



2021

City Animal Shelter

Department of Animal Care and Control

PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE TO LAND

Animals enter the shelter as strays, surrenders from owners, abandonment, as part of animal cruelty or neglect investigation, bite quarantine observations, or referral from other city agencies. Staff provide safe housing, daily enrichment, and medical care for animals 365 days per year.



FINDING A NEW FAMILY

For animals unable to be reunited with their owners, some may be eligible for adoption by Boston residents and the general community. In addition to dogs and cats, we found homes for guinea pigs, rabbits, parakeets, chickens, and more in 2021.

SHORTENING STAY THROUGH TRANSFER

Transfer partners include nonprofit shelters and animal rescue groups that focus on specific breeds or species. Some animals have special medical or behavioral care needs that are beyond the capacity of our shelter, while others transfer to rescue partners to gain confidence, training, or socialization. These partnerships are key to helping animals find a forever home.

EXTENDING A HAND TO WILDLIFE

Animal Control Officers respond to many calls about injured or sick wildlife within the city limits. Our medical team triages these cases in shelter and where feasible releases those healthy to return to their neighborhoods or transfers to a wildlife hospital or licensed rehabilitator.

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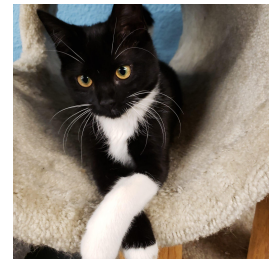
OVER 700 ANIMALS

Received safe housing at the city's Roslindale animal shelter

*In addition to dogs and cats, we cared for **16 DOMESTIC SPECIES** over the past year*

92 PETS WERE ADOPTED *from our shelter including dogs, cats, birds and small mammals*

196 ANIMALS *were transferred to rescue partners to receive additional care*



*We partnered with **33 organizations** to move animals toward their forever homes*

*We evaluated over **25 SPECIES OF WILDLIFE** who were ill or injured*