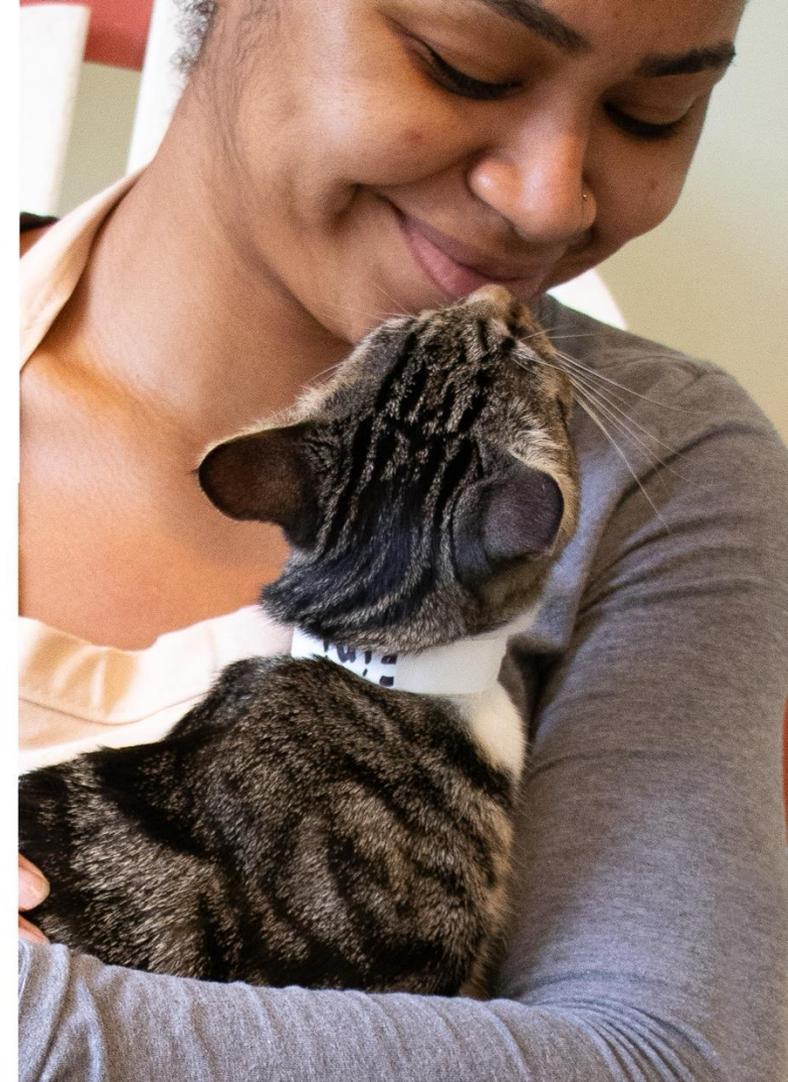




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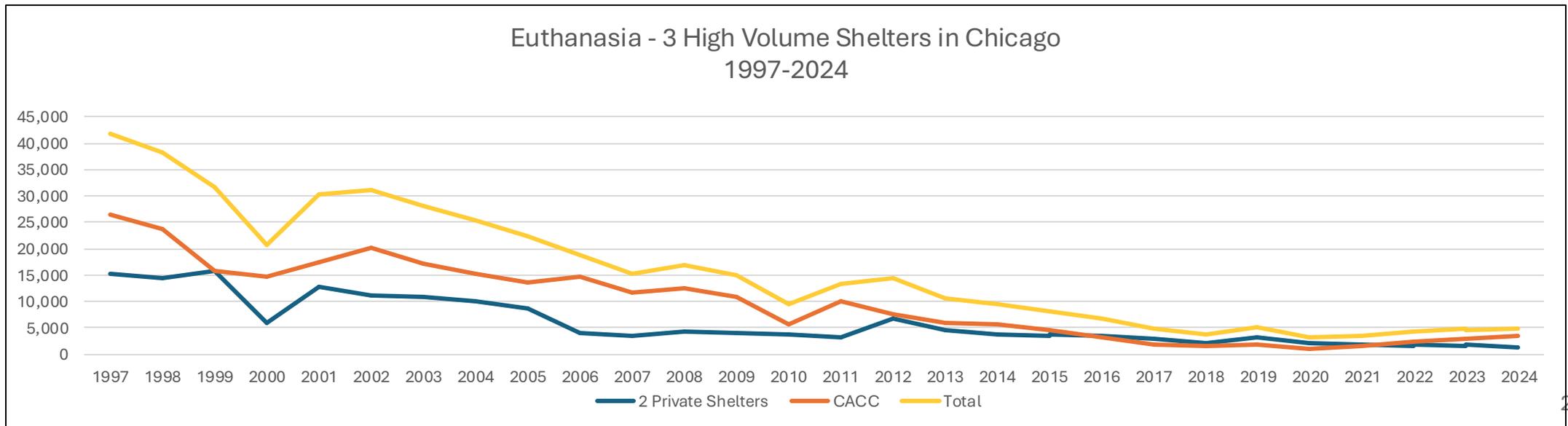
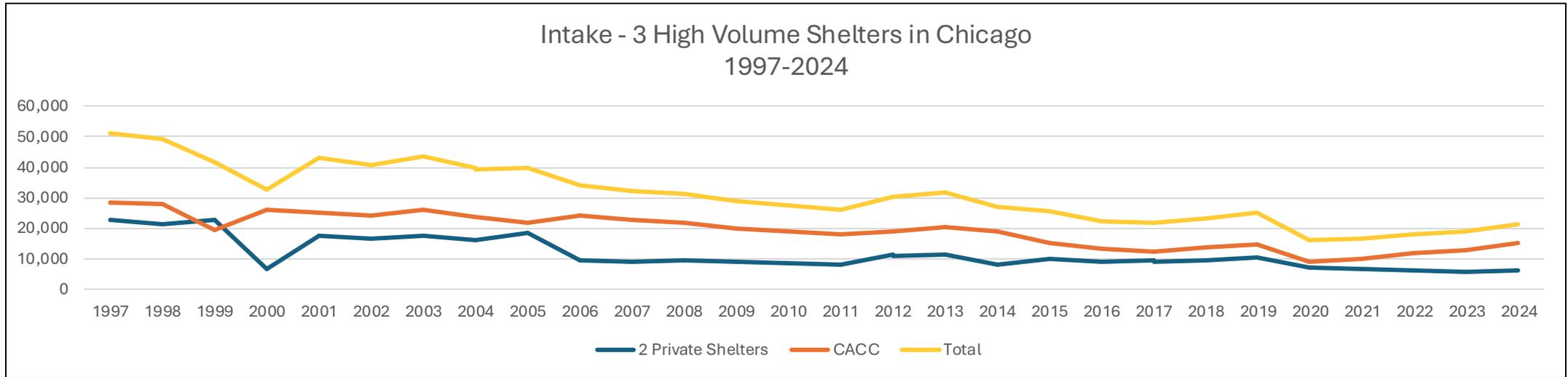
Chicago Animal Care & Control and 360@CACC Update

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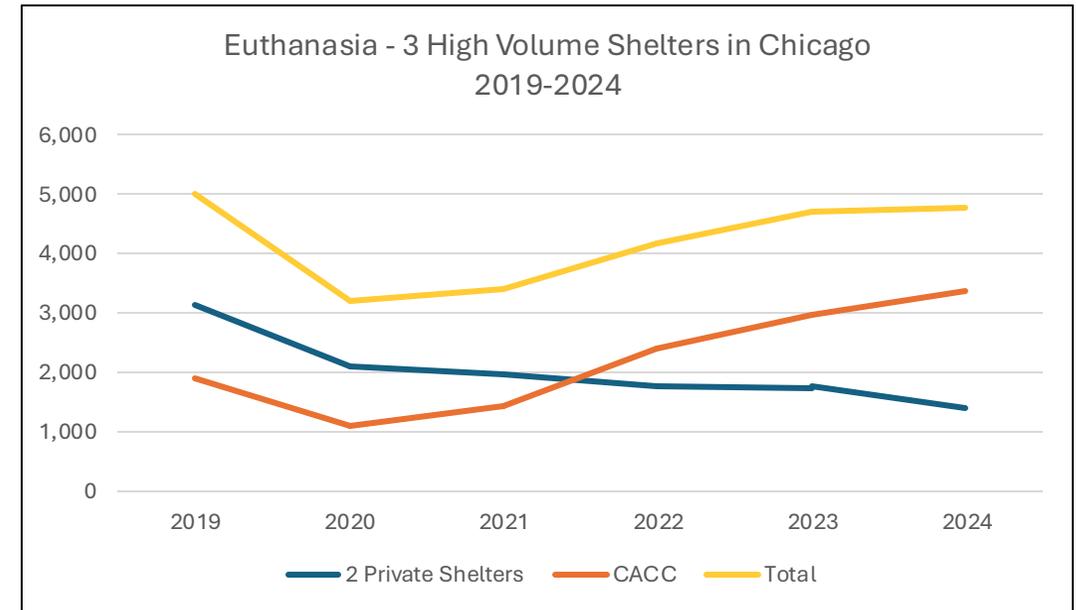
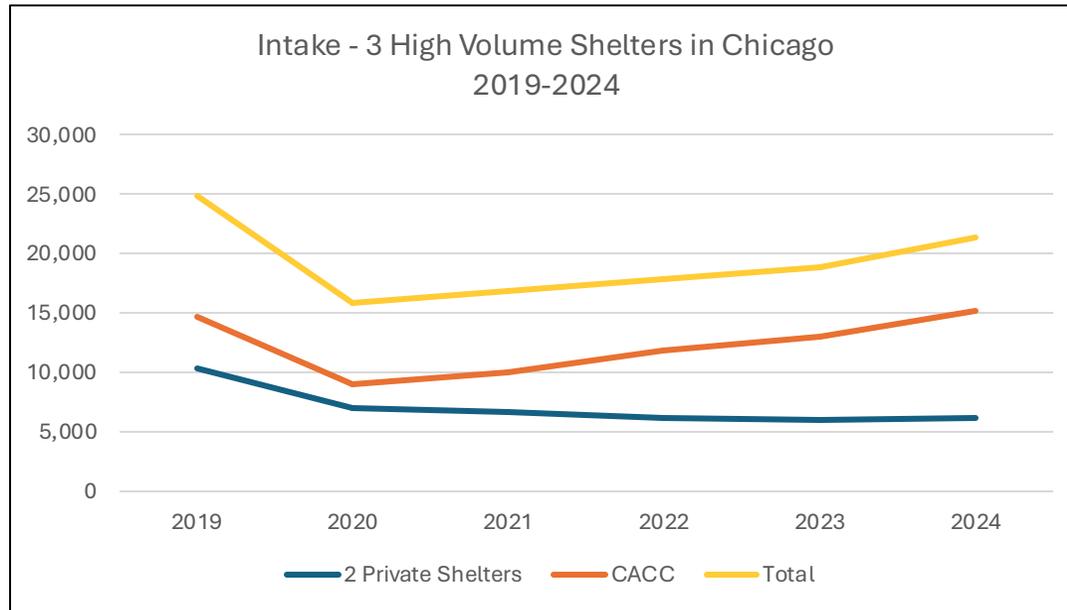
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Chicago Animal Care & Control (CACCC) Mission Progress

Data sourced: 1/2025 – 9/2025

Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACCC) is the City's open-intake municipal shelter, responsible for protecting public safety and promoting animal welfare across all 77 neighborhoods. CACCC's progress reflects the City's growing commitment to humane outcomes, transparency, and community-driven solutions in animal welfare.

CACCC intake YTD is up 21% over 2024, 43% over 2023, 56% over 2022

- 2,417 more cats and dogs arrived at CACCC in first nine months YOY (13,819 total)

Lifesaving is also up year-over-year

- Live outcomes are up 24% or 2,079 animals (10,688 total)
 - Positive trends for transfers and adoptions, with **2025 tracking as the best adoptions and transfers year in the past 10 years**

Euthanasia is up year-over-year

- Euthanasia is up 14%, or 347 more animals (2,871 total)
- Significantly slower increase than intake and live outcomes
- Without additional live outcomes (transfers and adoptions) over 2024, euthanasia **would have** been up 96%

Save Rate is up at 78.3% (76.6% YTD 2024)

- 87.5% Save Rate for cats (85.9% YTD 2024)
- 69.7% Save Rate for dogs (67.9% 2024)

360@CACCC Mission

Data sourced: 1/2025 – 9/2025

360@CACCC is a public–private partnership between PAWS Chicago and Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACCC), designed to augment Chicago’s municipal shelter services. This program was developed in response to a surge in pet homelessness and strain on city shelter resources. Its mission is to provide 360-degree support across the full lifecycle of shelter animals — from prevention of intake to improving live outcomes through transfer and adoption.

GOALS

1. Increasing Lifesaving – shown by improved live outcomes, like adoption and transfer, and Save Rate

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2. Reducing Population Entering CACC – *Short-Term*: shown by diversion of animals, either keeping them with their families through Pet Owner Support or intake to other shelters; *Long-Term*: Prevention efforts like spay/neuter and Trap-Neuter-Return

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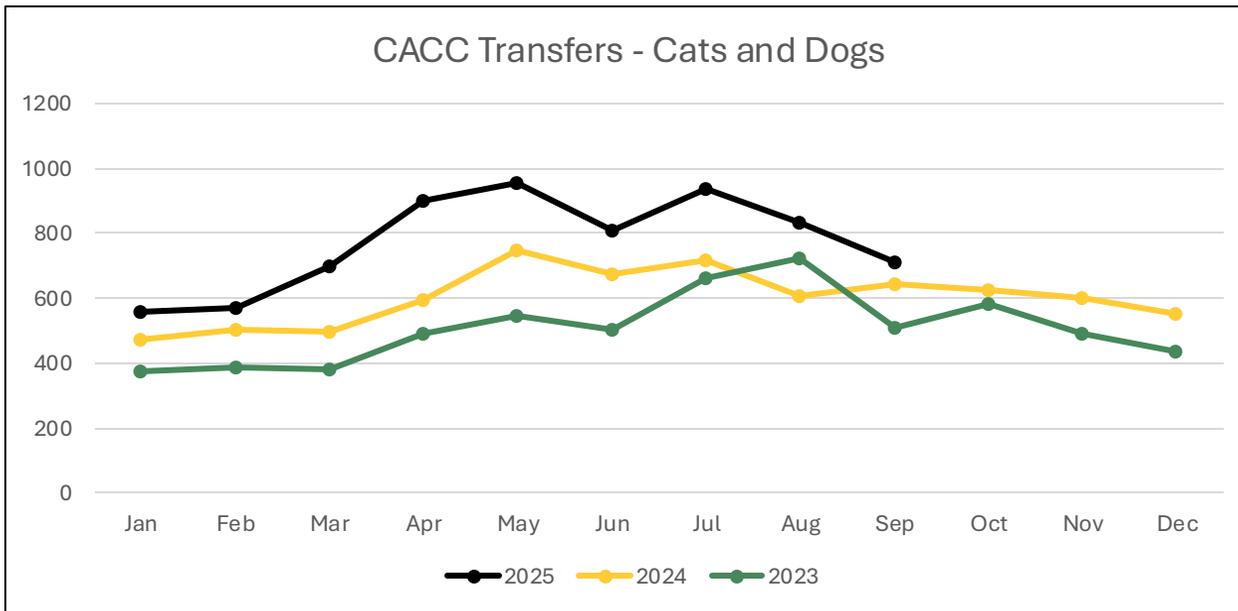
360@CACCC Increasing Lifesaving

Data sourced: 1/2025 – 9/2025

The **transfer program** moves animals from CACC to partner rescues and shelters, giving them greater chances for adoption and specialized care. This collaboration eases overcrowding, improves live release rates, and allows CACC to focus its resources on animals with the greatest needs.

CACC Transfer Outcomes

- Transfers up 28% YTD in 2025
 - 1,513 additional animals YOY (6,974 total)
- Tracking for best transfer year in a decade



CACC Transfers by Partner (100+)			
Source: data file provided by CACC, through September			
Transfer Partner	CAT	DOG	Total
PAWS CHICAGO	1012	500	1512
FOREVER FORTUNATE FELINES	683	1	684
BORDER TAILS RESCUE	2	504	506
SOUTH SUBURBAN HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER	227	215	442
HEARTLAND ANIMAL SHELTER	297	130	427
ANDERSON HUMANE	312	9	321
DARK HORSE DOGS, NFP	4	195	199
CATNAP FROM THE HEART	195		195
ANTI CRUELTY SOCIETY	75	103	178
FRIENDS OF CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL (FCACC)	158	14	172
ONE TAIL AT A TIME	20	148	168
HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY	77	84	161
TREE HOUSE HUMANE SOCIETY	125		125
COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT (CARE)	60	53	113
ORPHANS OF THE STORM	24	80	104

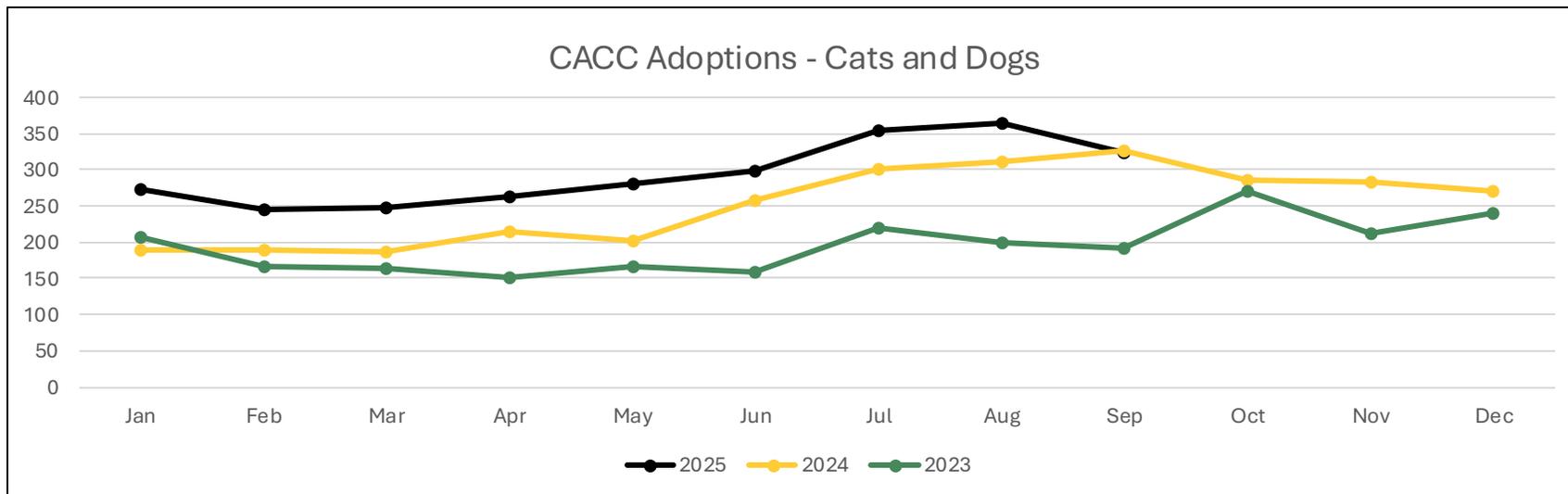
360@CACCC Increasing Lifesaving

Data sourced: 1/2025 – 9/2025

The **adoption program** at CACC connects shelter animals with loving homes. By streamlining the adoption process and increasing visibility for animals, CACC reduces shelter stays and boosts live outcomes citywide.

CACC Adoption Outcomes

- **Adoptions up 22% YTD in 2025**
 - 473 additional animals YOY (2,651 total), tracking for best CACC adoption year in a decade!
- **360@CACCC Results in 2025**
 - Full-Time PAWS staff member supporting adoptions (no funded adoptions position at CACC) and expanded Adoption Counselor team; bi-lingual support for Spanish speaking adopters
 - Supported Doggie Day Out program, allowing long-stay dogs to gain visibility through outings and social media promotion, often leading directly to their adoption
 - Improve volunteer and adopter matchmaking



Adoption in Action – Citywide Adoption Events

The Rescue Together Adoption Event is a collaborative effort between PAWS Chicago, Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACCC) and the Chicago rescue community to help more homeless pets find loving families. Additional rescues who participate include Anderson Humane, Border Tails Rescue, Chicago English Bulldog Rescue, Forever Fortunate Felines and St. Sophia's Forgotten Felines.

United, we brought adoptable animals from all organizations under one location at New City (March) and on Armitage Avenue (October) in addition to our own facilities. The event expanded visibility, sped up placement, and highlighted the lifesaving impact of working together. With on-site meet-and-greets, adoption support, and plenty of wagging tails, Rescue Together showcased how partnership and community can open doors for pets who need a second chance.

The two events this year found homes for more than 200 animals.



360@CACC Increasing Lifesaving

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Expanding Spay/Neuter and Medical of CACC Big Dogs and Cats

- PAWS boosts CACC's limited medical resources – providing spay/neuter and medical vetting for big dogs and cats – leading to more transfers and adoptions of the most at-risk populations
 - **Rescue Ready** – amplifying lifesaving by supporting rescues without a vet to transfer animals from CACC
 - 567 in 2025 YTD
 - 405 total in all of 2024
 - **The Big Fix** – pets in CACC custody are spay/neutered and medically ready for adoption or transfer
 - 367 large dogs and 27 cats in 2025 through July – temporarily suspended in August while CACC manages a union arbitration
 - 931 pets total in all of 2024
 - **Total** – 961 CACC big dogs and cats have been **spayed/neutered in 2025 YTD**
 - **30 rescue groups** (not including PAWS) have transferred animals from CACC that were spayed or neutered through this program



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360@CACCC Reducing Population Entering

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Spay/Neuter at PAWS Chicago

- Spay/Neuter is the long-term solution to reducing pet overpopulation at CACC. PAWS Chicago offers free spay/neuter for families met through 360@CACCC and for Pet Owners who live in PAWS Outreach zip codes of Englewood, West Englewood, Back of the Yards and Woodlawn
- **2025 Spay/Neuter Data YTD**
 - **15,994 total spay/neuter surgeries performed YTD**
 - **1,122 free spay/neuter surgeries** for owned pets met through 360@CACCC or PAWS Outreach
 - 104 met at CACC through Diversion efforts
 - 1,118 met through PAWS Outreach efforts in Englewood, West Englewood, Back of the Yards and Wood Lawn
 - **6,048 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries** for Chicago pet owners in targeted zip codes or with medical card and all pit bulls
 - **901 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries** for rescue groups
 - **2,728 Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) surgeries** for community cats living outside

360@CACC Reducing Population Entering

Data sourced: 1/2025 – 9/2025

The **Pet Owner Support program** helps pet owners access resources—like medical care, supplies, or behavioral support—so they can keep their pets instead of surrendering them to the shelter. By addressing challenges before intake, CACC reduces overcrowding and keeps more pets in loving homes.

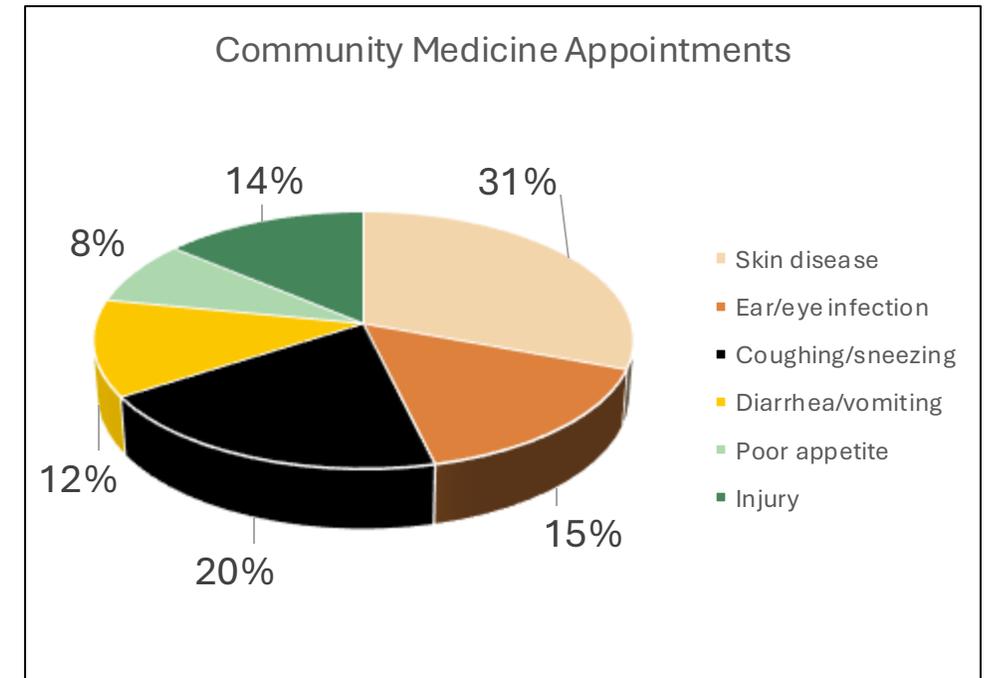
Community Medicine provides free veterinary visits for qualifying pets in need of medical intervention, when owners or caretakers cannot afford care.

Pet Owner Support

- By stationing a PAWS Pet Owner Support team at the doors of CACC to refer resources, 360@CACC and PAWS programs are keeping pets in their homes
- **Pet Owners and Good Samaritans Met:** 891 families crisis counseled at the door, ready to give up pets

Free Veterinary Care at PAWS Chicago

- Providing free veterinary visits for pets met through 360@CACC and PAWS Outreach
 - 1,411 pets vaccinated
 - 309 community medicine vet visits in 2025 YTD
 - 260 illnesses and injuries treated



360@CACC in Action

One August Saturday afternoon, PAWS supported four families in 30 minutes, saving six lives. Camille the beautiful husky was found in Indiana and brought to CACC, where we discovered a PAWS microchip from our spay/neuter clinic. We called and reunited her with her family after she had been lost for two years.



360@CACC in Action

Milo was brought to CACC as a stray and his microchip led the CACC staff to contact the owner, who had been searching for him for months. They were thrilled he had been found at last!

He was severely matted and malnourished when he arrived at CACC and, while they promptly addressed his immediate needs, his neuter and badly needed shave-down had to wait due to the medical staffing constraints at their facility.

With his owners eager to pick up their long-lost friend, CACC asked if our medical team could assist with a prompt grooming session and neuter surgery to allow for a speedy reunion. PAWS stepped in to provide these medical services and Milo's return home was expedited.



Pet Owner Support in Action

Freddie was spotted on the Dan Ryan Expressway by a Good Samaritan who saw the tiny black-and-white kitten crossing the road at night and immediately pulled over to help. He safely scooped up the 4-month-old kitten, brought him home for food and water, and quickly realized Freddie had several injuries—including a severely wounded tail. Despite this, Freddie was sweet, social, and affectionate.

The finder took him to an emergency hospital, where vets determined his tail would need to be amputated. Deeply bonded and eager to keep Freddie, he was devastated to learn the surgery would cost more than \$2,000—far beyond reach after already covering the ER visit and wound care. Hoping Freddie could get the treatment he needed, he brought him to CACC.

We met him during a Pet Owner Support shift, learned Freddie's story, and consulted our medical team. Freddie entered our care, received his tail amputation at the PAWS Chicago Medical Center, and recovered in a loving foster home—with his finder. After his follow-up appointment, Freddie officially went home with the person who rescued him in the first place.



Pet Owner Support in Action

Koda's owners met our team during a Pet Owner Support shift at CACC. Already pet parents to two dogs, they had taken in Koda to help a neighbor who was overwhelmed and unable to properly care for her. When they brought Koda home, she was shy, low-energy, and had clearly lacked socialization—but with patience and love, they helped her blossom into a friendly, playful dog.

However, Koda was also struggling with persistent skin issues: dryness, redness, odor, itchiness, and hair loss from overgrooming. Their vet prescribed medication that offered temporary relief, but the symptoms returned. After one of the owners lost their job, they worried they couldn't afford further care and heartbreakingly decided to surrender her so she could get the treatment she needed. They were devastated.

PAWS stepped in. We quickly booked Koda a Community Medicine appointment, where our vets diagnosed pyoderma, ear infections, and skin allergies—and treated them all. Today, Koda is happy, healthy, itch-free, and thriving in her true forever home.



Appendix 1 – CACC Data

Chicago Animal Care & Control Data - 2025 Through September

Live Intake	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
	YTD 2024			YTD 2025			% Change 2025 vs 2024			# Change 2025 vs 2024								
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Live Intake	5526	5876	11402	6758	7057	13815	22%	20%	21%	1232	1181	2413						

Live Outcomes	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
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	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Live Outcomes	4646	3963	8609	5773	4914	10687	24%	24%	24%	1127	951	2078						

Total Outcomes*	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
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	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Outcomes	5408	5838	11246	6610	7049	13659	22%	21%	21%	1202	1211	2413						

*Total Outcomes includes only animals who arrive at CACC alive; PAWS adjusts data to remove animals who are Dead On Arrival.
Total Outcomes includes all transfers, adoptions, euthanasia, Return to Owner, and Died in Care & Missing.

Save Rate	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
	YTD 2024			YTD 2025			% Change vs 2024			# Change vs 2024								
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Save Rate	85.91%	67.88%	76.55%	87.34%	69.71%	78.24%	1.66%	2.69%	2.21%	1.43%	1.83%	1.69%						

*Save Rate is calculated as Total Live Outcomes / Total Outcomes

All Transfers	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
	YTD 2024			YTD 2025			% Change 2025 vs 2024			# Change 2025 vs 2024								
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Transfer	3296	2165	5461	4053	2921	6974	23%	35%	28%	757	756	1513						

Adoption	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
	YTD 2024			YTD 2025			% Change 2025 vs 2024			# Change 2025 vs 2024								
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Adoption	1257	921	2178	1646	1006	2652	31%	9%	22%	389	85	474						

Euthanasia (all types)	YTD 2024						YTD 2025						2025 compared to 2024					
	YTD 2024			YTD 2025			% Change 2025 vs 2024			# Change 2025 vs 2024								
	Cat	Dog	Total	Cat	Dog	Total	% Cat	% Dog	% Total	# Cat	# Dog	# Total						
Total Euthanasia (all types)	678	1846	2524	762	2111	2873	12%	14%	14%	84	265	349						