

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

*Advancing the well-being of animals and people in the County of Los Angeles.*

**DACC Services and  
the “No-Kill” Philosophy**



# DACC Services

- Animal Housing
- Field Response
- Alternatives to Care Center Admissions
- Animal Cruelty Investigations
- Animal and Facility Licensing
- Pets Are Family (PAF) Program



# Animal Welfare Trends

Dog and cat admissions up 10%



Dog adoptions down 1.2%

Veterinary care increasing at an annual inflation rate of over 10%



83% of pet owners who have visited a shelter reported having good or excellent experience

**YET**

41% of pet owners elected to acquire a pet from a non-shelter source

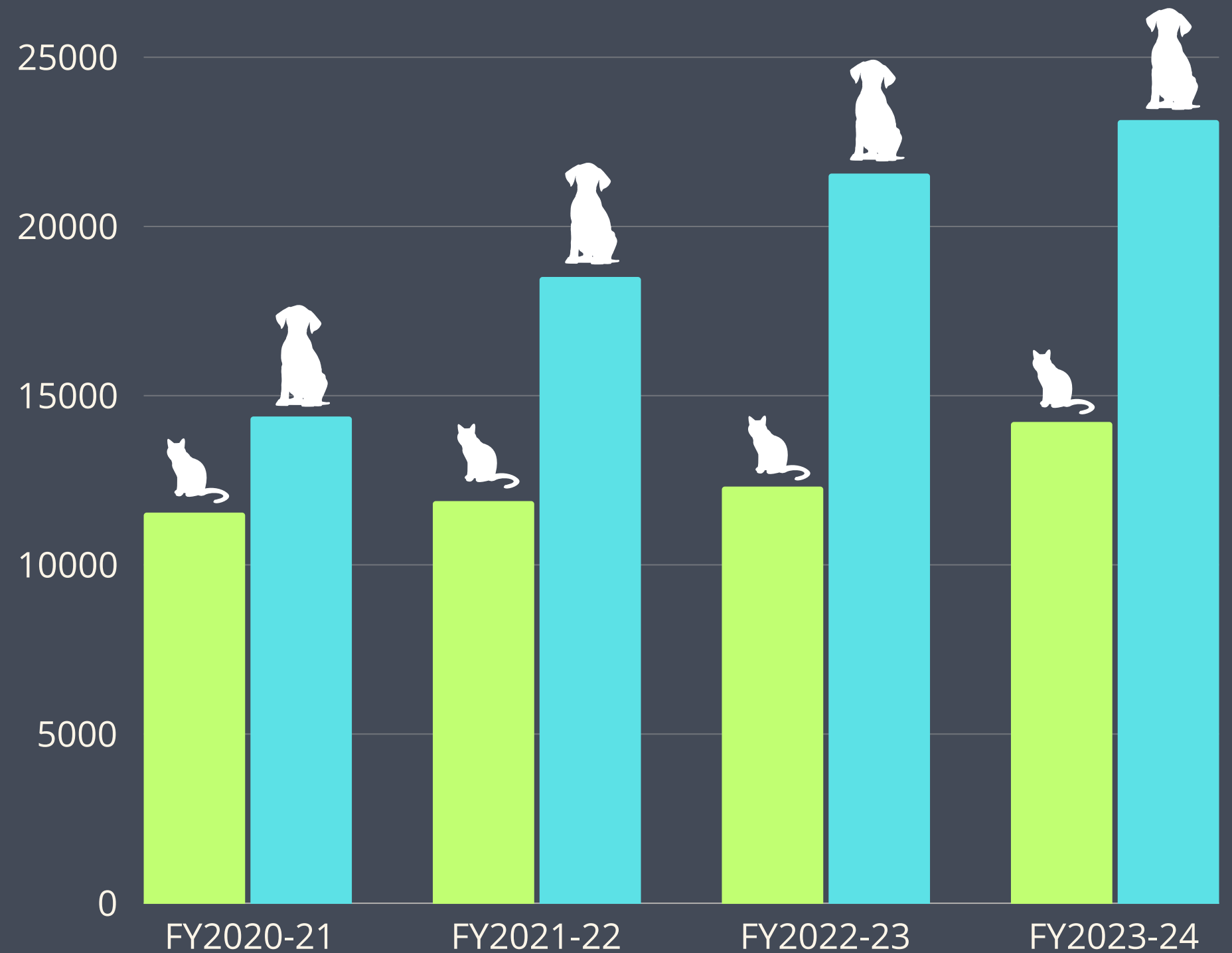
# DACC Animal Admissions

Since Fiscal Year 2020-21, animal admissions have increased by **23%** for cats and **61%** for dogs.

**PawStats:**

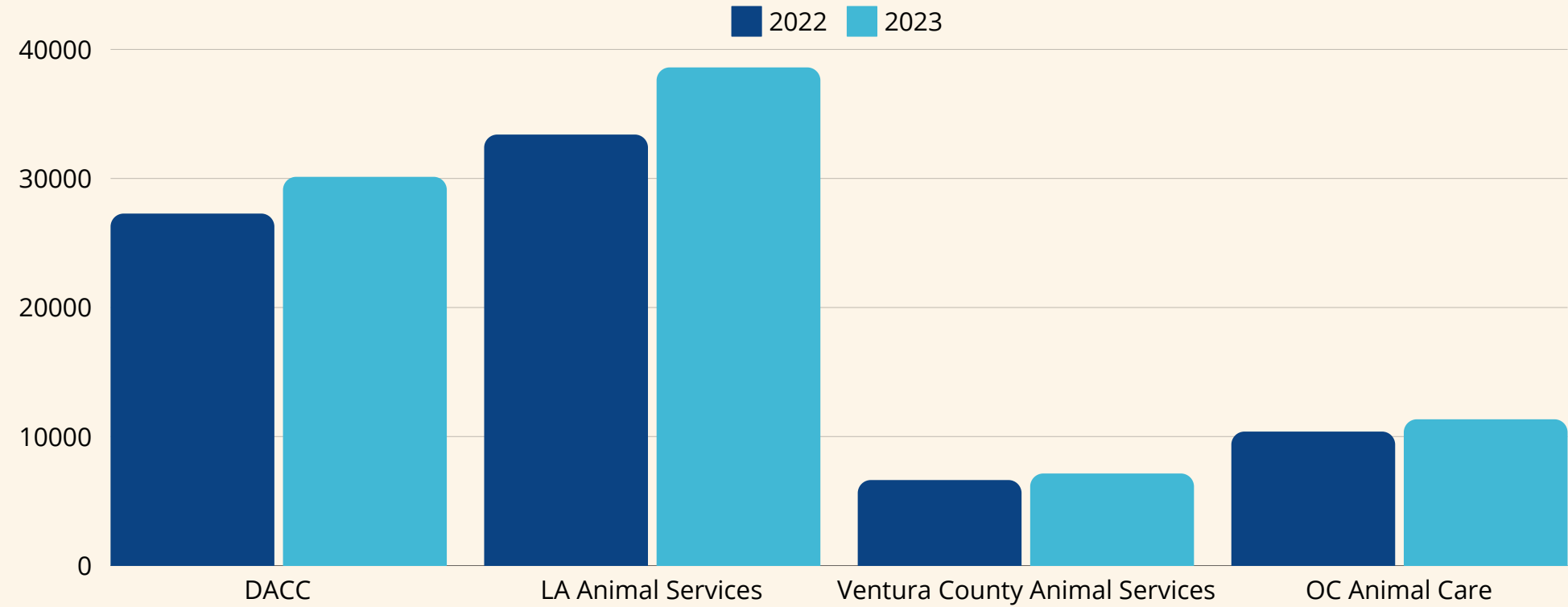
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Animal Admissions - Fiscal Year 2020-2024



# How DACCC Compares

Cat & Dog Live Admissions by Agency (2023)



Ordinance	<u>DACC</u>	<u>LA Animal Services</u>	<u>Ventura County Animal Services</u>	<u>OC Animal Care</u>
<i>Spaying/Neutering</i>	Mandatory for all dogs and cats over 4 months old	Mandatory for all dogs and cats over 4 months old	Mandatory for all dogs and cats over 4 months old	Mandatory for all dogs and cats over 4 months old
<i>Microchipping</i>	Mandatory for all dogs and cats	Mandatory for all dogs and cats	Mandatory for all dogs and cats	Mandatory for all dogs and cats
<i>Licensing</i>	Required for all dogs and cats	Required for all dogs and cats	Required for all dogs and cats	Required for all dogs and cats

Stats from <https://www.shelteranimalscount.org/stats>

# The “No-Kill” Philosophy

*“To be considered no-kill, a shelter or rescue has to have at least a 90% placement rate for the animals in their care.”*

*- Animal Humane Society*



Establishes an 90% save rate for all animals entering a shelter



Best Friends Animal Society is one of the leading proponents of the "no-kill" agenda.



The No-Kill Los Angeles (NKLA) initiative and Los Angeles Animal Services

# Consequences of the “No-Kill” Philosophy

- Overcrowding and inhumane conditions
- Release of potentially dangerous animals and increased risks to the public
- Increased animal suffering
- Animals turned away
- Divisive and creates harmful misconceptions about open-admission animal welfare agencies



# Socially Conscious Animal Sheltering

- 🐾 Ensure every unwanted or homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care.
- 🐾 Making every healthy and safe animal available for adoption.
- 🐾 Assess the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensure these needs are thoughtfully addressed.
- 🐾 Align DACC policy with the needs of the community.
- 🐾 Alleviate suffering and make appropriate euthanasia decisions.
- 🐾 Consider the health and wellness of animals for each community when transferring animals.
- 🐾 Enhance the human-animal bond through thoughtful placements and post-adoption support.
- 🐾 Foster a culture of transparency, ethical decision-making, mutual respect, continual learning, and collaboration.





# Current Challenges



Increase in pet surrenders and stray animals

Nationwide veterinary shortage



Budget, staffing, and space constraints



# Department Critical Needs

Expansion of the Palmdale Animal Care Center

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Pet Resources for our Communities

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Budget for Staffing, Increased Operating Costs, and IT Investments

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# Department Initiatives



**Intervention  
Specialist Pilot  
Position**



**Full-Time Groomer  
Pilot Positions**



**Request for  
Information (RFI)  
for Additional  
Animal Housing**



**Sustaining Pets  
Are Family (PAF)  
Programs**

# Pets Are Family

## 2023 Program Stats



QPC TOP TEN  
AWARD WINNER

**1,912** CARE VOUCHERS  
DISTRIBUTED FOR A VALUE  
OF **\$687,000**

**16** VET@THEPARK  
CLINICS HOSTED WITH  
**3,030** PETS SERVICED

**\$288,000** WORTH OF PET  
FOOD AND SUPPLIES  
RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

**4,682** CALLS  
PROCESSED BY THE  
MEDICAL HELPLINE

All programs funded by donations and grants

# Our Partners



# Ways to Support DACC Beyond Adoption

## Volunteer

[animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-volunteer](https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-volunteer)



## Foster

[animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker](https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker)



## Donate

[animalcare.lacounty.gov/donate](https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/donate)  
[lacountyanimals.org/give](https://lacountyanimals.org/give)

