

# ADCH Annual Return Summary Data - 2024



## 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.
- At the beginning of 2025, we had 157 Full Members, rescuing and rehoming dogs and cats
- 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 requirements 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.
- 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.

## About our Full Members

- In 2024 34% cared for dogs, 14% cared for cats, and 52% cared for both dogs and cats
- These Members were spread out amongst eight jurisdictions, 110 are based in England, 8 based in Northern Ireland, 8 are based in Wales, 9 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, and an additional 8 cover all of Great Britain and 5 cover all of the UK
- 36% of our members have an annual income below £250k. A further 16% have an annual income below £500k

## Key headlines from 2024

- Our members are taking in more dogs and cats than in 2023
- Whilst not all organisations use a waiting list system, those that do have seen their waiting lists increase
- More dogs and cats are being neutered in community neutering schemes by members, and less dogs and cats are requiring neutering in the care of members
- There are less animals brought into our Members' care that go on to be reunited with their original owners

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Results - their animals	Dogs		Cats	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>Intake</i>				
Strays	13152	12752	13821	10584
Relinquished by owner	21316	18900	26121	23742
Other sources	17350	17779	23578	26187
<b>Total intake</b>	<b>51840</b>	<b>49533</b>	<b>63520</b>	<b>60516</b>
<i>Neutering</i>				
Neutered in care	21348	23408	48904	72173
Neutered in the community	3698	2203	154833	142365
Neutered in a TNR programme	-	-	14751	13853
<b>Total neutered</b>	<b>25046</b>	<b>25566</b>	<b>218452</b>	<b>228391</b>
<i>Space in care</i>				
Total in care as at 31 December 2024	8481	8716	6239	6930
Total capacity as at 31 December 2024	9797	10117	7971	7772
Waiting list	8770	5731	5610	6804
<b>Reunited</b>	<b>2903</b>	<b>4161</b>	<b>2859</b>	<b>3010</b>
<b>Rehomed</b>	<b>34819</b>	<b>38748</b>	<b>68717</b>	<b>70885</b>

**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	2024	2023
Full time staff	7262	6689
Part time staff	2673	2940
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>9935</b>	<b>9629</b>
Full time volunteers	11384	13138
Part time volunteers	26772	20056
Number of fosterers	5919	5583
<b>Total volunteers</b>	<b>44075</b>	<b>38777</b>
<i>Number of members employing...</i>		
No employees	35	34
1-10 employees	28	42
11-50 employees	60	58
51-100 employees	12	14
100+ employees	9	9