

# **Analysis of Council Data Collection System for Seizures of Cats and Dogs 2010/2011**

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## Introduction

Section 67A of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (hereafter referred to as the Act) provides a requirement for councils to report on activities relating to animal pounds under the ultimate responsibility of the council.

The Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet has developed a system for the collection of animal pound data. The primary purpose of the data collection system is to provide a management tool for councils to inform the design and implementation of operations to meet their responsibilities under the Act. The data has a variety of purposes, such as:

- assessment of resource needs including staffing;
- provision of information to the community about pound activities;
- preparation of submissions for new or upgraded facilities and equipment or additional staff;
- allocation of resources to account for seasonal fluctuations in activity identified in the monthly data;
- evaluation of existing strategies in regard to council responsibilities under the Act;
- strategic planning of companion animal services.

In addition, the data collected by each council are provided to the Division annually and held on a central database.

A number of improvements have been made to the pound data collection system over time, in particular to the instrument used for collecting the data to increase its accuracy. Providing the data to the Division was made mandatory from the 2006/2007 reporting period to increase the response rate.

Despite these improvements, the data in this report need to be interpreted with some caution. Inspection of the data indicates that there are some errors by councils in recording data. However, these are considered not to be to an extent that would invalidate overall findings.

The data in the report is presented on a regional basis. The councils which comprise each region are listed in [Appendix 1](#).

## Summary

This report relates to the analysis of data collected by NSW local councils regarding seized cats and dogs, and cats and dogs taken to a pound, for the period from July 2010 to June 2011.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (36,768) was more than three times the number of cats seized (11,959). The number of dogs surrendered (5,543) was also well in excess of twice the number of cats surrendered (2,365).

There were also considerable differences in the outcomes for dogs and cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were released to their owner, compared to a figure of 41% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 28% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 68% of cats. Of the remaining animals arriving at a pound, approximately twice as many cats were released to an organisation for re-homing than were sold, while the corresponding ratio for dogs was closer to 1.8 times. These numbers exclude small numbers of cats and dogs that died at the pound (other than those euthanased), were stolen or escaped.

The percentage of animals arriving at a pound that were sold and released for re-homing, the two outcomes that councils would appear to have the greatest influence over, show substantial variation across regions. In the case of dogs, nine regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 10% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion of dogs sold was 28% in the Sydney Inner region. In four regions, the proportion of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 31% achieved by the Hunter region.

A similar pattern is observed in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold or released for re-homing. The percentage of cats sold was less than 10% in nine regions, compared to a maximum of 36% in the Central Coast region. In four regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 10% or less, with a maximum of 44% in the North Western region.

When the data are normalised by the numbers of identified companion animals in each region, the variation in the summary statistics due to 'size' of region (as measured by numbers of companion animals) is largely removed, but some significant differences remain across regions.

In 2010/2011, 26 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW (down from 28 in 2009/2010), and of these 21 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 34 per thousand identified dogs, which is a decrease of 9% since 2009/2010.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 11 to 63 per thousand and in the case of seized dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 8 to 85 per thousand. In general, there appears to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2010/2011, 27 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW (down from 29 in 2009/2010), and of these 0.5 per thousand were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 61 per thousand identified cats, which is a decrease of 10% since 2009/2010.

The rate per thousand identified cats varied considerably across regions: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from 0 (rounded) to 166 per thousand and in the case of seized cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 6 to 239 per thousand.

There have been decreases of approximately 8% since 2009/2010 in the numbers of cats and dogs seized when expressed as a ratio per thousand identified animals. The numbers of cats and dogs arriving at a pound per 1000 identified animals have also decreased by approximately 10%.

Since 2009/2010, the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were seized and reported to be dumped have both increased by 1 percentage point (from 62% to 63%, and from 25% to 26%, respectively). The proportion of dumped cats arriving at a pound has also increased by 1 percentage point (from 46% to 47%). However, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were seized has remained constant at 44%.

In general, these changes were smaller in magnitude than those observed in earlier years and there are no obvious patterns in the changes.

The proportion of dogs reported to be surrendered to the pound by their owners decreased by 2 percentage points between 2009/10 and 2010/12 (from 13% to 11%), and the proportion of cats surrendered to the pounds by their owners remained constant (at 9%) over the same period.

By contrast, the total number of dogs and cats surrendered at the pound has decreased between 2009/10 and 2010/11 by 13% (from 6,401 to 5,543) for dogs and by 9% (from 2,593 to 2,365) for cats.

With regard to animals leaving impounding facilities, since 2009/2010 the proportion of impounded cats that were released to their owner has remained unchanged at 3%. However, the proportion of impounded dogs released to their owner has increased from 39% to 41%.

Improvements have been achieved in outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound, continuing trends from the previous year. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has fallen from 31% to 28%. This may be accounted for by a corresponding increase in the proportion of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing from 18% to 19%. However, the proportion of dogs sold fell slightly from 11% to 10%.

By contrast, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has increased slightly from 67% to 68%, reversing the change observed in between 2008/09 and 2009/10. However, the proportion of cats released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 15% to 18% and there was a small increase in the proportion of cats sold from 8% to 9% over the same period.

Significant falls were observed in the number of dogs and cats euthanased at their owner's request since 2009/2010, by 36% and 43% respectively.

It is evident that the improvements in the quality of data entered observed in 2009/2010 have continued. These can be attributed to modifications to the reporting system and greater familiarity on the part of councils with the definitions of the various data categories.



# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	100	129	111	137	114	95	108	112	134	135	142	124	<b>1,441</b>
Hunter	367	314	316	276	343	322	334	327	379	326	361	348	<b>4,013</b>
Illawarra	203	184	137	153	181	192	199	183	189	134	179	182	<b>2,116</b>
Mid North Coast	235	235	217	217	179	188	239	181	269	186	231	235	<b>2,612</b>
Murray	167	160	153	146	130	151	163	189	171	161	170	161	<b>1,922</b>
Murrumbidgee	173	186	163	138	162	161	175	154	207	161	189	161	<b>2,030</b>
Northern	220	168	197	211	184	210	190	175	180	191	205	181	<b>2,312</b>
North Western	206	231	213	201	202	229	232	192	238	192	225	213	<b>2,574</b>
Richmond Tweed	95	111	72	100	96	132	127	92	147	114	139	121	<b>1,346</b>
South Eastern	197	177	179	174	192	180	182	169	183	132	158	158	<b>2,081</b>
Western	252	252	251	263	261	243	288	273	282	226	251	256	<b>3,098</b>
Sydney North	130	125	143	99	93	89	74	94	97	81	85	100	<b>1,210</b>
Sydney South	180	227	231	245	240	246	237	191	226	177	251	219	<b>2,670</b>
Sydney Inner	37	58	48	46	55	62	43	48	51	58	66	62	<b>634</b>
Sydney West	500	506	494	579	654	560	571	514	618	516	599	598	<b>6,709</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>3,162</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>36,768</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized in 2010/2011 was 36,768
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 634 in the Sydney Inner region to 6,709 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month varied by some 20%, with the highest number seized occurring in March at 3,371, and the lowest number in April at 2,790
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent
- there has been almost no change from the 36,731 dogs seized in 2009/2010.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	1,441	18
Hunter	4,013	22
Illawarra	2,116	20
Mid North Coast	2,612	31
Murray	1,922	59
Murrumbidgee	2,030	43
Northern	2,312	37
North Western	2,574	63
Richmond Tweed	1,346	25
South Eastern	2,081	33
Western	3,098	47
Sydney North	1,210	11
Sydney South	2,670	23
Sydney Inner	634	13
Sydney West	6,709	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,768</b>	<b>26</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 2 shows that:

- 26 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 11 in the Sydney North region to 63 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western and Murray) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than more densely populated regions (such as Sydney North and Sydney Inner)
- the number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 28 since 2009/2010.

Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	92	92%	105	81%	96	86%	113	82%	102	89%	84	88%	99	92%	99	88%	120	90%	123	91%	128	90%	111	90%	<b>1,272</b>	<b>88%</b>
Hunter	324	88%	268	85%	267	84%	243	88%	292	85%	250	78%	275	82%	258	79%	288	76%	259	79%	261	72%	289	83%	<b>3,274</b>	<b>82%</b>
Illawarra	142	70%	133	72%	98	72%	111	73%	120	66%	121	63%	137	69%	121	66%	133	70%	94	70%	138	77%	141	77%	<b>1,489</b>	<b>70%</b>
Mid North Coast	202	86%	212	90%	196	90%	196	90%	161	90%	168	89%	208	87%	157	87%	236	88%	163	88%	185	80%	201	86%	<b>2,285</b>	<b>87%</b>
Murray	123	74%	130	81%	125	82%	119	82%	97	75%	107	71%	138	85%	138	73%	132	77%	120	75%	135	79%	124	77%	<b>1,488</b>	<b>77%</b>
Murrumbidgee	169	98%	180	97%	156	96%	127	92%	161	99%	159	99%	169	97%	150	97%	204	99%	155	96%	181	96%	155	96%	<b>1,966</b>	<b>97%</b>
Northern	181	82%	138	82%	165	84%	164	78%	139	76%	177	84%	146	77%	149	85%	155	86%	159	83%	161	79%	150	83%	<b>1,884</b>	<b>81%</b>
North Western	194	94%	221	96%	198	93%	189	94%	192	95%	220	96%	224	97%	184	96%	212	89%	186	97%	208	92%	208	98%	<b>2,436</b>	<b>95%</b>
Richmond Tweed	90	95%	104	94%	66	92%	89	89%	90	94%	128	97%	124	98%	82	89%	141	96%	110	96%	125	90%	114	94%	<b>1,263</b>	<b>94%</b>
South Eastern	167	85%	155	88%	157	88%	155	89%	171	89%	158	88%	153	84%	156	92%	169	92%	117	89%	143	91%	147	93%	<b>1,848</b>	<b>89%</b>
Western	223	88%	228	90%	224	89%	236	90%	233	89%	227	93%	252	88%	247	90%	259	92%	216	96%	226	90%	214	84%	<b>2,785</b>	<b>90%</b>
Sydney North	70	54%	57	46%	65	45%	54	55%	58	62%	54	61%	39	53%	50	53%	48	49%	34	42%	50	59%	60	60%	<b>639</b>	<b>53%</b>
Sydney South	127	71%	152	67%	157	68%	173	71%	170	71%	172	70%	167	70%	137	72%	170	75%	121	68%	176	70%	133	61%	<b>1,855</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney Inner	29	78%	38	66%	26	54%	32	70%	32	58%	51	82%	31	72%	27	56%	32	63%	41	71%	38	58%	41	66%	<b>418</b>	<b>66%</b>
Sydney West	414	83%	395	78%	416	84%	492	85%	557	85%	476	85%	475	83%	433	84%	516	83%	441	85%	504	84%	498	83%	<b>5,617</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>30,519</b>	<b>83%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of dogs seized (see table 1)

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 30,519, which represented 83% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of seized dogs taken to the pound from 418 in the Sydney Inner region to 5,617 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 53% in the Sydney North region to 97% in the Murrumbidgee region
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was quite constant over the year, ranging from 82% in August, September and May to 84% in October, March and April
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent
- there has been an 2% decrease from the 31,164 seized dogs taken to the pound in 2009/2010, and the percentage of all seized dogs taken to the pound has decreased from 85%.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,272	16
Hunter	3,274	18
Illawarra	1,489	14
Mid North Coast	2,285	27
Murray	1,488	46
Murrumbidgee	1,966	41
Northern	1,884	30
North Western	2,436	60
Richmond Tweed	1,263	24
South Eastern	1,848	30
Western	2,785	43
Sydney North	639	6
Sydney South	1,855	16
Sydney Inner	418	9
Sydney West	5,617	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,519</b>	<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 4 shows that:

- 21 seized dogs were taken to the pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 6 in the Sydney North region to 60 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 4 follows that in table 2 (though the rates were lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound
- the number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 24 since 2009/2010.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	8	8%	24	19%	15	14%	24	18%	12	11%	11	12%	9	8%	13	12%	14	10%	12	9%	14	10%	13	10%	169	12%
Hunter	43	12%	46	15%	49	16%	33	12%	51	15%	72	22%	59	18%	69	21%	91	24%	67	21%	100	28%	59	17%	739	18%
Illawarra	61	30%	51	28%	39	28%	42	27%	61	34%	71	37%	62	31%	62	34%	56	30%	40	30%	41	23%	41	23%	627	30%
Mid North Coast	33	14%	23	10%	21	10%	21	10%	18	10%	20	11%	31	13%	24	13%	33	12%	23	12%	46	20%	34	14%	327	13%
Murray	44	26%	30	19%	28	18%	27	18%	33	25%	44	29%	25	15%	51	27%	39	23%	41	25%	35	21%	37	23%	434	23%
Murrumbidgee	4	2%	6	3%	7	4%	11	8%	1	1%	2	1%	6	3%	4	3%	3	1%	6	4%	8	4%	6	4%	64	3%
Northern	39	18%	30	18%	32	16%	47	22%	45	24%	33	16%	44	23%	26	15%	25	14%	32	17%	44	21%	31	17%	428	19%
North Western	12	6%	10	4%	15	7%	12	6%	10	5%	9	4%	8	3%	8	4%	26	11%	6	3%	17	8%	5	2%	138	5%
Richmond Tweed	5	5%	7	6%	6	8%	11	11%	6	6%	4	3%	3	2%	10	11%	6	4%	4	4%	14	10%	7	6%	83	6%
South Eastern	30	15%	22	12%	22	12%	19	11%	21	11%	22	12%	29	16%	13	8%	14	8%	15	11%	15	9%	11	7%	233	11%
Western	29	12%	24	10%	27	11%	27	10%	28	11%	16	7%	36	13%	26	10%	23	8%	10	4%	25	10%	42	16%	313	10%
Sydney North	60	46%	68	54%	78	55%	45	45%	35	38%	35	39%	35	47%	44	47%	49	51%	47	58%	35	41%	40	40%	571	47%
Sydney South	53	29%	75	33%	74	32%	72	29%	70	29%	74	30%	70	30%	54	28%	56	25%	56	32%	75	30%	86	39%	815	31%
Sydney Inner	8	22%	20	34%	22	46%	14	30%	23	42%	11	18%	12	28%	21	44%	19	37%	17	29%	28	42%	21	34%	216	34%
Sydney West	86	17%	111	22%	78	16%	87	15%	97	15%	84	15%	96	17%	81	16%	102	17%	75	15%	95	16%	100	17%	1,092	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>17%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of dogs seized (see table 1)

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 6,249, which represented 17% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from a low of 64 in the Murrumbidgee region to a high of 1,092 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from 3% in the Murrumbidgee region to 47% in the Sydney North region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for all regions each month was quite constant through the year, varying from 16% in October, March and April to 18% in August, September and May
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for individual regions but no patterns are apparent
- there has been a 14% increase from the 5,498 seized dogs returned to their owner in 2009/2010, and the percentage of all seized dogs returned to their owner has increased from 15%.

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	169	2.1
Hunter	739	4.0
Illawarra	627	6.0
Mid North Coast	327	3.9
Murray	434	13.3
Murrumbidgee	64	1.3
Northern	428	6.8
North Western	138	3.4
Richmond Tweed	83	1.6
South Eastern	233	3.7
Western	313	4.8
Sydney North	571	5.2
Sydney South	815	6.9
Sydney Inner	216	4.4
Sydney West	1,092	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>4.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 6 shows that:

- 4.4 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 1.3 in the Murrumbidgee region to 13.3 in the Murray region
- in general, the numbers are too small to be able to identify any other patterns
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs has increased from 4.1 since 2009/2010.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2010/2011

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,272	88%	169	12%	1,441
Hunter	3,274	82%	739	18%	4,013
Illawarra	1,489	70%	627	30%	2,116
Mid North Coast	2,285	87%	327	13%	2,612
Murray	1,488	77%	434	23%	1,922
Murrumbidgee	1,966	97%	64	3%	2,030
Northern	1,884	81%	428	19%	2,312
North Western	2,436	95%	138	5%	2,574
Richmond Tweed	1,263	94%	83	6%	1,346
South Eastern	1,848	89%	233	11%	2,081
Western	2,785	90%	313	10%	3,098
Sydney North	639	53%	571	47%	1,210
Sydney South	1,855	69%	815	31%	2,670
Sydney Inner	418	66%	216	34%	634
Sydney West	5,617	84%	1,092	16%	6,709
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,519</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>36,768</b>

Table 7 summarises tables 3 and 5. It shows that the number of seized dogs taken to the pound was far greater than the number of seized dogs returned to their owner (by a factor of 4.9).

There has been a decrease from over 5 in the ratio of seized dogs taken to the pound in relation to seized dogs returned to their owner since 2009/2010.

## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Hunter	57	85	98	79	117	129	91	111	101	87	100	64	<b>1,119</b>
Illawarra	8	5	10	10	13	19	22	12	22	23	11	25	<b>180</b>
Mid North Coast	71	51	40	57	63	70	54	33	55	33	58	51	<b>636</b>
Murray	30	49	30	18	28	65	57	78	76	25	49	42	<b>547</b>
Murrumbidgee	27	36	23	19	33	33	25	63	48	24	44	18	<b>393</b>
Northern	25	26	35	45	76	43	54	62	107	42	49	31	<b>595</b>
North Western	85	112	65	72	88	83	63	106	117	46	44	66	<b>947</b>
Richmond Tweed	25	24	37	29	40	45	46	38	37	36	31	29	<b>417</b>
South Eastern	33	35	51	46	84	46	54	70	79	53	47	33	<b>631</b>
Western	52	39	58	50	35	38	60	62	55	42	39	27	<b>557</b>
Sydney North	21	9	18	7	16	17	12	30	37	21	11	19	<b>218</b>
Sydney South	264	255	228	278	457	403	461	349	414	325	305	263	<b>4,002</b>
Sydney Inner	3	8	25	18	21	14	22	14	24	17	19	16	<b>201</b>
Sydney West	65	83	78	99	172	168	174	166	168	121	136	83	<b>1,513</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>11,959</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 11,959
- the total number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 3 in the Central Coast region to 4,002 in the Sydney South region
- there was considerable variation in the number of cats seized during the year; from July to October and April to June the monthly average was 830 cats seized while in the period November through March the average was 1,230 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized occurred in most regions, though the pattern varied
- there has been a 3.5% increase from the 11,553 cats seized in 2009/2010.



Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	3	0
Hunter	1,119	24
Illawarra	180	6
Mid North Coast	636	34
Murray	547	75
Murrumbidgee	393	42
Northern	595	52
North Western	947	166
Richmond Tweed	417	31
South Eastern	631	52
Western	557	39
Sydney North	218	4
Sydney South	4,002	73
Sydney Inner	201	6
Sydney West	1,513	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,959</b>	<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 9 shows that:

- 27 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there is an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from 0.1 in the Central Coast region to 166 in the North Western region
- the rates for 9 of the 15 regions lie in the range 20 to 80 seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats
- the number of cats seized per thousand identified cats has decreased from 29 in 2009/2010.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Central Coast	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	2	100%	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	3	100%
Hunter	57	100%	83	98%	98	100%	78	99%	116	99%	128	99%	87	96%	111	100%	101	100%	86	99%	100	100%	61	95%	1,106	99%		
Illawarra	7	88%	4	80%	10	100%	10	100%	13	100%	17	89%	22	100%	12	100%	21	95%	22	96%	9	82%	25	100%	172	96%		
Mid North Coast	71	100%	50	98%	39	98%	57	100%	63	100%	70	100%	54	100%	32	97%	55	100%	33	100%	58	100%	51	100%	633	100%		
Murray	30	100%	49	100%	30	100%	18	100%	28	100%	62	95%	56	98%	73	94%	75	99%	25	100%	45	92%	40	95%	531	97%		
Murrumbidgee	27	100%	36	100%	22	96%	19	100%	33	100%	33	100%	25	100%	63	100%	48	100%	24	100%	42	95%	18	100%	390	99%		
Northern	25	100%	26	100%	35	100%	43	96%	76	100%	43	100%	54	100%	62	100%	107	100%	42	100%	48	98%	31	100%	592	99%		
North Western	85	100%	112	100%	65	100%	72	100%	88	100%	83	100%	63	100%	106	100%	117	100%	46	100%	44	100%	66	100%	947	100%		
Richmond Tweed	25	100%	24	100%	37	100%	29	100%	40	100%	45	100%	46	100%	38	100%	37	100%	36	100%	31	100%	29	100%	417	100%		
South Eastern	32	97%	35	100%	51	100%	46	100%	84	100%	46	100%	54	100%	70	100%	79	100%	52	98%	47	100%	33	100%	629	100%		
Western	51	98%	39	100%	57	98%	50	100%	35	100%	37	97%	60	100%	58	94%	53	96%	42	100%	38	97%	27	100%	547	98%		
Sydney North	19	90%	8	89%	5	28%	3	43%	15	94%	17	100%	10	83%	29	97%	32	86%	20	95%	7	64%	16	84%	181	83%		
Sydney South	257	97%	247	97%	219	96%	263	95%	433	95%	399	99%	454	98%	341	98%	402	97%	316	97%	298	98%	254	97%	3,883	97%		
Sydney Inner	3	100%	7	88%	24	96%	18	100%	21	100%	14	100%	21	95%	14	100%	23	96%	17	100%	19	100%	15	94%	196	98%		
Sydney West	65	100%	83	100%	77	99%	98	99%	172	100%	167	99%	174	100%	166	100%	168	100%	121	100%	136	100%	83	100%	1,510	100%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>98%</b>		

NC = not calculated (no cats seized for region and month)

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of cats seized (see table 8)

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 11,737, which represented 98% of the number of cats reported to be seized
- the variation between regions in the number of seized cats taken to the pound was substantial, ranging from 3 in the Central Coast region to 3,883 in the Sydney South region
- the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound ranged from 83% in the Sydney North region to 100% (rounded) in six regions
- there has been a 2.6% increase from the 11,441 seized cats taken to the pound in 2009/2010, but the proportion of all seized cats taken to the pound decreased from 99%.

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	3	0
Hunter	1,106	23
Illawarra	172	6
Mid North Coast	633	33
Murray	531	73
Murrumbidgee	390	42
Northern	592	52
North Western	947	166
Richmond Tweed	417	31
South Eastern	629	52
Western	547	38
Sydney North	181	3
Sydney South	3,883	71
Sydney Inner	196	6
Sydney West	1,510	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 11 shows that:

- 27 seized cats were taken to the pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 0.1 in the Central Coast region to 166 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 11 follows that in table 9 (though the rates were lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized cats that were taken to the pound
- the number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats has decreased from 29 in 2009/2010.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Central Coast	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%
Hunter	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	4	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3	5%	13	1%		
Illawarra	1	13%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	1	4%	2	18%	0	0%	8	4%		
Mid North Coast	0	0%	1	2%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%		
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	1	2%	5	6%	1	1%	0	0%	4	8%	2	5%	16	3%		
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	0	0%	3	1%		
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	3	1%		
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%		
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%		
South Eastern	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%		
Western	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	4	6%	2	4%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	10	2%		
Sydney North	2	10%	1	11%	13	72%	4	57%	1	6%	0	0%	2	17%	1	3%	5	14%	1	5%	4	36%	3	16%	37	17%		
Sydney South	7	3%	8	3%	9	4%	15	5%	24	5%	4	1%	7	2%	8	2%	12	3%	9	3%	7	2%	9	3%	119	3%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	13%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	5	2%		
Sydney West	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2%</b>		

NC = not calculated (no cats seized for region and month)

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of cats seized (see table 8)

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 222 or less than 2% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- more than half of all seized cats returned to their owner (119) occurred in the Sydney South region
- the small numbers mean that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to owners is likely to have a large random component
- similar comments can be made about the variation over the year: even for all of NSW, the monthly numbers are too small for patterns to be apparent
- the number of seized cats returned to their owner has increased from 95 since 2009/2010 and the proportion of seized cats that were returned to their owner has increased by just over 1%.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	13	0.3
Illawarra	8	0.3
Mid North Coast	3	0.2
Murray	16	2.2
Murrumbidgee	3	0.3
Northern	3	0.3
North Western	0	0.0
Richmond Tweed	0	0.0
South Eastern	2	0.2
Western	10	0.7
Sydney North	37	0.7
Sydney South	119	2.2
Sydney Inner	5	0.1
Sydney West	3	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>0.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.5 seized cats were returned to their owner for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns
- the number of seized cats returned to their owner per thousand identified cats has increased from 0.2 in 2009/2010 and this is largely due to the increase that occurred in the Sydney South region.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2010/2011

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	3	100%	0	0%	3
Hunter	1,106	99%	13	1%	1,119
Illawarra	172	96%	8	4%	180
Mid North Coast	633	100%	3	0%	636
Murray	531	97%	16	3%	547
Murrumbidgee	390	99%	3	1%	393
Northern	592	99%	3	1%	595
North Western	947	100%	0	0%	947
Richmond Tweed	417	100%	0	0%	417
South Eastern	629	100%	2	0%	631
Western	547	98%	10	2%	557
Sydney North	181	83%	37	17%	218
Sydney South	3,883	97%	119	3%	4,002
Sydney Inner	196	98%	5	2%	201
Sydney West	1,510	100%	3	0%	1,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>11,959</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that the overwhelming majority of seized cats were taken to the pound rather than returned to their owner (by a factor well in excess of 50).

There has been a marked increase in the number of seized cats returned to their owner since 2009/2010 but from a low base.

## 2. Surrendered animals (ie: animals surrendered to a council pound by their owner(s)).

### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	13	7%	13	7%	17	9%	15	7%	13	7%	3	2%	13	6%	7	4%	11	5%	8	4%	16	7%	12	6%	<b>141</b>	<b>6%</b>
Hunter	31	7%	28	7%	25	6%	35	9%	35	7%	49	10%	43	9%	35	8%	52	12%	39	10%	58	14%	55	12%	<b>485</b>	<b>9%</b>
Illawarra	5	2%	1	0%	6	3%	9	4%	6	3%	4	1%	2	1%	14	6%	6	2%	8	4%	8	3%	8	3%	<b>77</b>	<b>2%</b>
Mid North Coast	17	7%	14	6%	11	5%	4	2%	10	5%	13	7%	18	8%	12	7%	34	12%	13	7%	11	5%	18	8%	<b>175</b>	<b>7%</b>
Murray	11	8%	6	4%	4	3%	6	5%	8	8%	8	7%	1	1%	6	4%	5	4%	5	4%	3	2%	8	6%	<b>71</b>	<b>5%</b>
Murrumbidgee	26	9%	13	5%	15	6%	17	7%	9	3%	19	7%	10	3%	16	6%	8	3%	19	7%	22	8%	14	7%	<b>188</b>	<b>6%</b>
Northern	37	14%	28	13%	37	16%	38	16%	28	14%	38	16%	65	26%	54	24%	41	18%	16	8%	44	19%	38	18%	<b>464</b>	<b>17%</b>
North Western	32	13%	57	18%	36	13%	24	9%	48	18%	54	17%	34	11%	31	12%	79	23%	33	13%	33	12%	62	19%	<b>523</b>	<b>15%</b>
Richmond Tweed	19	16%	13	11%	18	20%	10	10%	24	21%	20	13%	29	18%	29	23%	16	10%	18	14%	17	12%	33	21%	<b>246</b>	<b>16%</b>
South Eastern	25	11%	42	19%	22	11%	27	13%	39	15%	28	13%	30	14%	32	15%	24	11%	36	21%	36	18%	40	19%	<b>381</b>	<b>15%</b>
Western	25	6%	44	11%	45	12%	35	9%	48	12%	59	13%	44	10%	35	8%	55	11%	36	10%	42	11%	34	10%	<b>502</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney North	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	2	2%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	3	5%	2	3%	0	0%	<b>17</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney South	1	1%	1	1%	4	2%	4	2%	2	1%	1	1%	4	2%	5	4%	4	2%	5	4%	6	3%	5	4%	<b>42</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	3%	0	0%	2	6%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney West	211	20%	173	18%	163	19%	165	17%	181	17%	201	19%	185	18%	180	20%	175	17%	207	23%	194	19%	188	19%	<b>2,223</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,543</b>	<b>11%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound; that is, seized dogs taken to the pound (see table 19) and dogs that were surrendered and dogs that were dumped.

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 5,543, which represented a 13% decrease (from 6,401) since 2009/10. This represented 11% of all dogs arriving at a pound, which was the same proportion in 2009/10.
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 8 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,223 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of surrendered dogs arriving at pounds, ranging from 2% in the Illawarra, Sydney North, Sydney South and Sydney Inner regions to 19% in the Sydney West region; the percentage exceeded 10% in five other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month ranged from 10% in October to 13% in June
- there has been a 13% decrease in the number of dogs surrendered by their owners from 6,401 in 2009/10 and the proportion of dogs that were surrendered decreased by 2 percentage points, from 13% to 11%.

## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	2	8%	1	4%	3	11%	3	9%	1	2%	2	3%	0	0%	2	5%	2	4%	1	4%	1	2%	2	5%	20	4%
Hunter	11	14%	3	3%	8	7%	17	15%	23	14%	9	5%	9	8%	4	3%	12	10%	8	7%	8	6%	14	15%	126	9%
Illawarra	2	2%	1	2%	2	2%	1	1%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	4	2%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	18	1%
Mid North Coast	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	6	5%	7	8%	6	6%	5	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	27	3%
Murray	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	13%	0	0%	4	6%	0	0%	5	6%	1	4%	0	0%	1	2%	18	3%
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%	3	2%	2	1%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	17	1%
Northern	13	26%	2	5%	12	21%	13	20%	18	14%	46	39%	26	28%	24	20%	34	19%	20	23%	17	21%	14	27%	239	22%
North Western	13	12%	7	5%	5	6%	6	6%	11	8%	10	6%	6	5%	4	3%	26	15%	10	13%	8	15%	2	3%	108	8%
Richmond Tweed	7	18%	3	10%	5	12%	4	12%	6	10%	13	22%	4	7%	3	7%	17	28%	15	29%	18	35%	5	15%	100	18%
South Eastern	8	20%	7	16%	10	14%	11	18%	18	14%	23	25%	11	16%	27	23%	11	11%	13	19%	1	2%	8	15%	148	16%
Western	0	0%	3	6%	1	1%	0	0%	26	25%	40	33%	12	11%	3	4%	3	4%	10	15%	19	24%	8	15%	125	13%
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	27	49%	12	21%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	40	12%
Sydney South	0	0%	2	1%	4	2%	9	3%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%	19	5%	9	2%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	51	1%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney West	69	14%	44	9%	33	8%	75	11%	105	10%	194	17%	127	13%	174	16%	136	12%	161	18%	103	13%	107	19%	1,328	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound; that is, seized cats taken to the pound (see table 21) and cats that were surrendered and dumped

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 2,365, which was a 9% decrease (from 2,593) since 2009/10. This represented 9% of all cats arriving at a pound, which was a decrease of 1 percentage point since 2009/10.
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 0 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,328 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats that were surrendered, ranging from 0% in the Sydney Inner region to 22% in the Northern region; the percentage exceeded 10% in five other regions.
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month ranged from 5% in August to 12% in December.



### 3. Dumped animals (ie: animals dumped at a council pound by members of the public other than their owner(s)).

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	69	40%	73	38%	68	38%	76	37%	76	40%	78	47%	91	45%	64	38%	74	36%	78	37%	71	33%	94	43%	<b>912</b>	<b>39%</b>
Hunter	119	25%	89	23%	102	26%	120	30%	145	31%	171	36%	162	34%	162	36%	111	25%	104	26%	92	22%	102	23%	<b>1,479</b>	<b>28%</b>
Illawarra	118	45%	93	41%	132	56%	120	50%	101	44%	171	58%	147	51%	107	44%	137	50%	122	54%	146	50%	121	45%	<b>1,515</b>	<b>49%</b>
Mid North Coast	13	6%	15	6%	15	7%	10	5%	13	7%	13	7%	7	3%	5	3%	7	3%	10	5%	8	4%	11	5%	<b>127</b>	<b>5%</b>
Murray	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	<b>3</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	103	35%	83	30%	88	34%	95	40%	119	41%	113	39%	118	40%	95	36%	93	30%	81	32%	70	26%	46	21%	<b>1,104</b>	<b>34%</b>
Northern	38	15%	43	21%	24	11%	36	15%	40	19%	29	12%	39	16%	24	11%	29	13%	36	17%	23	10%	28	13%	<b>389</b>	<b>14%</b>
North Western	24	10%	37	12%	37	14%	43	17%	33	12%	38	12%	53	17%	37	15%	51	15%	43	16%	43	15%	51	16%	<b>490</b>	<b>14%</b>
Richmond Tweed	9	8%	2	2%	8	9%	2	2%	3	3%	3	2%	4	3%	17	13%	2	1%	5	4%	3	2%	7	5%	<b>65</b>	<b>4%</b>
South Eastern	26	12%	30	13%	26	13%	21	10%	45	18%	31	14%	25	12%	28	13%	25	11%	17	10%	23	11%	24	11%	<b>321</b>	<b>13%</b>
Western	142	36%	115	30%	114	30%	139	34%	125	31%	183	39%	135	31%	130	32%	175	36%	124	33%	129	32%	106	30%	<b>1,617</b>	<b>33%</b>
Sydney North	11	13%	34	37%	16	20%	18	25%	30	34%	28	33%	22	35%	22	30%	23	32%	19	34%	26	33%	19	24%	<b>268</b>	<b>29%</b>
Sydney South	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	14	7%	1	1%	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	9%	1	3%	7	21%	2	6%	3	8%	5	9%	0	0%	5	16%	8	20%	4	9%	3	7%	4	9%	<b>45</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney West	421	40%	377	40%	290	33%	330	33%	324	31%	405	37%	397	38%	302	33%	323	32%	256	28%	301	30%	285	29%	<b>4,011</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12,365</b>	<b>26%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound; that is, seized dogs taken to the pound, surrendered dogs and dumped dogs (see table 19).

Table 17 shows that:

- the total number of dogs dumped was 12,365, which represented 26% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 3 in the Murray region to 4,011 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the Murray region to 49% in the Illawarra region; the percentage exceeded 10% in all but five regions.
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped each month reached the highest level of 29% in December and the lowest point of 22% in June.
- there has been little change in the number of dogs dumped from the 12,393 dogs dumped in 2009/2010, and the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 25% in 2009/2010.

## 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	23	92%	27	96%	25	89%	30	91%	58	95%	64	96%	76	100%	41	95%	48	96%	26	96%	49	98%	40	95%	<b>507</b>	<b>96%</b>
Hunter	9	12%	3	3%	7	6%	17	15%	29	17%	47	26%	17	15%	14	11%	12	10%	20	18%	17	14%	20	21%	<b>212</b>	<b>15%</b>
Illawarra	98	92%	60	92%	96	89%	125	92%	201	93%	233	93%	207	90%	184	92%	189	89%	205	90%	126	93%	127	83%	<b>1,851</b>	<b>91%</b>
Mid North Coast	10	12%	14	22%	17	30%	28	33%	39	38%	52	41%	24	28%	61	62%	33	35%	49	60%	34	37%	42	45%	<b>403</b>	<b>38%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	88	75%	87	70%	81	77%	92	82%	131	80%	130	79%	170	86%	132	67%	132	73%	64	73%	79	64%	47	72%	<b>1,233</b>	<b>75%</b>
Northern	12	24%	10	26%	11	19%	10	15%	31	25%	28	24%	13	14%	35	29%	38	21%	25	29%	15	19%	7	13%	<b>235</b>	<b>22%</b>
North Western	14	13%	18	13%	11	14%	22	22%	35	26%	69	43%	46	40%	30	21%	30	17%	24	30%	0	0%	3	4%	<b>302</b>	<b>22%</b>
Richmond Tweed	7	18%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	13	22%	0	0%	4	7%	2	5%	6	10%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	<b>36</b>	<b>7%</b>
South Eastern	1	2%	1	2%	9	13%	3	5%	29	22%	23	25%	3	4%	23	19%	13	13%	5	7%	9	16%	11	21%	<b>130</b>	<b>14%</b>
Western	16	24%	7	14%	14	19%	10	17%	42	41%	45	37%	40	36%	11	15%	24	30%	13	20%	23	29%	18	34%	<b>263</b>	<b>28%</b>
Sydney North	6	24%	3	27%	12	71%	11	79%	7	32%	11	20%	34	61%	9	24%	12	27%	5	20%	3	30%	6	27%	<b>119</b>	<b>35%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	11	2%	37	9%	6	1%	14	4%	5	2%	1	0%	<b>75</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	25%	0	0%	1	4%	2	10%	1	5%	1	7%	1	5%	1	7%	7	23%	2	11%	2	10%	0	0%	<b>19</b>	<b>9%</b>
Sydney West	351	72%	389	75%	315	74%	504	74%	786	74%	796	69%	688	70%	773	69%	848	74%	633	69%	530	69%	375	66%	<b>6,988</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>12,375</b>	<b>47%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound; that is, seized cats taken to the pound, surrendered cats and dumped cats (see table 21).

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 12,375, which represented 47% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Murray region to 6,988 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial regional variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the Murray region to 96% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 20% in eight other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped in each month reached the highest level of 49% in the period November to January as well as April and the lowest point of 41% in August and September
- the number of cats dumped has increased by 3.5% from the 11,948 cats dumped in 2009/2010, and the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 46%.

## 4. Animals arriving at a pound

In this chapter, the number of animals arriving at a pound is the sum of the animals that were seized and taken to a pound, the number of animals surrendered to a pound and the number of animals dumped at a pound.

### 4.1 Dogs

Table 19 Number of dogs arriving at a pound by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	174	191	181	204	191	165	203	170	205	209	215	217	<b>2,325</b>
Hunter	474	385	394	398	472	470	480	455	451	402	411	446	<b>5,238</b>
Illawarra	265	227	236	240	227	296	286	242	276	224	292	270	<b>3,081</b>
Mid North Coast	232	241	222	210	184	194	233	174	277	186	204	230	<b>2,587</b>
Murray	135	136	129	125	105	115	139	145	137	125	139	132	<b>1,562</b>
Murrumbidgee	298	276	259	239	289	291	297	261	305	255	273	215	<b>3,258</b>
Northern	256	209	226	238	207	244	250	227	225	211	228	216	<b>2,737</b>
North Western	250	315	271	256	273	312	311	252	342	262	284	321	<b>3,449</b>
Richmond Tweed	118	119	92	101	117	151	157	128	159	133	145	154	<b>1,574</b>
South Eastern	218	227	205	203	255	217	208	216	218	170	202	211	<b>2,550</b>
Western	390	387	383	410	406	469	431	412	489	376	397	354	<b>4,904</b>
Sydney North	83	93	82	73	88	84	63	73	72	56	78	79	<b>924</b>
Sydney South	129	155	161	177	173	173	171	142	174	126	196	139	<b>1,916</b>
Sydney Inner	32	39	33	35	36	56	33	32	41	46	42	46	<b>471</b>
Sydney West	1,046	945	869	987	1,062	1,082	1,057	915	1,014	904	999	971	<b>11,851</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>4,085</b>	<b>4,319</b>	<b>4,319</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>4,385</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>48,427</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 48,427
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 471 in the Sydney Inner region to 11,851 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs reported to be arriving at a pound in total (all regions) each month ranged from 3,685 in April to 4,385 in March
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound has decreased by 3% from the 49,958 dogs recorded in 2009/2010.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	2,325	29
Hunter	5,238	29
Illawarra	3,081	30
Mid North Coast	2,587	31
Murray	1,562	48
Murrumbidgee	3,258	69
Northern	2,737	44
North Western	3,449	85
Richmond Tweed	1,574	29
South Eastern	2,550	41
Western	4,904	75
Sydney North	924	8
Sydney South	1,916	16
Sydney Inner	471	10
Sydney West	11,851	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,427</b>	<b>34</b>

<sup>†</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 20 shows that:

- 34 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 8 in the Sydney North region to 85 in the North Western region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 38 in 2009/2010.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	25	28	28	33	61	67	76	43	50	27	50	42	<b>530</b>
Hunter	77	89	113	112	168	184	113	129	125	114	125	95	<b>1,444</b>
Illawarra	107	65	108	136	215	251	230	200	212	229	135	153	<b>2,041</b>
Mid North Coast	82	64	56	86	103	128	85	99	93	82	92	93	<b>1,063</b>
Murray	33	49	30	18	32	62	62	73	80	26	45	41	<b>551</b>
Murrumbidgee	117	125	105	112	164	164	197	198	182	88	123	65	<b>1,640</b>
Northern	50	38	58	66	125	117	93	121	179	87	80	52	<b>1,066</b>
North Western	112	137	81	100	134	162	115	140	173	80	52	71	<b>1,357</b>
Richmond Tweed	39	29	42	33	59	58	54	43	60	51	51	34	<b>553</b>
South Eastern	41	43	70	60	131	92	68	120	103	70	57	52	<b>907</b>
Western	67	49	72	60	103	122	112	72	80	65	80	53	<b>935</b>
Sydney North	25	11	17	14	22	55	56	38	45	25	10	22	<b>340</b>
Sydney South	257	249	223	272	434	399	470	397	417	330	303	258	<b>4,009</b>
Sydney Inner	4	7	25	20	22	15	22	15	30	19	21	15	<b>215</b>
Sydney West	485	516	425	677	1,063	1,157	989	1,113	1,152	915	769	565	<b>9,826</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>26,477</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 26,477
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 215 in the Sydney Inner region to 9,826 in the Sydney West region
- the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) in each of the months November through March exceeded 2,500 with the maximum of 3,033 occurring in December. The number of cats arriving at a pound in the remaining months was below 2,300 with a minimum of 1,453 in September
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats arriving at a pound has increased by 2% from the 25,982 cats reported in 2009/2010.

Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2010/2011

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	530	21
Hunter	1,444	30
Illawarra	2,041	72
Mid North Coast	1,063	56
Murray	551	76
Murrumbidgee	1,640	176
Northern	1,066	93
North Western	1,357	239
Richmond Tweed	553	41
South Eastern	907	75
Western	935	65
Sydney North	340	6
Sydney South	4,009	74
Sydney Inner	215	6
Sydney West	9,826	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,477</b>	<b>61</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 22 shows that:

- 61 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 6 in the Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 239 in the North Western region
- Seven of the other regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 70
- the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats has decreased from 65 in 2009/2010.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	80	46%	104	54%	107	59%	120	59%	103	54%	97	59%	101	50%	93	55%	113	55%	110	53%	132	61%	133	61%	<b>1,293</b>	<b>56%</b>
Hunter	211	45%	193	50%	192	49%	161	40%	220	47%	195	41%	178	37%	160	35%	198	44%	157	39%	176	43%	183	41%	<b>2,224</b>	<b>42%</b>
Illawarra	124	47%	137	60%	116	49%	123	51%	135	59%	176	59%	158	55%	126	52%	129	47%	132	59%	155	53%	143	53%	<b>1,654</b>	<b>54%</b>
Mid North Coast	109	47%	86	36%	82	37%	105	50%	57	31%	67	35%	90	39%	68	39%	104	38%	80	43%	84	41%	103	45%	<b>1,035</b>	<b>40%</b>
Murray	46	34%	57	42%	74	57%	58	46%	58	55%	46	40%	78	56%	70	48%	83	61%	65	52%	82	59%	74	56%	<b>791</b>	<b>51%</b>
Murrumbidgee	87	29%	124	45%	97	37%	71	30%	81	28%	109	37%	111	37%	90	34%	117	38%	95	37%	96	35%	81	38%	<b>1,159</b>	<b>36%</b>
Northern	68	27%	65	31%	50	22%	66	28%	59	29%	61	25%	54	22%	56	25%	67	30%	58	27%	67	29%	76	35%	<b>747</b>	<b>27%</b>
North Western	95	38%	109	35%	106	39%	91	36%	83	30%	104	33%	88	28%	85	34%	107	31%	81	31%	89	31%	93	29%	<b>1,131</b>	<b>33%</b>
Richmond Tweed	61	52%	64	54%	35	38%	50	50%	50	43%	71	47%	72	46%	59	46%	80	50%	73	55%	88	61%	74	48%	<b>777</b>	<b>49%</b>
South Eastern	120	55%	123	54%	120	59%	113	56%	129	51%	106	49%	108	52%	113	52%	120	55%	92	54%	101	50%	103	49%	<b>1,348</b>	<b>53%</b>
Western	133	34%	139	36%	117	31%	146	36%	126	31%	133	28%	109	25%	130	32%	136	28%	116	31%	136	34%	123	35%	<b>1,544</b>	<b>31%</b>
Sydney North	66	80%	84	90%	71	87%	67	92%	72	82%	73	87%	55	87%	59	81%	67	93%	47	84%	68	87%	70	89%	<b>799</b>	<b>86%</b>
Sydney South	86	67%	84	54%	89	55%	102	58%	94	54%	90	52%	110	64%	65	46%	112	64%	81	64%	97	49%	65	47%	<b>1,075</b>	<b>56%</b>
Sydney Inner	17	53%	25	64%	30	91%	25	71%	16	44%	23	41%	10	30%	20	63%	15	37%	22	48%	30	71%	26	57%	<b>259</b>	<b>55%</b>
Sydney West	361	35%	338	36%	298	34%	368	37%	355	33%	362	33%	365	35%	297	32%	379	37%	286	32%	340	34%	344	35%	<b>4,093</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>19,929</b>	<b>41%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 19)

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 19,929, which represented 41% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 259 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,093 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 27% in the Northern region to 86% in the Sydney North region; seven regions released half or more of the dogs arriving at a pound to their owner.
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant: the percentages ranged from 39% in January and February to 44% in August

- the monthly variation in dogs released to their owner was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of dogs released to their owner has decreased by 2% from the 19,512 dogs reported in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound released to their owner has increased from 39%.



Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	7	4%	11	6%	12	7%	19	9%	16	8%	19	12%	22	11%	10	6%	17	8%	14	7%	21	10%	25	12%	<b>193</b>	<b>8%</b>
Hunter	115	24%	74	19%	61	15%	71	18%	84	18%	106	23%	95	20%	91	20%	113	25%	114	28%	92	22%	86	19%	<b>1,102</b>	<b>21%</b>
Illawarra	41	15%	23	10%	34	14%	29	12%	26	11%	40	14%	47	16%	68	28%	69	25%	48	21%	49	17%	71	26%	<b>545</b>	<b>18%</b>
Mid North Coast	76	33%	103	43%	105	47%	94	45%	75	41%	103	53%	85	36%	65	37%	124	45%	70	38%	86	42%	82	36%	<b>1,068</b>	<b>41%</b>
Murray	52	39%	39	29%	32	25%	36	29%	20	19%	34	30%	26	19%	29	20%	21	15%	25	20%	26	19%	27	20%	<b>367</b>	<b>23%</b>
Murrumbidgee	124	42%	94	34%	85	33%	74	31%	113	39%	107	37%	95	32%	74	28%	109	36%	104	41%	104	38%	71	33%	<b>1,154</b>	<b>35%</b>
Northern	132	52%	126	60%	136	60%	126	53%	125	60%	151	62%	167	67%	121	53%	117	52%	106	50%	112	49%	101	47%	<b>1,520</b>	<b>56%</b>
North Western	74	30%	106	34%	99	37%	75	29%	128	47%	116	37%	99	32%	79	31%	121	35%	124	47%	111	39%	131	41%	<b>1,263</b>	<b>37%</b>
Richmond Tweed	34	29%	17	14%	19	21%	29	29%	25	21%	55	36%	25	16%	27	21%	33	21%	21	16%	24	17%	24	16%	<b>333</b>	<b>21%</b>
South Eastern	63	29%	71	31%	58	28%	56	28%	77	30%	59	27%	66	32%	65	30%	54	25%	58	34%	63	31%	57	27%	<b>747</b>	<b>29%</b>
Western	179	46%	176	45%	182	48%	190	46%	199	49%	221	47%	233	54%	204	50%	245	50%	190	51%	177	45%	167	47%	<b>2,363</b>	<b>48%</b>
Sydney North	4	5%	4	4%	5	6%	2	3%	3	3%	7	8%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	3	5%	4	5%	3	4%	<b>39</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney South	26	20%	16	10%	15	9%	17	10%	21	12%	29	17%	7	4%	15	11%	21	12%	15	12%	18	9%	18	13%	<b>218</b>	<b>11%</b>
Sydney Inner	7	22%	8	21%	1	3%	3	9%	3	8%	6	11%	3	9%	7	22%	2	5%	11	24%	3	7%	2	4%	<b>56</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney West	249	24%	195	21%	203	23%	161	16%	267	25%	314	29%	242	23%	213	23%	234	23%	190	21%	228	23%	197	20%	<b>2,693</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>13,661</b>	<b>28%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 19)

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 13,661, which represented 28% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 39 in the Sydney North region to 2,693 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 4% in the Sydney North region to 56% in the Northern region; no other region euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month ranged from 25% in October to 32% in December
- the monthly variation in dogs euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of dogs euthanased has decreased by 12% from the 15,461 dogs reported in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 31% to 28%.

**Additional comments (to table 24):**

- 10,975 dogs were euthanased due to inability to re-home or because they were deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing, which was a decrease of 7% from 11,832 in 2009/2010. This represented 80% of all dogs euthanased, up from 77% in 2009/10 (NB: the figures should be interpreted with caution as in 2009/10, the “euthanased – unable to re-home” category also captured those dogs deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing).
- 1,271 dogs were euthanased at their owner’s request, a decrease of 36% from 1,998 in 2009/2010.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	31	18%	40	21%	25	14%	33	16%	25	13%	23	14%	26	13%	24	14%	27	13%	28	13%	18	8%	17	8%	317	14%
Hunter	18	4%	18	5%	28	7%	25	6%	20	4%	19	4%	20	4%	13	3%	21	5%	25	6%	25	6%	17	4%	249	5%
Illawarra	11	4%	6	3%	13	6%	10	4%	10	4%	9	3%	12	4%	15	6%	8	3%	9	4%	9	3%	10	4%	122	4%
Mid North Coast	20	9%	27	11%	17	8%	13	6%	15	8%	15	8%	24	10%	12	7%	18	6%	10	5%	11	5%	19	8%	201	8%
Murray	23	17%	19	14%	21	16%	10	8%	20	19%	10	9%	17	12%	31	21%	23	17%	21	17%	15	11%	12	9%	222	14%
Murrumbidgee	24	8%	11	4%	15	6%	11	5%	20	7%	13	4%	16	5%	24	9%	20	7%	5	2%	8	3%	4	2%	171	5%
Northern	16	6%	15	7%	13	6%	8	3%	7	3%	9	4%	19	8%	13	6%	11	5%	14	7%	19	8%	10	5%	154	6%
North Western	4	2%	4	1%	3	1%	5	2%	2	1%	4	1%	2	1%	7	3%	8	2%	6	2%	12	4%	7	2%	64	2%
Richmond Tweed	15	13%	15	13%	12	13%	23	23%	13	11%	18	12%	17	11%	16	13%	10	6%	24	18%	20	14%	26	17%	209	13%
South Eastern	16	7%	20	9%	15	7%	14	7%	19	7%	24	11%	23	11%	16	7%	23	11%	16	9%	21	10%	18	9%	225	9%
Western	17	4%	15	4%	11	3%	11	3%	16	4%	15	3%	21	5%	21	5%	14	3%	13	3%	12	3%	11	3%	177	4%
Sydney North	4	5%	6	6%	3	4%	2	3%	3	3%	3	4%	6	10%	6	8%	3	4%	1	2%	4	5%	1	1%	42	5%
Sydney South	28	22%	25	16%	25	16%	25	14%	26	15%	27	16%	27	16%	23	16%	27	16%	23	18%	22	11%	26	19%	304	16%
Sydney Inner	7	22%	7	18%	6	18%	9	26%	10	28%	9	16%	22	67%	14	44%	12	29%	15	33%	9	21%	13	28%	133	28%
Sydney West	231	22%	176	19%	184	21%	206	21%	193	18%	196	18%	230	22%	181	20%	226	22%	181	20%	188	19%	186	19%	2,378	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>10%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 19)

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 4,968, which represented 10% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 42 in the Sydney North region to 2,378 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold, ranging from 2% in the North Western region to 28% in the Sydney Inner region; in nine regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month ranged from 9% in December and June to 11% in July, January, February and April; in 2009/2010 the monthly figures ranged from 9% to 13%
- the monthly variation in dogs sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of dogs sold has decreased by 6% from 5,296 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold has decreased from 11% in 2009/10.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	56	32%	39	20%	22	12%	23	11%	37	19%	36	22%	42	21%	45	26%	37	18%	43	21%	37	17%	51	24%	<b>468</b>	<b>20%</b>
Hunter	137	29%	112	29%	102	26%	151	38%	127	27%	147	31%	168	35%	160	35%	138	31%	115	29%	134	33%	139	31%	<b>1,630</b>	<b>31%</b>
Illawarra	90	34%	61	27%	61	26%	78	33%	57	25%	72	24%	59	21%	53	22%	43	16%	44	20%	65	22%	54	20%	<b>737</b>	<b>24%</b>
Mid North Coast	13	6%	22	9%	19	9%	17	8%	15	8%	25	13%	21	9%	37	21%	31	11%	16	9%	26	13%	26	11%	<b>268</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murray	18	13%	13	10%	8	6%	11	9%	12	11%	15	13%	11	8%	14	10%	12	9%	7	6%	15	11%	18	14%	<b>154</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murrumbidgee	55	18%	73	26%	57	22%	74	31%	76	26%	62	21%	60	20%	65	25%	57	19%	47	18%	64	23%	49	23%	<b>739</b>	<b>23%</b>
Northern	27	11%	16	8%	20	9%	28	12%	22	11%	26	11%	12	5%	26	11%	21	9%	39	18%	34	15%	23	11%	<b>294</b>	<b>11%</b>
North Western	63	25%	96	30%	62	23%	71	28%	63	23%	87	28%	111	36%	72	29%	101	30%	66	25%	67	24%	93	29%	<b>952</b>	<b>28%</b>
Richmond Tweed	11	9%	17	14%	18	20%	14	14%	14	12%	11	7%	20	13%	31	24%	32	20%	18	14%	25	17%	24	16%	<b>235</b>	<b>15%</b>
South Eastern	27	12%	13	6%	17	8%	21	10%	25	10%	23	11%	24	12%	26	12%	17	8%	16	9%	12	6%	27	13%	<b>248</b>	<b>10%</b>
Western	59	15%	36	9%	79	21%	56	14%	53	13%	68	14%	61	14%	58	14%	72	15%	98	26%	59	15%	65	18%	<b>764</b>	<b>16%</b>
Sydney North	4	5%	4	4%	2	2%	1	1%	6	7%	2	2%	4	6%	5	7%	3	4%	1	2%	4	5%	7	9%	<b>43</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney South	15	12%	24	15%	28	17%	22	12%	29	17%	34	20%	27	16%	24	17%	19	11%	15	12%	26	13%	31	22%	<b>294</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sydney Inner	2	6%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	3	8%	3	5%	3	9%	0	0%	2	5%	1	2%	0	0%	2	4%	<b>17</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney West	205	20%	198	21%	154	18%	168	17%	210	20%	214	20%	217	21%	156	17%	169	17%	181	20%	211	21%	219	23%	<b>2,302</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>9,145</b>	<b>19%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 19)

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 9,145, which represented 19% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 17 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,302 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing, ranging from 4% in the Sydney Inner region to 31% in the Hunter region; in four regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was 10% or less
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month ranged from 17% in September and March to 21% in June
- the monthly variation in dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing has increased by 14% from 8,052 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 16%.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2010/2011

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	193	8%	468	20%	317	14%	1,293	56%
Hunter	1,102	21%	1,630	31%	249	5%	2,224	42%
Illawarra	545	18%	737	24%	122	4%	1,654	54%
Mid North Coast	1,068	41%	268	10%	201	8%	1,035	40%
Murray	367	23%	154	10%	222	14%	791	51%
Murrumbidgee	1,154	35%	739	23%	171	5%	1,159	36%
Northern	1,520	56%	294	11%	154	6%	747	27%
North Western	1,263	37%	952	28%	64	2%	1,131	33%
Richmond Tweed	333	21%	235	15%	209	13%	777	49%
South Eastern	747	29%	248	10%	225	9%	1,348	53%
Western	2,363	48%	764	16%	177	4%	1,544	31%
Sydney North	39	4%	43	5%	42	5%	799	86%
Sydney South	218	11%	294	15%	304	16%	1,075	56%
Sydney Inner	56	12%	17	4%	133	28%	259	55%
Sydney West	2,693	23%	2,302	19%	2,378	20%	4,093	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,661</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9,145</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>19,929</b>	<b>41%</b>

Table 27 summarises tables 23-26. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were most commonly released to their owner followed by euthanased. There were considerably more dogs released to an organisation for re-homing than sold. These two categories together account for approximately 30% of all dogs arriving at a pound.

In eleven regions, released to their owner was the most common outcome, followed by euthanased (in four regions), released to an organisation for re-homing (in four regions) and sold (two regions). The most common outcome in the remaining four regions was euthanased. All regions where euthanased was the most common outcome were rural regions. However, the Murray and Murrumbidgee regions were the only rural regions where euthanased was not the most common outcome.

In comparison to 2009/2010, the percentages for the different outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound have increased from 39% to 41% for dogs released to their owner and by and from 16% to 19% for dogs released to an organisation for re-homing. This has been largely at the expense of euthanased which has decreased from 31% to 28%.

## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	2	8%	1	4%	2	7%	1	3%	4	7%	3	4%	1	1%	0	0%	4	8%	1	4%	3	6%	2	5%	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>
Hunter	5	6%	4	4%	4	4%	5	4%	7	4%	4	2%	10	9%	5	4%	1	1%	4	4%	10	8%	5	5%	<b>64</b>	<b>4%</b>
Illawarra	6	6%	9	14%	6	6%	4	3%	9	4%	5	2%	9	4%	6	3%	10	5%	5	2%	13	10%	7	5%	<b>89</b>	<b>4%</b>
Mid North Coast	18	22%	7	11%	0	0%	2	2%	2	2%	5	4%	2	2%	3	3%	1	1%	1	1%	4	4%	2	2%	<b>47</b>	<b>4%</b>
Murray	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	4	22%	2	6%	1	2%	2	3%	2	3%	1	1%	2	8%	4	9%	4	10%	<b>24</b>	<b>4%</b>
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	3	2%	3	3%	2	2%	3	2%	0	0%	3	2%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	3	5%	<b>24</b>	<b>1%</b>
Northern	1	2%	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>
North Western	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%	3	4%	1	2%	0	0%	<b>14</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Tweed	5	13%	3	10%	1	2%	2	6%	4	7%	2	3%	1	2%	2	5%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	8	24%	<b>32</b>	<b>6%</b>
South Eastern	5	12%	3	7%	2	3%	0	0%	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	2	3%	4	7%	3	6%	<b>26</b>	<b>3%</b>
Western	1	1%	1	2%	1	1%	3	5%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	4	5%	1	2%	<b>14</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	4	16%	1	9%	4	24%	1	7%	2	9%	1	2%	5	9%	1	3%	8	18%	4	16%	0	0%	1	5%	<b>32</b>	<b>9%</b>
Sydney South	21	8%	8	3%	12	5%	12	4%	29	7%	20	5%	1	0%	0	0%	9	2%	26	8%	5	2%	8	3%	<b>151</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	25%	1	14%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	1	7%	1	3%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	<b>7</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney West	20	4%	13	3%	12	3%	12	2%	15	1%	7	1%	8	1%	13	1%	26	2%	8	1%	18	2%	12	2%	<b>164</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see table 21)

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 724, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 7 in the Sydney Inner region to 164 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner ranged from 1% in the Murrumbidgee, Northern, North Western and Western regions to 9% in the Sydney North region
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year. The monthly variations observed appear to be driven by random changes on the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats released to their owner has increased by 11% from 653 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained unchanged.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	10	40%	16	57%	7	25%	5	15%	14	23%	10	15%	52	68%	36	84%	20	40%	9	33%	14	28%	29	69%	<b>222</b>	<b>42%</b>
Hunter	31	40%	40	45%	63	56%	53	47%	80	48%	84	46%	51	45%	46	36%	79	63%	61	54%	48	38%	40	42%	<b>676</b>	<b>47%</b>
Illawarra	49	46%	30	46%	29	27%	64	47%	112	52%	145	58%	108	47%	115	58%	115	54%	117	51%	63	47%	81	53%	<b>1,028</b>	<b>50%</b>
Mid North Coast	51	62%	43	67%	38	68%	44	51%	68	66%	120	94%	60	71%	58	59%	83	89%	81	99%	50	54%	55	59%	<b>751</b>	<b>71%</b>
Murray	28	85%	30	61%	24	80%	14	78%	12	38%	46	74%	37	60%	51	70%	44	55%	16	62%	23	51%	25	61%	<b>350</b>	<b>64%</b>
Murrumbidgee	111	95%	101	81%	93	89%	66	59%	91	55%	170	104%	162	82%	144	73%	180	99%	64	73%	97	79%	40	62%	<b>1,319</b>	<b>80%</b>
Northern	46	92%	34	89%	51	88%	58	88%	114	91%	102	87%	82	88%	90	74%	163	91%	79	91%	67	84%	45	87%	<b>931</b>	<b>87%</b>
North Western	86	77%	86	63%	61	75%	62	62%	89	66%	53	33%	41	36%	49	35%	107	62%	33	41%	34	65%	41	58%	<b>742</b>	<b>55%</b>
Richmond Tweed	29	74%	14	48%	13	31%	20	61%	10	17%	40	69%	10	19%	16	37%	22	37%	15	29%	19	37%	8	24%	<b>216</b>	<b>39%</b>
South Eastern	29	71%	28	65%	54	77%	40	67%	97	74%	75	82%	49	72%	78	65%	80	78%	57	81%	38	67%	27	52%	<b>652</b>	<b>72%</b>
Western	63	94%	50	102%	50	69%	66	110%	88	85%	108	89%	99	88%	66	92%	73	91%	65	100%	56	70%	52	98%	<b>836</b>	<b>89%</b>
Sydney North	15	60%	10	91%	8	47%	6	43%	16	73%	46	84%	45	80%	24	63%	17	38%	15	60%	7	70%	9	41%	<b>218</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney South	172	67%	152	61%	111	50%	154	57%	329	76%	315	79%	345	73%	288	73%	302	72%	211	64%	215	71%	166	64%	<b>2,760</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	75%	2	29%	20	80%	7	35%	10	45%	14	93%	10	45%	12	80%	18	60%	12	63%	12	57%	12	80%	<b>132</b>	<b>61%</b>
Sydney West	320	66%	348	67%	271	64%	357	53%	738	69%	1,001	87%	754	76%	861	77%	897	78%	710	78%	514	67%	387	68%	<b>7,158</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>17,991</b>	<b>68%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see table 21)

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 17,991, which represented 68% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 132 in the Sydney Inner region to 7,158 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 39% in the Richmond Tweed region to 89% in the Western region; in all but five of the regions more than 60% of the cats that arrived at a pound were euthanased
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month ranged from 56% in October to 77% in December
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats euthanased has increased by 3% from 17,407 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has increased from 67%.

**Additional comments (to table 29):**

- 15,261 cats were euthanased due to inability to re-home or were deemed unsuitable for re-homing and this represented 85% of all cats euthanased; a further 530 cats were euthanased at their owner's request, a decrease of 43%, from 925 in 2009/2010.
- There has been an increase of 3% from the 14,813 cats in 2009/2010 that were euthanased due to inability to re-home. As a percentage of all cats euthanased, this has remained unchanged at 68% (NB: in 2009/10, the "euthanased – unable to re-home" category also captured those cats deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing).
- The number of cats euthanased at their owner's request has decreased by 42% from 925 in 2009/10.



Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	16	64%	19	68%	19	68%	8	24%	24	39%	24	36%	22	29%	11	26%	16	32%	7	26%	17	34%	10	24%	<b>193</b>	<b>36%</b>
Hunter	5	6%	6	7%	3	3%	5	4%	4	2%	4	2%	4	4%	4	3%	3	2%	4	4%	3	2%	6	6%	<b>51</b>	<b>4%</b>
Illawarra	23	21%	5	8%	7	6%	7	5%	8	4%	19	8%	15	7%	15	8%	17	8%	17	7%	24	18%	10	7%	<b>167</b>	<b>8%</b>
Mid North Coast	7	9%	10	16%	9	16%	20	23%	12	12%	6	5%	12	14%	0	0%	5	5%	0	0%	7	8%	7	8%	<b>95</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	5	15%	10	20%	13	43%	3	17%	6	19%	15	24%	14	23%	7	10%	32	40%	11	42%	11	24%	5	12%	<b>132</b>	<b>24%</b>
Murrumbidgee	1	1%	5	4%	3	3%	5	4%	5	3%	8	5%	15	8%	4	2%	4	2%	7	8%	8	7%	7	11%	<b>72</b>	<b>4%</b>
Northern	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4	5%	0	0%	<b>11</b>	<b>1%</b>
North Western	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	2	3%	<b>5</b>	<b>0%</b>
Richmond Tweed	5	13%	7	24%	6	14%	10	30%	6	10%	9	16%	15	28%	11	26%	10	17%	17	33%	21	41%	15	44%	<b>132</b>	<b>24%</b>
South Eastern	6	15%	4	9%	4	6%	10	17%	7	5%	7	8%	7	10%	8	7%	12	12%	5	7%	3	5%	6	12%	<b>79</b>	<b>9%</b>
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3	4%	2	4%	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	4	16%	3	27%	2	12%	3	21%	5	23%	2	4%	7	13%	7	18%	5	11%	6	24%	2	20%	4	18%	<b>50</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sydney South	56	22%	45	18%	25	11%	32	12%	30	7%	41	10%	43	9%	49	12%	59	14%	38	12%	55	18%	23	9%	<b>496</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney Inner	4	100%	13	186%	3	12%	5	25%	3	14%	2	13%	4	18%	2	13%	5	17%	5	26%	7	33%	5	33%	<b>58</b>	<b>27%</b>
Sydney West	59	12%	45	9%	36	8%	44	6%	60	6%	65	6%	87	9%	73	7%	75	7%	73	8%	87	11%	72	13%	<b>776</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see table 21)

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 2,324, which represented 9% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 5 in the North Western region to 776 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were sold, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the North Western region to 36% in the Central Coast region; in nine regions the percentage sold was 10% or less
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied over the year from 6% in November to a maximum of 13% in July and May
- the monthly variation in cats sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats sold has increased by 11% from 2,086 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were sold has increased from 8%.

Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2010/2011

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	5	20%	1	4%	0	0%	2	6%	6	10%	0	0%	3	4%	3	7%	2	4%	2	7%	0	0%	4	10%	28	5%
Hunter	16	21%	19	21%	18	16%	46	41%	69	41%	66	36%	62	55%	42	33%	63	50%	42	37%	57	46%	46	48%	546	38%
Illawarra	47	44%	33	51%	46	43%	50	37%	71	33%	89	35%	78	34%	69	35%	62	29%	85	37%	53	39%	49	32%	732	36%
Mid North Coast	7	9%	6	9%	3	5%	11	13%	13	13%	10	8%	14	16%	14	14%	13	14%	13	16%	26	28%	14	15%	144	14%
Murray	1	3%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	5	16%	1	2%	4	6%	9	12%	1	1%	0	0%	2	4%	4	10%	28	5%
Murrumbidgee	13	11%	14	11%	7	7%	32	29%	40	24%	13	8%	6	3%	31	16%	15	8%	15	17%	16	13%	15	23%	217	13%
Northern	6	12%	5	13%	2	3%	6	9%	3	2%	22	19%	6	6%	22	18%	20	11%	9	10%	8	10%	2	4%	111	10%
North Western	33	29%	39	28%	23	28%	26	26%	54	40%	98	60%	80	70%	77	55%	69	40%	47	59%	28	54%	25	35%	599	44%
Richmond Tweed	7	18%	7	24%	4	10%	12	36%	28	47%	16	28%	14	26%	15	35%	11	18%	22	43%	19	37%	4	12%	159	29%
South Eastern	4	10%	4	9%	12	17%	6	10%	22	17%	8	9%	8	12%	24	20%	12	12%	12	17%	7	12%	13	25%	132	15%
Western	0	0%	3	6%	1	1%	2	3%	6	6%	11	9%	10	9%	5	7%	0	0%	3	5%	4	5%	1	2%	46	5%
Sydney North	3	12%	2	18%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	4	11%	8	18%	7	28%	2	20%	1	5%	28	8%
Sydney South	17	7%	51	20%	64	29%	60	22%	59	14%	18	5%	30	6%	41	10%	40	10%	30	9%	31	10%	58	22%	499	12%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	14%	1	4%	7	35%	3	14%	1	7%	1	5%	1	7%	2	7%	3	16%	1	5%	2	13%	23	11%
Sydney West	108	22%	89	17%	96	23%	140	21%	211	20%	110	10%	87	9%	150	13%	131	11%	114	12%	140	18%	106	19%	1,482	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>18%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see table 21)

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 4,774, which represented 18% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 23 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,482 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing, ranging from 5% in the Central Coast, Murray and Western regions to 44% in the North Western region; in four regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was 10% or less
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month ranged from a minimum of 15% in December, January and March to a maximum of 22% in October
- the monthly variation in cats released to an organisation for re-homing was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing increased by 25% from 3,830 in 2009/2010, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing increased from 15%.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2010/2011

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	222	42%	28	5%	193	36%	24	5%
Hunter	676	47%	546	38%	51	4%	64	4%
Illawarra	1,028	50%	732	36%	167	8%	89	4%
Mid North Coast	751	71%	144	14%	95	9%	47	4%
Murray	350	64%	28	5%	132	24%	24	4%
Murrumbidgee	1,319	80%	217	13%	72	4%	24	1%
Northern	931	87%	111	10%	11	1%	12	1%
North Western	742	55%	599	44%	5	0%	14	1%
Richmond Tweed	216	39%	159	29%	132	24%	32	6%
South Eastern	652	72%	132	15%	79	9%	26	3%
Western	836	89%	46	4.9%	7	0.7%	14	1.5%
Sydney North	218	64%	28	8%	50	15%	32	9%
Sydney South	2,760	69%	499	12%	496	12%	151	4%
Sydney Inner	132	61%	23	11%	58	27%	7	3%
Sydney West	7,158	73%	1,482	15.1%	776	7.90%	164	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,991</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>4,774</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>3%</b>

Table 32 summarises tables 28-31. It shows that most (approximately two-thirds) cats arriving at a pound were euthanased. There were more than twice as many cats released to an organisation for re-homing as cats sold. These two categories together account for approximately one-quarter of all cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were released to their owner.

Euthanased was the most common outcome in all 15 regions and accounted for more than half the cats leaving a pound in twelve regions. The second most common outcome in eleven of the regions was released to an organisation for re-homing and in the remaining four regions the second most common outcome was sold.

The changes in the percentages for the different outcomes for cats arriving at a pound since 2009/2010 have been relatively small, the largest being an increase from 15% to 18% for released to organisation for re-homing. The other categories changed by no more than 1 percentage point.

## Appendix 1 List of councils which comprise each geographic region

*Note: all councils responded to the survey of animal pound data*

Central Coast	Gosford, Wyong
Hunter	Cessnock, Dungog, Gloucester, Great Lakes, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter
Illawarra	Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Wollongong
Mid North Coast	Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Greater Taree, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Kempsey, Nambucca
Murray	Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Conargo, Corowa, Deniliquin, Greater Hume, Jerilderie, Murray, Tumbarumba, Urana, Wakool, Wentworth
Murrumbidgee	Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Griffith, Gundagai, Hay, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Temora, Tumut, Wagga Wagga
Northern	Armidale Dumaresq, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Guyra, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha
North Western	Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle, Wellington
Richmond Tweed	Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed
South Eastern	Bega Valley, Bombala, Boorowa, Cooma-Monaro, Eurobodalla, Goulburn, Mulwaree, Harden, Palerang, Queanbeyan, Snowy River, Upper Lachlan, Yass Valley, Young
Western	Bathurst Regional, Bland, Blayney, Broken Hill, Cabonne, Central Darling, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin

Sydney North	Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah, Willoughby
Sydney South	Bankstown, Botany Bay, Canterbury, Hurstville, Kogarah, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley, Woollahra
Sydney Inner	Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Strathfield, Sydney City
Sydney West	Auburn, Hills, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, Wollondilly

## Appendix 2 Number of identified animals as at 30 June 2011 – allocated to council areas

<b>Region</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
Central Coast	24,791	78,958
Hunter	47,507	182,603
Illawarra	28,368	104,311
Mid North Coast	18,968	83,594
Murray	7,247	32,649
Murrumbidgee	9,319	47,525
Northern	11,485	62,586
North Western	5,688	40,631
Richmond Tweed	13,538	53,523
South Eastern	12,115	62,334
Western	14,305	65,506
Sydney North	54,449	110,699
Sydney South	54,510	117,909
Sydney Inner	35,175	48,779
Sydney West	98,821	332,869
<b>Total used in analysis</b>	<b>436,286</b>	<b>1,424,476</b>

Note: the entries in the table exclude companion animals in the unallocated western region of NSW and animals where the Register entry does not record a council area.

### Observations

- approximately 23% of all identified dogs and of all identified cats were located in the Sydney West region
- across NSW the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 3.3 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.4 to 1. In the North Western region the ratio was 7.1 to 1.
- the number of identified cats has increased by 9% from 399,019 at 30 June 2010 and the number of identified dogs has increased by 7% from 1,325,905.