

OUTPUT NUMBERS SHELTERS and PROGRAMS

Nova Scotia SPCA

Data sources: Applications, referrals, shelter data

Updated 2026-07-17

Reasons brought into the shelter	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Surrendered*	2574	2890	2428	2416	1893	1885	2367
Found as stray	1170	1440	1571	1568	1253	1377	2069
Adoption return	308	362	395	369	275	308	380
Seized	813	732	417	223	116	94	248
Transferred from partner organizations	369	311	867	947	1199	1152	1054
TOTAL **	5234	5735	5678	5523	4736	4816	6118

*2023-2025 Top three reasons for surrendering: Access to Care, P.U.P. program, Housing

**All animals on intake receive medical treatment

Dog

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Length of Stay in shelter	19.4	21.9	23.1	22.9	25.5	13.8	22.8

Cat

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Length of Stay in shelter	14.9	17.9	60	26.7	20.8	18	23.1

Critters

	2025	2024	2023
Average Length of Stay	22	36	42

Pet Pantry Number of animals served*

	2025	2024	2023
Dogs	2414	2153	907
Cats	3007	3077	1680

*These numbers reflect applications received, and is not conclusive of all pet food given out by the Nova Scotia SPCA through investigations, donations to community food banks, or to community partners. These numbers include repeat animals.



Foster Program

	2025	2024	2023
Number of fosters*	55	89	173

*Numbers are new fosters, not duplicates, or the number of days / animals fostered

Paws & Support Program

	2025	2024**	2023
Number of animals in program	47	29	349*

*Wildfire animals = 287

**Program changed to referrals

