

STUDY OF ABANDONMENT & ADOPTION 2015



Over 140,000 dogs and cats were recovered in 2014.

Dogs and cats being abandoned or lost is the main problem affecting the well-being of pets in Spain.

106.781 dogs

33.410 cats

Why did they abandon them?

The main reasons given for abandonment are:



16% Financial factors



13% Unwanted litters



12% Animal behaviour



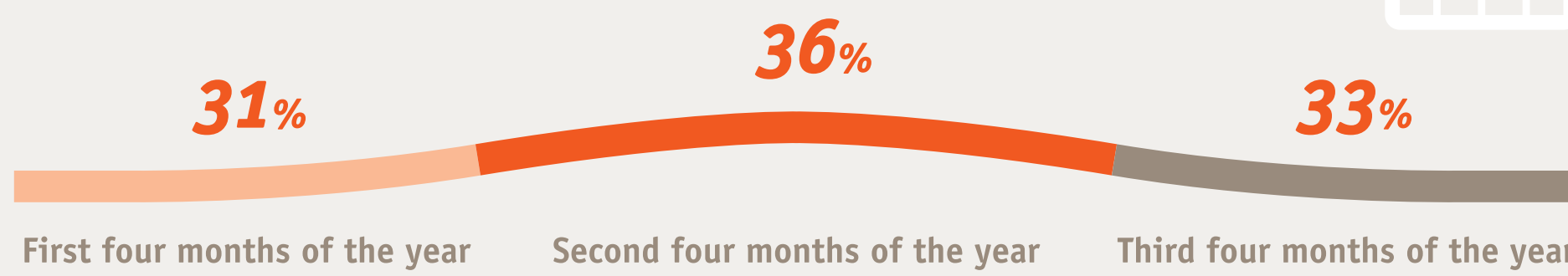
9% Loss of interest in the animal



9% End of hunting season

When do shelters receive them?

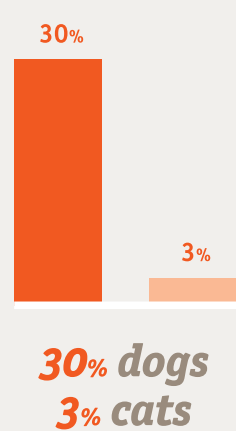
Pets are abandoned at all times of the year



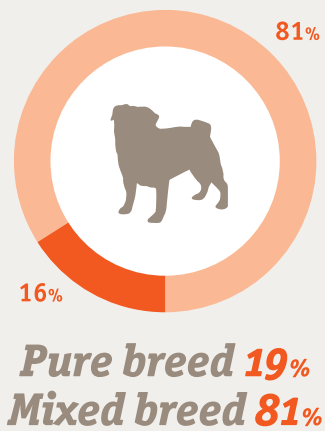
What are they like?

Features of the animals

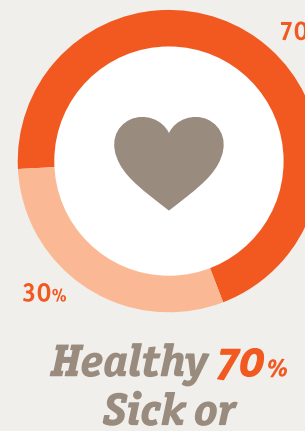
Microchip



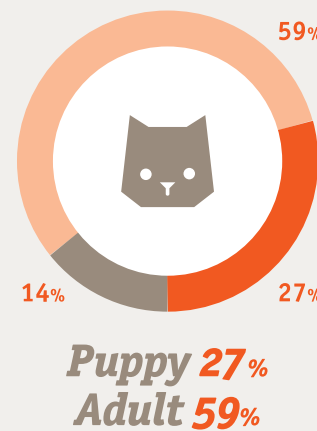
Breed



Health



Age



Where do they go?

Once recovered, they are:

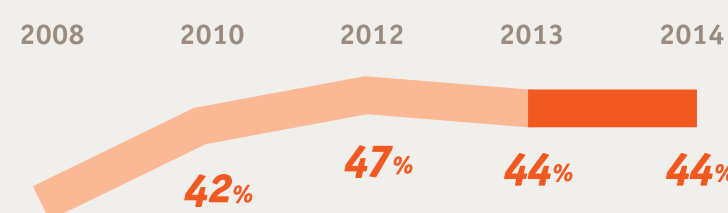
44% Adopted

Put down 12%

Stayed 16%
Animals that remain in the shelter or foster home

Returned 17%
Animals returned to their owners

13% Others



Reasons for adopting

1. Aware of the problem 38%
2. Cooperating with the shelter 23%
3. Recommendations 12%
4. It's more economical 12%
5. The animal is in a better condition 12%

Where do our dogs and cats come from?

The animals' origin:

Gift



Dogs 43%
Cats 40%

Purchase



Dogs 21%
Cats 5%

Found



Dogs 7%
Cats 29%

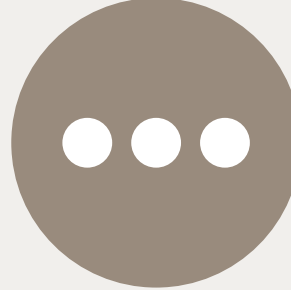
Dog adoption

Private homes 5%
Shelter 8%



Cat adoption
Private homes 4%
Shelter 6%

Others



Dogs 4%
Cats 7%

What can you do?

- Adopt an animal
- Sterilise your dog or cat; it avoids unwanted litters
- Identify and register; it allows your pet to be found if it gets lost
- Become a member or volunteer of an animal shelter



Data taken from the Affinity Foundation Study on Abandonment and Adoption 2014.
www.fundacion-affinity.org/en/abandonment-and-adoption-studies



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