

# ADCH Annual Return Summary Data - 2023



## 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 160 Full 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 licensing of animal welfare.

## About our Members

- Of our members, 37% care for dogs, 11% care for cats, and 52% care for both dogs and cats
- Our Members are spread out amongst eight jurisdictions, 124 are based in England, 8 based in Northern Ireland, 9 are based in Wales, 11 based in Scotland, 5 in Republic of Ireland, 2 in the Channel Islands and 1 in the Isle of Man. Of these, some Members cover multiple areas.
- 43% of our members have an annual income below £250k. A further 18% 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 2023 Annual Return reported on data for 2023 and was carried out in early 2024. It was completed by 157 members.
- Of those:
  - 58 were caring for dogs only
  - 18 were caring for cats only
  - 80 were caring for dogs and cats
  - 111 stray contracts were held

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Results - their animals	Dogs		Cats	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<i>Intake</i>				
Strays	12752	10973	10584	8721
Relinquished by owner	18900	20366	23742	21721
Other sources	17779	18806	26187	26294
<b>Total intake</b>	<b>49533</b>	<b>50240</b>	<b>60516</b>	<b>56783</b>
<i>Neutering</i>				
Neutered in care	23408	18246	72173	23207
Neutered in the community	2203	2344	142365	129215
Neutered in a TNR programme	-	-	13853	773
<b>Total neutered</b>	<b>25566</b>	<b>20739</b>	<b>228391</b>	<b>153195</b>
<i>Space in care</i>				
Total in care as at 31 December 2023	8716	8572*	6930	5829*
Total capacity as at 31 December 2023	10117	9697*	7772	7643*
Waiting list	5731	5354*	6804	5132*
<b>Reunited</b>	<b>4161</b>	<b>4191</b>	<b>3010</b>	<b>3083</b>
<b>Rehomed</b>	<b>38748</b>	<b>33989</b>	<b>70885</b>	<b>52913</b>

*\*For 2023 data, this figure was taken as of 31 March 2023*

**ADCH Members would need to increase their capacity to care for dogs and cats by 70% just to meet the demands of their waiting lists**

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Results - their people	2023	2022
Full time staff	6689	6229
Part time staff	2940	2924
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>9629</b>	<b>9153</b>
Full time volunteers	13138	18938
Part time volunteers	20056	17052
<b>Total volunteers</b>	<b>33194</b>	<b>35995</b>
Number of fosterers	5583	5610
<i>Number of members employing...</i>		
No employees	34	36
1-10 employees	42	47
11-50 employees	58	57
51-100 employees	14	10
100+ employees	9	10