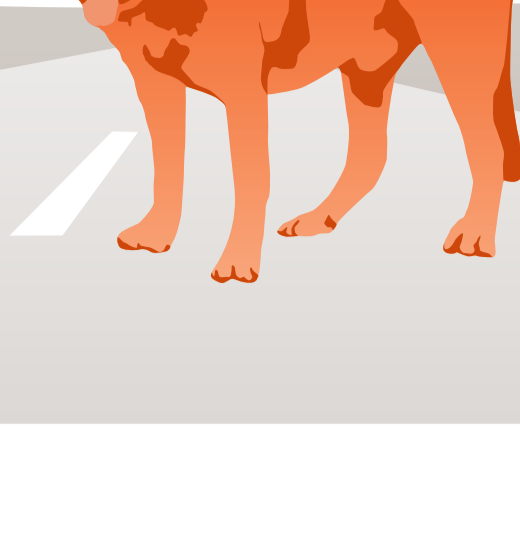


Study They would never do it 2021



Dogs and cats taken in by the animal welfare centres in 2020



Arrived to animal welfare centres in

286,000

dogs and cats



-6%
compared to 2019



The situation has been very different for dogs and cats

-11.5%

+0.6%

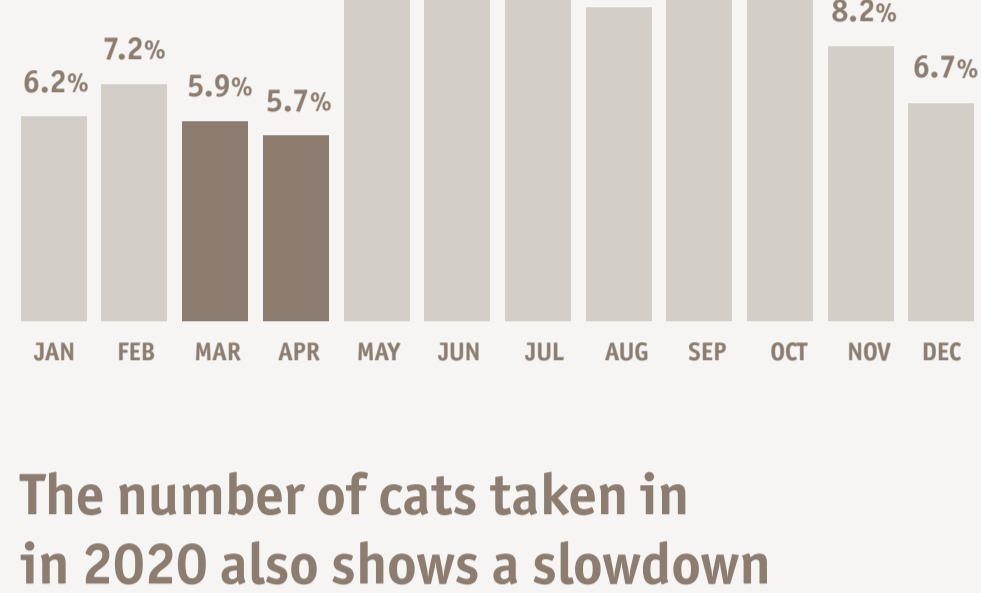
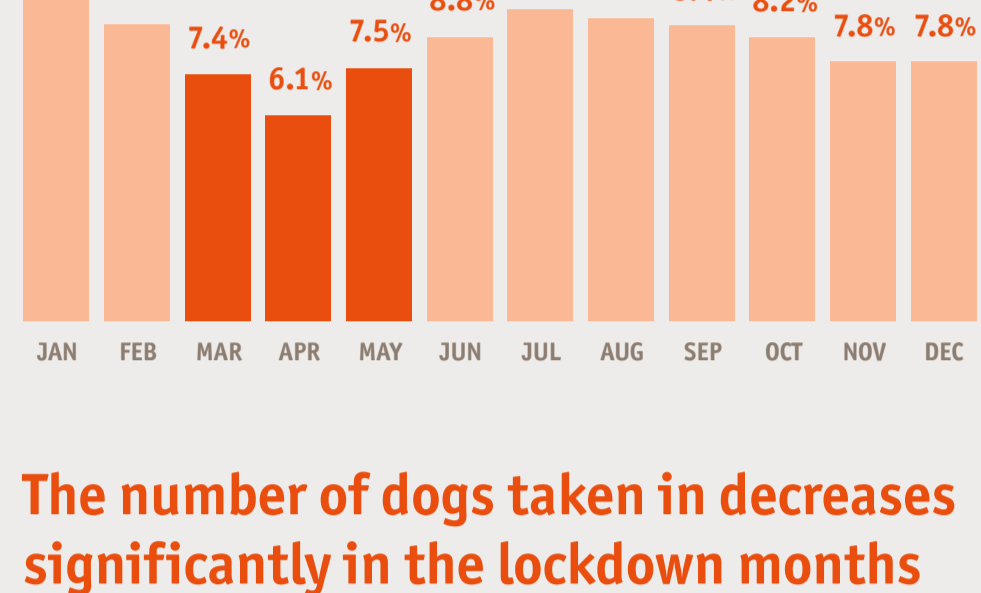
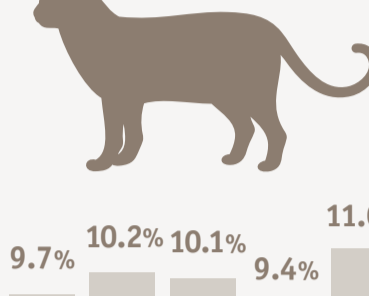
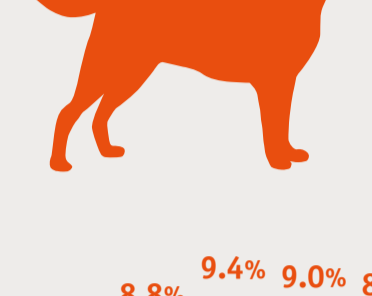
DOGS
162,000

CATS
124,000

The largest decrease in the number of dogs taken in in recent years seems to be due to a decrease in lost dogs, among other things

Although the number of cats taken in remains stable compared to 2019, their presence in the organisations is increasing, partly due to the seasonal arrival of cats from colonies. The use of the microchip and sterilisation are increasingly necessary practices

Animals taken in by months

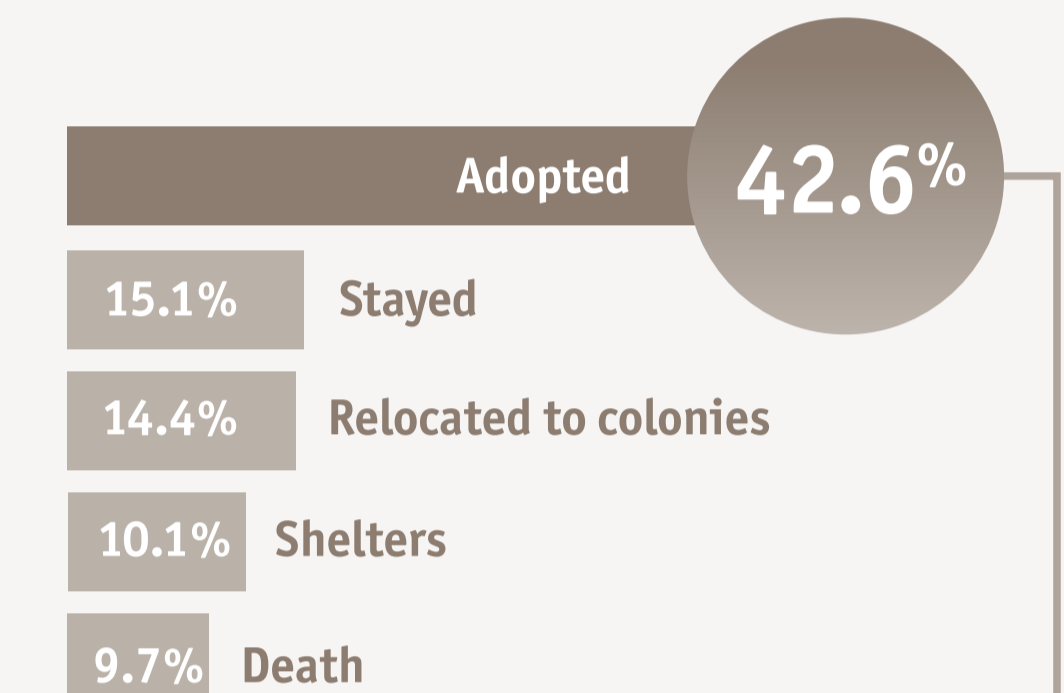
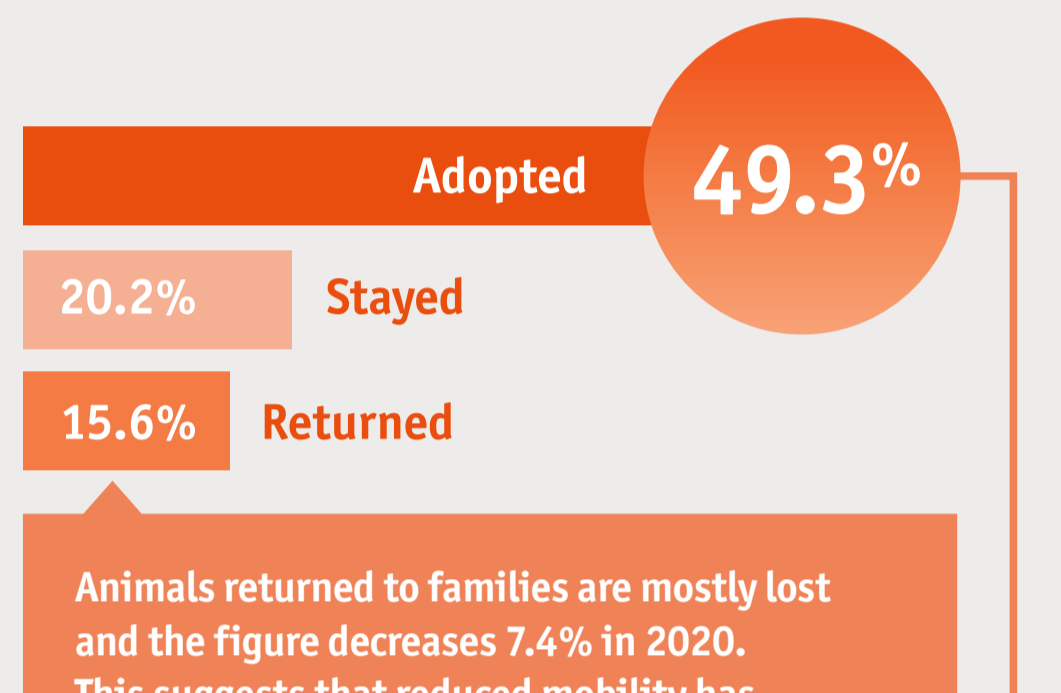


The number of dogs taken in decreases significantly in the lockdown months

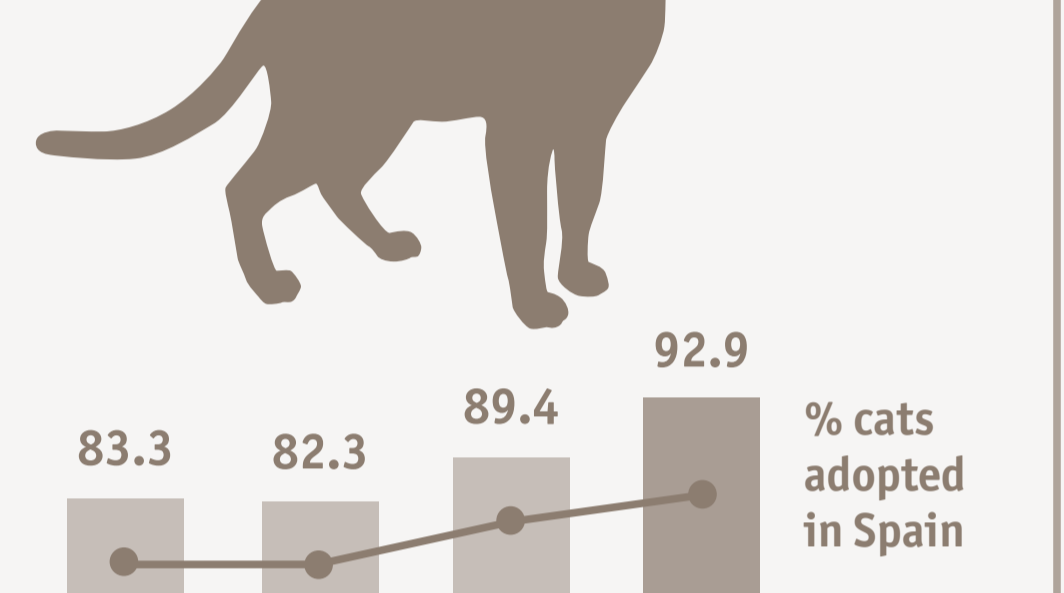
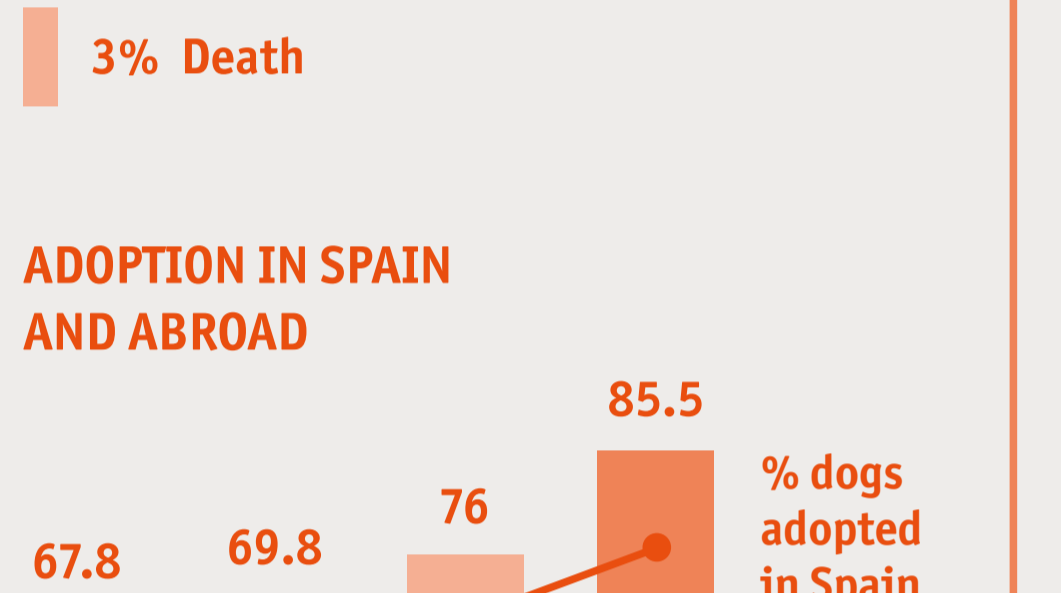
The number of cats taken in in 2020 shows a slowdown in April and May, but increases in the months when litters are born

The restrictions on mobility and lifestyle arising from the state of alert for COVID-19 created a temporary barrier effect on the arrival of animals to animal welfare centres

Destinations of animals taken in

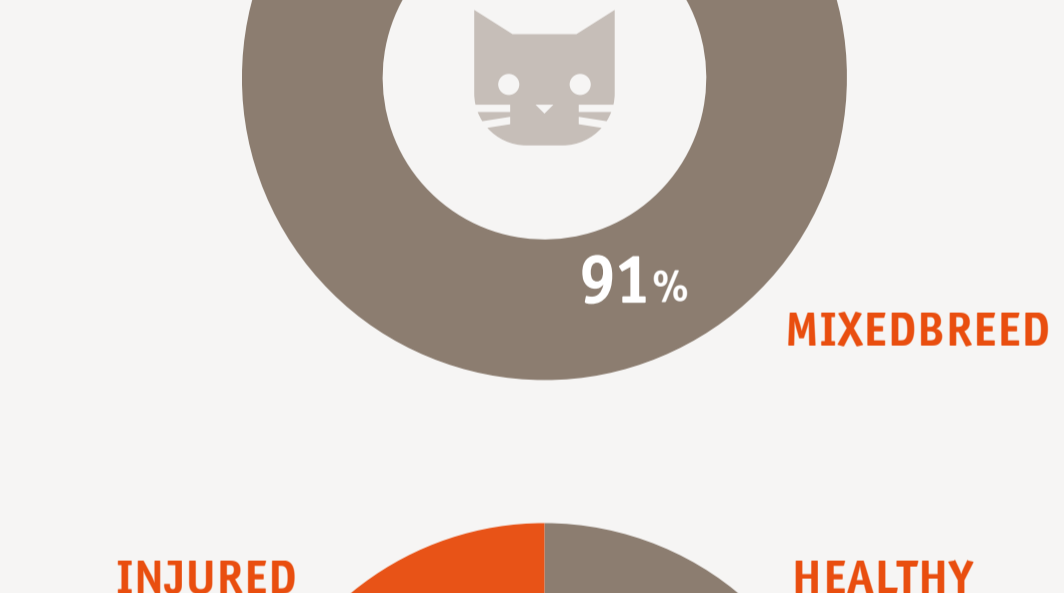
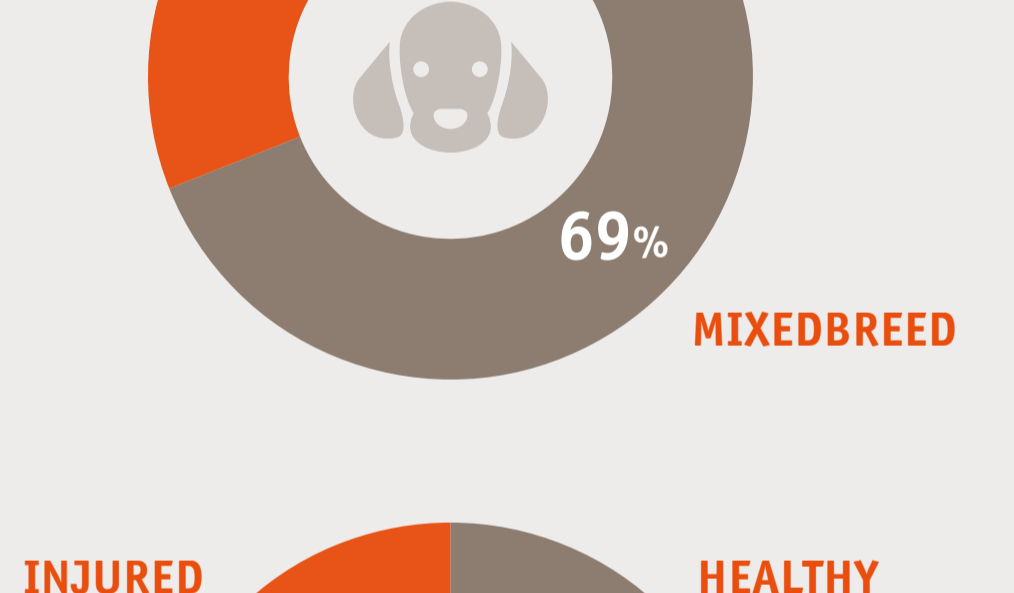
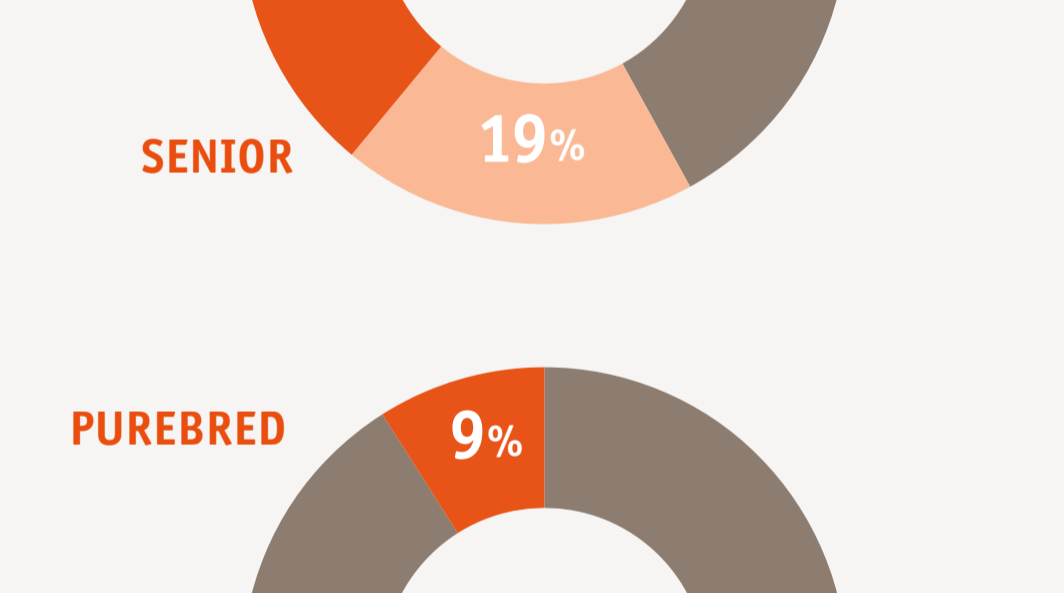
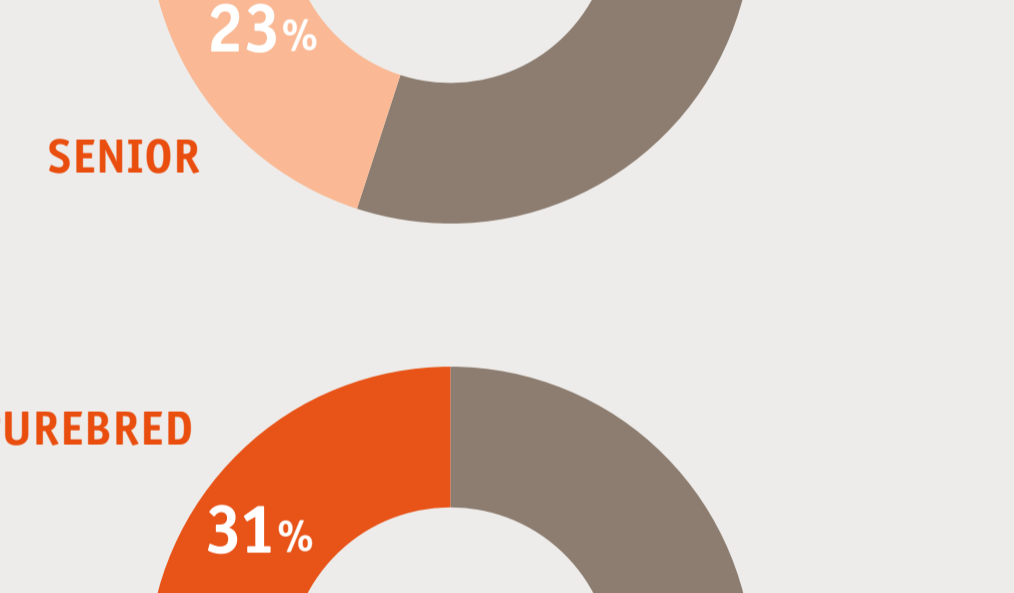
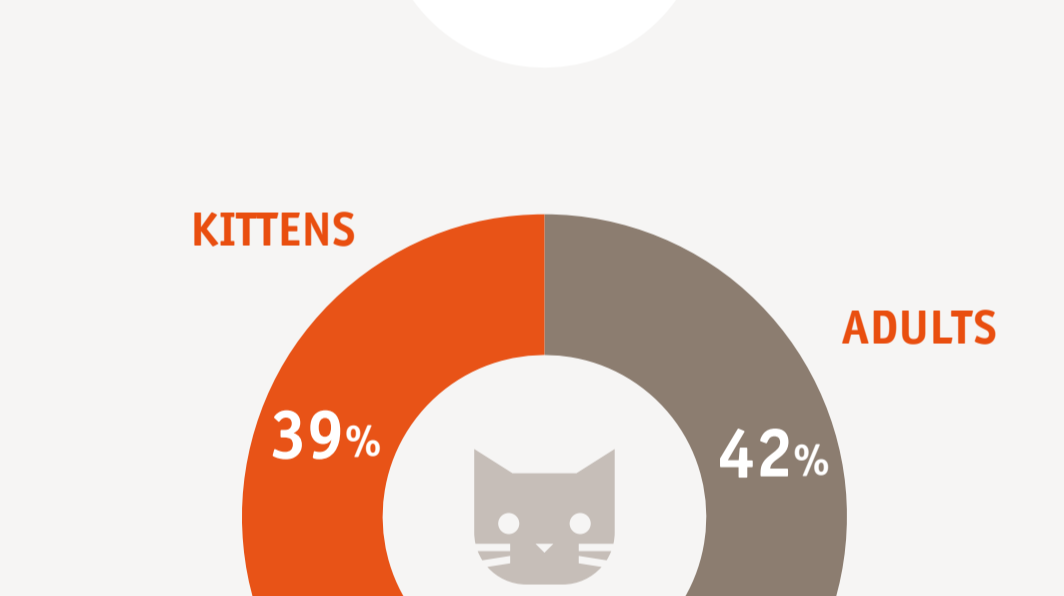
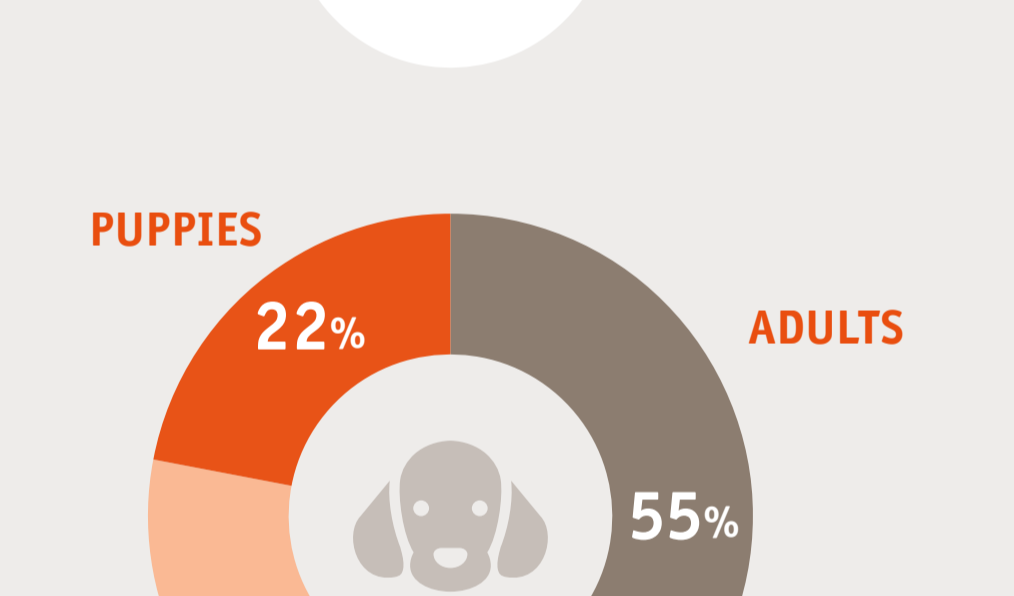
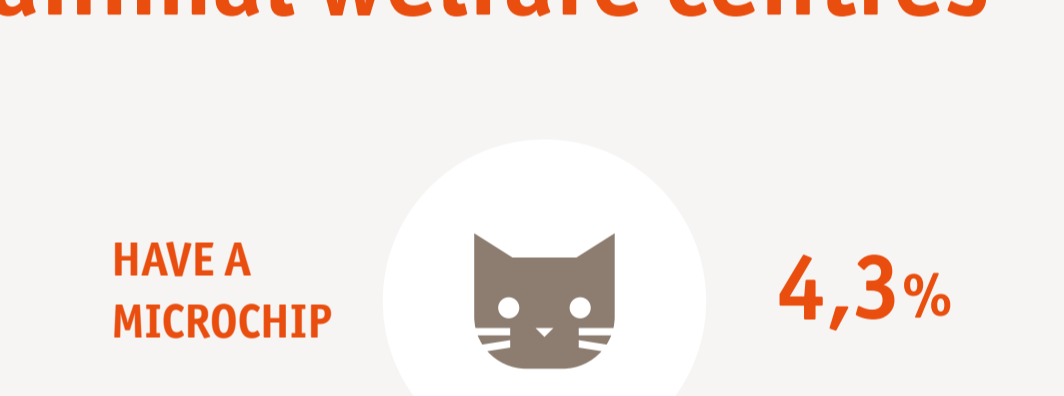


Animals returned to families are mostly lost and the figure decreases 7.4% in 2020. This suggests that reduced mobility has resulted in fewer lost dogs

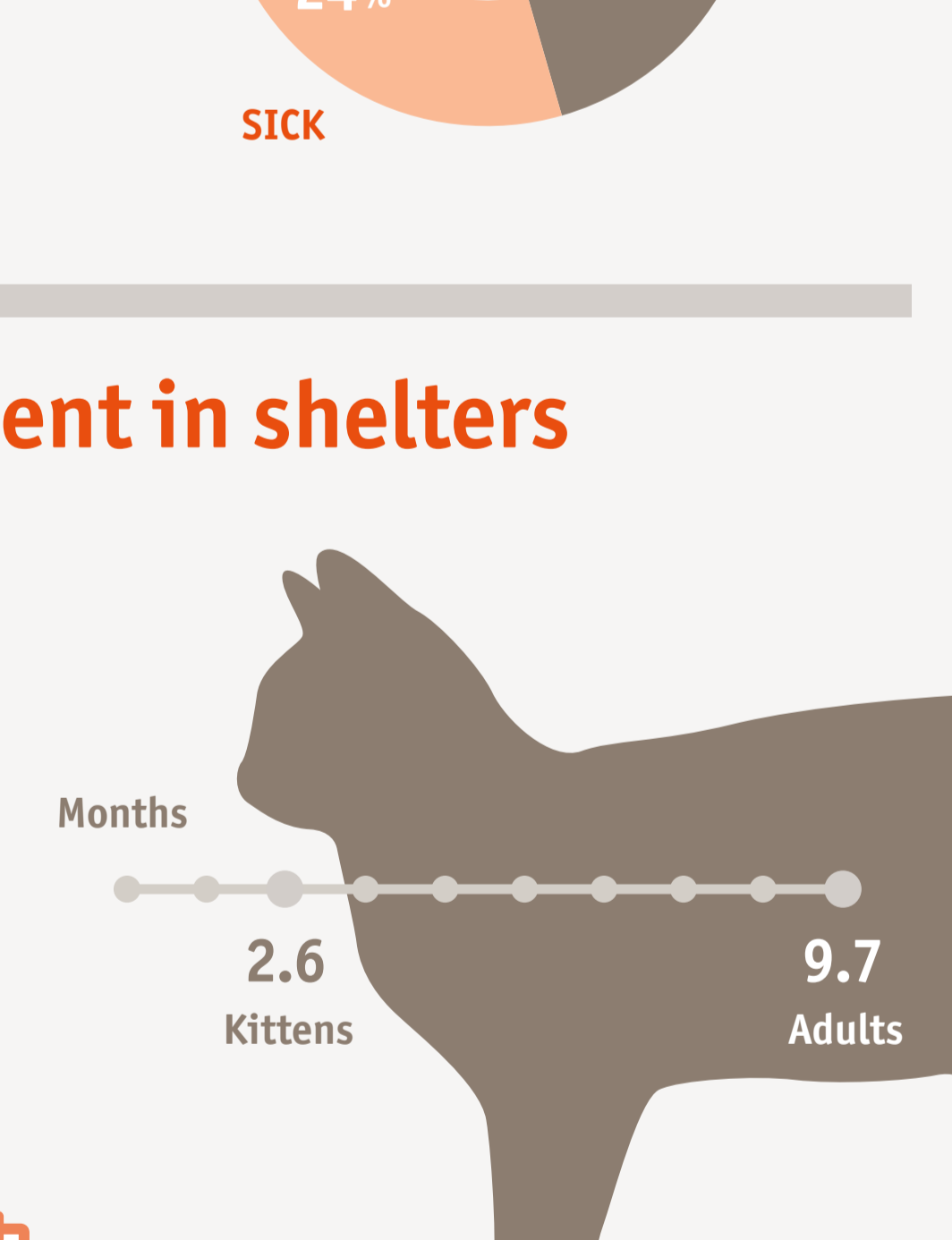
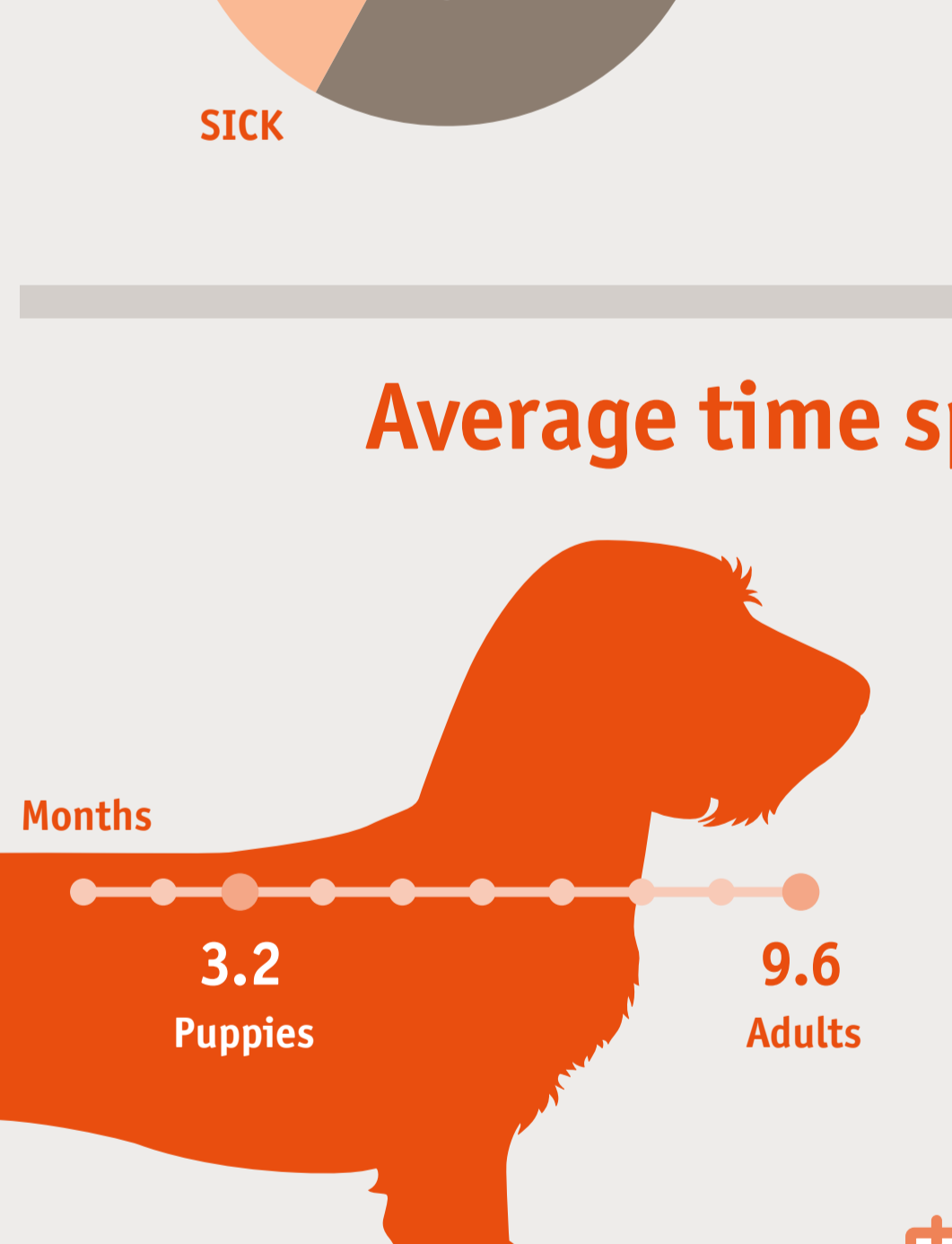


In spite of the restrictions on mobility and the impact of the pandemic, the adoption of pets by Spanish families increases slightly

Profile of the animal in animal welfare centres

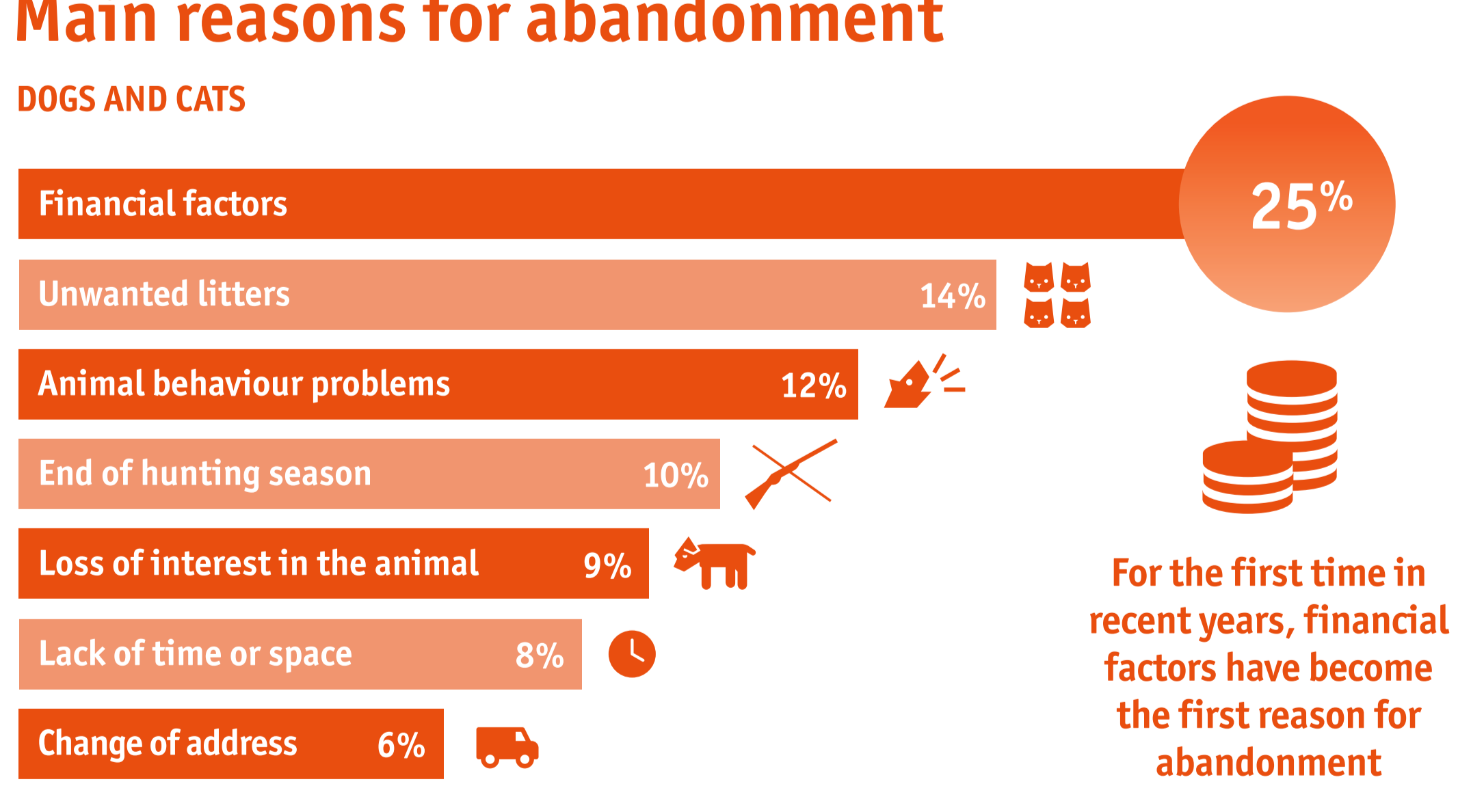


Average time spent in shelters

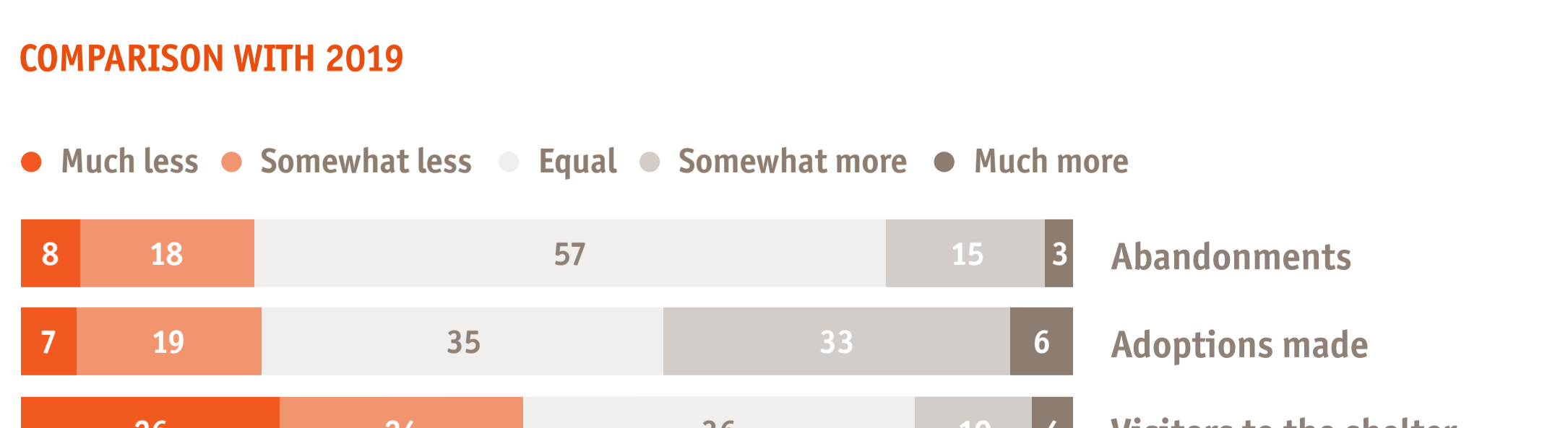


The average time spent by dogs and cats in animal welfare centres varies considerably in function of whether they are puppies or kittens or adults

Main reasons for abandonment



The impact of the pandemic according to animal welfare centres



The profound social and financial effects of the pandemic have not been experienced in the same way by the different animal shelters, probably due to a combination of numerous factors related both to the characteristics of each centre and the environment in which it is found.

How we can help?

- Awareness**: Raising people's awareness about our responsibilities towards our animals.
- Identification**: Identifying them correctly through a microchip would increase the recovery of lost animals.
- Spaying**: Spaying or neutering to avoid unwanted litters.
- Education**: Raising them to know them better and to improve the bond and the quality of life together.
- Adoption**: Promoting adoption to give them a home.
- Commitment**: Reinforcing laws and education to achieve greater commitment and compliance with regulations.
- Cohabitation**: Providing tools for families to face situations when living together becomes complicated.