

RSPCA Australia National Statistics 2013-2014

The RSPCA receives thousands of animals every year in every state and territory in Australia. Annual statistics on the numbers of animals received, reclaimed or rehomed are compiled on a national basis by RSPCA Australia. The following statistics cover the 2013 to 2014 financial year and give details on the receipt and placement of animals by each state and territory RSPCA during that period. The statistics also include the number of cruelty complaints received by the RSPCA Inspectorate and prosecutions undertaken.

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Table 1: Animals received nationally by the RSPCA for the 2013-2014 financial year

	Number of animals	Percentage of total
Total animals receiv	ed: 127,304	
Dogs		
Reclaimed	16,653	36.2% of total dogs
Rehomed	17,042	37.1% of total dogs
Currently in Care ²	2,878	6.3% of total dogs
Transferred ³	1,683	3.7% of total dogs
Euthanased	7,313	15.9% of total dogs
Other	385	0.8% of total dogs
Total dogs	45,954	36.10% of total animals
Cats		
Reclaimed	2,330	4.7% of total cats
Rehomed	25,560	52% of total cats
Currently in Care ²	3,644	7.4% of total cats
Transferred ³	1,409	2.9% of total cats
Euthanased	15,491	31.5% of total cats
Other	732	1.5% of total cats
Total cats	49,166	38.62% of total animals
Other animals ⁴		
Reclaimed	2,576	8.0% of other animals
Rehomed	5,905	18.3% of other animals
Currently in Care ²	1,294	4.0% of other animals
Transferred ³	5,694	17.7% of other animals
Euthanased	15,163	47.1% of other animals
Other	1,552	4.9% of other animals
Total other animals	32,184	25.28% of total animals

¹ Received refers to all animals in RSPCA facilities during the 2013-2014 financial year ²Currently in Care: animals remaining in shelter at end of financial year including foster care

³Transferred: animals transferred to non-RSPCA facility, pound, welfare or rescue group ⁴Including: horses, small animals, livestock, and wildlife

Table 2: Comparison of animals received nationally by the RSPCA over the past 5 years

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Change from previous year
Dogs							
Reclaimed/rehon other	ned/	48,569	47,990	41,352	38,834	38,641	Down 0.50%
Euthanased		20,177	19,583	14,211	10,355	7,313	Down 29.38%
Total dogs		68,746	67,633	55,563	49,189	45,954	Down 6.58%
Cats	_	-					
Reclaimed/rehomed/ other		27,075	27,440	27,686	29,772	33,675	Up 13.11%
Euthanased		38,642	37,177	24,651	19,464	15,491	Down 20.41%
Total cats		65,717	64,617	52,337	49,236	49,166	Down 0.14%
Other Animals	_	_					
Reclaimed/rehomed/ other		13,207	13,414	12,799	14,811	17,021	Up 14.92%
Euthanased		11,337	11,490	10,826	13,437	15,163	Up 12.85%
Total other animals		24,544	24,904	23,625	28,248	32,184	Up 13.93%
Total animals		159,007	157,094	131,525	126,673	127,304	Up 0.50%

Table 3: Reasons for euthanasia of dogs and cats by each RSPCA Society for the 2013-2014 financial year

	State/Territory RSPCA								
	ACT	NSW ¹	NT ²	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Dogs									
Infectious	8	96	22	88	31	12	18	0	275
Medical	54	492	17	322	129	31	379	108	1,532
Behavioural	42	2,304	37	1,541	133	186	897	35	5,175
Legal	0	22	0	45	2	0	166	0	235
Other	0	43	0	30	8	3	12	0	96
Total dogs euthanased	104	2,957	76	2,026	303	232	1,472	143	7,313
Cats									
Infectious	123	1,444	37	529	591	165	889	40	3,818
Medical reasons	112	954	13	622	428	116	630	74	2,949
Behavioural Problems	44	991	7	469	212	467	869	32	3,091
Legal	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Other	361	2,129	1	665	474	379	1,620	1	5,630
Total cats euthanased	640	5,518	58	2,285	1,705	1,127	4,011	147	15,491

¹RSPCA NSW included Council animals up to and including the 2010-11 Financial Year. Council animals are not included this year.

²Data not available for NT - data from Darwin Regional Branch only.

Table 4: Animals received by each RSPCA Society for the 2013-2014 financial year

	ACT	NSW ⁵	Darwin	e/Territo QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Dogs	7.01	1,0,1	24.77	4		17.0	,,,	,,,,,	
Reclaimed	923	1,244	79	4,948	1,815	597	6,717	330	16,653
Rehomed	403	4,161	357	6,694	1,302	652	3,292	181	17,042
Currently in Care ²	71	635	63	905	273	110	771	50	2,878
Transferred ³	138	828	0	615	56	0	46	0	1,683
Euthanased	104	2,957	76	2,026	303	232	1,472	143	7,313
Other	6	44	1	140	21	5	163	5	385
Total dogs	1,645	9,869	576	15,328	3,770	1,596	12,461	709	45,954
Last year's total	1,830	11,071	546	15,988	3,909	1,624	13,407	814	49,189
Percent change ⁴	-10.11%	-10.86%	5.49%	-4.13%	-3.56%	-1.72%	-7.06%	-12.90%	-6.58%
Cats									
Reclaimed	196	466	16	562	172	92	819	7	2,330
Rehomed	1,328	6,557	232	8,055	2,448	1,065	5,625	250	25,560
Currently in Care ²	73	745	60	1,114	544	86	830	192	3,644
Transferred ³	0	748	0	382	270	0	9	0	1,409
Euthanased	640	5,518	58	2,285	1,705	1,127	4,011	147	15,491
Other	28	64	4	311	142	19	160	4	732
Total cats	2,265	14,098	370	12,709	5,281	2,389	11,454	600	49,166
Last year's total	2,343	14,733	442	13,213	3,667	2,889	11,372	577	49,236
Percent change ⁴	-3.33%	-4.31%	-16-29%	-3.81%	44.01%	-17.31%	0.72%	3.99%	-0.14%
Horses	1	······································						r	
Reclaimed	0	5	0	3	1	1	0	1	11
Rehomed	0	32	0	8	11	39	35	6	131
Currently in Care ²	0	68	0	9	6	5	27	2	117
Transferred ³	0	2	0	6	2	0	12	0	22
Euthanased	0	10	0	1	2	15	10	8	49
Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Total horses	0	117	0	27	22	62	85	17	330
Last year's total	0	101	0	34	1	44	66	21	267
Percent change ⁴	0	15.84%	0	-20.59%	2100%	40.91%	28.79%	-19.05%	23.60%

Table 4: Animals received¹ by each RSPCA Society for the 2013-2014 financial year (cont)

Table 4: Animals re		,		te/Territ				The state of the s	
	ACT	NSW ⁵	NSW ⁵ Darwin QLD SA TAS VIC V		WA	Total			
Livestock									,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Reclaimed	3	4	1	23	4	11	32	0	78
Rehomed	113	501	0	527	63	211	221	47	1,683
Currently in Care ²	2	49	0	72	7	127	38	1	296
Transferred ³	0	24	0	73	3	0	110	0	210
Euthanased	22	391	0	239	44	587	62	9	1,354
Other	3	19	0	35	5	7	14	5	88
Total livestock	143	988	1	969	126	943	477	62	3,709
Last year's total	112	1,099	0	995	3	300	735	162	3,406
Percent change4	27.68%	-10.10%	100%	-2.61%	4100%	214.33%	-35.10%	-61.73%	8.90%
Wildlife							,		
Released	610	31	0	1,384	55	31	69	0	2,180
Currently in Care ²	73	3	0	78	8	2	11	0	175
Transferred ³	134	326	3	3,949	223	17	593	0	5,242
Euthanased	1,626	337	0	8,286	208	36	728	0	11,221
Other	396	54	0	396	31	4	337	0	1,218
Total wildlife	2,839	751	0	14,093	525	90	1,738	0	20,036
Last year's total	2,699	811	3	11,658	198	104	1,874	0	17,347
Percent change ⁴	5.19%	-7.4%	-100%	20.89%	165.15%	-13.46%	-7.26%	0	15.50%
Other animals						······			······
Reclaimed	36	126	0	71	10	16	48	0	307
Rehomed	387	1,387	23	892	372	165	801	64	4,091
Currently in Care ²	89	160	6	135	98	0	174	44	706
Transferred ³	0	103	0	114	2	1	0	0	220
Euthanased	77	1,212	4	964	62	43	164	16	2,542
Other	36	65	1	71	14	15	39	3	243
Total other animals	625	3,053	33	2,247	558	240	1,226	127	8,109
Last year's total	554	2,321	9	1,696	648	253	1,665	82	7,228
Percent change ⁴	12.8%	31.5%	266.7%	32.5%	-13.9%	-5.1%	-26.4%	54.9%	12.2%

Table 4: Animals received¹ by each RSPCA Society for the 2013-2014 financial year (cont)

		State/Territory RSPCA									
	ACT	NSW ⁵	Darwin	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA			
Total animals received	7,517	28,876	980	45,373	10,282	5,320	27,441	1,515	127,304		
Total 2012-13	7,538	30,136	1,000	43,584	8,426	5,214	29,119	1,656	126,673		
Percent change ⁴	-0.28%	-4.18%	-2.00%	4.10%	22.03%	2.03%	-5.76%	-8.51%	0.50%		

¹ Received refers to all animals in RSPCA facilities during the 2013-2014 financial year

Examples of livestock, wildlife and other animals received

Livestock

- Cattle
- Chickens
- Ducks
- Geese
- Goats
- Bantam Hens
- Pigs
- Roosters
- Sheep
- Donkeys
- Turkey

Wildlife

- A wide variety of native birds
- Magpies
- Galahs
- Lizards
- Possums
- Kookaburras
- Water birds
- Turtles
- Koalas
- Kangaroos and Wallabies

Other animals

- Budgerigars
- Doves
- Ferrets
- Guinea pigs
- Mice
- Pigeons
- Rabbits
- Rats
- Tame ducks and chickens

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⁴Percentage change in 2013-14 from previous year

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Table 5: Cruelty complaints and prosecutions by state/territory RSPCA for the 2013-2014 financial year

		State/Territory RSPCA ¹									
	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total			
Cruelty complaints											
Investigated	1061	14,498	18,332	4,740	3,139	10,708	6,113	58,591			
Cruelty prosecutions	Cruelty prosecutions										
Prosecutions finalised	0	63	22	31	43	55	22	236			
Successful prosecutions ²	0	61	22	30	41	54	22	230			
Charges laid	6	369	22	58	138	243	68	904			
People charged	2	67	27	33	50	55	27	261			
Cases pending	3	44	18	29	29	34	31	188			
Routine inspections	5	89	127	18	32	12	40	323			

¹ RSPCA Darwin does not enforce animal welfare legislation in NT

Examples of the types of establishments routinely inspected by the RSPCA:

- Abattoirs
- Aquariums
- Breeding establishments
- Circuses
- Feedlots
- Guard dog firms
- Hobby farms
- Intensive farms
- Kennels
- Livestock vessels
- Markets
- Pet shops
- Poultry farms
- Pounds
- Riding schools
- Rodeos
- Saleyards
- Scientific establishments
- Shelters
- Shows
- Tourist parks
- Zoos

² Facts proved in relation to principal charges

Table 6: Cruelty complaints and prosecutions nationally over the past 6 years

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Complaints	50,765	53,544	54,398	45,717	49,861	58,591
Prosecutions	259	247	275	206	358	236 ¹

¹ Finalised prosecutions

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