



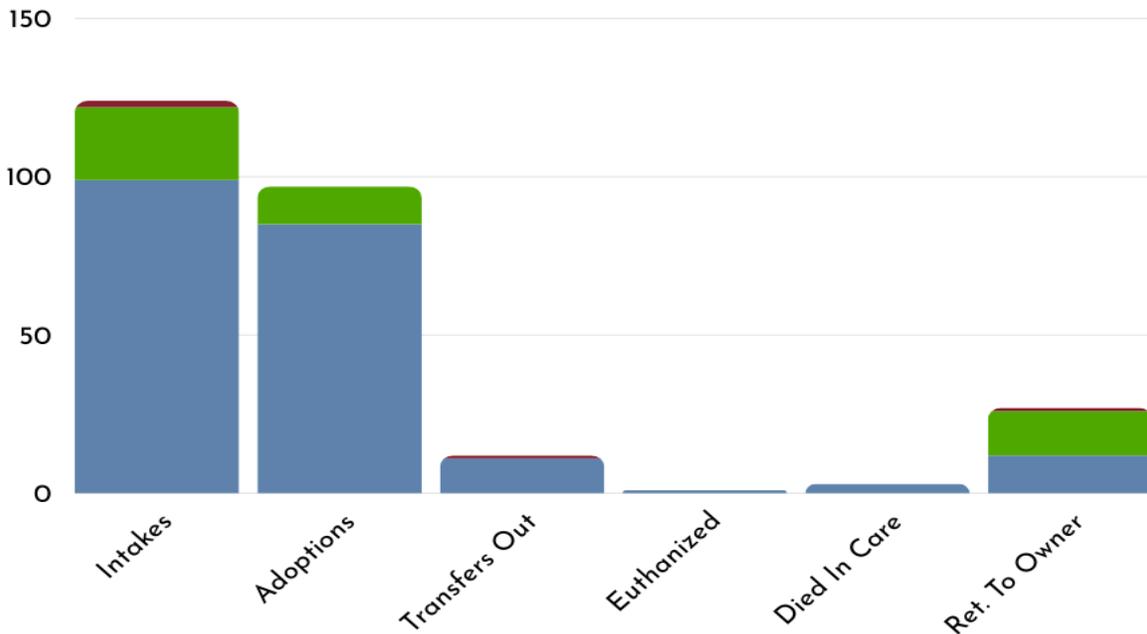
Story County Animal Control and Shelter Quarterly Report: Oct. 1st, 2025 – Dec. 31st, 2025

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cat Intakes	54	24	21	99
Cats Adopted	31	23	31	85
Cats Transferred to another rescue	0	11	0	11
Cats Euthanized(medical)	0	1	0	1
Cats Died in Care	0	1	2	3
Cats Returned to Owner	6	3	3	12
Dog Intakes	5	5	13	23
Dogs Adopted	2	5	5	12
Dogs Transferred to another rescue	0	0	0	0
Dogs Euthanized(medical)	0	0	0	0
Dogs Euthanized(behavior)	0	0	0	0
Dogs Died in Care	0	0	0	0
Dogs Returned to Owner	4	3	7	14
Other Animal Intakes	0	0	2	2
Other Animals Transferred	0	0	1	1
Other Animals Adopted	0	0	0	0
Other Animals Returned to Owner	0	0	1	1



A LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS

■ Cats
 ■ Dogs
 ■ Other



Animal Control Calls: 40 Incidents

Reason	Count
Bite Case	9
Complaint	4
Confined Stray	11
Disturbance	2
Injured	1
Issued Citation	1
Other	2
Un-Confined Stray	13

Current Animal Population 1/27/2026: Dogs - 11, Cats - 59, Rat - 1

Animals currently in Foster Care as of 10/15/2025: Cats: 7, Dogs: 0

Donations Received:	October	November	September	Total
	\$2,921.04	\$3,246.29	\$3,096.09	\$9,263.42

Quarterly Report Summary

Animal Intake & Adoptions

During the fourth quarter, the shelter took in a total of 124 animals, with October alone accounting for 59 of them. Intake included a variety of animals, including a stray domestic goose, which was later successfully reunited with its owner. Adoptions remained steady through the end of the year, with 85 cats and 12 dogs adopted into new homes. In addition, 11 cats were transferred to the Ames Animal Shelter, whose continued partnership and support greatly help increase placement opportunities for animals in our care.

Animal Control

Animal control staff responded to 40 calls during the fourth quarter. Most of these calls involved confined and unconfined stray animals, along with 9 bite reports. Seasonal conditions and reduced daylight generally reduce the amount of calls we get during this time of year.

Education and Community Outreach

We hosted a Winter Kids Camp at the shelter. This educational program focused on animal behavior, the importance of microchipping, responsible pet ownership, and included animal-themed games, interactions with kittens, and a guided shelter tour. Our Animal Control Officer spoke with middle school students interested in animal control, providing information about animals involved with public safety, animal welfare, and career pathways in the field. We partnered with Story Medical Senior Care to bring kittens for interaction visits with residents. This event offered emotional enrichment for residents while providing valuable socialization for the kittens, benefiting both the community and the animals. Staff also represented the shelter at a Lunch and Learn hosted by the City of Huxley Parks and Recreation Department. Additionally, Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada generously used proceeds from their pet treat sale to purchase supplies for the shelter benefiting the animals in our care.

In partnership with the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine Shelter Medicine Club, we held a Free Vaccine and Microchip Clinic on October 11th, during which over 80 animals received services. A total of 170 core vaccines were administered, 24 heartworm tests were performed, and flea and tick prevention was provided as needed. Planning is already underway for a spring clinic in collaboration with Shelter Medicine Club.

Donation requests shared online resulted in an outpouring of community support that helped stock shelter supply shelves.

Volunteers

Volunteer support continued to positively impact the shelter during the fourth quarter. Volunteers assisted with enrichment, animal care, and behavior support, benefiting animals with longer stays during the winter months. We were also grateful to host employees from Rolling Green Village, who volunteered their time to assist with cleaning, interacting with cats, and providing enrichment.

2025 Year in Review

The shelter recorded a total intake of 495 animals, primarily strays, with additional intake from owner surrenders, transfers, and other sources. Intake levels remained consistent with prior years, which reflects stable demand for services.

The shelter reached 509 total outcomes, resulting in a 96.6% live release rate. This is calculated by taking live outcomes and dividing them by total outcomes. Live outcomes included 366 adoptions, with 325 cats and 41 dogs placed into permanent homes. Although total adoptions decreased slightly compared to 2024 this was offset by an increase in returns to owner, rising from 68 to 83 animals as well as transferring 28 adoptable cats to the Ames Animal Shelter.

Foster care remained an important part of shelter operations in 2025. A total of 113 animals, both cats and dogs, spent time in foster homes, supporting medical recovery, behavioral needs, and capacity management within the shelter.

The shelter also continued to prioritize humane solutions for unsocial and feral cats through the Working Cat (Barn Cat) Program. In 2025, 49 feral cats were successfully adopted into appropriate working environments, reinforcing the shelter's plan of not euthanizing unsocial cats and providing meaningful alternatives that benefit both animals and the community.