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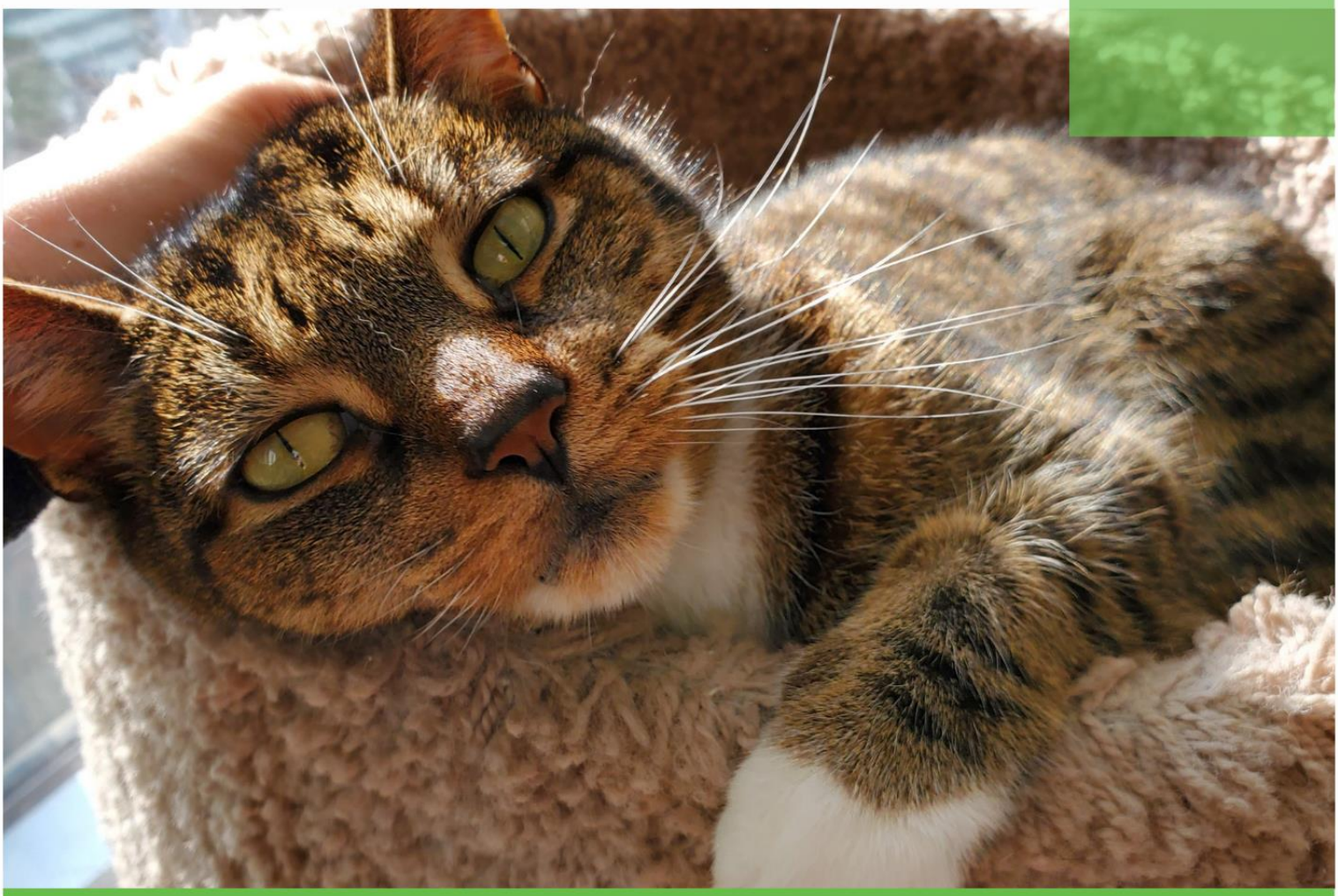

2023

Comparative Report on Shelter Care Operations & The Current State of Sheltering in Canada

Comparative data is sourced from Animal Welfare Organizations nationally that are using PetPoint as their shelter database.

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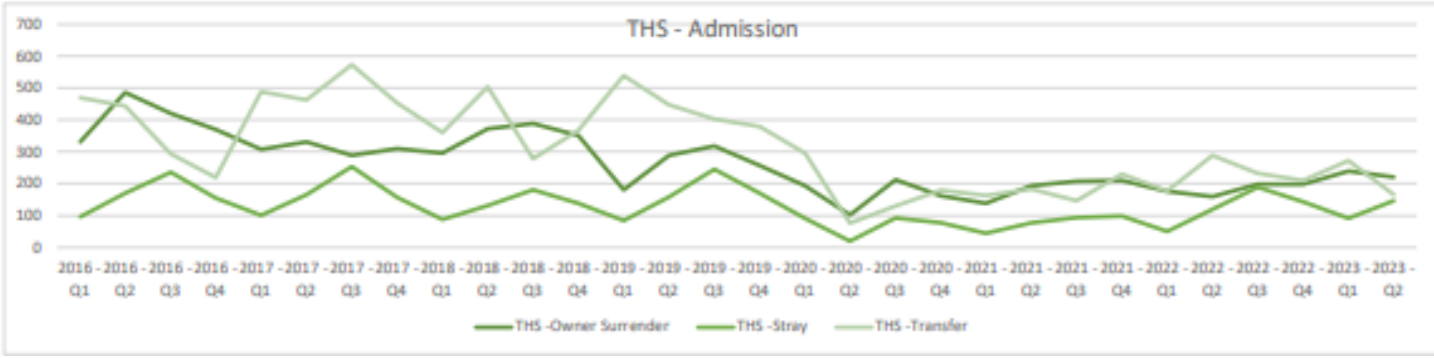
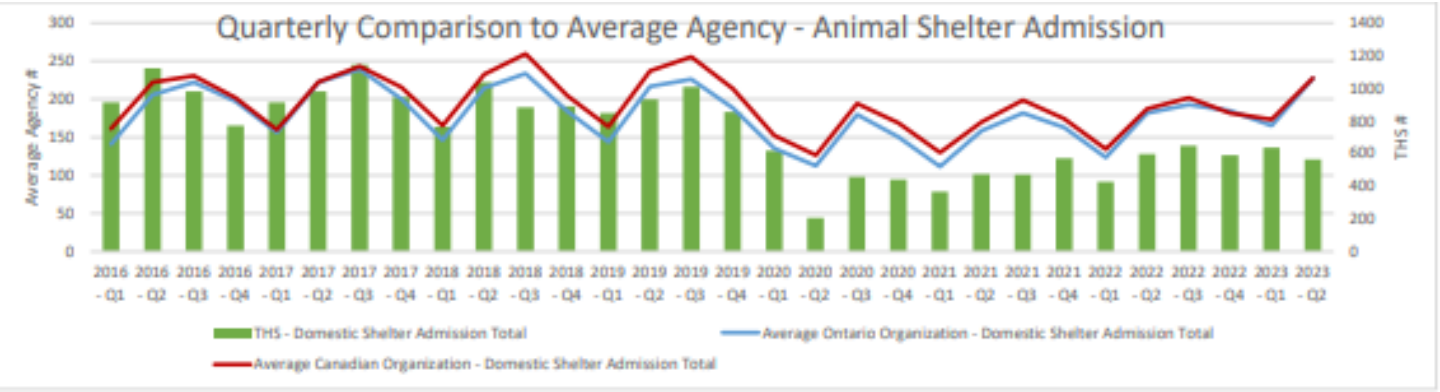
Introduction

These quarterly reports compare Toronto Humane Society's shelter care admissions and adoption statistics with other animal welfare organizations on a municipal, provincial, and national level.

Shelter Care Admission





Key Notes:

- Toronto Humane Society admission trends are aligned with seasonal norms.
- Overall admission streams across the province also continue to follow seasonal norms. When comparing to pre-pandemic volumes, we see a drop of 6 (9%) reporting organizations. The bottom most graph shows the average number per agency to normalize the data. The result is a 5% increase in admissions for the average reporting shelter. This increase is driven primarily by transfer admissions, while owner surrender and stray intakes are relatively flat against 2019 data.
- Nationally, we continue to see very similar trends to the Ontario data. The two data sets tend to follow similar patterns due to the high concentration of reporting agencies in Ontario relative to the country. The same drop in reporting agencies will therefore also influence the number of total admissions reported nationally as well.
- The bottom most chart on this page compares Toronto Humane Society trends against the average PetPoint using shelter in Ontario and the average Canadian Shelter. The dual axis allows for comparison of trendlines in a way that compensates for the difference in volume.

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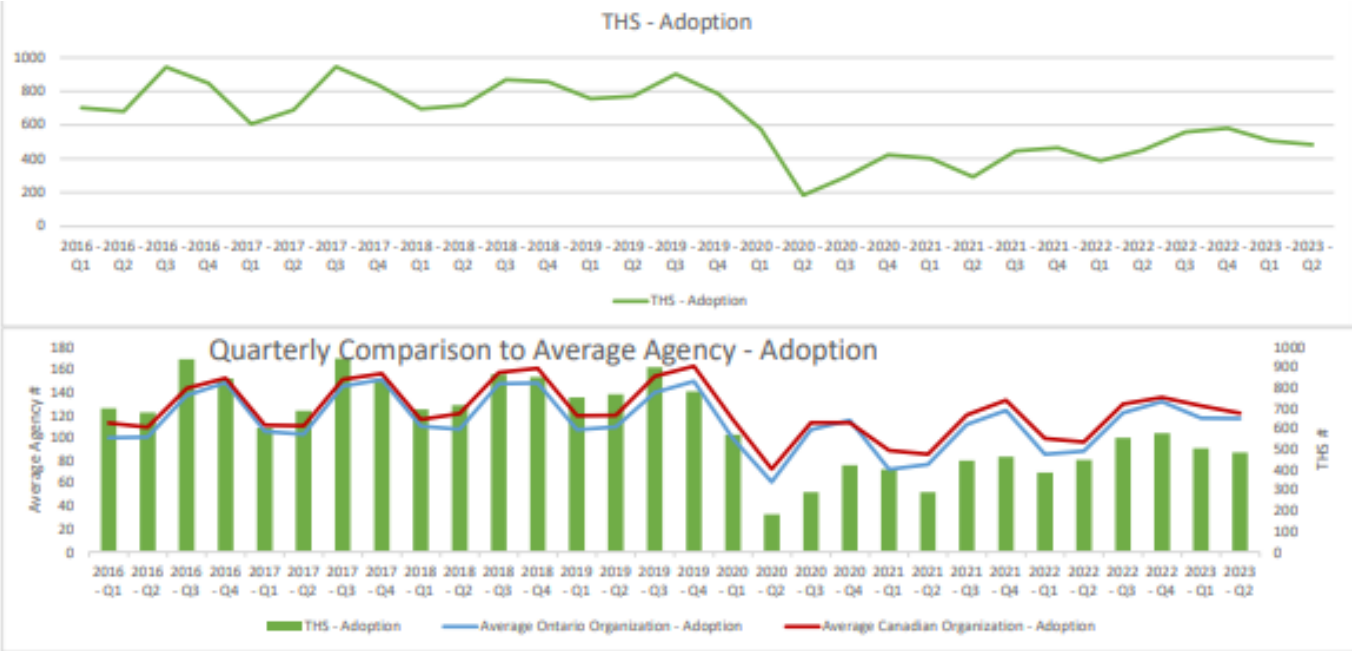
Adoption



Key Notes:

2023 started the year following seasonal trends. There is a noted drop atypical of a Q2 due to the decrease in admission volume following a planned slowing of transport programming. The concerning data noted in Q1 around the rate of return to pre-pandemic adoptions vs. rate of return to pre-pandemic admissions, does not appear to have stayed consistent through Q2. This is good news, even if only for the moment.

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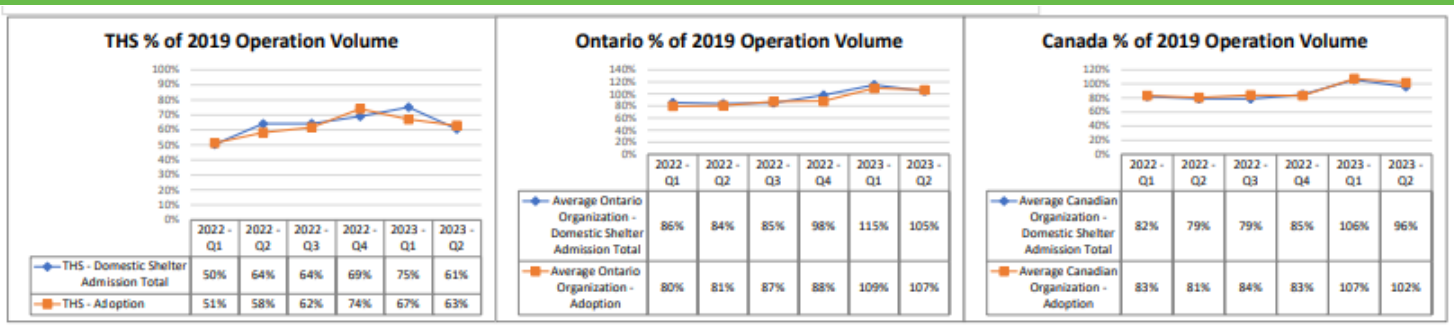

General Assessment

Key Notes:

Ontario continues to experience a rise in the average admissions per shelter when compared to pre pandemic, although it is only moderate. Canada has seen a slight decrease, however, both data sets are close enough that they can be equally viewed as flat. As noted on the adoption assessment, the good news this quarter is that adoption volumes have rebounded higher than admission volumes across all three regions. The worrying concern that adoption programs are showing rates of return lower than rates of return for admissions has abated for this quarter at least. This is data is a point of concerning and serves as an indicator of larger issues, a trend to closely monitor. A continuous imbalance within this data could be considered a potential indicator of over crowding, and or rising euthanasia. Organizationally, it is imperative that we continue to focus on adoption and maintaining/decreasing our length of stay, in order to best support the animals and guardians within our community.