

## Estimated Number of dogs and cats abandoned and killed in Australia 2009/10

There is currently no legal requirement for pounds and shelters to gather and report the numbers of dogs and cats abandoned and killed in Australia each year. This is a priority which is still to be addressed. Currently only the NSW Government pounds and RSPCA Australia publish annual national statistics.

Below is a calculation based on the 2009/10 incoming and euthanasia numbers in NSW, as this is the state where the most comprehensive figures can currently be gathered. Incoming and euthanized data from NSW pounds, RSPCA NSW and AWL NSW are included.

However the total number euthanized/killed in NSW will be considerably higher. The figures below do not include other shelters in NSW. In addition, cats and dogs are euthanized/killed in private vet clinics, and some of these are treatable animals whose owners have not been able or willing to cover the costs of their treatment. Thousands of greyhounds are also killed each year, with very low numbers in rehoming programs.

Therefore any extrapolation to estimate a national figure is an under-estimate and the national figure will be higher.

The extrapolation is based on the June 2010 ABS population figures for NSW as a proportion of the population figures for Australia.

### Dogs 2009/10 NSW

Organisation	Total intake	Total euthanized/killed	Healthy/Treatable Killed (Total euth. Minus estimated 10% incoming untreatable*)
NSW Pound	49 958	15 461 (31%)#	10 461
NSW RSPCA	21 328	8 361 (39%)	6 229
NSW AWL	1882	887 (47%)	699
<b>NSW DOGS</b>	<b>73 168</b>	<b>24 709</b>	<b>17 389</b>
PLUS OTHER SHELTERS, VET CLINICS, GREYHOUNDS			

### Cats 2009/10 NSW

Organisation	Total intake	Total euthanized/killed	Healthy/Treatable Killed (Total euth. minus 10% estimated incoming untreatable*)
NSW Pound	25 982	17 407 (67%)#	14 800
NSW RSPCA	20 303	13 084 (64%)	11 054
NSW AWL	3 341	1 984 (59%)	1 650
<b>NSW CATS</b>	<b>49 626</b>	<b>32 475</b>	<b>27 504</b>
PLUS OTHER SHELTERS, VET CLINICS			

\* Data from AWLQ and other cities internationally show that up to 10% of total intake of abandoned animals are currently regarded as untreatable i.e. severe health or behaviour issues.

#NSW Pounds which transfer animals to shelters do not include euthanased numbers of those transferred, which means their proportions appear lower.

**Summary Dogs and Cats 2009/10 NSW**

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<b>NSW CATS</b>	<b>49 626</b>	<b>32 475</b>	<b>27 504</b>
<b>NSW DOGS &amp; CATS TOTAL</b>	<b>122 794</b>	<b>57 184</b>	<b>44 893</b>

<b>NSW Human Population June 2010 (ABS)</b>	<b>7.24 million</b>
<b>Australian Pop'n June 2010 (ABS)</b>	<b>22.34 million</b>
<b>Ratio of Aust Pop to NSW Pop</b>	<b>3.0856354</b>

	<b>NSW Intake</b>	<b>Estimated Australian Intake</b>	<b>NSW Euthanased/ Killed</b>	<b>Estimated Australian Euth/killed</b>	<b>Estimated Australian Healthy/Treatable Killed</b>
<b>DOGS</b>	<b>73 168 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>225 770 +</b>	<b>24 709 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>76 242 +</b>	<b>53 656 +</b>
<b>CATS</b>	<b>49 626 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>153 128 +</b>	<b>32 475 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>100 206 +</b>	<b>84 867 +</b>
<b>DOGS &amp; CATS</b>	<b>122 794 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>378 898 + Other shelters greyhounds vet clinics</b>	<b>57 184 x 3.0856354</b>	<b>176 449 + Other shelters greyhounds and vet clinics</b>	<b>138 523 + Other shelters, greyhounds and vet clinics</b>