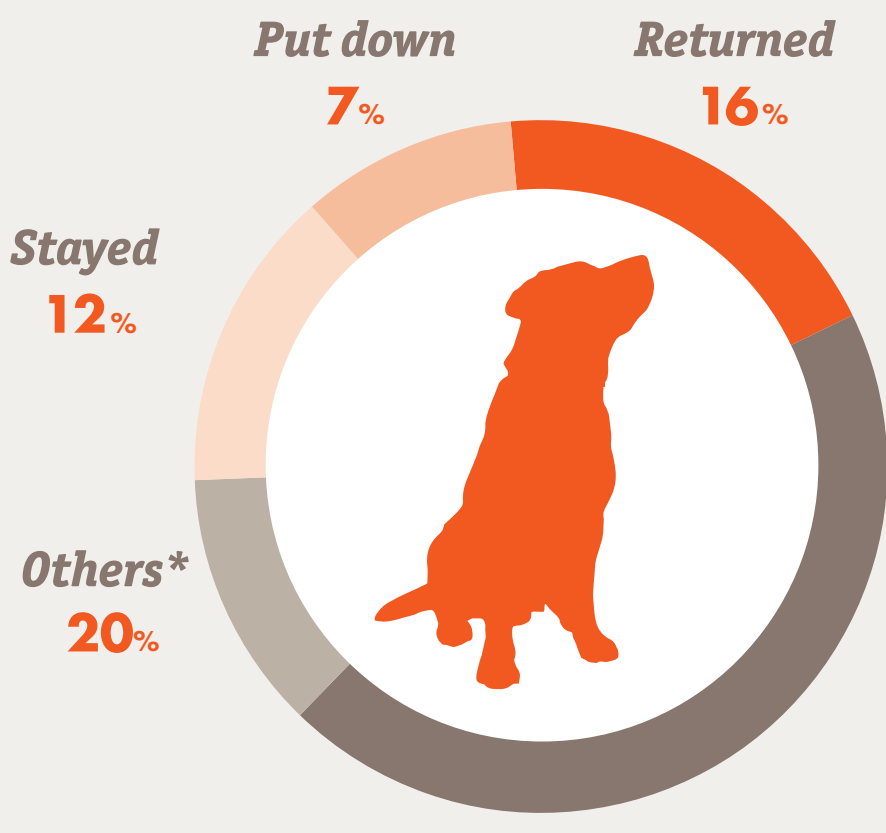
Evolutionary chart of cats and dogs that were taken in



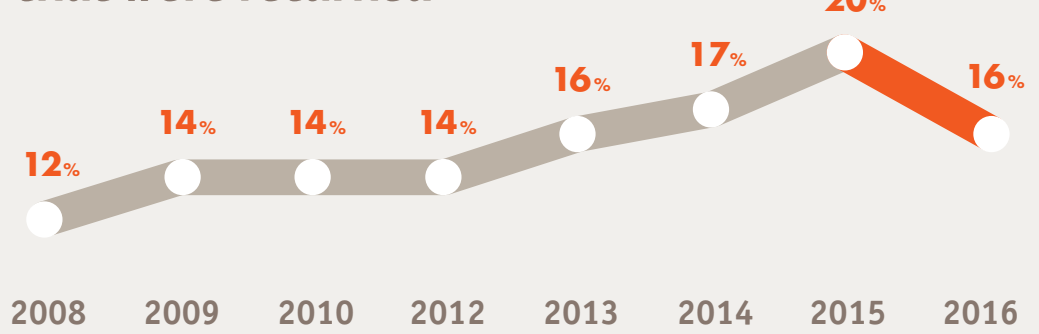
After several years of decline, the number of animals recovered has almost completely stabilised

Once taken in, they are:

Where do they go?



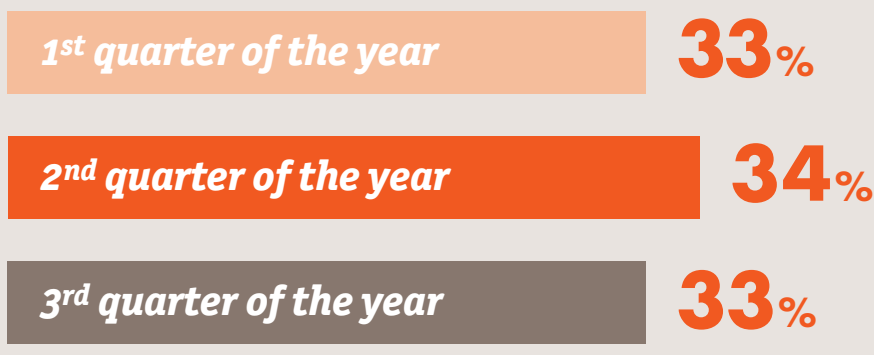
Evolutionary chart of cats and dogs that were returned



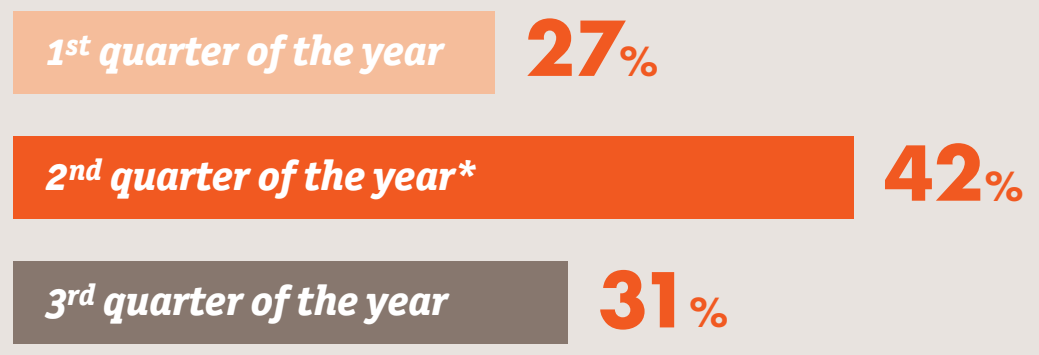
The number of lost animals returned to their owners has decreased and this coincides with the arrival of more unidentified dogs and cats at animal welfare centres.

When are they recovered?

Dogs



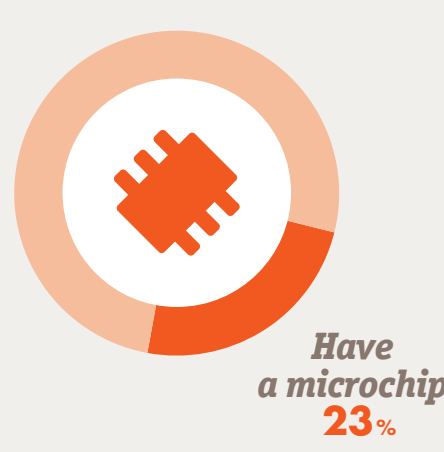
Cats



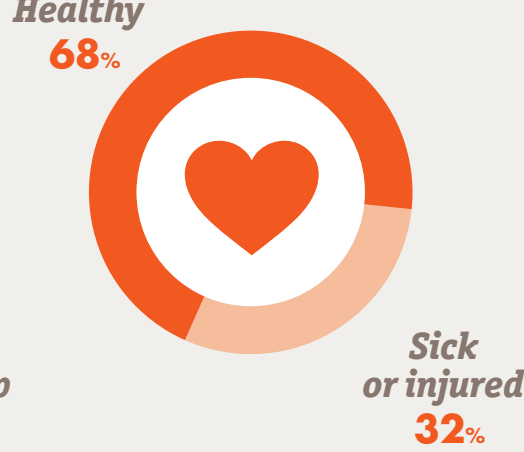
**The number of cats that arrive is higher during the second quarter of the year due to the effect of unwanted litters.*

What are they like?

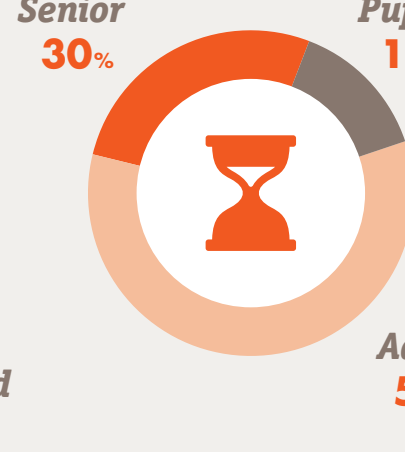
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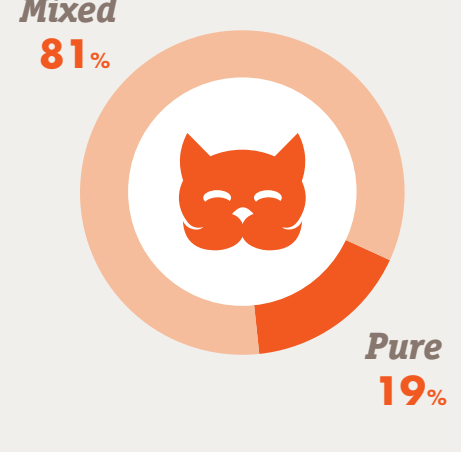
Health



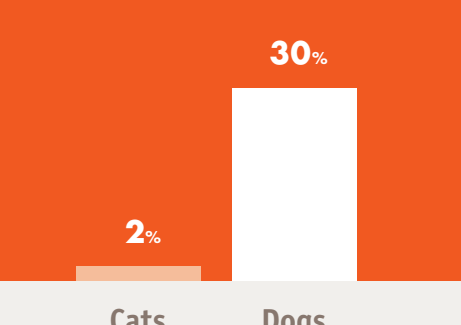
Age



Breed



In the case of cats, only 2% that arrive are identified



Puppies and kittens stay in the shelter a quarter of the time that older dogs and cats do



How do they arrive at the animal welfare centre?

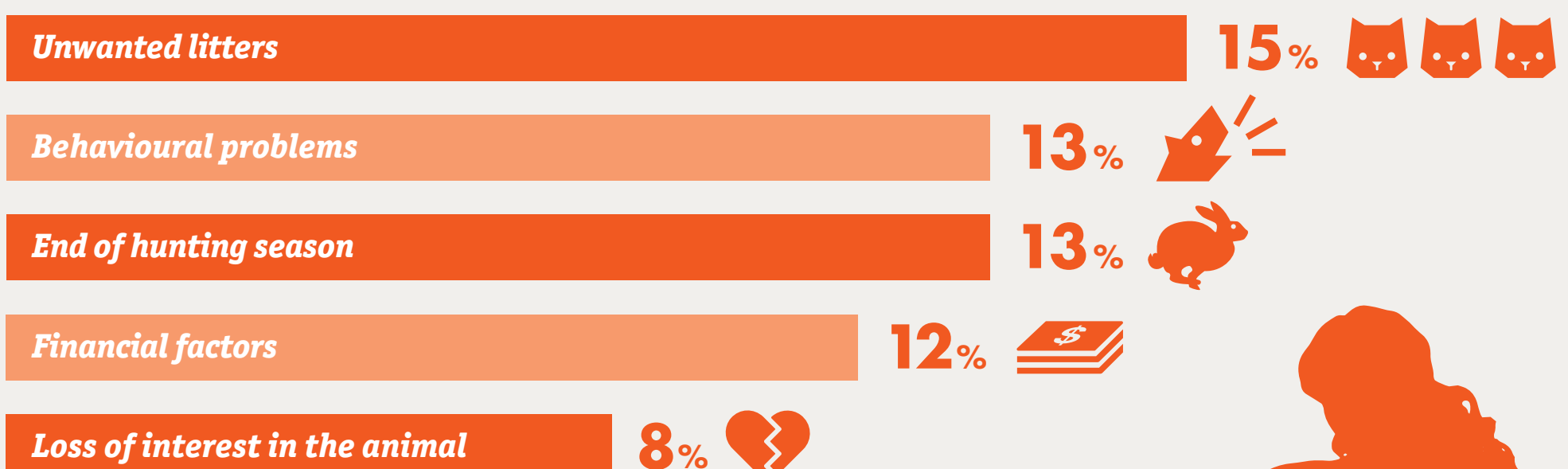
Most have been found by the organisation itself, by the police or by a private individual.



11% are brought in by the person abandoning it

Reasons for abandonment

Ranking of the main reasons for abandonment



Unwanted litters seem to have gained importance as a reason for abandoning. Sterilisation is key to reducing abandonment

The keys

- ✓ Think carefully before acquiring a pet
- ✓ Sterilise to avoid litters you can't support
- ✓ Identify to recover if lost
- ✓ Train to improve behaviour
- ✓ Adopt to give them a home and make room for other animals