

### **Intake Definitions**

**Stray:** An animal picked up by Animal Control Officers or the general public and the owner is not known. All stray animals are held for 3 business days. Animals with a current Brazos County License are held for a 10 day stray hold. All identification found on the pet is use to try and contact the owner.

**Owner Surrender:** An animal surrendered to the shelter by his or her owner.

**Transferred In:** Animals transferred in from other agencies.

**Returns:** Usually included in other intakes, these are animals adopted from our shelter and the adopter/owner is no longer able to keep them.

### **Outcome Definitions**

**Adoption:** A process where a person takes in the animal to their home to care for it and assumes all responsibility for the animal.

**Returned to Owner:** An animal brought to the shelter as a stray, then is reclaimed by the owner that lost him or her.

**Transferred Out:** Animals transferred out to another Pet Partner adoption agency that has a need for more adoption animals. We transfer out because AgHS may be overcrowded, do not have the resources for this animal in the form of behavioral modification, or the receiving agency is a breed specific organization better suited to matching the particular breed with an adopter.

**Died in Care:** An animal who was in care of the agency and died at the agency. Animals that die in care at AgHS typically are neonate kittens orphaned and were being bottle fed by foster parents. This also may include animals who are currently under medical treatment but are not strong enough to survive. We also include animals born deceased while in mother is in our care.

**Shelter Euthanasia:** Animals who are not able to be placed for adoption are humanely euthanized by an intravenous injection of sodium pentobarbital administered by a trained professional. Aggieland Humane Society euthanizes animals who are gravely ill or temperamentally unsound for placement, or pose a threat or danger to the community.

**Lost/Escaped:** An animal who has escaped from the facilities of AgHS, a carrier, or foster home while part of the program at Aggieland Humane Society. AgHS will set humane traps etc. to make efforts to catch the escaped animal.