

# Strathroy-Caradoc 2023 Annual Animal Control Report

Month	DOGS			CATS		
	Adopt	Redeem	Euth	Adopt	Redeem	Euth
January	6			1		
February				1		
March	1			7		
April		1		1	1	
May	2	2	1			
June		1		1	1	3
July		3		5	1	
August	1	3	1	16		1
September		1		5	1	4
October	1	1	1	1	1	1
November		1		9	1	2
December	1		1			1
<b>2023 Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2021 Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2020 Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2019 Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

## Total dogs in 2023 - 29

We have worked very hard to create a relationship with the residents within the municipality to reduce the number of animals that come through the shelter. In 2023, through social media and our lost/found animal database, we were able to reunite an additional 23 dogs with their owners without them coming to the shelter.

While our numbers of dogs coming through the shelter has decreased, the number of dogs not being claimed has increased. Of the dogs not claimed in 2023, 1 was heartworm positive and 1 was lyme positive.

We have also seen an increase in aggressive dogs, with 3 being euthanized for aggression in 2023. The other one euthanized, was due to ongoing health issues that were not improving.

The length of time that it takes for dogs to be adopted has drastically increased in the last couple of years. From 2019 – 2021 the average length of time a dog was in our care was 25 days. In 2022-2023, the average was 50 days, with 1 dog being here for 5 months.

All dogs are fully vetted prior to going up for adoption. Dogs over the age of 6 months are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and heartworm tested. Puppies under 6 months are not spayed/neutered but we require the adopters to provide proof of spay/neuter by 1 year of age.

### **Total cats in 2023 - 65**

We had 6 cats redeemed by their owners in 2023, that is the most we have ever had claimed in 1 year.

All of the cats and kittens we adopt out are fully vetted including spays/neuters.

We had a total of 8 cats come in with upper respiratory infections that required treatment. 4 of these were kittens that ended up needing to be euthanized due to how sick they were.

We had one cat that came in with a broken leg that required amputation. He healed well and was successfully adopted.