



Animal Services Operations

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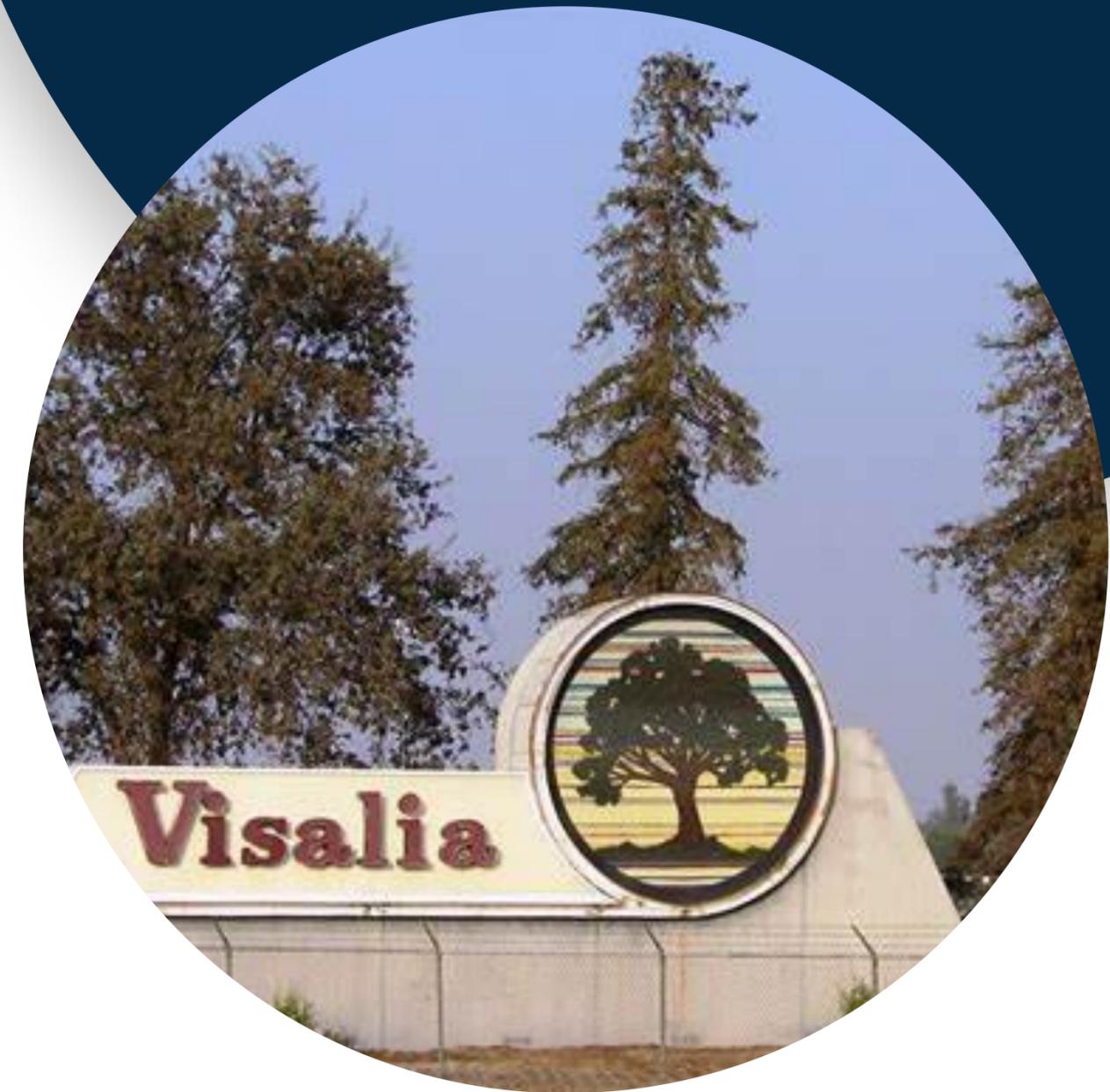


Shelter Manager

Candace Harrington

BS Animal Science from Cal Poly

- 8 years in Animal Sheltering
 - San Jose Animal Care Center - 16,000 yearly intake, in charge of Adoption, Foster, TNR
 - San Antonio Animal Care Services - 33,000 yearly intake, lead a team that found rescue placement for 13,000 animals a year and managed 1,300 animals in foster care a year.
- Started Shelter Paws program for Tulare County Animal Services



Mission

- Promote and ensure public health and safety
- Facilitate responsible pet ownership
- Humanely and responsibly care for the animals in our care
- Provide prompt and courteous service to our customers
- Provide education and positive enforcement efforts



Shelter Services



RTO

Return to Owner in the field is the first step in getting animals back safely to their homes



Adoption

Pairing up unclaimed animals with new families



Rabies License

State Law requires dogs and cats over 4 months of age to have been given a rabies vaccine, License proves owners are in compliance.



TNR

Trap Neuter and Release program that fix feral cats in the Visalia Community

Stray Dog and Cat Holding Period

State Law holding period for impounded stray dogs and cats in a public shelter

- 72 hours from the moment of capture for all purposes (euthanasia, adoption or transfer)
- Current statutes Haydens Law is not in effect (F&AC. §§31108 and 31752) because the longer times there are unfunded mandates and therefore not in effect for public shelters.



Visalia Animal Services

Hold Period

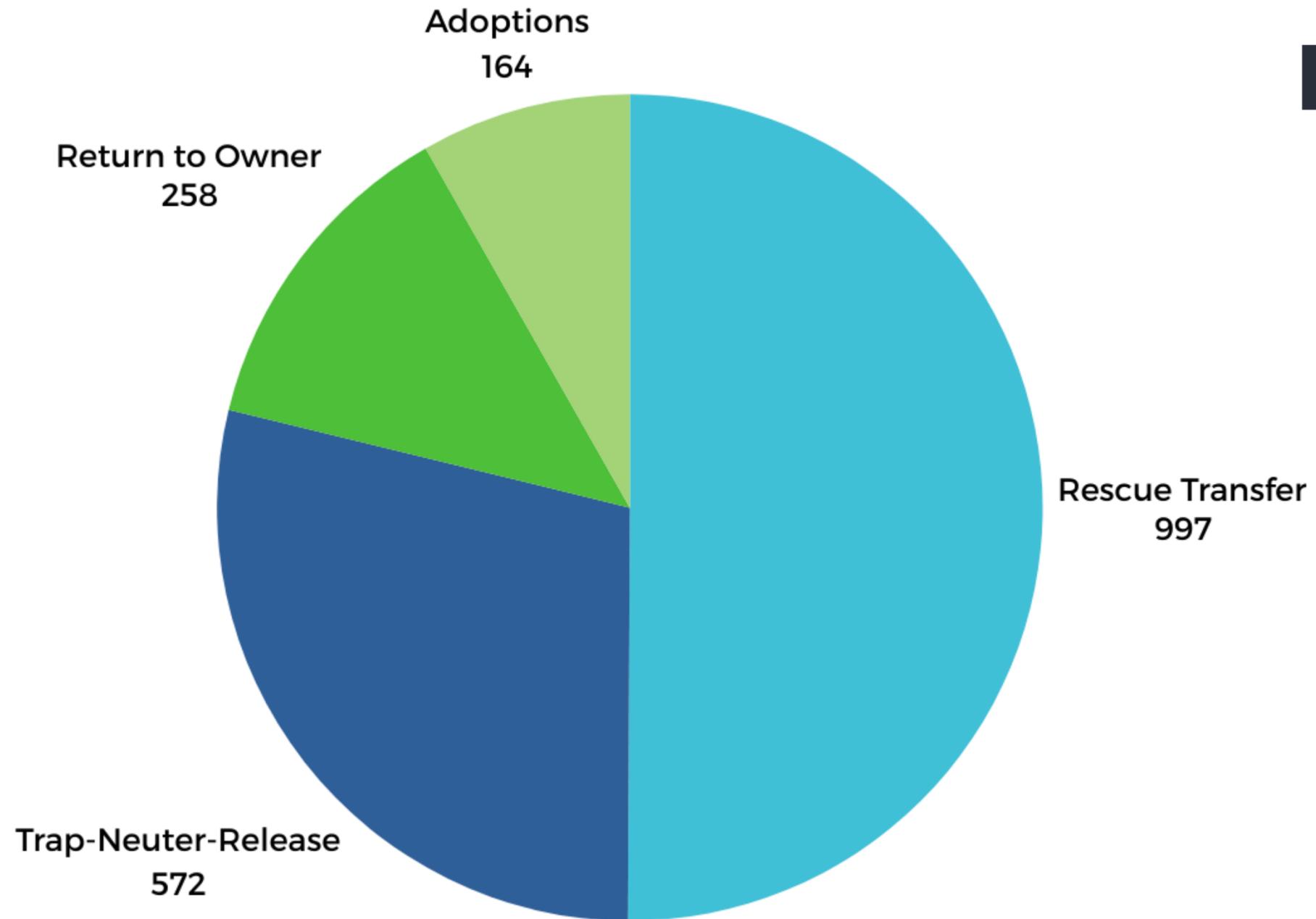
- Stray Dogs are held for 4 days available for adoption or rescue placement on 5th day.
- Owner is known (microchip, license, pet tag), dogs are held for 6 days and available for adoption or rescue placement on 7th day.



Shelter Data

FY 24

Animals Entering Shelter
3,075



Animal Services Contracts

Farmersville - Provide Sheltering, Licensing, Animal Control, Reclaims, Adoptions, Rescue placement, Disposal

Exeter - Provide Sheltering Licensing, Animal Control, Reclaims, Adoptions, Rescue placement, Disposal

Dinuba- Provide Sheltering, Licensing, Reclaims, Adoptions, Rescue placement and Disposal



Our Goals

01

Increase adoptions and number of animals returned to owner.

How: Through microchip clinics, Offsite Adoption Events and pet tag engraving promotion.

02

Start a Foster Program to encourage community help and find placement for our larger pets.

03

Increase volunteer support to help care for and promote our available pets.

How: Promote our volunteer program and how to sign up.



A black dog with a yellow flower lei is lying on a light-colored floor. The dog has large, expressive brown eyes and floppy ears. The background is dark, and there are some orange and yellow flowers in the top left corner.

Foster Program

01

Temporary Fosters

Foster an animal for up to 2 weeks while waiting for the next rescue transport. Animal already has confirmed placement.

02

Kitten/ Puppy Fosters

Caring for underaged kittens or puppies till old enough for adoption.

03

Longer Term Foster Large Dogs

Urgent difficult to place large dogs in need of more time to find rescue or adoption placement.



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