



Animal Services Operation Updates

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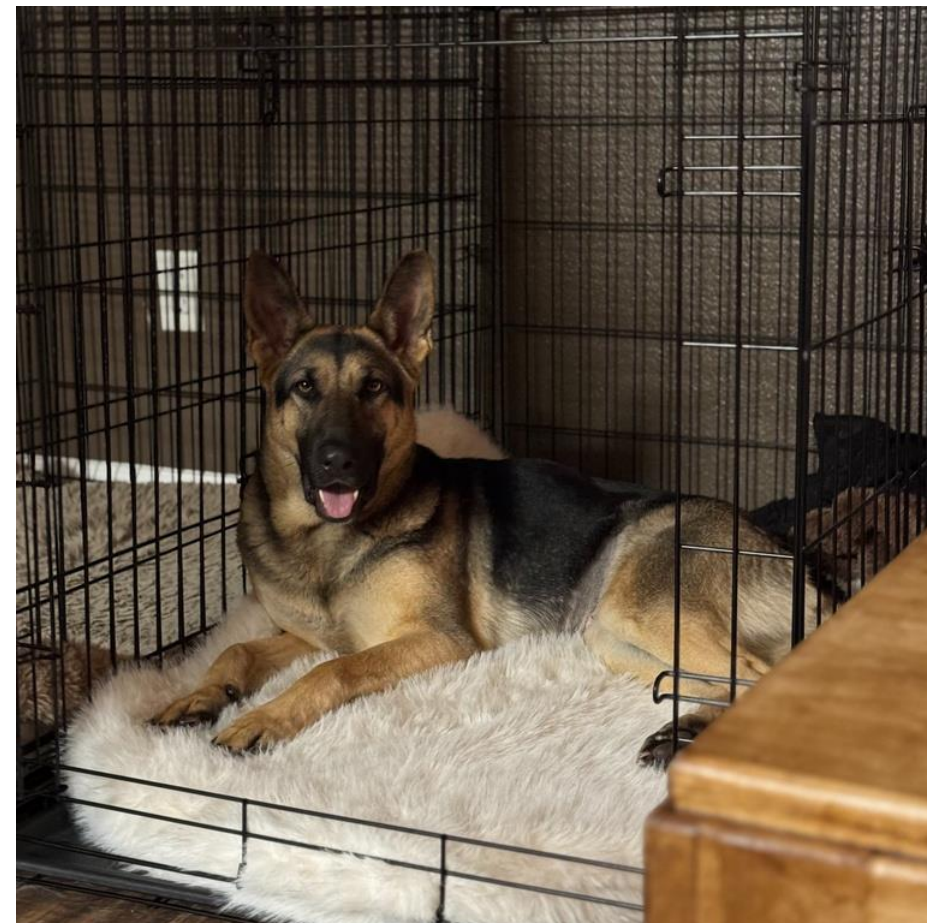
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Brief Recap

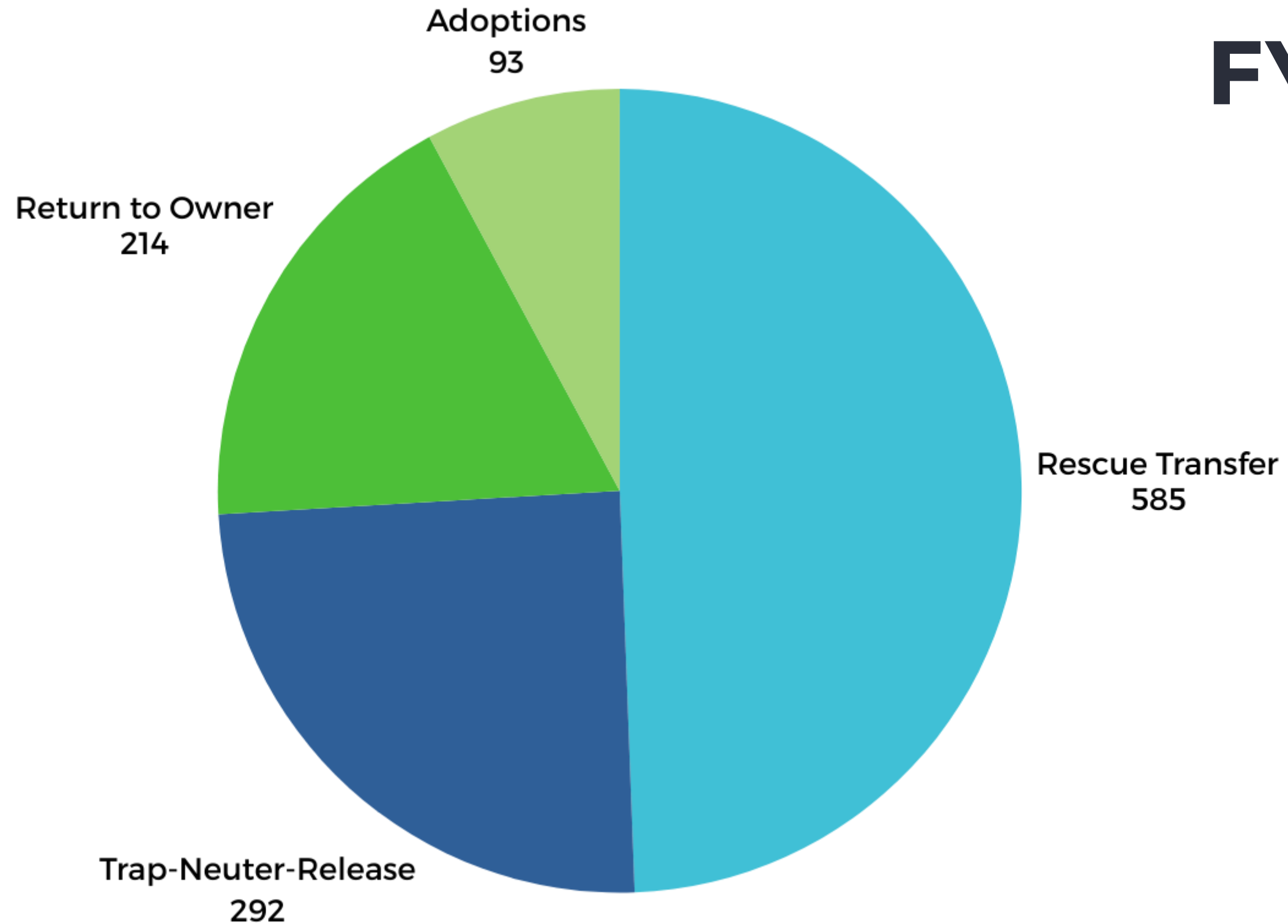
Shelter Programs:

- Foster
- Volunteer
- Adoption



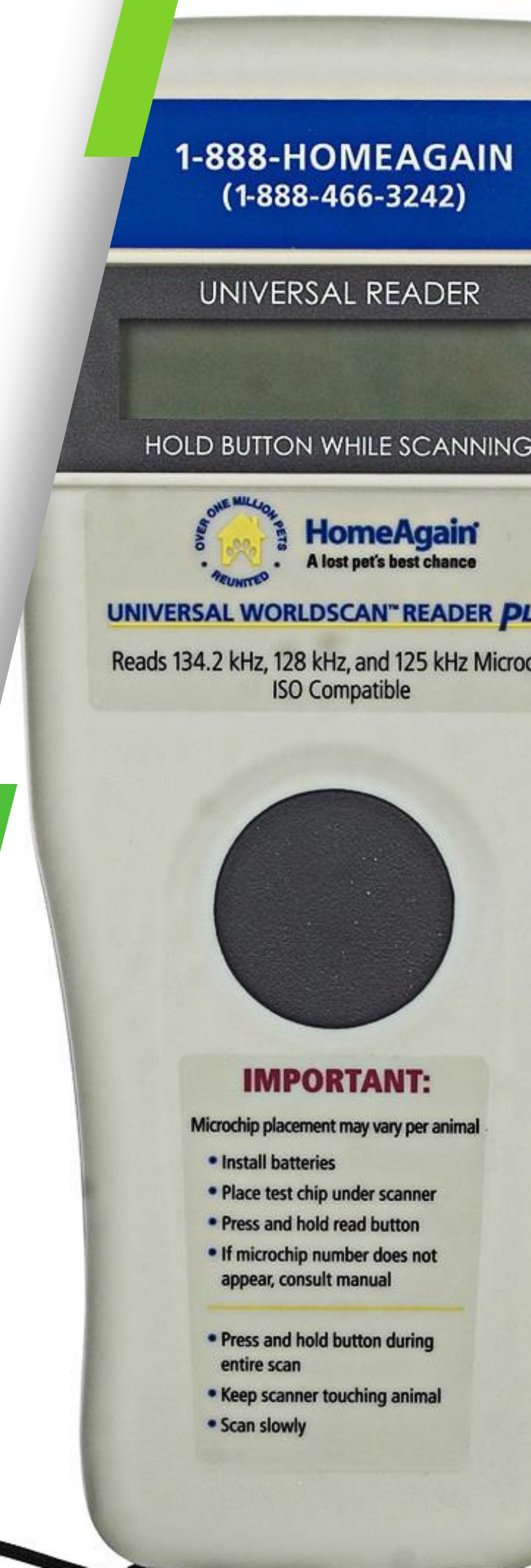
Shelter Data FY 2025

**Animals Entering Shelter
1747**



Microchip Scanning Station

- Three Stations around Visalia
 - 1st at the Anthony Community Center
- Help reunite pets with owners without coming to the shelter
- Easy to follow instructions
- Empower the community to help lost pets get home
- Provide education and positive enforcement efforts



Shelter Buddy Reading Program

Partnered with Pro Youth and Read for Life

- 2nd- 3rd graders from 6 different elementary schools in VUSD participate
- 6 week program every Tuesday students come to read to the animals
- Educating youth on good pet ownership
- Gaining confidence in reading while helping the animals



Four Creeks Elementary School students

Lost and Found Page

- Shelter Buddy Lost and Found Page on City Website
- Shows shelter pets currently on Stray Hold for easy owner identification
- Public can post lost and found animals online



Order of Disposition



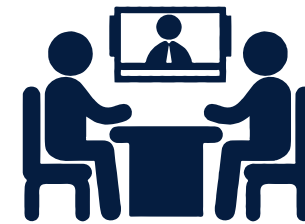
RTO/ Reclaims

Return to Owner in the field or Reclaims at the shelter.



Rescue

Non-Profit Organizations that find homes for shelter pets, take multiple pets, including, medical, too young and difficult to place.



Adoption

Unclaimed pets are placed up for adoption.



Foster

Foster is the last line of defense to attempt to find placement through adoption or rescue.

Feral/ Community Cats

Issues with Feral Cats in the Community

- Feeding Problems
 - Overfeeding, Left over mess, Rodents and pests
- Overpopulation
 - Kittens - multiple litters
 - Increase in defecations/spraying on and around both public and private properties
- Diseases
 - Sick animals spreading diseases



Feral/ Community Cats

Ways to Address the Issues

Over Population

- Trap Neuter and Release
- Targeted TNR
- Educate

Diseases

- Educate
- Vaccinate
- Euthanize

Feeding Problems

- Community Cat Feeding Guidelines
- Ban All Feeding
- Educate





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