

ADCH Annual Return Summary Data - 2022



About ADCH

- The Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) operates over the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, bringing dog and cat rehoming organisations together.
- We have over 160 members.
- We aim to bring the sector together and believe that the sector is better together.
- ADCH members follow a programme of assessments to ensure that Minimum Welfare and Operational Standards are met. These are determined as being the minimum required to meet dogs and cats needs whilst in the care of rehoming organisations.
- We work with government departments in all jurisdictions we operate on matters such as licencing of animal welfare.

About our Members

- Of our members, 38% care for dogs, 12% care for cats, and 50% care for both dogs and cats
- Our Members are spread out amongst eight jurisdictions, 133 based in England, 7 based in Northern Ireland, 5 based in Wales, 8 based in Scotland, 8 in Republic of Ireland, 2 in the Channel Islands and 1 in the Isle of Man. Of these, some Members cover multiple areas.
- We currently represent 20% of the sector, with an aim to represent 50% of the sector by the end of the decade in all jurisdictions covered
- 43% of our members have an annual income below £250k. A further 20% have an annual income below £500k

About our data – Annual Return

- ADCH has undertaken an Annual Return survey exercise since 2016. ADCH has a strategic objective to assess trends in dogs and cats, use that data for legislation inputs and inform ADCH's strategy.
- The 2022 Annual Return reported on data for 2022 and was carried out in early 2023. It was completed by 160 members.
- Of those:
 - 62 were caring for dogs only
 - 19 were caring for cats only
 - 79 were caring for dogs and cats
 - 127 stray contracts were held

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Results - their animals	Dogs		Cats	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<i>Intake</i>				
Strays	10973	8814	8721	8570
Relinquished by owner	20366	26121	21721	21624
Other sources	18806	16745	26294	30704
Total intake	50240	51611	56783	60898
<i>Neutering</i>				
Neutered in care	18246	18751	23207	54509
Neutered in the community	2344	4320	129215	113819
Neutered in a TNR programme	-	-	773	-
Total neutered	20739	23071	153195	168327
<i>Space in care</i>				
Total in care as at 31 March 2023	8572	9617	5829	5723
Total capacity as at 31 March 2023	9697	11328	7643	7370
Waiting list	5354	-	5132	-
Reunited	4191	4377	3083	3140
Rehomed	33989	43806	52913	65099

As of 31 March 2023, the number of dogs in care reached 8,572, which accounted for ADCH Members' accommodation space for dogs reaching 88% of their capacity. The figure continues a rising trend where 2021 showed members to be operating at 80% capacity, and 60% capacity in 2020.

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Results - their people	2022	2021
Full time staff	6229	5786
Part time staff	2924	2621
Total staff	9153	8407
Full time volunteers	18938	20170
Part time volunteers	17052	14337
Total volunteers	35995	34507
Number of fosterers	5610	-
<i>Number of members employing...</i>		
No employees	36	35
1-10 employees	47	44
11-50 employees	57	49
51-100 employees	10	10
100+ employees	10	9