Study They would never do it 2022 Approximately the same number of animals as in 2020 DOGS AND CATS TAKEN IN BY THE COMPANION **ANIMAL SHELTERS IN 2021** THE EQUIVALENT OF 3.5 FOOTBALL STADIUMS WITH **80,000 SEATS** DATA ON RESCUED ANIMALS 306,506 304,377 297,760 286,153 285,554 +2.2% +0.7% -6.6% -0.2% 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Decrease in the number of cats collected 118,000 +3.5% -5% Increase in the number of dogs collected 168,000 ABANDONMENT OR LOSS AFFECTS 2.6% OF ALL DOGS AND CATS IN SPAIN 2.6% 2.6% OF THE 6,500,000 OF THE 4,500,000 DOGS **CATS OUTCOME OF ANIMALS TAKEN IN** For the first time in many years more than 50% of the animals rescued are adopted. **52**% 19% 15% 8% 3% 3% **ADOPTED RETURNED FOSTER** DEATH REHOMED, PUT DOWN **REMAIN IN** THE SHELTER **AND OTHER OUTCOMES FAMILIES** 51% 18% 11% 10% 4% 3% 2% 1% **ADOPTED REMAIN IN FOSTER DEATH** RETURNED **OTHER PUT DOWN SENT TO OTHER** THE SHELTER **FAMILIES ORGANIZATIONS OUTCOMES** How many adoptions are successful? Why? **ANIMAL** 34% **BEHAVIOUR** 90% MORE RESPONSIBILITY 16% THAN EXPECTED 11% **ALLERGIES** failed successful adoptions adoptions 8% **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TRANSFER** 6% LACK OF TIME OR SPACE 6% FINANCIAL FACTORS When? 2% DROP IN CHILDREN'S ENTHUSIASM 40% 2% ANIMALS ADOPTED OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD **OCCUR IN** THE FIRST 15% **OTHER** MONTH OF **ADOPTION** 60% **OCCUR IN** THE FIRST THREE MONTHS Many behavioural problems can be corrected or reduced with the help of a certified veterinary behaviourist. The family and the animal need time to adjust, which can involve challenges and difficulties. Guidance from a professional can help during this period of adjustment. **MICROCHIP** Dogs and cats arriving at animal welfare Proportion of microchipped dogs and centres with identification microchips cats across Spain 27.7% 27.7% 27.7% 28.3% 28.3% of the general dog population 2017 2018 2020 2021 2019 4.2% 4.3% 4.3% 3.8% 4% of the general cat population 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 **Impact of microchipping** It was possible to return 60% of the microchipped animals rescued to their families. The identification of animals arriving at welfare centres is at a standstill. Figures far below those seen in the general dog and cat population **PROFILE OF THE ANIMALS** 1 **Breed** 95% 71% 5% 29% **BREED** MIXED-BREED **BREED** MIXED-BREED Age **57**% 55% 38% 7% 26% 17% **ADULT PUPPY ADULT PUPPY SENIOR SENIOR** Size Unwanted litters are one of the main sources of abandoned animals in our country. More than half the cats arriving at shelters 53% are kittens! 28% 19% **SMALL MEDIUM LARGE ABANDONMENT ACCORDING** TO THE SEASON OF THE YEAR 12% 12% 11% 10% 7% 7% JUN JUL AUG SEP DEC JAN JUN JUL JAN FEB MAY OCT FEB MAY AUG OCT The seasonal nature of cat There are no major differences in the number of dogs taken in according reproduction means that the number of arrivals at animal to the time of the year. shelters is higher in the central months of the year. **ORIGIN OF THE ANIMALS** 48% Found on the street 12% Brought in by the person relinquishing 66% Found 2% **Brought** in **Evictions** via Social Services 13% Brought in by a Found by the private individual police on the street 3% Found by the police in cases of abuse or Noah's **Syndrome** Abandoning an animal on the street puts the animal's life at risk and is therefore the most irresponsible option. If living together is no longer possible, a suitable family must be found for the animal in our environment, through the platform www.miwuki.com, or by contacting an animal welfare centre that can take it in. MAIN REASONS FOR ABANDONMENT **DOGS AND CATS** 2021 2020 **UNWANTED LITTERS** 21% **4**º 13% END OF HUNTING SEASON **3**º 13% **ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS** 12% LOSS OF INTEREST IN THE ANIMAL 7% **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TRANSFER** 1º 7% FINANCIAL FACTORS 5% **ALLERGIES RANKING** 4% ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL / DEATH 4% LACK OF TIME OR SPACE 3% **BIRTH OF A CHILD** Breeding control is one of the best strategies to reduce the arrival of animals, especially cats, in animal shelters. The end of the hunting season is an alarming reason for abandonment if we consider that the dogs involved in this sector represent only a small proportion of the almost 7,000,000 dogs living in Spain. Most behavioural problems can be prevented and successfully treated by veterinary ethologists and dog trainers. ORGANISATIONS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS IN SPAIN The Affinity Foundation now has the most extensive **247** and comprehensive census of Companion Animal **Municipal Companion** Shelters in Spain Animal Shelters 15% SHELTERS IN TOTAL Organisations according to their are private Companion capacity to take in dogs and cats Animal Shelters an 63% 49% 28% 23% 19% 18% **SMALL MEDIUM** LARGE **SMALL MEDIUM LARGE 57**% 21% OF COMPANION **TAKE IN** DOGS **ANIMAL** 67% **SHELTERS** ONLY TAKE IN DOGS **AND CATS WORK WITH TEMPORARY SHELTERS** 22%

53%

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