

Analysis of Council Data Collection for Seizures of Cats and Dogs 2011/2012

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Introduction

Councils are required, under Section 67A of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (hereafter referred to as the Act), to report on activities relating to animal pounds under the 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 for companion animal services.

In addition, the data collected by each council is 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 needs 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

Results for 2011/2012

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 2011 to June 2012.

Overall, for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (34,328) was more than three times the number of cats seized (10,580). The number of dogs surrendered (5,091) was also well in excess of twice the number of cats surrendered (2,082). The number of dogs dumped at a pound by an unknown person (13,884) was only slightly higher than the number of dumped cats (12,410).

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 43% for dogs. In contrast, 26% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 65% of cats. Of the remaining animals arriving at a pound, approximately 2.1 times as many cats were released to an organisation for re-homing than were sold, while the corresponding ratio for dogs was closer to 1.9 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 37% 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 34% 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 42% in the Central Coast region. In two regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 10% or less, with a maximum of 36% in the Illawarra region.

When the data is 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 2011/2012, 23 dogs were seized for every 1,000 identified dogs in NSW (down from 26 in 2010/2011), and of these 19 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 31 per 1,000 identified dogs, which is a decrease of 8% since 2010/2011.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 10 to 51 per 1,000, and in the case of seized dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 8 to 79 per 1,000. 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 2011/2012, 23 cats were seized for every 1,000 identified cats in NSW (down from 26 in 2010/2011), and of these 0.4 per 1,000 were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 54 per 1,000 identified cats, which is a decrease of 11% since 2010/2011.

The rate per thousand identified cats varied considerably across regions: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from 0 (rounded) to 89 per 1,000 and in the case of seized cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 6 to 239 per 1,000.

Since 2010/2011 there have been decreases of approximately 16% and 10% respectively 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 thousand identified animals have also decreased by approximately 11% and 8% respectively.

Since 2010/2011, the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were reported to be dumped has increased by 4 percentage points (from 26% to 30%). The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were seized has decreased by 4 percentage points (from 63% to 59%). The proportion of dumped cats arriving at a pound has increased by 3 percentage points (from 47% to 50%). The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were seized has decreased by 2 percentage points (from 44% to 42%).

The proportion of dogs reported to be surrendered to the pound by their owners has remained constant between 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 (at 11%), and the proportion of cats surrendered to the pounds by their owners has decreased by 1 percentage point (from 9% to 8%) over the same period.

The total number of dogs and cats surrendered at the pound has decreased between 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 by 8% (from 5,543 to 5,091) for dogs and by 12% (from 2,365 to 2,082) for cats.

With regard to animals leaving impounding facilities, since 2010/2011 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 41% to 43%.

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 28% to 26%. This may be accounted for by a corresponding increase in the proportion of dogs released to their owner (see above), as well as dogs released to an organisation for re-

homing from 19% to 20%. However, the proportion of dogs sold remained unchanged at 10%.

The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has also decreased from 68% to 65%, more than reversing the change observed between 2009/10 and 2010/11. The proportion of cats released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 18% to 21% continuing the trend in the previous twelve months, and there was a small increase in the proportion of cats sold from 9% to 10% over the same period.

A significant fall of 22% was observed in the number of cats euthanased at their owner's request since 2010/2011, but the number of dogs euthanased at their owner's request fell by only 1% over the same period.

It is evident that the improvements in the quality of data entered observed in 2010/2011 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.

There have been decreases of approximately 8% since 2010/2011 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 thousand identified animals have also decreased by approximately 10%.

Changes have occurred since 2010/2011 in the reasons for dogs and cats arriving at a pound. In general the changes have been smaller in magnitude than those observed in earlier years and there are no obvious patterns in the changes. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were seized has increased from 62% to 63%. The proportion of dogs reported to be dumped at a pound has increased from 25% to 26%. The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were seized has remained constant at 44%. For dumped cats arriving at a pound the proportion has increased from 46% to 47%.

Since 2010/2011, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained unchanged, and the proportion of dogs released to their owner has increased from 39% to 41%. Improvements have been achieved in the outcomes for dogs and cats arriving at a pound, continuing trends from the previous 12 months, though of smaller magnitudes.

In comparing the results in 2011/2012 with earlier years it is evident that the improvements in the quality of data entered observed in 2010/2011 have continued. These improvements are due to modifications to the reporting system and greater familiarity on the part of councils with the definitions of the various data categories. Nevertheless, a number of data inconsistencies have been detected. These have all involved small numbers (none are above ten animals) and are not expected to affect the findings in this report.

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

Trend analysis

This report presents trend analysis of council data collected for seizures of cats and dogs for the period from 2006/2007 to 2011/2012.

The results for NSW as a whole are presented in the corresponding sections in the main body of the report. The summary provided below is restricted to NSW data in aggregate. Appendix 3 contains the trend analysis results for dogs at the regional level and appendix 4 contains the trend analysis results for cats at the regional level.

Over the analysis period, the number of dogs seized has decreased by 19% from 42,151 since 2006/2007, and there has been a reduction of 35% from 36 in the number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs. The drop in the number of seized dogs taken to a pound (24% from 35,998) has been even more marked. The difference is accounted for by an increase of 11% in the number of seized dogs returned to owner.

The number of cats seized has increased by 7% from 9,884 in 2006/2007 but has come down from a peak of 13,452 recorded in 2007/2008. Expressed in terms of per thousand identified cats, the number of cats seized has reduced by 27% from 31 in 2006/2007. Over this period, the percentage of seized cats taken to a pound has varied in the range 98% to 99%, and the number of cats returned to owner has grown by 37% from 142 cats.

Since 2006/2007, the number of dogs reported surrendered has decreased by 20% while the number of dogs dumped has increased by 54%. The changes subsequent to an initial counter-trend move in 2007/2008 have been even more substantial.

The number of cats reported surrendered has increased by 19% since 2006/2007 but subsequent to a peak in 2007/2008, there has been a fall of almost half. The number of cats dumped has more than doubled since 2006/2007 (an increase of 134%).

The number of dogs arriving at a pound has decreased by 9% from 51,348 since 2006/2007, but expressed in terms of per thousand identified dogs, the decrease is much larger at 27%.

The number of cats arriving at a pound has increased by 48% from 16,787 in 2006/2007 while the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats has increased by 2%. The rising trend in the first years of the analysis period appears to have been reversed in more recent years.

The broad trends since 2006/2007 for outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound include a substantial decrease in the number of dogs euthanased (41% from 20,058), and increases in the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing (43% from 6,451) and dogs released to owner (14% from 17,404).

The trends have not been so clear in the outcomes for cats arriving at a pound since 2006/2007. Overall there has been an increase in the number of cats euthanased (35% from 12,002), but the percentage of cats arriving at a pound

that are euthanased has fallen from 71% to 65%. The number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing has increased by a factor of more than 2.5 from 2,002 in 2006/2007.

1. Seized animals

1.1 Dogs

Table 1: Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2011/2012

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	96	110	96	105	87	86	98	88	91	103	83	92	1,135
Hunter	287	336	296	275	311	303	318	282	274	291	277	307	3,557
Illawarra	165	170	156	148	167	163	218	174	186	168	191	183	2,089
Mid North Coast	211	249	242	184	184	185	199	226	227	167	211	152	2,437
Murray	130	164	179	132	134	125	144	175	174	138	157	147	1,799
Murrumbidgee	170	172	159	129	171	152	153	161	201	155	155	141	1,919
Northern	173	209	203	183	180	217	227	215	226	204	219	206	2,462
North Western	166	192	151	144	182	175	175	218	208	180	194	194	2,179
Richmond Tweed	63	41	42	41	45	43	44	57	50	54	59	54	593
South Eastern	165	206	184	181	188	176	162	188	185	148	161	174	2,118
Western	205	263	280	263	287	229	255	240	226	191	213	232	2,884
Sydney North	104	107	92	96	83	95	116	82	100	83	102	98	1,158
Sydney South	204	224	232	221	224	230	238	220	224	231	222	223	2,693
Sydney Inner	59	53	61	47	57	44	59	52	44	54	30	52	612
Sydney West	546	551	518	469	629	569	582	633	569	536	545	546	6,693
Total	2,744	3,047	2,891	2,618	2,929	2,792	2,988	3,011	2,985	2,703	2,819	2,801	34,328

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized in 2011/2012 was 34,328.
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 593 in the Richmond Tweed region to 6,693 in the Sydney West region.
- the total number of dogs seized in each month varied by some 15%, with the highest number seized occurring in August at 3,047, and the lowest number in October at 2,618.
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent.
- the number of dogs seized has decreased by 7% from the 36,768 dogs seized in 2010/2011.

Table 2: Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	1,135	14
Hunter	3,557	19
Illawarra	2,089	20
Mid North Coast	2,437	28
Murray	1,799	51
Murrumbidgee	1,919	38
Northern	2,462	37
North Western	2,179	51
Richmond Tweed	593	11
South Eastern	2,118	32
Western	2,884	42
Sydney North	1,158	10
Sydney South	2,693	22
Sydney Inner	612	12
Sydney West	6,693	19
Total	34,328	23

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 2 shows that:

- 23 dogs were seized for every 1,000 identified dogs in NSW.
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 10 in the Sydney North region to 51 in the North Western and Murray regions.
- 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 2010/2011.

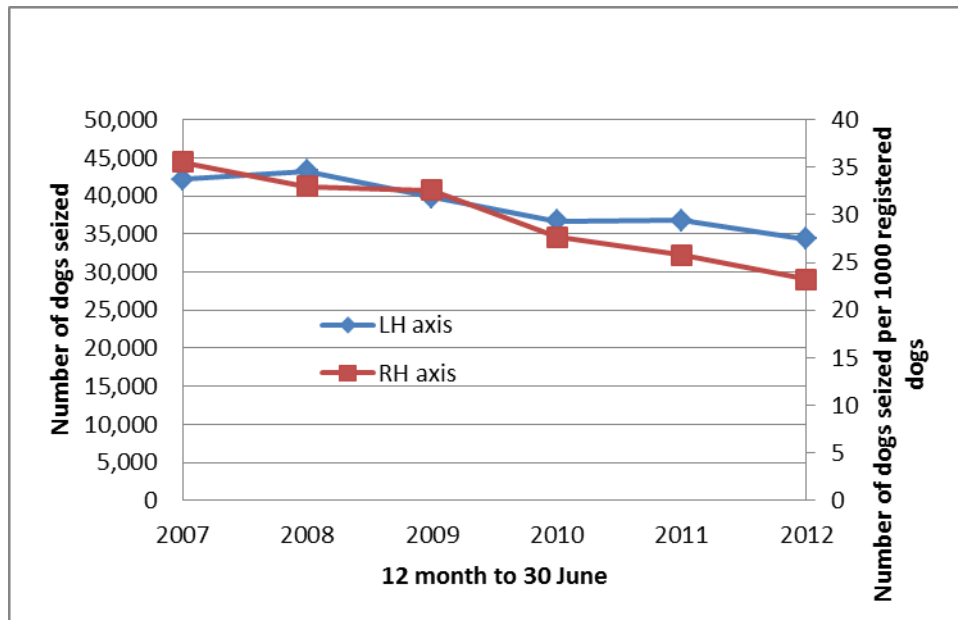


Figure 1: Number of dogs seized in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs seized is graphed in Figure 1 and shows that:

- the number of dogs seized in NSW has trended downward from 42,151 dogs in 2006/2007 to 34,328 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 19% over five years.
- the number of dogs seized in NSW per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 36 to 23 in the same period, or a fall of 35%.

Table 3: Number and percentage¹ of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2011/2012

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	89	93%	101	92%	90	94%	95	90%	79	91%	85	99%	94	96%	80	91%	89	98%	99	96%	81	98%	88	96%	1,070	94%
Hunter	221	77%	251	75%	203	69%	214	78%	229	74%	236	78%	210	66%	189	67%	198	72%	201	69%	192	69%	198	64%	2,542	71%
Illawarra	134	81%	151	89%	132	85%	122	82%	134	80%	145	89%	182	83%	156	90%	167	90%	148	88%	169	88%	170	93%	1,810	87%
Mid North Coast	179	85%	212	85%	208	86%	150	82%	166	90%	150	81%	173	87%	191	85%	201	89%	134	80%	171	81%	129	85%	2,064	85%
Murray	80	62%	113	69%	126	70%	90	68%	97	72%	93	74%	94	65%	123	70%	112	64%	90	65%	109	69%	90	61%	1,217	68%
Murrumbidgee	162	95%	162	94%	155	97%	116	90%	159	93%	148	97%	148	97%	153	95%	189	94%	152	98%	143	92%	136	96%	1,823	95%
Northern	133	77%	171	82%	151	74%	122	67%	140	78%	181	83%	183	81%	142	66%	163	72%	158	77%	167	76%	152	74%	1,863	76%
North Western	163	98%	182	95%	139	92%	141	98%	168	92%	164	94%	166	95%	210	96%	201	97%	174	97%	184	95%	188	97%	2,080	95%
Richmond Tweed	47	75%	30	73%	28	67%	32	78%	38	84%	28	65%	31	70%	43	75%	28	56%	34	63%	40	68%	35	65%	414	70%
South Eastern	141	85%	170	83%	158	86%	158	87%	169	90%	154	88%	148	91%	171	91%	161	87%	135	91%	142	88%	156	90%	1,863	88%
Western	156	76%	216	82%	229	82%	232	88%	239	83%	188	82%	214	84%	199	83%	180	80%	161	84%	183	86%	195	84%	2,392	83%
Sydney North	47	45%	55	51%	36	39%	25	26%	40	48%	30	32%	46	40%	48	59%	46	46%	42	51%	45	44%	77	79%	537	46%
Sydney South	129	63%	123	55%	154	66%	163	74%	151	67%	165	72%	174	73%	168	76%	157	70%	152	66%	142	64%	145	65%	1,823	68%
Sydney Inner	36	61%	33	62%	38	62%	31	66%	33	58%	31	70%	37	63%	35	67%	28	64%	37	69%	16	53%	30	58%	385	63%
Sydney West	463	85%	463	84%	447	86%	389	83%	550	87%	460	81%	480	82%	528	83%	503	88%	427	80%	470	86%	448	82%	5,628	84%
Total	2,180	79%	2,433	80%	2,294	79%	2,080	79%	2,392	82%	2,258	81%	2,380	80%	2,436	81%	2,423	81%	2,144	79%	2,254	80%	2,237	80%	27,511	80%

¹ Calculated from number of dogs seized (see Table 1)

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 27,511, which represented 80% of all dogs seized.
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of seized dogs taken to the pound from 385 in the Sydney Inner region to 5,628 in the Sydney West region.
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 46% in the Sydney North region to 95% in the Murrumbidgee and North Western regions.
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was quite constant over the year, ranging from 79% in July, September, October and April to 82% in November.
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.
- there has been a 10% decrease from the 30,519 seized dogs taken to the pound in 2010/2011, and the percentage of all seized dogs taken to the pound has decreased from 83%.

Table 4: Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	1,070	13
Hunter	2,542	13
Illawarra	1,810	17
Mid North Coast	2,064	24
Murray	1,217	35
Murrumbidgee	1,823	36
Northern	1,863	28
North Western	2,080	49
Richmond Tweed	414	7
South Eastern	1,863	29
Western	2,392	35
Sydney North	537	5
Sydney South	1,823	15
Sydney Inner	385	8
Sydney West	5,628	16
Total	27,511	19

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 4 shows that:

- 19 seized dogs were taken to the pound for every 1,000 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 5 in the Sydney North region to 49 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 21 since 2010/2011.

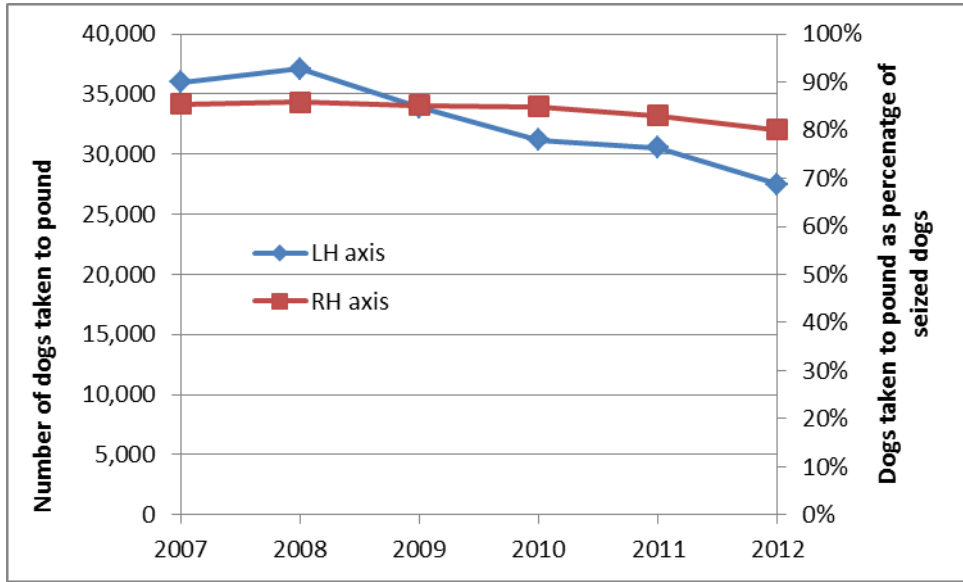


Figure 2: Number of seized dogs taken to the pound in NSW

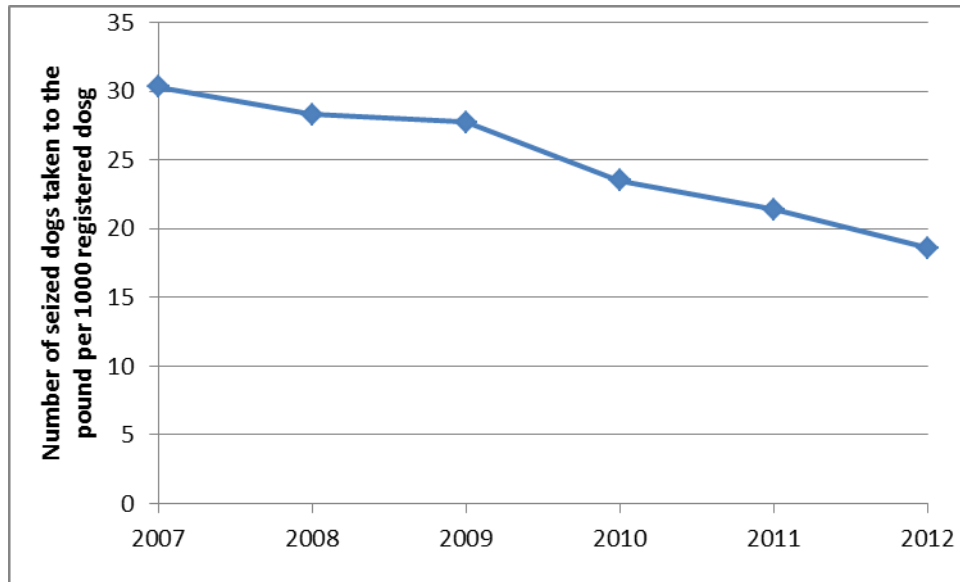


Figure 3: Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs in NSW

The trend analysis for number of seized dogs taken to the pound shows that:

- the number of seized dogs taken to the pound in NSW has trended downward from 35,988 dogs in 2006/2007 to 27,511 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 24% over five years (Figure 2).
- the percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound has also trended downwards but at a more moderate rate, decreasing from 85% to 80% with most of the decrease occurring in the last two years (Figure 2).
- the number of dogs seized that were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs in NSW has decreased from 30 to 19 in the same period, equivalent to a fall of 39% (Figure 3).

Table 5: Number and percentage¹ of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2011/2012

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	7%	9	8%	6	6%	10	10%	8	9%	1	1%	4	4%	8	9%	2	2%	4	4%	2	2%	4	4%	65	6%
Hunter	66	23%	85	25%	93	31%	61	22%	82	26%	67	22%	108	34%	93	33%	76	28%	90	31%	85	31%	109	36%	1,015	29%
Illawarra	31	19%	19	11%	24	15%	26	18%	33	20%	18	11%	36	17%	18	10%	19	10%	20	12%	22	12%	13	7%	279	13%
Mid North Coast	32	15%	37	15%	34	14%	34	18%	18	10%	35	19%	26	13%	35	15%	26	11%	33	20%	40	19%	23	15%	373	15%
Murray	50	38%	51	31%	53	30%	42	32%	37	28%	32	26%	50	35%	52	30%	62	36%	48	35%	48	31%	57	39%	582	32%
Murrumbidgee	8	5%	10	6%	4	3%	13	10%	12	7%	4	3%	5	3%	8	5%	12	6%	3	2%	12	8%	5	4%	96	5%
Northern	40	23%	38	18%	52	26%	61	33%	40	22%	36	17%	44	19%	73	34%	63	28%	46	23%	52	24%	54	26%	599	24%
North Western	3	2%	10	5%	12	8%	3	2%	14	8%	11	6%	9	5%	8	4%	7	3%	6	3%	10	5%	6	3%	99	5%
Richmond Tweed	16	25%	11	27%	14	33%	9	22%	7	16%	15	35%	13	30%	14	25%	22	44%	20	37%	19	32%	19	35%	179	30%
South Eastern	24	15%	36	17%	26	14%	23	13%	19	10%	22	13%	14	9%	17	9%	24	13%	13	9%	19	12%	18	10%	255	12%
Western	49	24%	47	18%	51	18%	31	12%	48	17%	41	18%	41	16%	41	17%	46	20%	30	16%	30	14%	37	16%	492	17%
Sydney North	57	55%	52	49%	56	61%	71	74%	43	52%	65	68%	70	60%	34	41%	54	54%	41	49%	57	56%	21	21%	621	54%
Sydney South	75	37%	101	45%	78	34%	58	26%	73	33%	65	28%	64	27%	52	24%	67	30%	79	34%	80	36%	78	35%	870	32%
Sydney Inner	23	39%	20	38%	23	38%	16	34%	24	42%	13	30%	22	37%	17	33%	16	36%	17	31%	14	47%	22	42%	227	37%
Sydney West	83	15%	88	16%	71	14%	80	17%	79	13%	109	19%	102	18%	105	17%	66	12%	109	20%	75	14%	98	18%	1,065	16%
Total	564	21%	614	20%	597	21%	538	21%	537	18%	534	19%	608	20%	575	19%	562	19%	559	21%	565	20%	564	20%	6,817	20%

¹ Calculated from number of dogs seized (see Table 1)

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 6,817, which represented 20% of all seized dogs.
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from a low of 65 in the Central Coast region to a high of 1,065 in the Sydney West region.
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from 5% in the Murrumbidgee and North Western regions to 54% 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 18% in November to 21% in July, September, October and April.
- 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 1% decrease from the 6,249 seized dogs returned to their owner in 2010/2011, and the percentage of all seized dogs returned to their owner has increased from 17%.

Table 6: Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	65	0.8
Hunter	1,015	5.3
Illawarra	279	2.6
Mid North Coast	373	4.3
Murray	582	16.6
Murrumbidgee	96	1.9
Northern	599	9.1
North Western	99	2.3
Richmond Tweed	179	3.2
South Eastern	255	3.9
Western	492	7.1
Sydney North	621	5.4
Sydney South	870	7.2
Sydney Inner	227	4.5
Sydney West	1,065	3.1
Total	6,817	4.6

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 6 shows that:

- 4.6 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every 1,000 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 0.8 in the Central Coast region to 16.6 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 4.4 since 2010/2011.

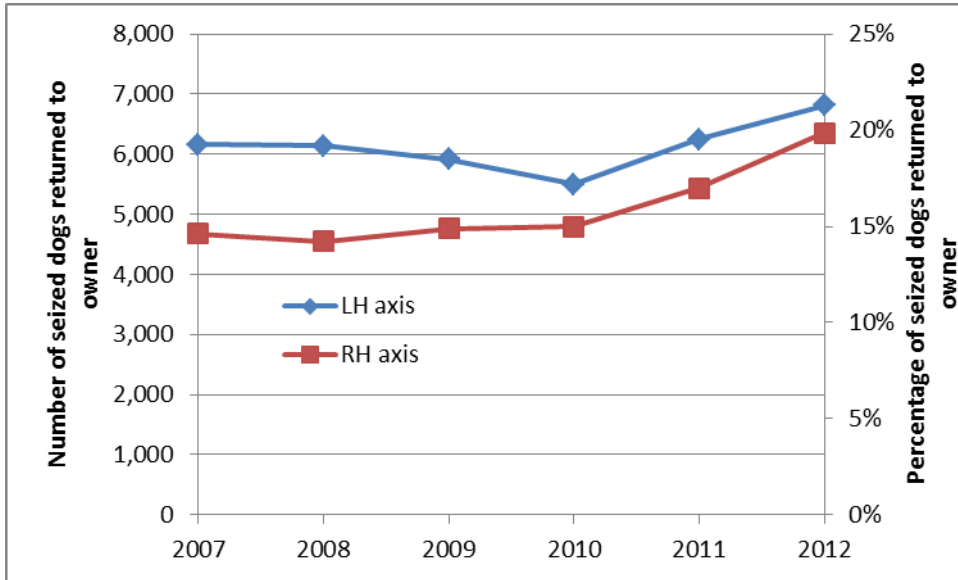


Figure 4: Number of seized dogs returned to owner in NSW

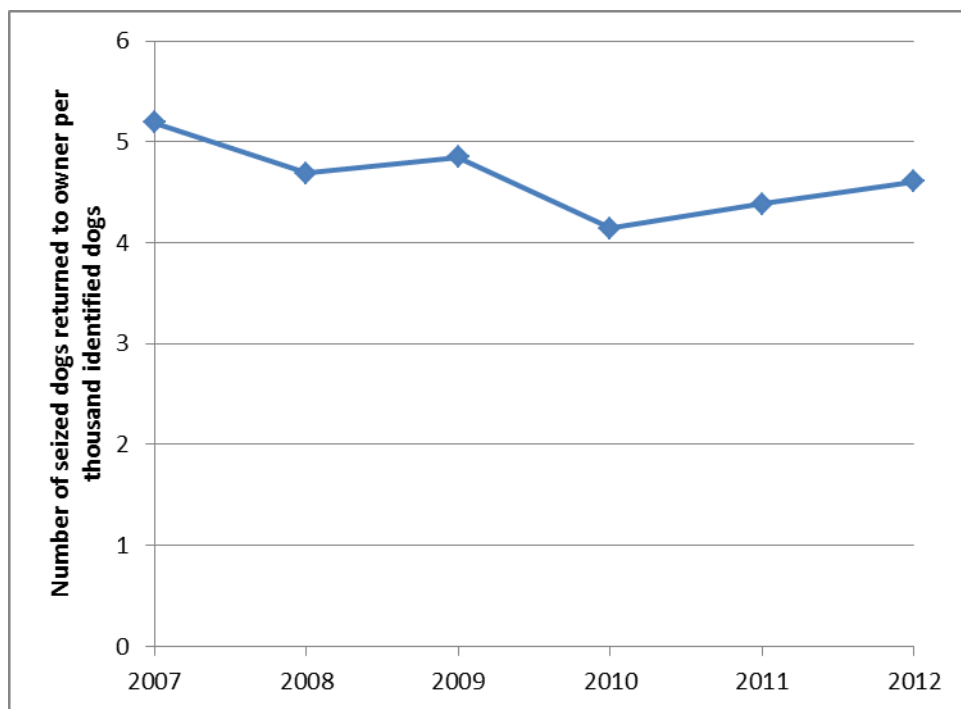


Figure 5: Number of seized dogs returned to owner per thousand identified dogs in NSW

The trend analysis for number of seized dogs not taken to the pound but returned to owner shows that:

- the number of seized dogs returned to owner in NSW trended downward from 6,163 dogs in 2006/2007 to 5,498 dogs in 2009/2010 but then grew to 6,817 in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 11% over five years (Figure 4).
- the percentage of seized dogs that were returned to owner has trended upwards from 15% to 20% with most of the increase occurring in the last two years (Figure 4).
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs in NSW has decreased from 5.2 to 4.6 in the same period, equivalent to a fall of 11%, but no clear trend is evident (Figure 5).

Table 7: Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2011/2012

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,070	94%	65	6%	1,135
Hunter	2,542	71%	1,015	29%	3,557
Illawarra	1,810	87%	279	13%	2,089
Mid North Coast	2,064	85%	373	15%	2,437
Murray	1,217	68%	582	32%	1,799
Murrumbidgee	1,823	95%	96	5%	1,919
Northern	1,863	76%	599	24%	2,462
North Western	2,080	95%	99	5%	2,179
Richmond Tweed	414	70%	179	30%	593
South Eastern	1,863	88%	255	12%	2,118
Western	2,392	83%	492	17%	2,884
Sydney North	537	46%	621	54%	1,158
Sydney South	1,823	68%	870	32%	2,693
Sydney Inner	385	63%	227	37%	612
Sydney West	5,628	84%	1,065	16%	6,693
Total	27,511	80%	6,817	20%	34,328

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).

There has been a decrease from 4.9 in the ratio of seized dogs taken to the pound in relation to seized dogs returned to their owner since 2010/2011.

1.2 Cats

Table 8: Number of cats seized by region and month for 2011/2012

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hunter	51	43	56	59	93	100	62	77	89	69	64	40	803
Illawarra	18	21	17	20	54	23	26	34	49	24	24	12	322
Mid North Coast	29	28	18	57	31	40	20	39	33	14	24	18	351
Murray	22	30	33	33	28	42	23	51	50	43	55	29	439
Murrumbidgee	23	56	32	29	41	36	33	21	71	52	27	33	454
Northern	28	23	17	31	33	40	50	47	50	25	71	37	452
North Western	40	36	39	28	28	44	45	69	62	46	64	37	538
Richmond Tweed	9	12	6	9	10	5	12	5	10	10	15	9	112
South Eastern	32	20	24	29	46	36	39	37	53	41	33	38	428
Western	31	41	35	30	40	39	31	38	48	66	46	31	476
Sydney North	13	19	22	16	38	47	28	34	40	31	19	20	327
Sydney South	225	207	183	276	376	366	429	384	366	278	322	188	3,600
Sydney Inner	22	29	15	32	23	30	20	12	18	9	12	14	236
Sydney West	100	116	139	109	192	198	188	218	243	167	232	138	2,040
Total	643	681	636	758	1,033	1,046	1,006	1,068	1,182	875	1,008	644	10,580

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 10,580.
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Central Coast region to 3,600 in the Sydney South region.
- there was considerable variation in the number of cats seized during the year; from November to April the monthly average was 1,031 cats seized, more than 50% greater than the average of 672 cats seized in the remaining five months. A broadly similar pattern of much higher numbers of cats seized in the warmer months than in the cooler months was reported in 2010/11.
- 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 12% decrease from the 11,959 cats seized in 2010/2011.

Table 9: Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	2	0.1
Hunter	803	16
Illawarra	322	11
Mid North Coast	351	18
Murray	439	56
Murrumbidgee	454	45
Northern	452	37
North Western	538	89
Richmond Tweed	112	8
South Eastern	428	33
Western	476	31
Sydney North	327	6
Sydney South	3,600	64
Sydney Inner	236	6
Sydney West	2,040	20
Total	10,580	23

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 9 shows that:

- 23 cats were seized for every 1,000 identified cats in NSW.
- there is a substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from 0.1 in the Central Coast region to 89 in the North Western region.
- the rates for 7 of the 15 regions lie in the range 10 to 40 seized cats taken to the pound per 1,000 identified cats.
- the number of cats seized per thousand identified cats has decreased from 27 in 2010/2011.

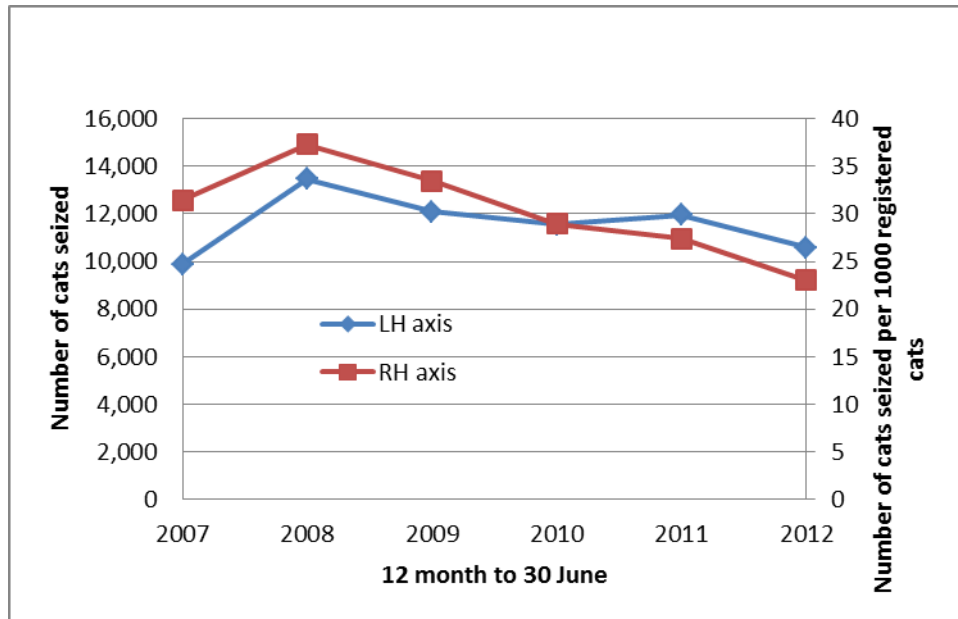


Figure 6: Number of cats seized in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs seized is graphed in Figure 6 and shows that:

- the number of cats seized in NSW has increased from 9,884 cats in 2006/2007 to 10,580 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 7% over five years.
- the number of cats seized in NSW per thousand identified cats has decreased from 31 to 23 in the same period or a fall of 27%.
- the two graphs have a similar shape with an initial rise from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008 followed by a substantial declining trend in subsequent years. There has been a reduction of 2,872 (21%) in the number of cats seized since 2007/2008, and there was little change from 2008/2009 to 2010/2011.

Table 10: Number and percentage¹ of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2011/2012

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	NC	0	NC	0	NC	2	100%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	2	100%
Hunter	50	98%	41	95%	53	95%	57	97%	92	99%	99	99%	62	100%	76	99%	86	97%	67	97%	63	98%	39	98%	785	98%		
Illawarra	18	100%	20	95%	17	100%	20	100%	53	98%	23	100%	26	100%	34	100%	49	100%	23	96%	23	96%	12	100%	318	99%		
Mid North Coast	29	100%	28	100%	18	100%	56	98%	30	97%	38	95%	18	90%	39	100%	33	100%	14	100%	24	100%	18	100%	345	98%		
Murray	21	95%	30	100%	32	97%	30	91%	27	96%	42	100%	23	100%	49	96%	45	90%	41	95%	53	96%	28	97%	421	96%		
Murrumbidgee	23	100%	54	96%	32	100%	26	90%	41	100%	36	100%	31	94%	21	100%	71	100%	49	94%	26	96%	30	91%	440	97%		
Northern	28	100%	22	96%	17	100%	31	100%	33	100%	40	100%	50	100%	46	98%	50	100%	25	100%	71	100%	37	100%	450	100%		
North Western	40	100%	36	100%	39	100%	28	100%	28	100%	44	100%	45	100%	67	97%	62	100%	46	100%	64	100%	37	100%	536	100%		
Richmond Tweed	9	100%	10	83%	6	100%	8	89%	10	100%	5	100%	11	92%	4	80%	10	100%	9	90%	15	100%	9	100%	106	95%		
South Eastern	29	91%	20	100%	24	100%	28	97%	45	98%	33	92%	39	100%	37	100%	53	100%	41	100%	33	100%	38	100%	420	98%		
Western	31	100%	41	100%	32	91%	30	100%	40	100%	39	100%	31	100%	36	95%	48	100%	66	100%	46	100%	31	100%	471	99%		
Sydney North	10	77%	13	68%	19	86%	9	56%	32	84%	44	94%	25	89%	27	79%	33	83%	28	90%	15	79%	16	80%	271	83%		
Sydney South	213	95%	206	100%	180	98%	274	99%	375	100%	359	98%	426	99%	381	99%	363	99%	276	99%	317	98%	187	99%	3,557	99%		
Sydney Inner	21	95%	29	100%	15	100%	31	97%	23	100%	30	100%	19	95%	12	100%	17	94%	9	100%	11	92%	14	100%	231	98%		
Sydney West	100	100%	115	99%	139	100%	109	100%	186	97%	198	100%	188	100%	218	100%	242	100%	167	100%	232	100%	138	100%	2,032	100%		
Total	622	97%	665	98%	623	98%	737	97%	1,015	98%	1,030	98%	994	99%	1,049	98%	1,162	98%	861	98%	993	99%	634	98%	10,385	98%		

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

¹ Calculated from number of cats seized (see Table 8)

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 10,385, 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 2 in the Central Coast region to 3,557 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 four regions
- there has been a 12% decrease from the 11,737 seized cats taken to the pound in 2010/2011, but the proportion of all seized cats has remained the same.

Table 11: Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	2	0
Hunter	785	16
Illawarra	318	11
Mid North Coast	345	17
Murray	421	54
Murrumbidgee	440	44
Northern	450	36
North Western	536	88
Richmond Tweed	106	7
South Eastern	420	33
Western	471	30
Sydney North	271	5
Sydney South	3,557	63
Sydney Inner	231	6
Sydney West	2,032	20
Total	10,385	23

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 11 shows that:

- 23 seized cats were taken to the pound for every 1,000 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 in the Central Coast region to 88 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 27 in 2010/2011.

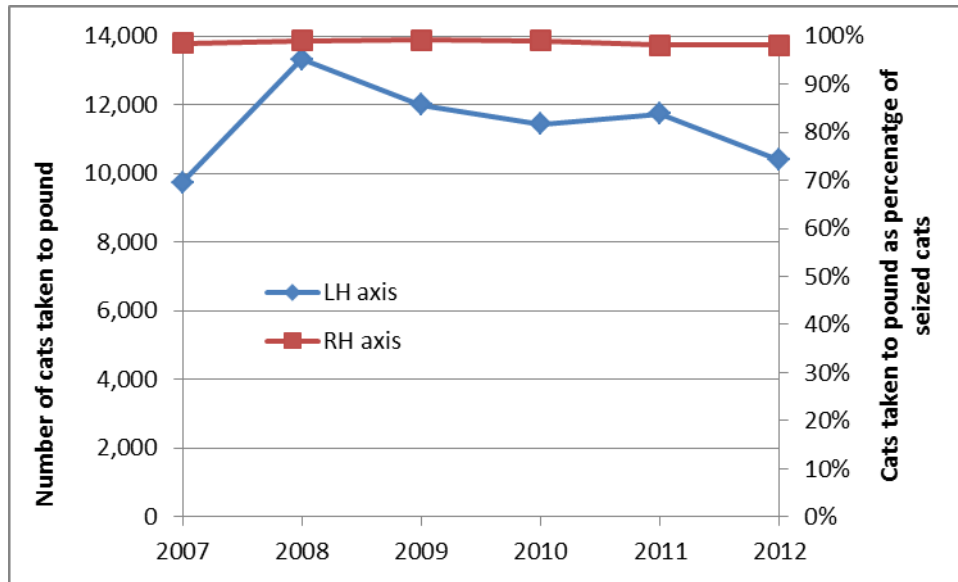


Figure 7: Number of seized cats taken to the pound in NSW

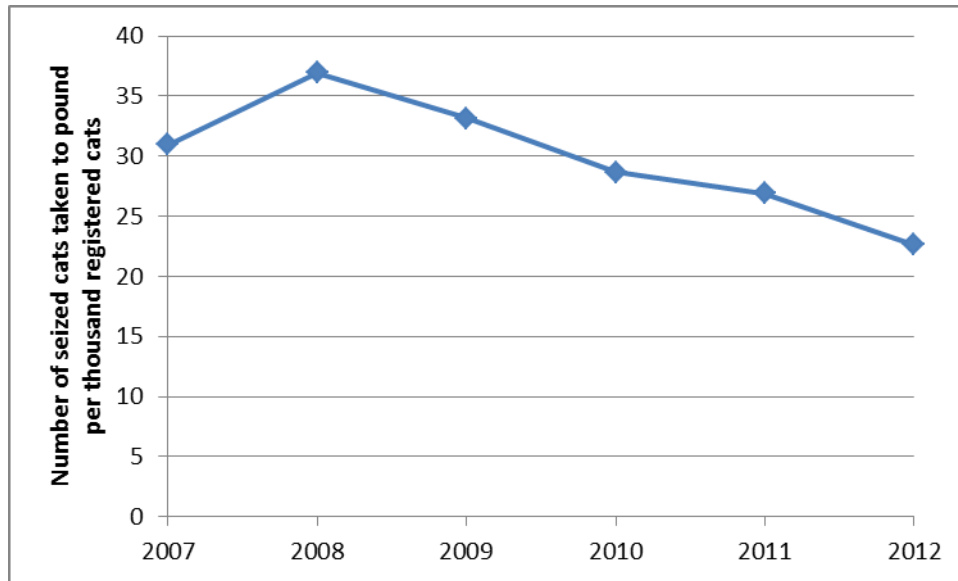


Figure 8: Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats in NSW

The trend analysis for number of seized cats taken to the pound shows that:

- the number of seized cats taken to the pound in NSW has increased from 9,742 cats in 2006/2007 to 10,385 cats in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 7% over five years (Figure 7).
- the percentage of seized cats that were taken to the pound has varied in the range 98% to 99%, and was somewhat higher during the intermediate years 2007/2008 to 2009/2010, before dropping to 98% in the last two years (Figure 7).
- the number of cats seized that were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats in NSW has decreased from 31 to 23 in the same period, equivalent to a fall of 27% (Figure 8).
- the graph of the number of cats seized that were taken to the pound, and the corresponding graph for the data normalized by the number of identified cats, rose significantly between 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 (by 37% and 19% respectively), and then subsequently declined at a constant rate (in Figure 8), but with little change in the period 2008/2009 to 2010/2011 (in Figure 9).

Table 12: Number and percentage¹ of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2011/2012

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	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%
Hunter	1	2%	2	5%	3	5%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	3	3%	2	3%	1	2%	1	3%	1	3%	18	2%
Illawarra	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	3%	2	5%	2	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	2%
Murray	1	5%	0	0%	1	3%	3	9%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	5	10%	2	5%	2	4%	1	3%	1	3%	18	4%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3	6%	1	4%	3	9%	3	9%	14	3%
Northern	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	2	17%	0	0%	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	20%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	5%
South Eastern	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	2%	3	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8	2%
Western	0	0%	0	0%	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%
Sydney North	3	23%	6	32%	3	14%	7	44%	6	16%	3	6%	3	11%	7	21%	7	18%	3	10%	4	21%	4	20%	4	20%	56	17%
Sydney South	12	5%	1	0%	3	2%	2	1%	1	0%	7	2%	3	1%	3	1%	3	1%	2	1%	5	2%	1	1%	1	1%	43	1%
Sydney Inner	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	5	2%
Sydney West	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	6	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8	0%
Total	21	3%	16	2%	13	2%	21	3%	18	2%	16	2%	12	1%	19	2%	20	2%	14	2%	15	1%	10	2%	195	2%		

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

¹ 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 195 or less than 2% of seized cats were returned to their owner.
- more than half of all seized cats returned to their owner (99) occurred in the Sydney North and Sydney South regions combined.
- 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 222, since 2010/2011 and the proportion of seized cats that were returned to their owner has remained the same.

Table 13: Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	18	0.4
Illawarra	4	0.1
Mid North Coast	6	0.3
Murray	18	2.3
Murrumbidgee	14	1.4
Northern	2	0.2
North Western	2	0.3
Richmond Tweed	6	0.4
South Eastern	8	0.6
Western	5	0.3
Sydney North	56	1.0
Sydney South	43	0.8
Sydney Inner	5	0.1
Sydney West	8	0.1
Total	195	0.4

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.4 seized cats were returned to their owner for every 1,000 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 decreased from 0.5 in 2010/2011, and there has been a steep fall from 119 in the Sydney South region.

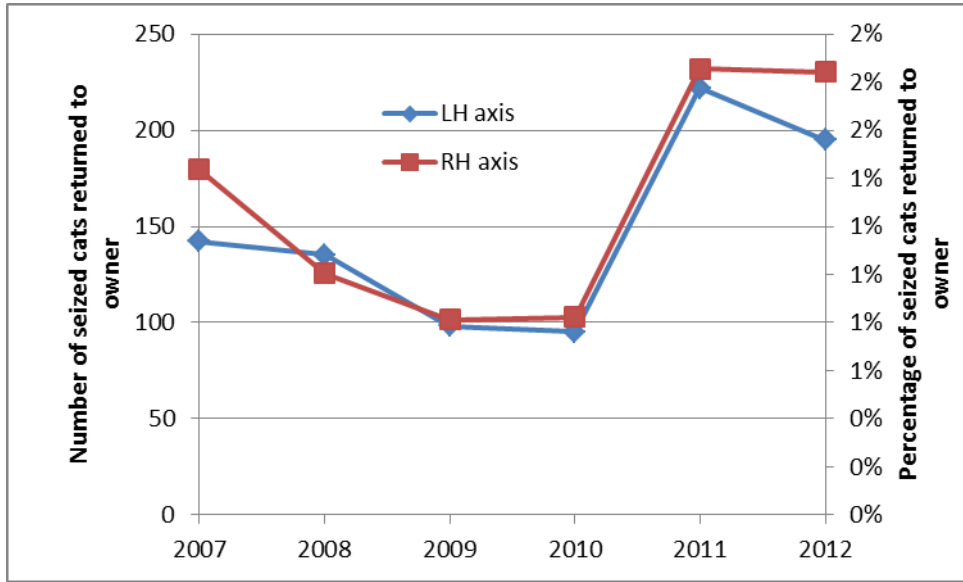


Figure 9: Number of seized cats returned to owner in NSW

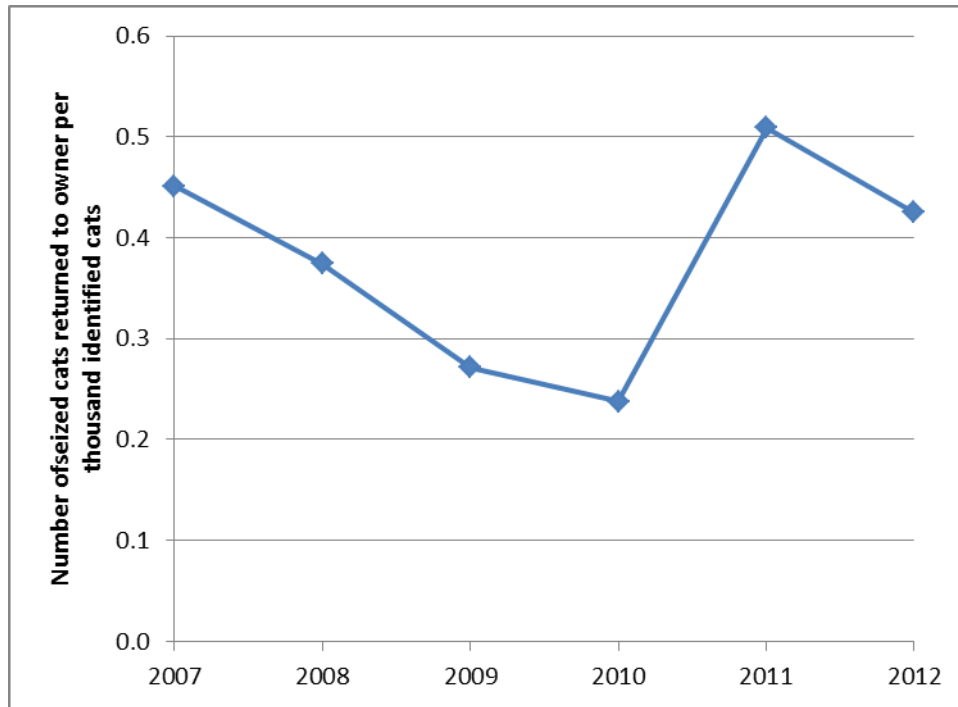


Figure 10: Number of seized cats returned to owner per thousand identified cats in NSW

The trend analysis for number of seized cats not taken to the pound but returned to owner shows that:

- the number of seized cats returned to owner in NSW has increased from 142 cats in 2006/2007 to 195 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 37% over five years (Figure 9).
- the percentage of seized cats that were returned to owner has increased from 1.4% to 1.8% (Figure 9).
- the number of seized cats returned to their owner per thousand identified cats in NSW has decreased from 0.45 to 0.43 in the same period, equivalent to a fall of 6% (Figure 10).
- all three graphs show similar characteristic: a steady decline from 2006/2007 to 2009/2010, followed by a sharp increase in 2010/2011, and a much smaller drop in the last year.

Table 14: Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2011/2012

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	2	100%	0	0%	2
Hunter	785	98%	18	2%	803
Illawarra	318	99%	4	1%	322
Mid North Coast	345	98%	6	2%	351
Murray	421	96%	18	4%	439
Murrumbidgee	440	97%	14	3%	454
Northern	450	100%	2	0%	452
North Western	536	100%	2	0%	538
Richmond Tweed	106	95%	6	5%	112
South Eastern	420	98%	8	2%	428
Western	471	99%	5	1%	476
Sydney North	271	83%	56	17%	327
Sydney South	3,557	99%	43	1%	3,600
Sydney Inner	231	98%	5	2%	236
Sydney West	2,032	100%	8	0%	2,040
Total	10,385	98%	195	2%	10,580

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 no significant change in the proportions of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to their owner since 2010/2011.

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

2.1 Dogs

Table 15: Number and percentage¹ of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2011/2012

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	20	11%	10	5%	14	8%	9	5%	9	5%	0	0%	3	1%	9	5%	6	3%	3	2%	9	6%	14	8%	106	5%
Hunter	19	5%	18	5%	26	8%	23	6%	31	7%	29	7%	25	6%	56	14%	28	8%	19	5%	29	8%	39	10%	342	7%
Illawarra	1	0%	9	4%	8	3%	8	4%	3	1%	14	5%	3	1%	11	4%	9	3%	3	1%	5	2%	7	3%	81	3%
Mid North Coast	13	6%	27	10%	6	3%	17	10%	12	6%	8	4%	6	3%	9	4%	15	6%	19	10%	12	6%	8	5%	152	6%
Murray	8	8%	8	6%	10	7%	13	12%	11	10%	5	5%	8	7%	3	2%	7	5%	10	9%	4	3%	13	12%	100	7%
Murrumbidgee	8	4%	5	2%	10	4%	9	4%	9	4%	9	3%	8	3%	11	4%	12	4%	14	5%	11	4%	6	3%	112	4%
Northern	53	22%	34	14%	36	14%	36	17%	59	23%	35	14%	38	14%	33	14%	51	18%	46	19%	26	13%	28	13%	475	16%
North Western	37	13%	28	10%	39	16%	35	13%	32	11%	14	6%	31	10%	19	6%	26	9%	34	13%	22	8%	48	15%	365	11%
Richmond Tweed	28	19%	44	42%	29	25%	23	18%	21	19%	30	30%	14	15%	26	21%	19	20%	29	25%	25	21%	13	14%	301	22%
South Eastern	35	17%	32	14%	38	17%	31	14%	28	12%	31	14%	31	15%	29	12%	38	16%	33	16%	19	10%	21	10%	366	14%
Western	66	18%	58	14%	54	13%	42	10%	29	7%	28	8%	28	7%	14	4%	31	8%	29	9%	34	10%	31	8%	444	10%
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	7	10%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	1	1%	1	1%	16	2%
Sydney South	6	4%	6	4%	8	4%	7	4%	4	2%	4	2%	4	2%	2	1%	5	3%	9	5%	4	3%	5	3%	64	3%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	12%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%
Sydney West	202	21%	224	22%	213	23%	141	18%	174	17%	200	19%	161	15%	148	14%	185	19%	168	19%	184	20%	162	18%	2,162	19%
Total	496	13%	503	13%	492	13%	395	11%	429	11%	408	10%	361	9%	370	9%	432	11%	424	12%	385	10%	396	11%	5,091	11%

¹ 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 5,091, which represented 11% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 5 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,162 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered, ranging from 1% in the Sydney Inner region to 22% in the Richmond Tweed region. The percentage exceeded 10% (rounded) in four other regions.

- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month ranged from 9% in January and February (summer time, but also possibly associated with dogs given as Christmas gifts) to 13% in July, August and September (coldest part of the year).
- there has been an 8% decrease in the number of dogs surrendered from the 5,543 dogs surrendered in 2010/2011, but the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered has remained unchanged.

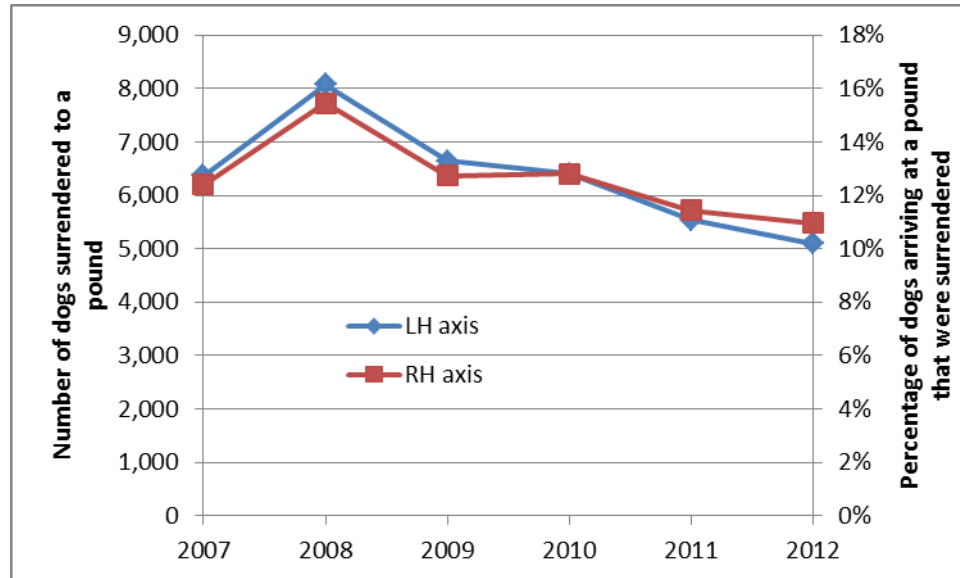


Figure 11: Number of dogs surrendered to a pound

The trend analysis for dogs surrendered to a pound is graphed in Figure 11 and shows that:

- the number of dogs surrendered to a pound in NSW has reduced from 6,366 dogs in 2006/2007 to 5,091 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 20% over five years, but with a noticeable peak of 8,077 dogs in 2007/2008.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in NSW has decreased from 12.4% to 11.0% in the same period, with a peak of 15% in 2007/2008.

2.2 Cats

Table 16: Number and percentage¹ of surrendered cats by region and month for 2011/2012

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	3	11%	1	4%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%	4	11%	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	14	4%
Hunter	11	14%	3	5%	1	1%	3	4%	10	7%	11	8%	1	1%	5	4%	0	0%	3	3%	3	3%	0	0%	51	4%
Illawarra	6	6%	2	2%	5	4%	2	1%	4	1%	11	6%	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	36	2%
Mid North Coast	3	4%	1	2%	1	3%	4	5%	1	1%	2	3%	9	13%	6	8%	1	1%	4	5%	7	10%	6	10%	45	5%
Murray	2	8%	5	11%	13	29%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	12%	0	0%	4	8%	2	4%	0	0%	2	7%	33	6%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%	7	0%
Northern	9	18%	7	16%	2	7%	16	27%	13	15%	13	13%	12	14%	11	13%	40	35%	15	25%	11	12%	5	8%	154	18%
North Western	1	2%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	9	11%	1	1%	21	15%	11	8%	9	7%	3	3%	2	2%	11	15%	71	6%
Richmond Tweed	4	13%	3	12%	3	10%	6	15%	7	25%	6	24%	11	25%	14	33%	15	37%	4	11%	3	5%	7	15%	83	18%
South Eastern	11	22%	9	23%	4	12%	8	22%	15	20%	16	29%	19	33%	28	38%	31	33%	31	38%	9	18%	9	18%	190	27%
Western	1	2%	17	26%	0	0%	8	14%	4	5%	11	15%	6	9%	0	0%	16	19%	5	5%	0	0%	6	9%	74	9%
Sydney North	0	0%	1	5%	1	4%	2	13%	5	12%	5	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	3%	2	5%	18	4%
Sydney South	7	3%	2	1%	15	7%	0	0%	0	0%	7	2%	3	1%	4	1%	4	1%	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	47	1%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	2%
Sydney West	41	9%	87	16%	41	8%	73	12%	156	14%	175	14%	152	14%	119	12%	115	11%	102	12%	112	14%	80	14%	1,253	13%
Total	99	7%	141	10%	87	6%	123	8%	226	9%	260	9%	243	9%	200	8%	245	9%	173	8%	151	7%	134	9%	2,082	8%

¹ 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 2,082, which represented 8% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,253 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats that were surrendered, ranging from 0% in the Murrumbidgee region to 27% in the South Eastern region. The percentage exceeded 10% in three other regions.
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month ranged from 6% in September to 10% in August.
- there has been a 12% decrease in the number of cats surrendered from the 2,365 cats surrendered in 2010/2011, and the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered has decreased from 9%.

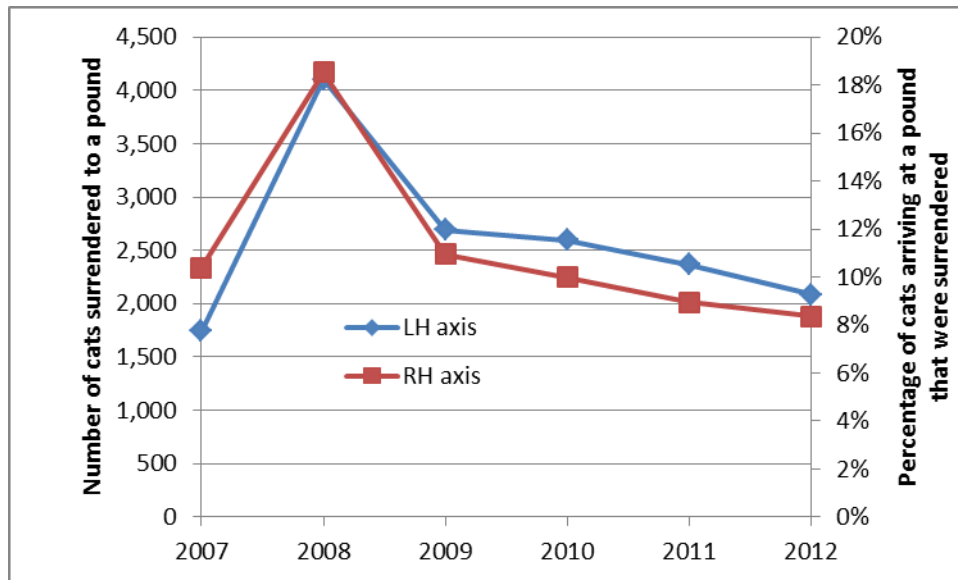


Figure 12: Number of cats surrendered to a pound

The trend analysis for cats surrendered to a pound is graphed in Figure 12 and shows that:

- the number of cats surrendered to a pound in NSW has increased from 1,725 cats in 2006/2007 to 2,082 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 19% over five years; the number of cats surrendered more than doubled to 4,100 in 2007/2008, but fell quickly in the following year and then declined steadily.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered in NSW has decreased from 10.4% to 8.4% in the same period. The graph is similar in shape to the graph for cats surrendered with a peak of 19% in 2007/2008.

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 percentage¹ of dumped dogs by region and month for 2011/2012

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	70	39%	95	46%	82	44%	75	42%	88	50%	90	51%	106	52%	92	51%	101	52%	83	45%	73	45%	64	39%	1,019	46%
Hunter	120	33%	124	32%	113	33%	174	42%	171	40%	169	39%	182	44%	142	37%	133	37%	155	41%	146	40%	165	41%	1,794	38%
Illawarra	109	45%	86	35%	102	42%	92	41%	104	43%	114	42%	155	46%	126	43%	90	34%	98	39%	92	35%	100	36%	1,268	40%
Mid North Coast	9	4%	19	7%	10	4%	10	6%	13	7%	21	12%	22	11%	32	14%	21	9%	28	15%	21	10%	38	22%	244	10%
Murray	17	16%	8	6%	4	3%	4	4%	4	4%	11	10%	15	13%	7	5%	16	12%	8	7%	14	11%	2	2%	110	8%
Murrumbidgee	56	25%	105	39%	104	39%	86	41%	84	33%	113	42%	107	41%	95	37%	102	34%	102	38%	92	37%	93	40%	1,139	37%
Northern	58	24%	43	17%	66	26%	57	27%	55	22%	32	13%	55	20%	63	26%	66	24%	37	15%	14	7%	29	14%	575	20%
North Western	82	29%	63	23%	64	26%	91	34%	83	29%	72	29%	113	36%	64	22%	61	21%	57	22%	79	28%	76	24%	905	27%
Richmond Tweed	72	49%	32	30%	60	51%	73	57%	50	46%	41	41%	50	53%	54	44%	46	49%	55	47%	56	46%	47	49%	636	47%
South Eastern	29	14%	26	11%	29	13%	38	17%	30	13%	32	15%	26	13%	35	15%	32	14%	33	16%	26	14%	30	14%	366	14%
Western	154	41%	134	33%	141	33%	135	33%	148	36%	147	40%	132	35%	120	36%	158	43%	140	42%	137	39%	143	39%	1,689	37%
Sydney North	36	43%	25	31%	20	35%	24	48%	22	32%	46	60%	41	47%	23	32%	26	36%	19	30%	32	41%	22	22%	336	38%
Sydney South	4	3%	8	6%	19	10%	5	3%	6	4%	22	12%	7	4%	7	4%	10	6%	9	5%	11	7%	8	5%	116	6%
Sydney Inner	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	1	2%	1	6%	4	12%	15	4%
Sydney West	296	31%	313	31%	267	29%	270	34%	274	27%	397	38%	400	38%	352	34%	300	30%	268	31%	249	28%	286	32%	3,672	32%
Total	1,113	29%	1,081	27%	1,081	28%	1,134	31%	1,135	29%	1,310	33%	1,411	34%	1,212	30%	1,164	29%	1,093	30%	1,043	28%	1,107	30%	13,884	30%

¹ 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 13,884, which represented 30% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 15 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,672 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 4% in the Sydney Inner region to 46% in the Central Coast region. The percentage exceeded 10% (rounded) in all but four regions.
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped each month reached the highest level of 34% in January and the lowest point of 27% in August.

- there has been a 12% increase in the number of dogs dumped from the 12,365 dogs dumped in 2010/2011, and the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 26% in 2010/2011.

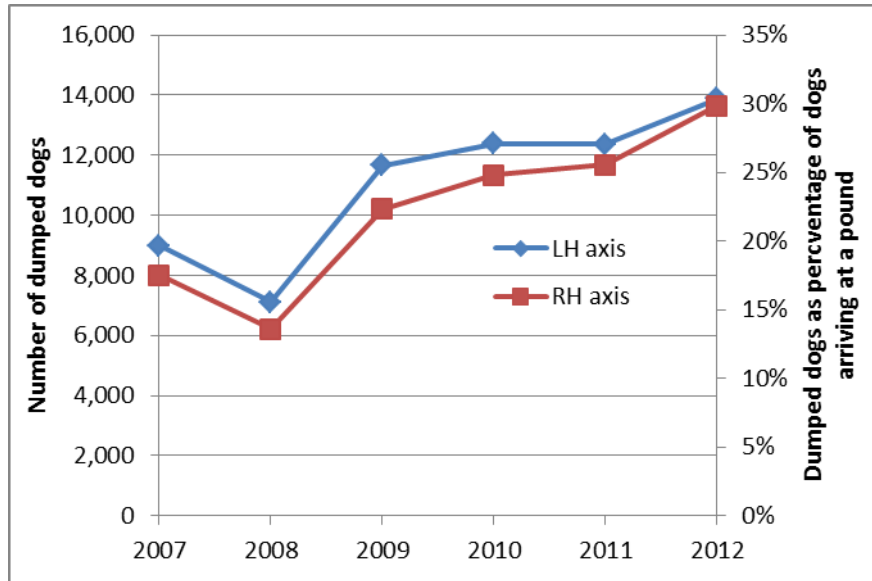


Figure 13: Number of dogs dumped

The trend analysis for dogs dumped is graphed in Figure 13 and shows that:

- the number of dogs dumped in NSW has increased from 8,994 dogs in 2006/2007 to 13,884 in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 54% over five years, but with a noticeable minimum of 7,107 dogs in 2007/2008.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in NSW has increased from 18% to 30% in the same period, with a minimum of 14% in 2007/2008.
- it would appear that the shape of Figure 13 is a mirror image of Figure 11 in terms of overall changes, and the appearance of a counter trend extreme point in 2007/2008 may be due to a change in interpretation of the definitions for surrendered dogs and dumped dogs.

3.2 Cats

Table 18: Number and percentage¹ of dumped cats by region and month for 2011/2012

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.	%	
									100	%	100	%															
Central Coast	24	89%	22	96%	18	95%	23	100%	25	%	27	%	22	100%	22	85%	34	89%	40	100%	72	100%	34	92%	363	96%	
Hunter	16	21%	11	20%	22	29%	13	18%	32	24%	27	20%	30	32%	58	42%	33	28%	28	29%	30	31%	22	36%	322	28%	
Illawarra	78	76%	84	79%	97	82%	115	84%	217	79%	158	82%	177	86%	163	83%	155	75%	133	85%	162	88%	98	88%	1,637	82%	
Mid North Coast	41	56%	15	34%	14	42%	15	20%	40	56%	30	43%	44	62%	34	43%	69	67%	57	76%	37	54%	36	60%	432	53%	
Murray	2	8%	11	24%	0	0%	1	3%	15	36%	2	5%	13	32%	4	8%	3	6%	6	12%	6	10%	0	0%	63	12%	
Murrumbidgee	82	78%	74	57%	88	73%	62	70%	74	64%	115	76%	165	84%	42	67%	141	66%	89	64%	54	65%	116	79%	1,102	71%	
Northern	13	26%	15	34%	11	37%	13	22%	38	45%	49	48%	22	26%	31	35%	25	22%	19	32%	10	11%	23	35%	269	31%	
North Western	24	37%	45	54%	27	41%	52	64%	45	55%	125	74%	74	53%	58	43%	55	44%	66	57%	51	44%	23	32%	645	52%	
Richmond Tweed	17	57%	12	48%	20	69%	25	64%	11	39%	14	56%	22	50%	25	58%	16	39%	25	66%	47	72%	31	66%	265	58%	
South Eastern	10	20%	10	26%	5	15%	0	0%	15	20%	7	13%	0	0%	8	11%	11	12%	9	11%	8	16%	3	6%	86	12%	
Western	14	30%	8	12%	19	37%	19	33%	34	44%	21	30%	31	46%	29	45%	22	26%	38	35%	27	37%	29	44%	291	35%	
Sydney North	3	23%	8	36%	4	17%	5	31%	4	10%	15	23%	7	22%	12	31%	14	30%	5	15%	23	59%	23	56%	123	30%	
Sydney South	9	4%	18	8%	9	4%	10	4%	15	4%	24	6%	42	9%	16	4%	77	17%	39	12%	21	6%	9	5%	289	7%	
Sydney Inner	2	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	2%	
Sydney West	296	68%	327	62%	336	65%	426	70%	809	70%	903	71%	719	68%	655	66%	689	66%	550	67%	449	57%	359	62%	6,518	66%	
Total	631	47%	660	45%	670	49%	779	48%	1,376	53%	1,517	54%	1,368	53%	1,157	48%	1,345	49%	1,104	52%	997	47%	806	51%	12,410	50%	

¹ 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 12,410, which represented 50% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 5 in the Sydney Inner region to 6,518 in the Sydney West region.
- there was substantial regional variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 2% (rounded) in the Sydney Inner region to 96% in the Central Coast region. The percentage exceeded 20% in eleven 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 54% in December, and remained above 50% for the period November to January as well as April and June, and the lowest point of 45% in August.

- the number of cats dumped has increased by 3% from the 12,375 cats dumped in 2010/2011, and the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 47%.

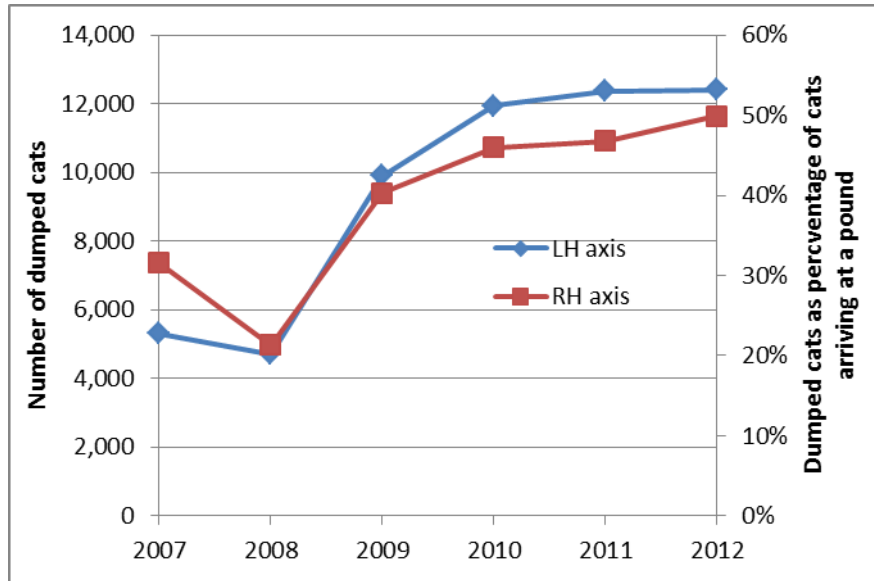


Figure 14: Number of cats dumped

The trend analysis for cats dumped is graphed in Figure 14 and shows that:

- the number of cats dumped in NSW has more than doubled from 5,300 cats in 2006/2007 to 12,410 in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 134% over five years but with a noticeable minimum of 4,716 cats in 2007/2008.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered in NSW has increased from 32% to 50% in the same period, with a minimum of 21% in 2007/2008.
- it would appear that the shape of Figure 14 is a mirror image of Figure 12 in terms of overall changes, and the appearance of a counter trend extreme point in 2007/2008 may be due to a change in interpretation of the definitions for surrendered cats and dumped cats.

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 2011/2012

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	179	206	186	179	176	175	203	181	196	185	163	166	2,195
Hunter	360	393	342	411	431	434	417	387	359	375	367	402	4,678
Illawarra	244	246	242	222	241	273	340	293	266	249	266	277	3,159
Mid North Coast	201	258	224	177	191	179	201	232	237	181	204	175	2,460
Murray	105	129	140	107	112	109	117	133	135	108	127	105	1,427
Murrumbidgee	226	272	269	211	252	270	263	259	303	268	246	235	3,074
Northern	244	248	253	215	254	248	276	238	280	241	207	209	2,913
North Western	282	273	242	267	283	250	310	293	288	265	285	312	3,350
Richmond Tweed	147	106	117	128	109	99	95	123	93	118	121	95	1,351
South Eastern	205	228	225	227	227	217	205	235	231	201	187	207	2,595
Western	376	408	424	409	416	363	374	333	369	330	354	369	4,525
Sydney North	83	80	57	50	69	77	88	71	72	64	78	100	889
Sydney South	139	137	181	175	161	191	185	177	172	170	157	158	2,003
Sydney Inner	37	33	38	31	36	34	37	35	30	43	17	34	405
Sydney West	961	1,000	927	800	998	1,057	1,041	1,028	988	863	903	896	11,462
Total	3,789	4,017	3,867	3,609	3,956	3,976	4,152	4,018	4,019	3,661	3,682	3,740	46,486

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 46,486.
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 405 in the Sydney Inner region to 11,462 in the Sydney West region.
- the number of dogs reported to be arriving at a pound in total (all regions) each month ranged from 3,609 in October to 4,152 in January.
- 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 4% from the 48,427 dogs recorded in 2010/2011.

Table 20: Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	2,195	27
Hunter	4,678	25
Illawarra	3,159	30
Mid North Coast	2,460	28
Murray	1,427	41
Murrumbidgee	3,074	61
Northern	2,913	44
North Western	3,350	79
Richmond Tweed	1,351	24
South Eastern	2,595	40
Western	4,525	65
Sydney North	889	8
Sydney South	2,003	17
Sydney Inner	405	8
Sydney West	11,462	33
Total	46,486	31

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified dogs in each region

Table 20 shows that:

- 31 dogs arrived at a pound for every 1,000 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 and Sydney Inner regions to 79 in the North Western region.
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 34 in 2010/2011.

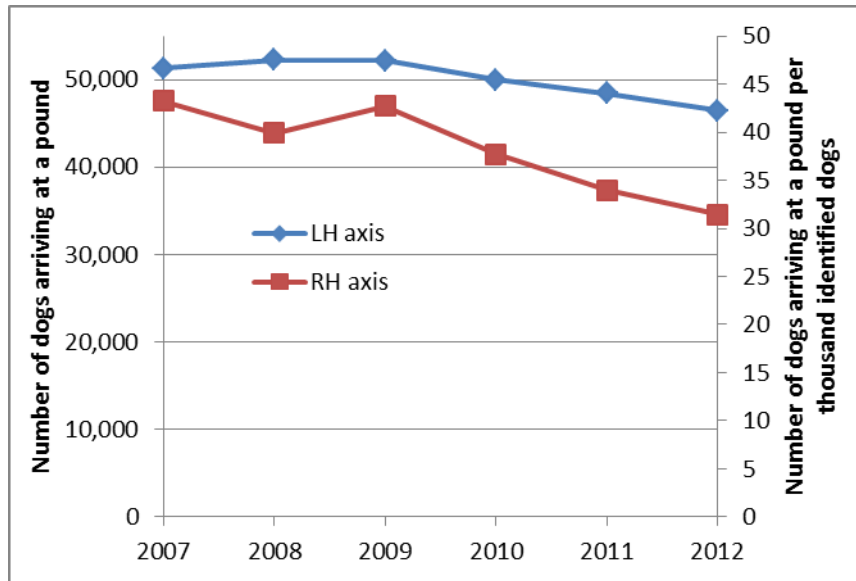


Figure 15: Number of dogs arriving at a pound in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs arriving at a pound is graphed in Figure 15 and shows that:

- the number of dogs arriving at a pound in NSW has reduced from 51,348 dogs in 2006/2007 to 46,486 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 9% over five years, with the reduction occurring as an observable trend in the last three years.
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs has reduced from 43 to 31 in the same period, which is a fall of 27%
- the two curves are similar in shape but the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs dropped to 40 in 2007/2008.

4.2 Cats

Table 21: Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2011/2012

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	27	23	19	23	25	27	22	26	38	40	72	37	379
Hunter	77	55	76	73	134	137	93	139	119	98	96	61	1,158
Illawarra	102	106	119	137	274	192	206	197	206	156	185	111	1,991
Mid North Coast	73	44	33	75	71	70	71	79	103	75	68	60	822
Murray	25	46	45	31	42	44	41	53	52	49	59	30	517
Murrumbidgee	105	129	120	88	115	151	197	63	214	138	83	146	1,549
Northern	50	44	30	60	84	102	84	88	115	59	92	65	873
North Western	65	83	66	81	82	170	140	136	126	115	117	71	1,252
Richmond Tweed	30	25	29	39	28	25	44	43	41	38	65	47	454
South Eastern	50	39	33	36	75	56	58	73	95	81	50	50	696
Western	46	66	51	57	78	71	68	65	86	109	73	66	836
Sydney North	13	22	24	16	41	64	32	39	47	34	39	41	412
Sydney South	229	226	204	284	390	390	471	401	444	318	338	198	3,893
Sydney Inner	23	29	15	31	27	32	19	12	20	9	11	14	242
Sydney West	437	529	516	608	1,151	1,276	1,059	992	1,046	819	793	577	9,803
Total	1,352	1,466	1,380	1,639	2,617	2,807	2,605	2,406	2,752	2,138	2,141	1,574	24,877

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 24,877.
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 242 in the Sydney Inner region to 9,803 in the Sydney West region.
- the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) in each of the months from November to May exceeded 2,100, with the maximum of 2,807 occurring in December. The average number of cats arriving at a pound in the remaining five months was 1,482 with a minimum of 1,352 in July.
- 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 decreased by 6% from the 26,477 cats reported in 2010/2011.

Table 22: Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats¹ by region for 2011/2012

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	379	15
Hunter	1,158	23
Illawarra	1,991	67
Mid North Coast	822	41
Murray	517	66
Murrumbidgee	1,549	154
Northern	873	71
North Western	1,252	206
Richmond Tweed	454	32
South Eastern	696	54
Western	836	54
Sydney North	412	7
Sydney South	3,893	69
Sydney Inner	242	7
Sydney West	9,803	94
Total	24,877	54

¹ See Appendix 2 for the number of identified cats in each region

Table 22 shows that:

- 54 cats arrived at a pound for every 1,000 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 7 in the Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 206 in the North Western region.
- Four of the 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 61 in 2010/2011.

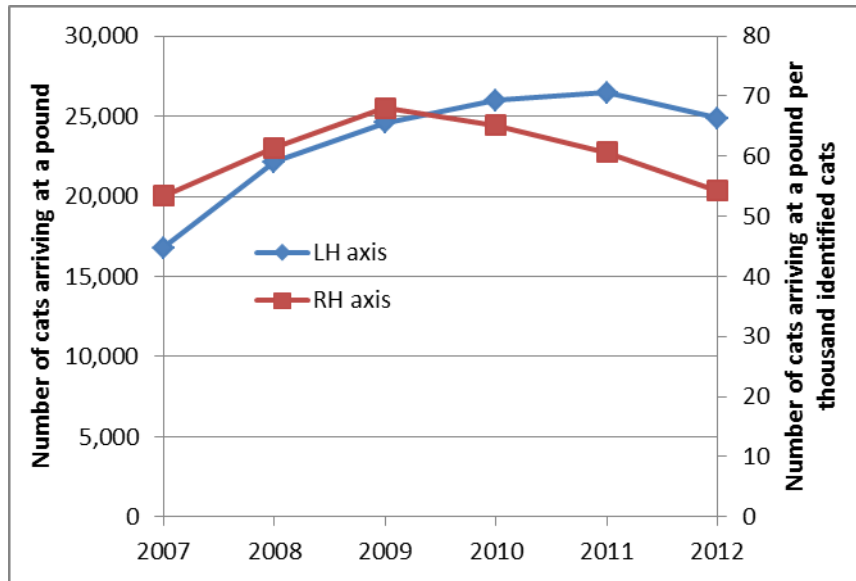


Figure 16: Number of cats arriving at a pound in NSW

The trend analysis for cats arriving at a pound is graphed in Figure 16 and shows that:

- the number of cats arriving at a pound in NSW has increased from 16,787 cats in 2006/2007 to 24,877 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 48% over five years. The number of cats arriving at a pound rose steadily to reach a maximum of 26,477 in 2010/2011, but has fallen in the last year.
- the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats has increased from 53.4 to 54.2 in the same period, a rise of 2%. The number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats rose to a maximum value of 68 in 2008/2009, but has been declining since.

5. Animals leaving a pound

5.1 Dogs

Table 23: Number and percentage¹ of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2011/2012

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	102	57%	126	61%	112	60%	123	69%	94	53%	102	58%	130	64%	87	48%	131	67%	135	73%	111	68%	98	59%	1,351	62%
Hunter	144	40%	153	39%	155	45%	154	37%	178	41%	162	37%	152	36%	132	34%	122	34%	146	39%	129	35%	168	42%	1,795	38%
Illawarra	141	58%	125	51%	125	52%	128	58%	135	56%	140	51%	218	64%	168	57%	150	56%	166	67%	149	56%	157	57%	1,802	57%
Mid North Coast	82	41%	111	43%	111	50%	74	42%	87	46%	73	41%	98	49%	115	50%	98	41%	80	44%	95	47%	82	47%	1,106	45%
Murray	54	51%	68	53%	65	46%	55	51%	50	45%	55	50%	61	52%	80	60%	70	52%	58	54%	45	35%	60	57%	721	51%
Murrumbidgee	103	46%	120	44%	119	44%	72	34%	97	38%	99	37%	93	35%	105	41%	127	42%	89	33%	95	39%	106	45%	1,225	40%
Northern	44	18%	66	27%	72	28%	66	31%	77	30%	93	38%	86	31%	80	34%	88	31%	71	29%	85	41%	75	36%	903	31%
North Western	99	35%	112	41%	90	37%	93	35%	92	33%	87	35%	122	39%	104	35%	99	34%	78	29%	101	35%	92	29%	1,169	35%
Richmond Tweed	69	47%	52	49%	59	50%	64	50%	45	41%	43	43%	45	47%	61	50%	41	44%	39	33%	61	50%	45	47%	624	46%
South Eastern	108	53%	117	51%	126	56%	128	56%	132	58%	118	54%	104	51%	146	62%	124	54%	88	44%	94	50%	98	47%	1,383	53%
Western	134	36%	145	36%	165	39%	153	37%	167	40%	140	39%	164	44%	129	39%	112	30%	121	37%	122	34%	146	40%	1,698	38%
Sydney North	66	80%	69	86%	46	81%	42	84%	56	81%	63	82%	78	89%	56	79%	62	86%	54	84%	61	78%	91	91%	744	84%
Sydney South	88	63%	84	61%	86	48%	84	48%	73	45%	84	44%	96	52%	93	53%	106	62%	77	45%	101	64%	88	56%	1,060	53%
Sydney Inner	14	38%	18	55%	27	71%	18	58%	17	47%	16	47%	19	51%	17	49%	19	63%	20	47%	11	65%	13	38%	209	52%
Sydney West	364	38%	350	35%	321	35%	295	37%	366	37%	337	32%	397	38%	378	37%	343	35%	310	36%	292	32%	324	36%	4,077	36%
Total	1,612	43%	1,716	43%	1,679	43%	1,549	43%	1,666	42%	1,612	41%	1,863	45%	1,751	44%	1,692	42%	1,532	42%	1,552	42%	1,643	44%	19,867	43%

¹ 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 19,867, which represented 43% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 209 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,077 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 31% in the Northern region to 84% 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 41% in December to 45% in January.
- 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 changed little from the 19,929 dogs reported in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound released to their owner has increased from 41%.

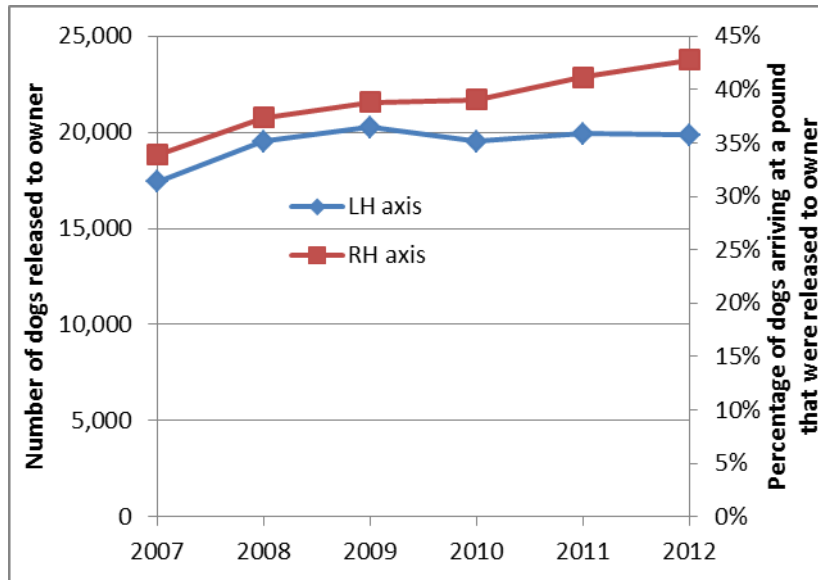


Figure 17: Number of dogs released to owner in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs released to their owner is graphed in Figure 17 and shows that:

- the number of dogs released to their owner in NSW has increased from 17,404 dogs in 2006/2007 to 19,867 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 14% over five years, with the increase occurring largely in the first two years.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to owner has increased steadily from 34% to 43% in the same period.

Table 24: Number and percentage¹ of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2011/2012

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	19	11%	14	7%	12	6%	11	6%	7	4%	16	9%	1	0%	11	6%	14	7%	26	14%	14	9%	14	8%	159	7%
Hunter	55	15%	82	21%	79	23%	100	24%	85	20%	134	31%	110	26%	90	23%	101	28%	84	22%	80	22%	77	19%	1,077	23%
Illawarra	31	13%	46	19%	51	21%	49	22%	39	16%	57	21%	43	13%	37	13%	50	19%	37	15%	44	17%	56	20%	540	17%
Mid North Coast	77	38%	86	33%	76	34%	74	42%	52	27%	50	28%	62	31%	82	35%	86	36%	55	30%	66	32%	57	33%	823	33%
Murray	24	23%	45	35%	45	32%	25	23%	24	21%	33	30%	29	25%	27	20%	30	22%	26	24%	43	34%	21	20%	372	26%
Murrumbidgee	54	24%	89	33%	75	28%	56	27%	92	37%	60	22%	60	23%	67	26%	85	28%	68	25%	61	25%	41	17%	808	26%
Northern	113	46%	116	47%	112	44%	94	44%	118	46%	128	52%	101	37%	127	53%	133	48%	120	50%	88	43%	106	51%	1,356	47%
North Western	141	50%	124	45%	109	45%	125	47%	128	45%	116	46%	151	49%	124	42%	138	48%	142	54%	112	39%	174	56%	1,584	47%
Richmond Tweed	24	16%	18	17%	29	25%	17	13%	28	26%	27	27%	17	18%	27	22%	14	15%	19	16%	24	20%	17	18%	261	19%
South Eastern	56	27%	77	34%	66	29%	68	30%	55	24%	63	29%	75	37%	48	20%	55	24%	70	35%	48	26%	52	25%	733	28%
Western	185	49%	196	48%	193	46%	175	43%	192	46%	155	43%	127	34%	137	41%	159	43%	116	35%	149	42%	161	44%	1,945	43%
Sydney North	1	1%	2	3%	2	4%	4	8%	2	3%	2	3%	2	2%	0	0%	5	7%	2	3%	2	3%	1	1%	25	3%
Sydney South	9	6%	9	7%	20	11%	14	8%	9	6%	25	13%	16	9%	12	7%	7	4%	14	8%	11	7%	12	8%	158	8%
Sydney Inner	3	8%	3	9%	3	8%	3	10%	3	8%	4	12%	6	16%	3	9%	1	3%	2	5%	1	6%	0	0%	32	8%
Sydney West	197	20%	194	19%	178	19%	143	18%	187	19%	262	25%	171	16%	172	17%	174	18%	141	16%	129	14%	124	14%	2,072	18%
Total	989	26%	1,101	27%	1,050	27%	958	27%	1,021	26%	1,132	28%	971	23%	964	24%	1,052	26%	922	25%	872	24%	913	24%	11,945	26%

¹ Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see Table 19)

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 11,945, which represented 26% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 25 in the Sydney North region to 2,072 in the Sydney West region.
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 3% in the Sydney North region to 47% in the Northern and North Western regions. For all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month ranged from 23% in January to 28% 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 13% from the 13,661 dogs reported in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 28%.

Additional comments:

- 8,851 dogs were euthanased due to inability to re-home, or were deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing, and this represented 74% of all dogs euthanased. A further 1,284 dogs were euthanased at their owner's request.
- There has been a decrease of 19% from the 10,975 dogs in 2010/2011 that were euthanased due to inability to re-home or deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing. The percentage of all dogs euthanased has decreased from 80%. The number of dogs euthanased at their owner's request has increased from 1,271 in 2010/2011.

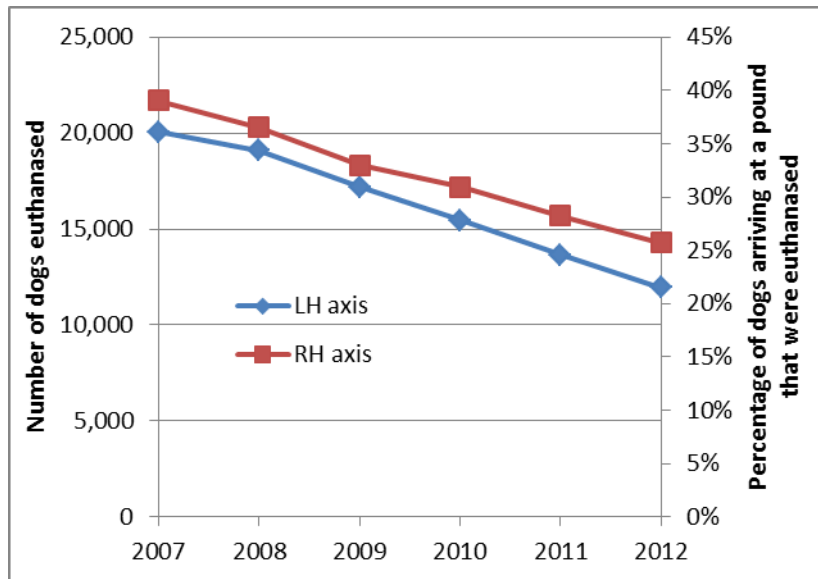


Figure 18: Number of dogs euthanased in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs euthanased is graphed in Figure 18 and shows that:

- the number of dogs euthanased in NSW has decreased from 20,058 dogs in 2006/2007 to 11,945 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 40% over five years.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 39% to 26% in the same period.
- both graphs show an almost linear down trend, indicating that the reductions in numbers of dogs euthanased have been achieved at a constant rate each year.

Table 25: Number and percentage¹ of dogs sold from a pound by region and month for 2011/2012

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	6%	20	10%	33	18%	24	13%	25	14%	26	15%	24	12%	31	17%	10	5%	11	6%	23	14%	12	7%	249	11%
Hunter	6	2%	23	6%	10	3%	9	2%	9	2%	13	3%	11	3%	13	3%	10	3%	9	2%	10	3%	9	2%	132	3%
Illawarra	6	2%	13	5%	14	6%	9	4%	9	4%	11	4%	6	2%	7	2%	8	3%	7	3%	6	2%	3	1%	99	3%
Mid North Coast	22	11%	16	6%	22	10%	17	10%	28	15%	34	19%	20	10%	23	10%	20	8%	19	10%	22	11%	11	6%	254	10%
Murray	9	9%	6	5%	7	5%	12	11%	8	7%	9	8%	10	9%	9	7%	13	10%	8	7%	12	9%	7	7%	110	8%
Murrumbidgee	18	8%	16	6%	6	2%	16	8%	20	8%	6	2%	17	6%	14	5%	7	2%	10	4%	20	8%	9	4%	159	5%
Northern	19	8%	15	6%	12	5%	19	9%	9	4%	4	2%	19	7%	11	5%	17	6%	18	7%	10	5%	5	2%	158	5%
North Western	8	3%	10	4%	6	2%	4	1%	9	3%	9	4%	8	3%	10	3%	5	2%	4	2%	4	1%	11	4%	88	3%
Richmond Tweed	34	23%	25	24%	20	17%	22	17%	21	19%	18	18%	12	13%	15	12%	18	19%	18	15%	35	29%	17	18%	255	19%
South Eastern	21	10%	16	7%	11	5%	14	6%	17	7%	18	8%	17	8%	15	6%	19	8%	24	12%	29	16%	28	14%	229	9%
Western	11	3%	6	1%	12	3%	4	1%	6	1%	9	2%	9	2%	9	3%	9	2%	11	3%	11	3%	12	3%	109	2%
Sydney North	4	5%	7	9%	5	9%	2	4%	6	9%	4	5%	2	2%	7	10%	7	10%	6	9%	5	6%	3	3%	58	7%
Sydney South	38	27%	34	25%	32	18%	43	25%	32	20%	27	14%	38	21%	23	13%	29	17%	35	21%	23	15%	24	15%	378	19%
Sydney Inner	16	43%	15	45%	15	39%	7	23%	11	31%	15	44%	10	27%	19	54%	4	13%	19	44%	13	76%	7	21%	151	37%
Sydney West	176	18%	218	22%	212	23%	178	22%	165	17%	231	22%	210	20%	199	19%	197	20%	193	22%	198	22%	175	20%	2,352	21%
Total	398	11%	440	11%	417	11%	380	11%	375	9%	434	11%	413	10%	405	10%	373	9%	392	11%	421	11%	333	9%	4,781	10%

¹ Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see Table 19)

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold from a pound was 4,781, which represented 10% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 58 in the Sydney North region to 2,352 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 Western region to 37% in the Sydney Inner region. In nine regions the percentage sold was less than 10% (rounded).
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month ranged from 9% in November, March and June to 11% in July to October, December, April and May.
- 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 4% from 4,968 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold has remained the same.

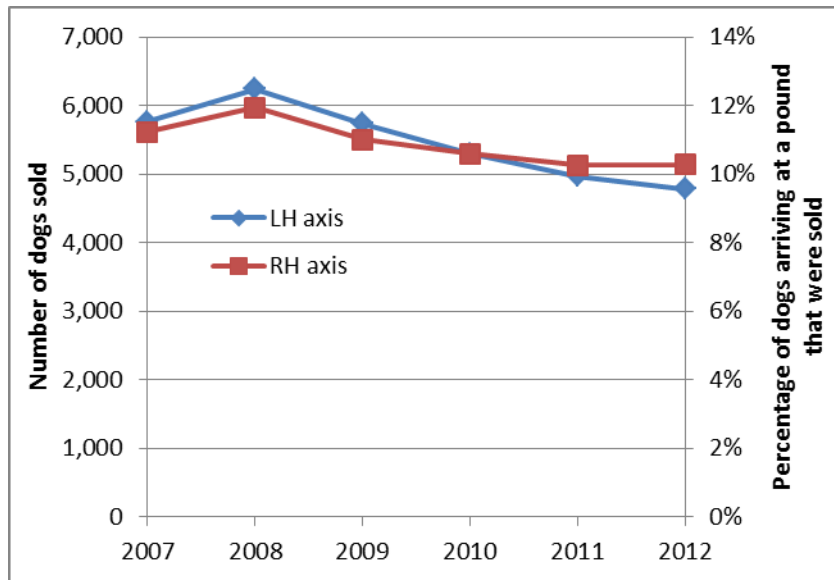


Figure 19: Number of dogs sold from a pound in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs sold from a pound is graphed in Figure 19 and shows that:

- the number of dogs sold from a pound in NSW has decreased from 5,765 dogs in 2006/2007 to 4,781 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 17% over five years.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold has decreased from 11.2% to 10.3% in the same period.
- the two graphs are similar in shape: in the case of number of dogs sold there was an initial rise of some 8% from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008 followed by a steady decline. For the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold, the initial rise was a little smaller (proportionally) and the subsequent decline flattened out somewhat after 2009/2010.

Table 26: Number and percentage¹ of dogs released to a re-homing organisation by region and month for 2011/2012

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	41	23%	33	16%	31	17%	27	15%	38	22%	38	22%	44	22%	41	23%	35	18%	31	17%	28	17%	33	20%	420	19%
Hunter	120	33%	126	32%	140	41%	129	31%	137	32%	129	30%	131	31%	156	40%	114	32%	128	34%	148	40%	144	36%	1,602	34%
Illawarra	63	26%	60	24%	49	20%	54	24%	48	20%	56	21%	76	22%	64	22%	65	24%	46	18%	64	24%	53	19%	698	22%
Mid North Coast	26	13%	18	7%	26	12%	15	8%	13	7%	17	9%	12	6%	17	7%	27	11%	19	10%	26	13%	29	17%	245	10%
Murray	21	20%	9	7%	17	12%	16	15%	24	21%	20	18%	14	12%	15	11%	9	7%	24	22%	21	17%	15	14%	205	14%
Murrumbidgee	50	22%	50	18%	56	21%	58	27%	60	24%	84	31%	91	35%	66	25%	68	22%	84	31%	88	36%	78	33%	833	27%
Northern	43	18%	59	24%	57	23%	34	16%	41	16%	32	13%	50	18%	27	11%	46	16%	20	8%	34	16%	29	14%	472	16%
North Western	46	16%	22	8%	26	11%	35	13%	50	18%	43	17%	49	16%	37	13%	47	16%	37	14%	49	17%	50	16%	491	15%
Richmond Tweed	15	10%	20	19%	20	17%	14	11%	12	11%	21	21%	15	16%	19	15%	22	24%	20	17%	16	13%	25	26%	219	16%
South Eastern	18	9%	22	10%	17	8%	18	8%	17	7%	24	11%	9	4%	17	7%	29	13%	15	7%	18	10%	25	12%	229	9%
Western	42	11%	61	15%	45	11%	62	15%	65	16%	46	13%	58	16%	45	14%	78	21%	74	22%	73	21%	50	14%	699	15%
Sydney North	4	5%	5	6%	0	0%	4	8%	6	9%	5	6%	4	5%	2	3%	3	4%	3	5%	4	5%	4	4%	44	5%
Sydney South	19	14%	18	13%	39	22%	34	19%	47	29%	43	23%	38	21%	38	21%	24	14%	41	24%	23	15%	33	21%	397	20%
Sydney Inner	4	11%	2	6%	2	5%	0	0%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3	9%	2	7%	0	0%	2	12%	3	9%	20	5%
Sydney West	235	24%	232	23%	223	24%	173	22%	245	25%	227	21%	203	20%	241	23%	247	25%	199	23%	242	27%	238	27%	2,705	24%
Total	747	20%	737	18%	748	19%	673	19%	805	20%	785	20%	794	19%	788	20%	816	20%	741	20%	836	23%	809	22%	9,279	20%

¹ 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 9,279, which represented 20% of all dogs arriving at a pound.
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 20 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,705 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 5% in the Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 34% in the Hunter region. In four regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%.
- 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 18% in August to 23% in May.
- 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 1% from 9,145 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 19%.

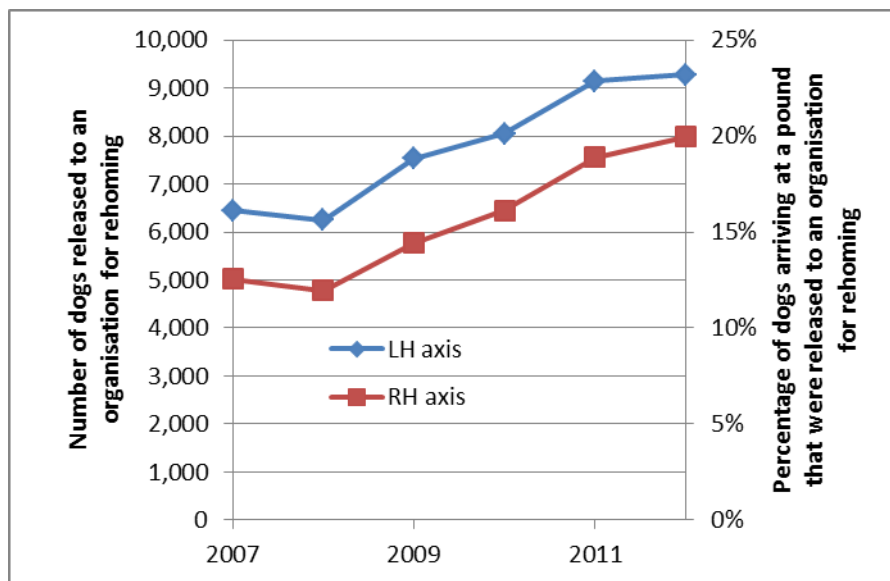


Figure 20: Number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs released to an organisation for re-homing is graphed in Figure 20 and shows that:

- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing in NSW has increased from 6,451 dogs in 2006/2007 to 9,279 dogs in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 44% over five years.
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 13% to 20% in the same period.
- the two graphs are similar in shape: in the case of number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing, there was an initial fall of 3% from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008 followed by a steady rise. For the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing, the initial rise was a little larger (proportionally).

Table 27: Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving-pound category by region for 2011/2012

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	159	7%	420	19%	249	11%	1,351	62%
Hunter	1,077	23%	1,602	35%	132	3%	1,795	39%
Illawarra	540	17%	698	22%	99	3%	1,802	57%
Mid North Coast	823	34%	245	10%	254	10%	1,106	46%
Murray	372	26%	205	15%	110	8%	721	51%
Murrumbidgee	808	27%	833	28%	159	5%	1,225	40%
Northern	1,356	47%	472	16%	158	5%	903	31%
North Western	1,584	48%	491	15%	88	3%	1,169	35%
Richmond Tweed	261	19%	219	16%	255	19%	624	46%
South Eastern	733	28%	229	9%	229	9%	1,383	54%
Western	1,945	44%	699	16%	109	2%	1,698	38%
Sydney North	25	3%	44	5%	58	7%	744	85%
Sydney South	158	8%	397	20%	378	19%	1,060	53%
Sydney Inner	32	8%	20	5%	151	37%	209	51%
Sydney West	2,072	18%	2,705	24%	2,352	21%	4,077	36%
Total	11,945	26%	9,279	20%	4,781	10%	19,867	43%

Note to Table 27: The remainder (approximately 1%) of impounded dogs were reported as having been stolen or died.

Table 27 summarises Tables 23-26. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were most commonly released to their owner or were 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 twelve regions, 'released to their owner' was the most common outcome, and in these regions the second most common outcome was 'released to an organisation for re-homing' (in six regions). The most common outcome in the remaining three regions was 'euthanased'. All regions where 'euthanased' was the most common outcome were rural regions. The Murrumbidgee region was the only rural region where 'euthanased' was not one of the top two outcomes.

In comparison to 2010/2011, the percentages for the different outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound have increased from 41% to 43% for dogs released to their owner, and from 19% to 20% for dogs released to an organisation for re-homing. This has had the most impact on 'euthanased', which has decreased from 28% to 26%.

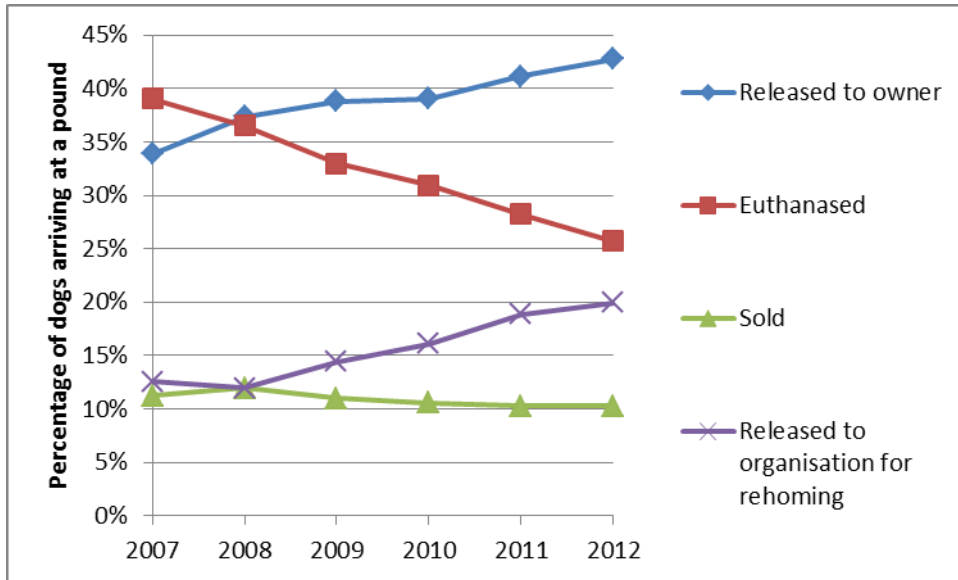
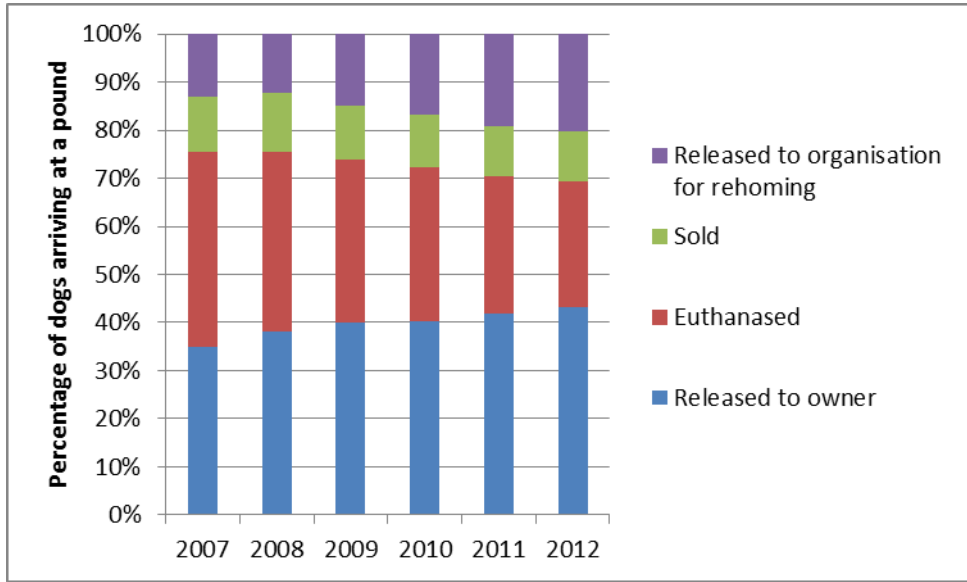


Figure 21: Percentage of dogs in each leaving category in NSW

The trend analysis for dogs in each leaving category is summarised in Figure 21 and shows that:

- after starting as the lead category in 2006/2007, the category 'euthanased' has been overtaken by 'released to owner'.
- the categories 'sold' and 'released to organisation for re-homing' commenced close together in 2006/2007, but 'sold' has decreased slightly in percentage terms, while 'released to organisation for re-homing' has grown substantially.



Alternative Figure 21

5.2 Cats

Table 28: Number and percentage¹ of cats released to owner by region and month for 2011/2012

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	12	44%	4	17%	1	5%	2	9%	1	4%	3	11%	4	18%	2	8%	2	5%	2	5%	7	10%	4	11%	44	12%
Hunter	5	6%	7	13%	6	8%	5	7%	2	1%	2	1%	3	3%	4	3%	7	6%	2	2%	7	7%	1	2%	51	4%
Illawarra	6	6%	7	7%	10	8%	11	8%	6	2%	6	3%	9	4%	3	2%	3	1%	9	6%	7	4%	7	6%	84	4%
Mid North Coast	2	3%	4	9%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	5	7%	3	5%	21	3%
Murray	1	4%	2	4%	1	2%	4	13%	5	12%	3	7%	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%	2	4%	1	2%	5	17%	27	5%
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	0	0%	6	5%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	4	2%	3	5%	3	1%	3	2%	5	6%	1	1%	31	2%
Northern	1	2%	4	9%	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	6	6%	1	1%	9	10%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	3	5%	30	3%
North Western	2	3%	3	4%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4	3%	6	5%	3	3%	6	8%	28	2%
Richmond Tweed	2	7%	5	20%	2	7%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	3	7%	3	7%	0	0%	1	3%	7	11%	1	2%	26	6%
South Eastern	2	4%	0	0%	2	6%	6	17%	4	5%	11	20%	4	7%	3	4%	4	4%	7	9%	2	4%	3	6%	48	7%
Western	1	2%	1	2%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	4	6%	5	8%	5	6%	5	5%	1	1%	5	8%	30	4%
Sydney North	1	8%	2	9%	2	8%	0	0%	2	5%	3	5%	4	13%	1	3%	3	6%	5	15%	7	18%	8	20%	38	9%
Sydney South	11	5%	5	2%	9	4%	10	4%	8	2%	6	2%	9	2%	3	1%	11	2%	6	2%	4	1%	7	4%	89	2%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	4	13%	2	7%	2	6%	2	11%	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	2	18%	0	0%	14	6%
Sydney West	18	4%	24	5%	19	4%	12	2%	8	1%	16	1%	13	1%	4	0%	14	1%	6	1%	21	3%	15	3%	170	2%
Total	66	5%	68	5%	64	5%	59	4%	41	2%	63	2%	62	2%	43	2%	60	2%	56	3%	80	4%	69	4%	731	3%

¹ 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 731, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 14 in the Sydney Inner region to 170 in the Sydney West region.
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner ranged from 2% in the Murrumbidgee, North Western, Sydney South and Sydney West regions to 12% in the Central Coast region.
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month ranged from a minimum of 2% in the warmer months (November to March), rising to a maximum of 5% in the cooler months (July to September). 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 1% from 724 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained unchanged.

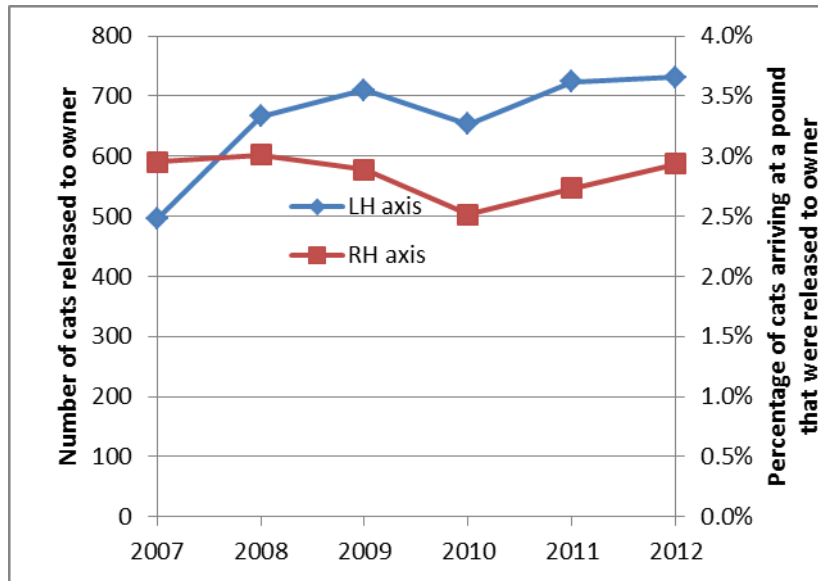


Figure 22: Number of cats released to owner in NSW

The trend analysis for cats released to owner is graphed in Figure 22 and shows that:

- the number of cats released to their owner in NSW has increased from 496 cats in 2006/2007 to 731 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 47% over five years, with the increase occurring largely in the first two years.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has varied in the range 2.5% to 3% in the same period, reaching a minimum in 2009/2010.

Table 29: Number and percentage¹ of cats euthanased by region and month for 2011/2012

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	26%	7	30%	3	16%	8	35%	3	12%	5	19%	7	32%	9	35%	8	21%	15	38%	20	28%	12	32%	104	27%
Hunter	34	44%	36	65%	44	58%	42	58%	85	63%	112	82%	39	42%	64	46%	61	51%	57	58%	46	48%	35	57%	655	57%
Illawarra	38	37%	45	42%	60	50%	75	55%	145	53%	81	42%	95	46%	98	50%	102	50%	107	69%	80	43%	78	70%	1,004	50%
Mid North Coast	54	74%	28	64%	21	64%	44	59%	49	69%	56	80%	43	61%	69	87%	68	66%	46	61%	49	72%	27	45%	554	67%
Murray	23	92%	28	61%	26	58%	18	58%	10	24%	27	61%	21	51%	32	60%	32	62%	27	55%	26	44%	10	33%	280	54%
Murrumbidgee	63	60%	86	67%	70	58%	66	75%	82	71%	120	79%	168	85%	47	75%	178	83%	107	78%	54	65%	105	72%	1,146	74%
Northern	42	84%	36	82%	29	97%	50	83%	67	80%	85	83%	77	92%	68	77%	77	67%	44	75%	77	84%	45	69%	697	80%
North Western	44	68%	68	82%	46	70%	75	93%	58	71%	145	85%	116	83%	127	93%	108	86%	97	84%	110	94%	58	82%	1,052	84%
Richmond Tweed	10	33%	10	40%	19	66%	16	41%	15	54%	9	36%	16	36%	12	28%	17	41%	23	61%	28	43%	33	70%	208	46%
South Eastern	38	76%	33	85%	19	58%	18	50%	49	65%	41	73%	41	71%	65	89%	60	63%	60	74%	39	78%	31	62%	494	71%
Western	45	98%	61	92%	50	98%	57	100%	55	71%	69	97%	49	72%	61	94%	75	87%	81	74%	54	74%	60	91%	717	86%
Sydney North	12	92%	6	27%	16	67%	14	88%	26	63%	36	56%	23	72%	17	44%	42	89%	18	53%	24	62%	24	59%	258	63%
Sydney South	142	62%	148	65%	112	55%	157	55%	189	48%	258	66%	302	64%	287	72%	258	58%	208	65%	218	64%	123	62%	2,402	62%
Sydney Inner	16	70%	16	55%	7	47%	18	58%	18	67%	11	34%	20	105%	7	58%	17	85%	7	78%	5	45%	12	86%	154	64%
Sydney West	270	62%	346	65%	325	63%	267	44%	656	57%	978	77%	711	67%	774	78%	734	70%	527	64%	501	63%	331	57%	6,420	65%
Total	838	62%	954	65%	847	61%	925	56%	1,507	58%	2,033	72%	1,728	66%	1,737	72%	1,837	67%	1,424	67%	1,331	62%	984	63%	16,145	65%

¹ Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see Table 21)

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 16,145, which represented 65% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 104 in the Central Coast region to 6,420 in the Sydney West region.
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 27% in the Central Coast region to 86% 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 72% in December and February.
- 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 decreased by 10% from 17,991 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 68%.

Additional comments:

- 8,993 cats were euthanased due to an inability to re-home, or were deemed unsuitable for re-homing, and this represented 56% of all cats euthanased. A further 416 cats were euthanased at their owner’s request.
- There has been a decrease of 41% from the 15,261 cats in 2010/2011 that were euthanased due to inability to re-home or deemed to be unsuitable for re-homing. This is likely to be as a result of the introduction of a new sub-category of ‘euthanased feral/infant animal’ in the 2011/12 online pound data collection form. Previously such animals were most likely to have been captured in the ‘euthanased – unsuitable for re-homing’ sub-category. The percentage of all cats euthanased has decreased from 85%. The number of cats euthanased at their owner’s request has decreased from 530 in 2010/2011.

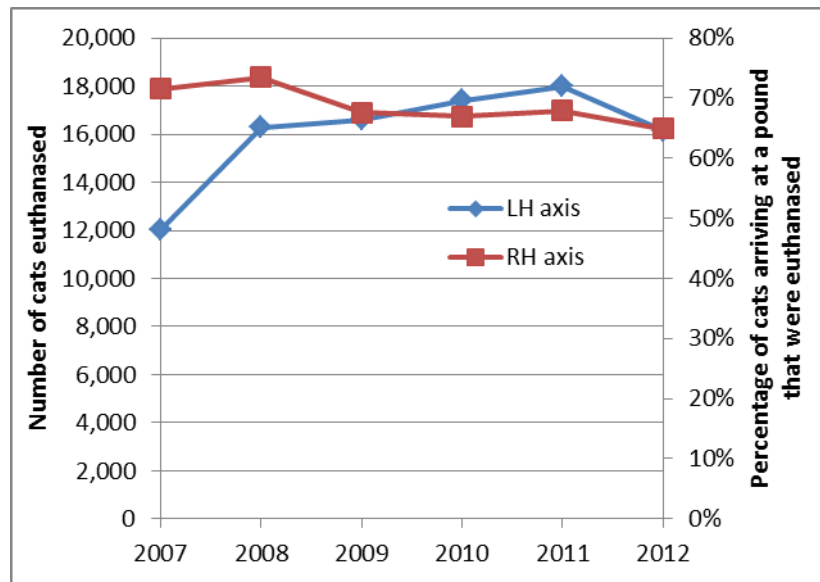


Figure 23: Number of cats euthanased in NSW

The trend analysis for cats euthanased is graphed in Figure 23 and shows that:

- the number of cats euthanased in NSW has increased from 12,002 cats in 2006/2007 to 16,145 cats in 2011/2012, representing a fall of 35% over five years, reaching a maximum of 17,991 in 2010/2011.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 71% to 65% in the same period, reaching a maximum of 74% in 2007/2008.

Table 30: Number and percentage¹ of cats sold by region and month for 2011/2012

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	12	44%	15	65%	12	63%	12	52%	14	56%	16	59%	12	55%	12	46%	15	39%	10	25%	21	29%	8	22%	159	42%
Hunter	2	3%	3	5%	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	3	2%	2	2%	2	2%	6	6%	4	7%	28	2%
Illawarra	13	13%	16	15%	7	6%	6	4%	18	7%	15	8%	25	12%	11	6%	14	7%	18	12%	12	6%	22	20%	177	9%
Mid North Coast	10	14%	2	5%	3	9%	7	9%	8	11%	5	7%	6	8%	5	6%	6	6%	5	7%	7	10%	7	12%	71	9%
Murray	8	32%	8	17%	3	7%	5	16%	17	40%	12	27%	4	10%	14	26%	15	29%	12	24%	11	19%	7	23%	116	22%
Murrumbidgee	4	4%	6	5%	1	1%	2	2%	5	4%	4	3%	1	1%	1	2%	2	1%	4	3%	8	10%	6	4%	44	3%
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	2%	3	3%	0	0%	9	1%
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	5	6%	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	3	2%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	16	1%
Richmond Tweed	13	43%	7	28%	2	7%	6	15%	15	54%	12	48%	11	25%	17	40%	14	34%	11	29%	8	12%	8	17%	124	27%
South Eastern	6	12%	6	15%	5	15%	8	22%	6	8%	3	5%	3	5%	7	10%	8	8%	5	6%	5	10%	2	4%	64	9%
Western	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	7	1%
Sydney North	3	23%	4	18%	4	17%	1	6%	2	5%	9	14%	6	19%	7	18%	6	13%	6	18%	2	5%	7	17%	57	14%
Sydney South	39	17%	26	12%	35	17%	44	15%	26	7%	44	11%	55	12%	43	11%	46	10%	54	17%	61	18%	32	16%	505	13%
Sydney Inner	5	22%	5	17%	7	47%	3	10%	6	22%	5	16%	12	63%	6	50%	7	35%	5	56%	0	0%	4	29%	65	27%
Sydney West	40	9%	43	8%	45	9%	61	10%	78	7%	105	8%	97	9%	84	8%	101	10%	111	14%	111	14%	80	14%	956	10%
Total	156	12%	141	10%	126	9%	158	10%	201	8%	234	8%	235	9%	213	9%	242	9%	245	11%	258	12%	189	12%	2,398	10%

¹ Calculated from total number of cats arriving at a pound (see Table 21)

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 2,398 which represented 10% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 7 in the Western region to 956 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 1% in the Western and North Western regions to 42% in the Central Coast region. In eight regions the percentage sold was less than 10%.
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied over the year, from 8% in November and December to a maximum of 12% in July, May and June.
- 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 3% from 2,324 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were sold has increased from 9%.

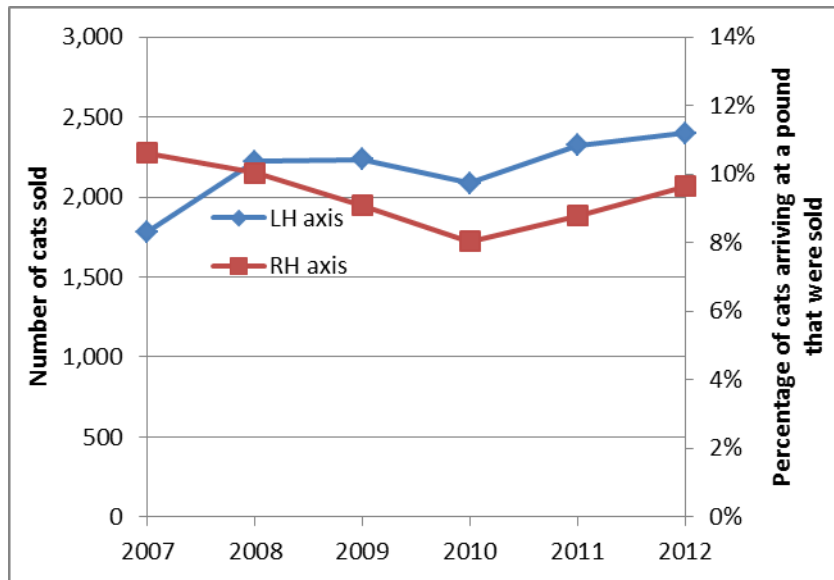


Figure 24: Number of cats sold in NSW

The trend analysis for cats sold is graphed in Figure 24 and shows that:

- the number of cats sold in NSW has increased from 1,783 cats in 2006/2007 to 2,398 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise of 34% over five years. After an initial sharp increase in 2007/2008, the curve has trended upwards in subsequent years, with a small reversal in 2009/2010.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold has decreased from 10.6% to 9.6% in the same period. After declining initially and reaching a minimum of 8.0% in 2009/2010, the recorded data points have increased in each of the last two years.

Table 31: Number and percentage¹ of cats released to a re-homing organisation by region and month for 2011/2012

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	1	4%	2	9%	2	11%	1	4%	0	0%	4	15%	1	5%	4	15%	6	16%	5	13%	18	25%	10	27%	54	14%
Hunter	23	30%	9	16%	18	24%	23	32%	35	26%	36	26%	30	32%	58	42%	59	50%	44	45%	29	30%	26	43%	390	34%
Illawarra	50	49%	42	40%	60	50%	27	20%	83	30%	74	39%	96	47%	73	37%	59	29%	51	33%	69	37%	39	35%	723	36%
Mid North Coast	17	23%	17	39%	13	39%	17	23%	3	4%	14	20%	16	23%	6	8%	17	17%	21	28%	15	22%	17	28%	173	21%
Murray	1	4%	5	11%	15	33%	6	19%	6	14%	10	23%	7	17%	3	6%	9	17%	8	16%	14	24%	8	27%	92	18%
Murrumbidgee	25	24%	38	29%	37	31%	19	22%	27	23%	26	17%	18	9%	11	17%	31	14%	19	14%	23	28%	31	21%	305	20%
Northern	4	8%	8	18%	1	3%	10	17%	9	11%	10	10%	3	4%	15	17%	22	19%	15	25%	14	15%	15	23%	126	14%
North Western	4	6%	24	29%	14	21%	10	12%	15	18%	17	10%	32	23%	6	4%	4	3%	8	7%	11	9%	6	8%	151	12%
Richmond Tweed	7	23%	5	20%	5	17%	1	3%	4	14%	5	20%	7	16%	11	26%	9	22%	13	34%	10	15%	18	38%	95	21%
South Eastern	13	26%	2	5%	1	3%	4	11%	7	9%	8	14%	4	7%	7	10%	8	8%	7	9%	7	14%	13	26%	81	12%
Western	1	2%	2	3%	1	2%	1	2%	11	14%	10	14%	6	9%	5	8%	3	3%	14	13%	15	21%	3	5%	72	9%
Sydney North	2	15%	7	32%	1	4%	3	19%	1	2%	18	28%	4	13%	3	8%	0	0%	4	12%	5	13%	8	20%	56	14%
Sydney South	39	17%	34	15%	45	22%	56	20%	164	42%	77	20%	66	14%	66	16%	87	20%	58	18%	58	17%	31	16%	781	20%
Sydney Inner	4	17%	3	10%	1	7%	2	6%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	2	22%	0	0%	0	0%	14	6%
Sydney West	83	19%	90	17%	101	20%	209	34%	314	27%	213	17%	213	20%	163	16%	142	14%	160	20%	181	23%	147	25%	2,016	21%
Total	274	20%	288	20%	315	23%	389	24%	680	26%	522	19%	503	19%	431	18%	457	17%	429	20%	469	22%	372	24%	5,129	21%

¹ 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 5,129, which represented 21% of all cats arriving at a pound.
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 14 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,016 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 6% in the Sydney Inner region to 36% in the Illawarra region. In two 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 17% in March to a maximum of 26% in November.
- 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 7% from 4,774 in 2010/2011, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing increased from 18%.

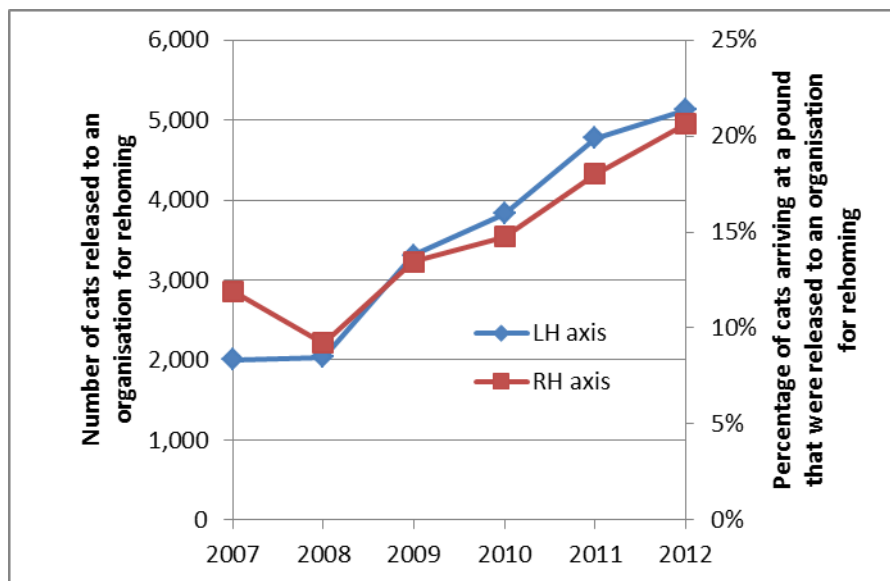


Figure 25: Number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing in NSW

The trend analysis for cats released to an organisation for re-homing is graphed in Figure 25 and shows that:

- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing in NSW has increased from 2,002 cats in 2006/2007 to 5,129 cats in 2011/2012, representing a rise by a factor of more than 2.5 over five years.
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 12% to 21% in the same period.
- both curves show a strong upward trend over the period 2007/2008 to 2011/2012, with constant increases each year. Initially, from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008, there was little change in the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing, but a significant drop to 9% followed when the recorded data was normalized by the number of identified cats.

Table 32: Number and percentage of cats in each leaving-pound category by region for 2011/2012

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	104	29%	54	15%	159	44%	44	12%
Hunter	655	58%	390	35%	28	2%	51	5%
Illawarra	1,004	51%	723	36%	177	9%	84	4%
Mid North Coast	554	68%	173	21%	71	9%	21	3%
Murray	280	54%	92	18%	116	23%	27	5%
Murrumbidgee	1,146	75%	305	20%	44	3%	31	2%
Northern	697	81%	126	15%	9	1%	30	3%
North Western	1,052	84%	151	12%	16	1%	28	2%
Richmond Tweed	208	46%	95	21%	124	27%	26	6%
South Eastern	494	72%	81	12%	64	9%	48	7%
Western	717	87%	72	9%	7	1%	30	4%
Sydney North	258	63%	56	14%	57	14%	38	9%
Sydney South	2,402	64%	781	21%	505	13%	89	2%
Sydney Inner	154	62%	14	6%	65	26%	14	6%
Sydney West	6,420	67%	2,016	21%	956	10%	170	2%
Total	16,145	65%	5,129	21%	2,398	10%	731	3%

Note to Table 32: The remainder (approximately 1%) of impounded cats were reported as having been stolen or died

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 over 30% 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 but the Central Coast region (where 'sold' was the largest category for cats leaving a pound), and accounted for more than half the cats leaving a pound in 13 regions. In the 14 regions where 'euthanased' was the largest category, the second most common outcome in ten of the regions was 'released to an organisation for re-homing' and in three regions the second most common outcome was 'sold'.

The changes in the percentages for the different outcomes for cats arriving at a pound since 2010/2011 have been relatively small, the largest being an increase from 18% to 21% for 'released to organisation for re-homing'. This has had the most impact on 'euthanased', which has dropped from 68% to 66%.

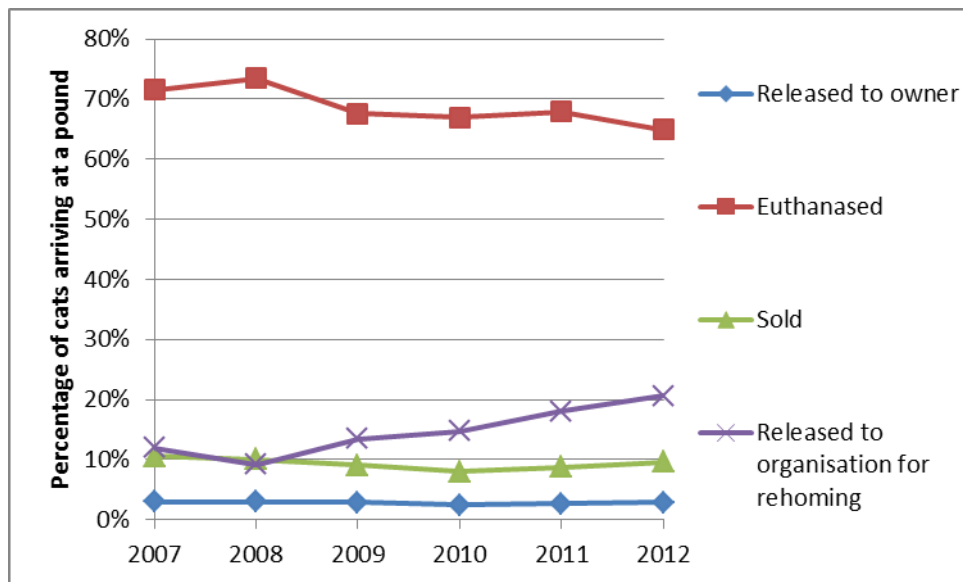


Figure 26: Percentage of cats in each leaving category in NSW

The trend analysis for cats in each leaving category is summarised in Figure 26 and shows that:

- the category 'euthanased' remains dominant but has declined as a proportion of all cats arriving at a pound
- there has been a significant increase in the category 'released to an organisation for re-homing', but both 'released to owner' and 'sold' categories have remained reasonably unchanged at a low level in percentage terms.

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 2012 – allocated to council areas

	Cats	Dogs
Central Coast	25,652	81,123
Hunter	50,408	190,124
Illawarra	29,742	107,075
Mid North Coast	20,002	86,956
Murray	7,810	35,150
Murrumbidgee	10,087	50,125
Northern	12,380	66,118
North Western	6,077	42,584
Richmond Tweed	14,235	55,323
South Eastern	12,894	65,265
Western	15,454	69,240
Sydney North	56,848	114,528
Sydney South	56,526	121,059
Sydney Inner	36,608	50,671
Sydney West	104,099	344,308
Total used in analysis	458,822	1,479,649

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 24% 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 3.2 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.4 to 1. In the North Western region the ratio was 7.0 to 1.
- the number of identified cats has increased by 5% from 436,286 at 30 June 2011 and the number of identified dogs has increased by 4% from 1,424,476.

Appendix 3: Trend graphs for dogs by region

A1 - Number of dogs seized:

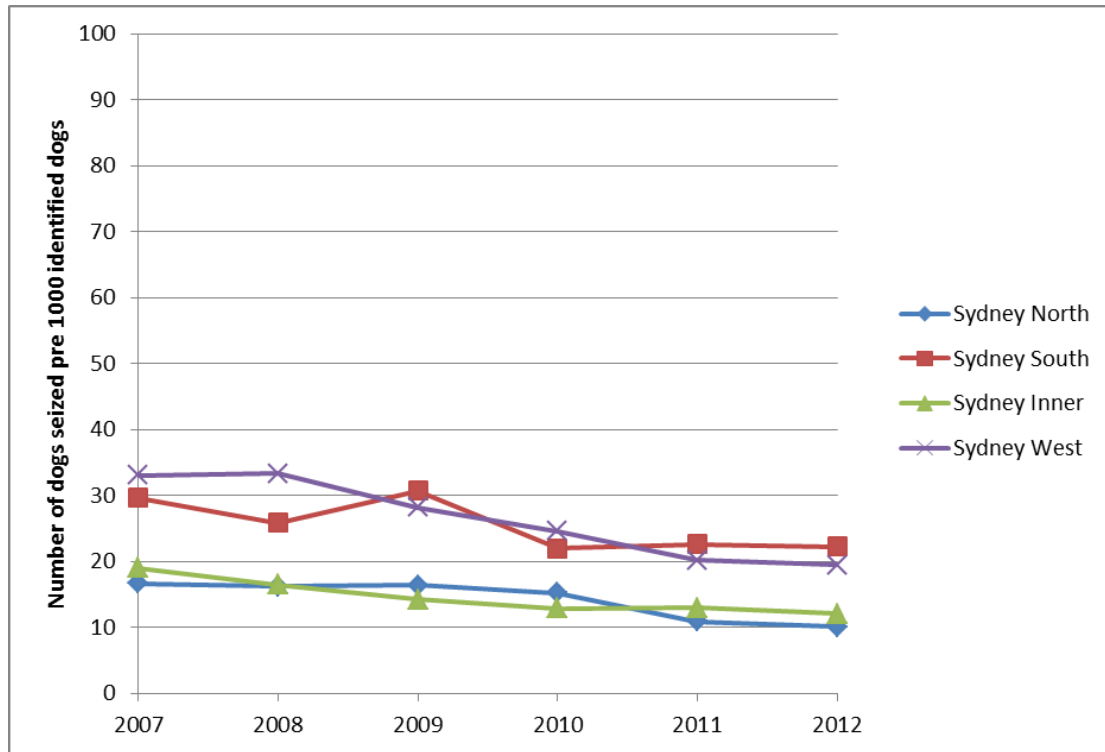


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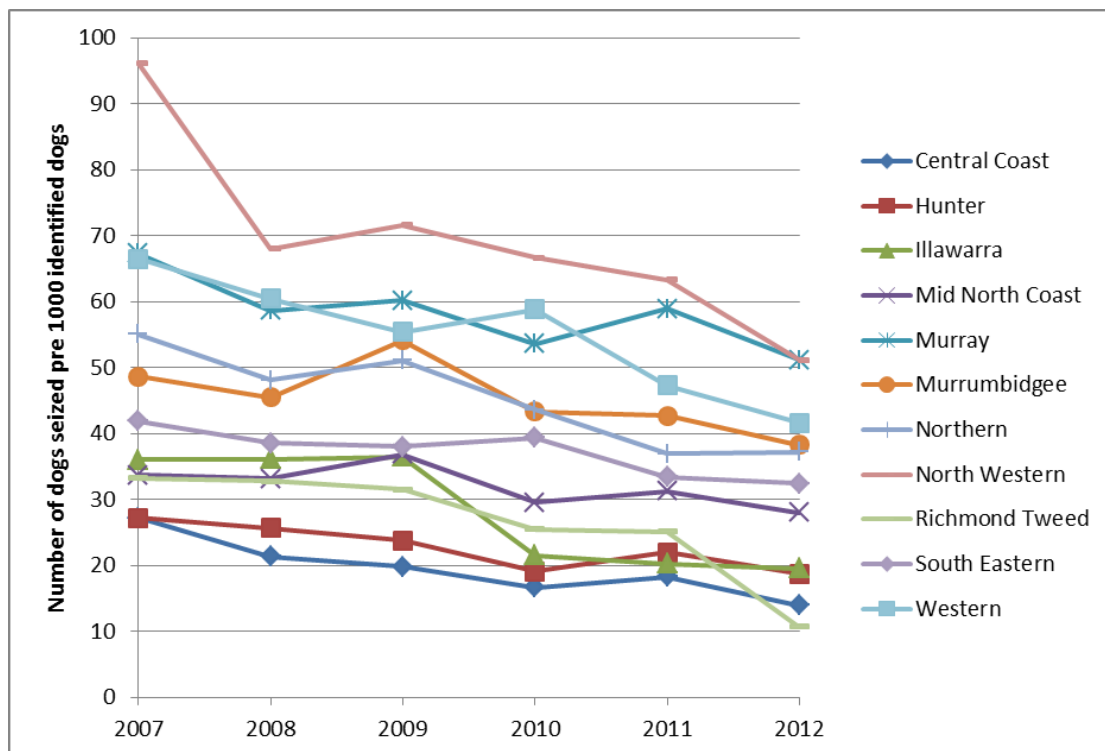


Figure A1NS: non-Sydney regions

A2 - Percentage of seized dogs taken to pound:

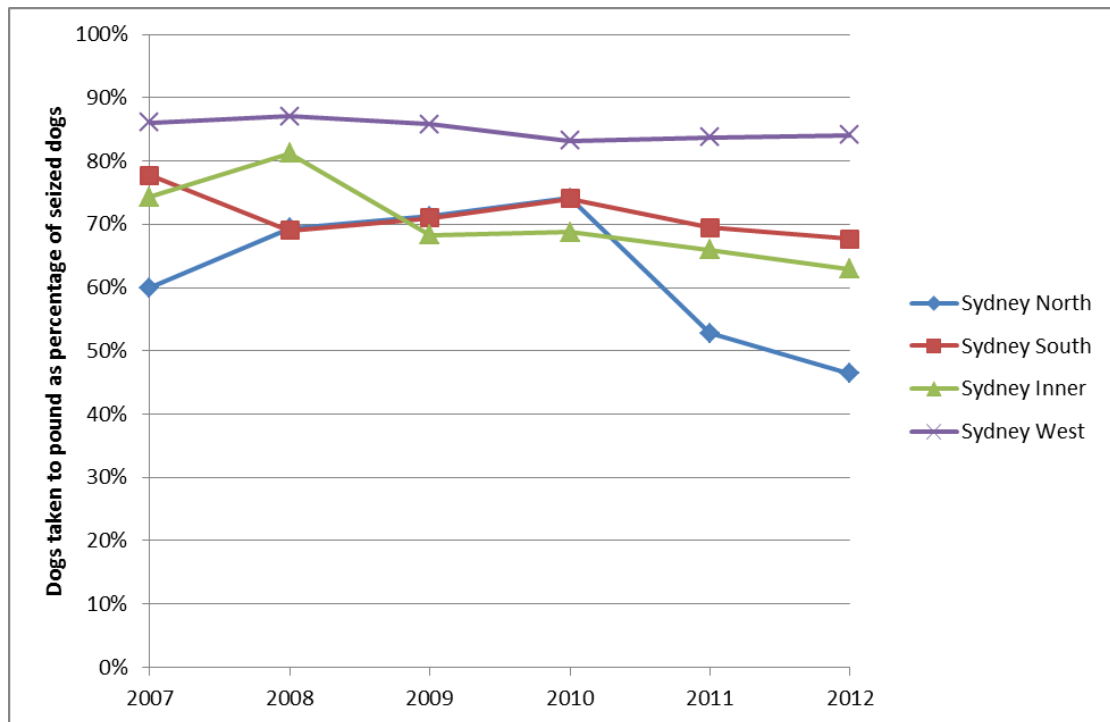


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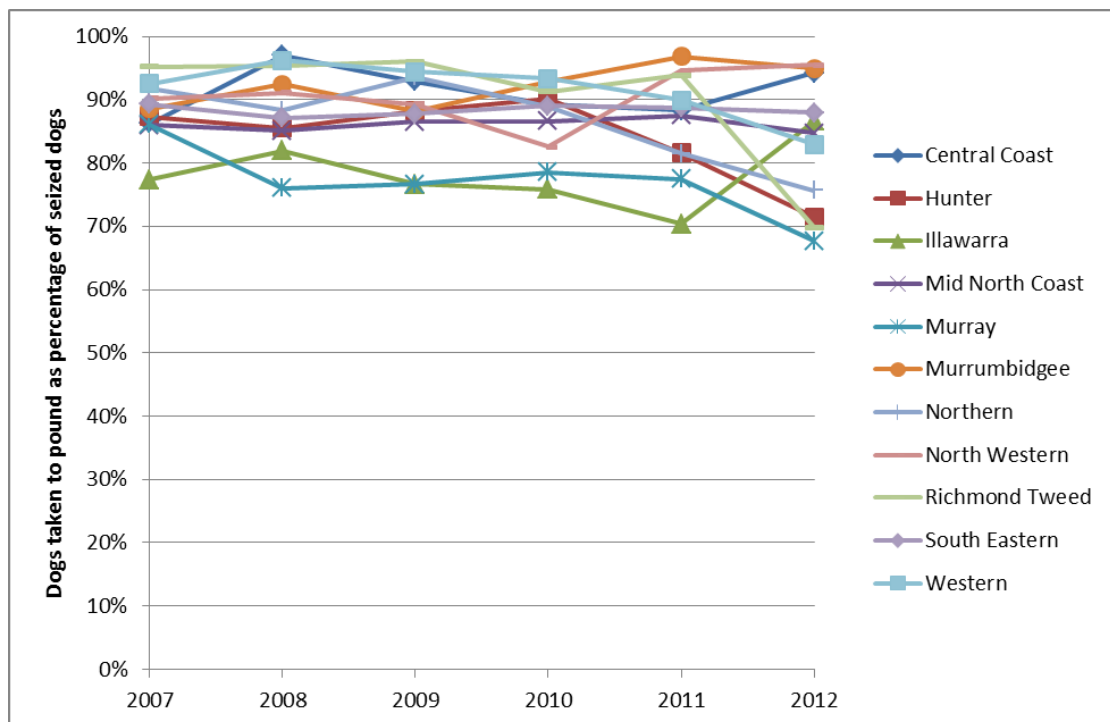


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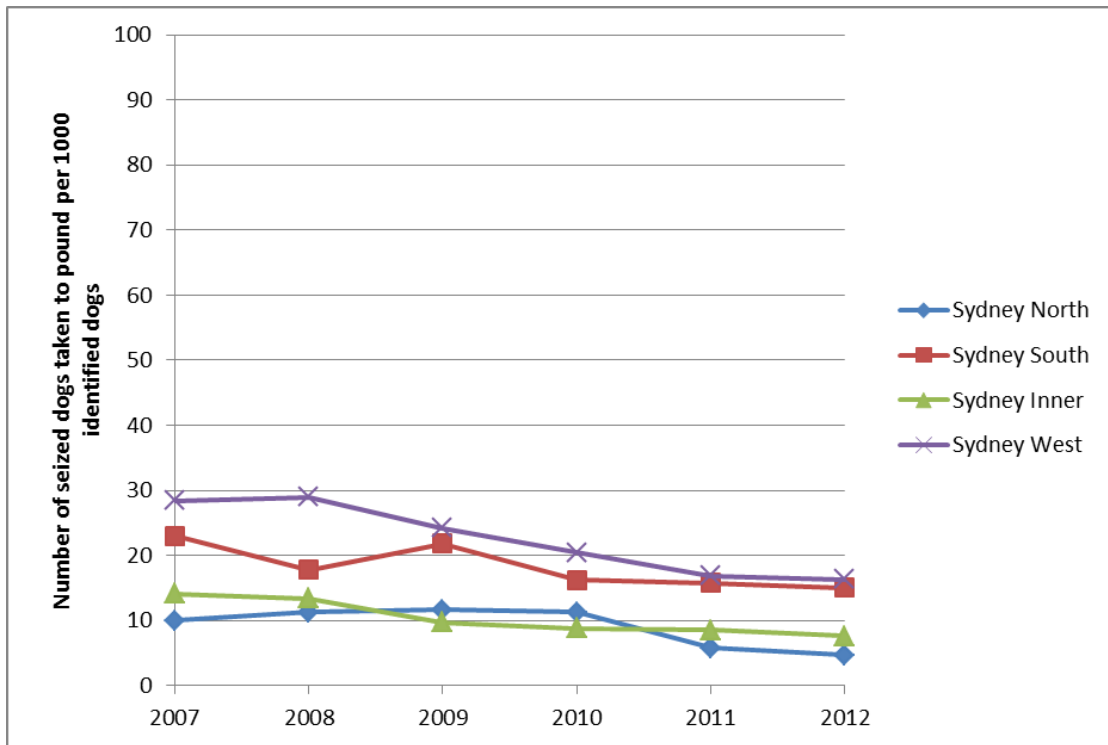


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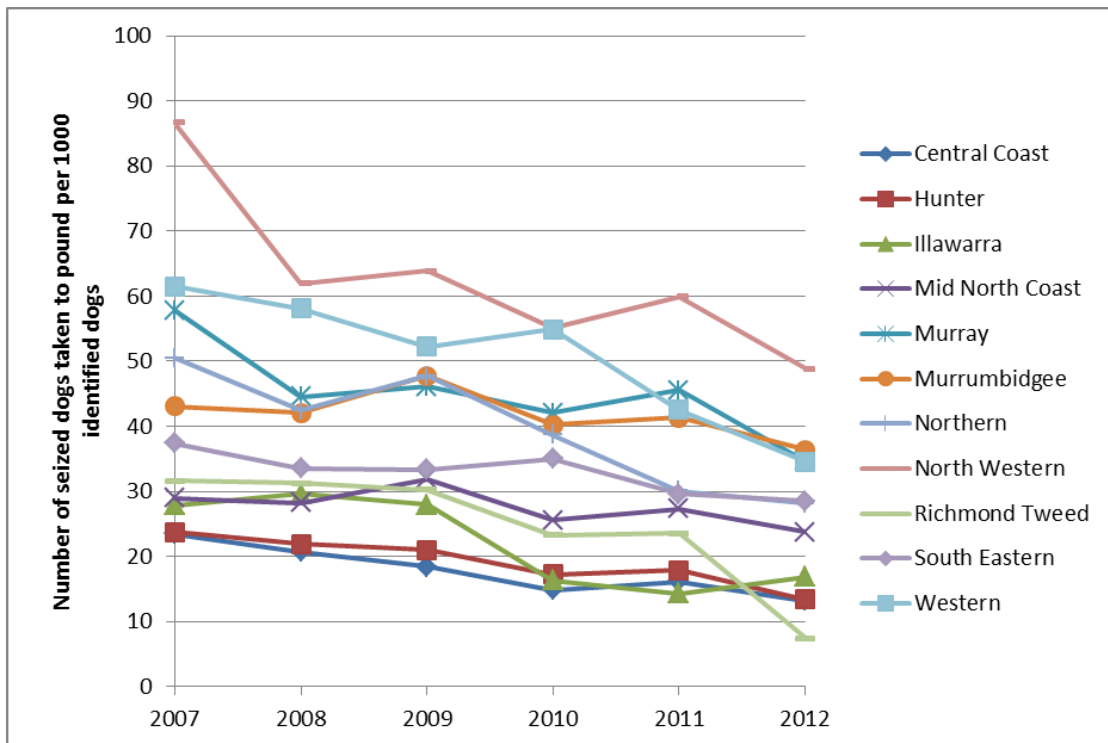


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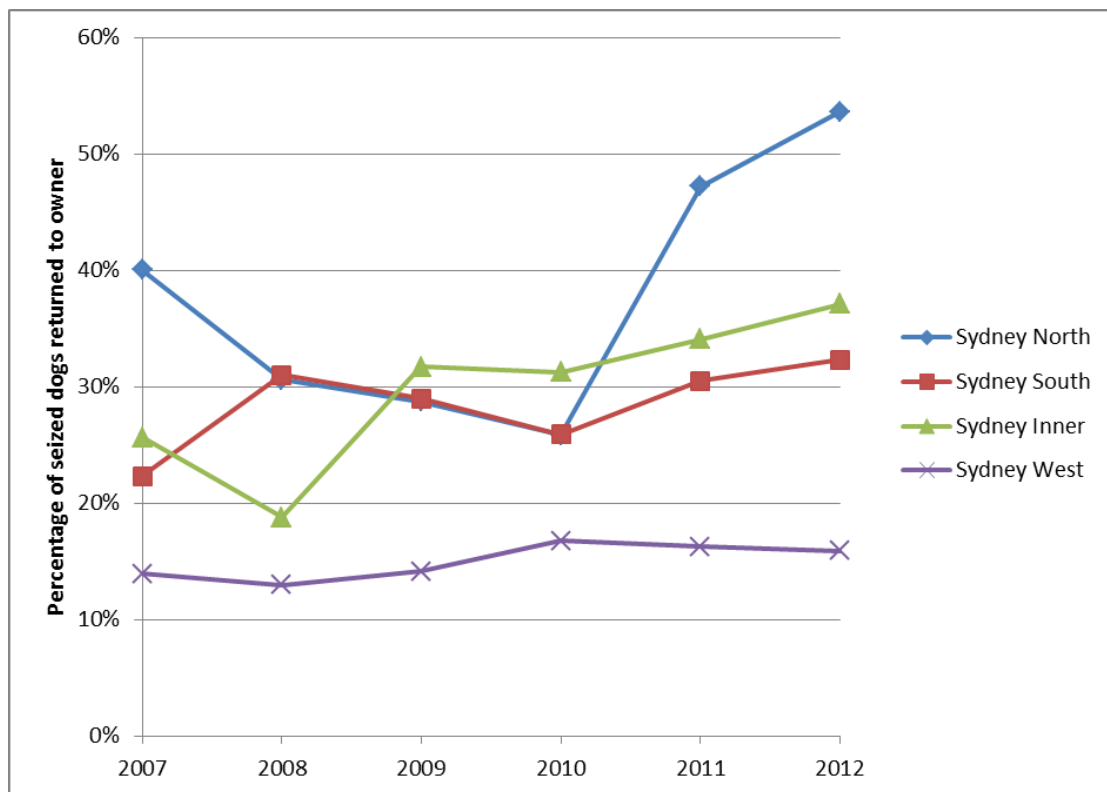


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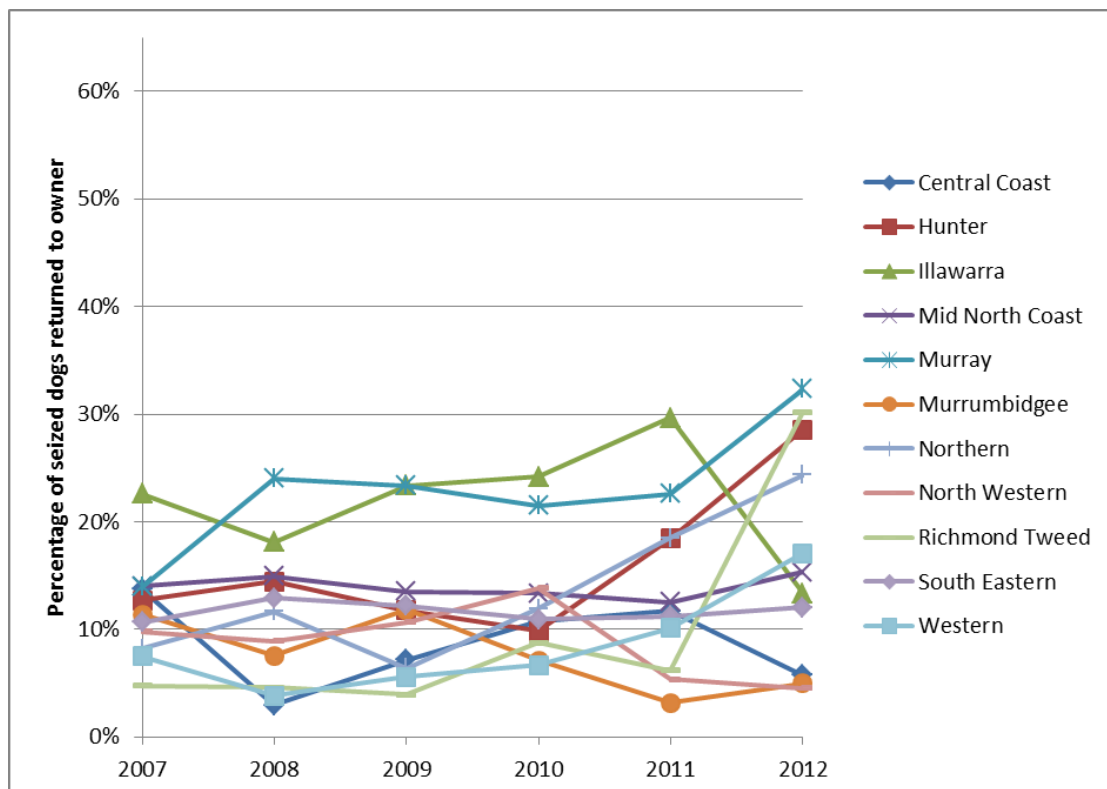


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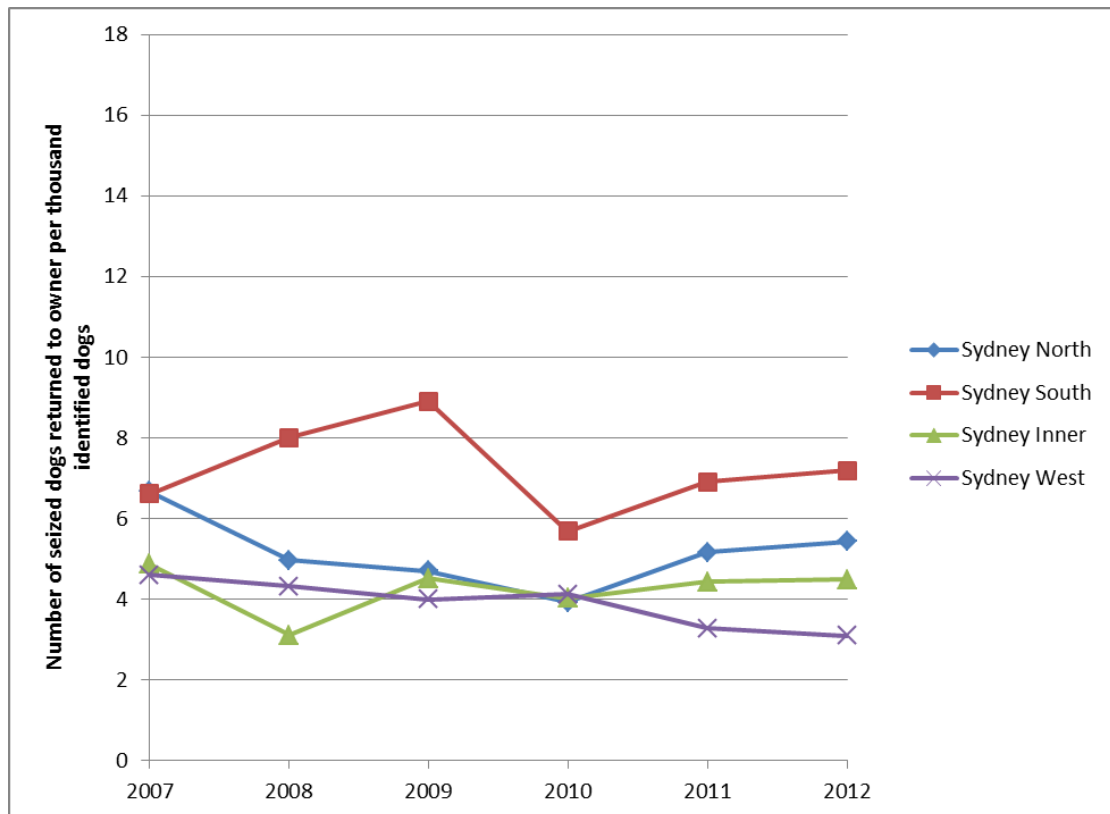


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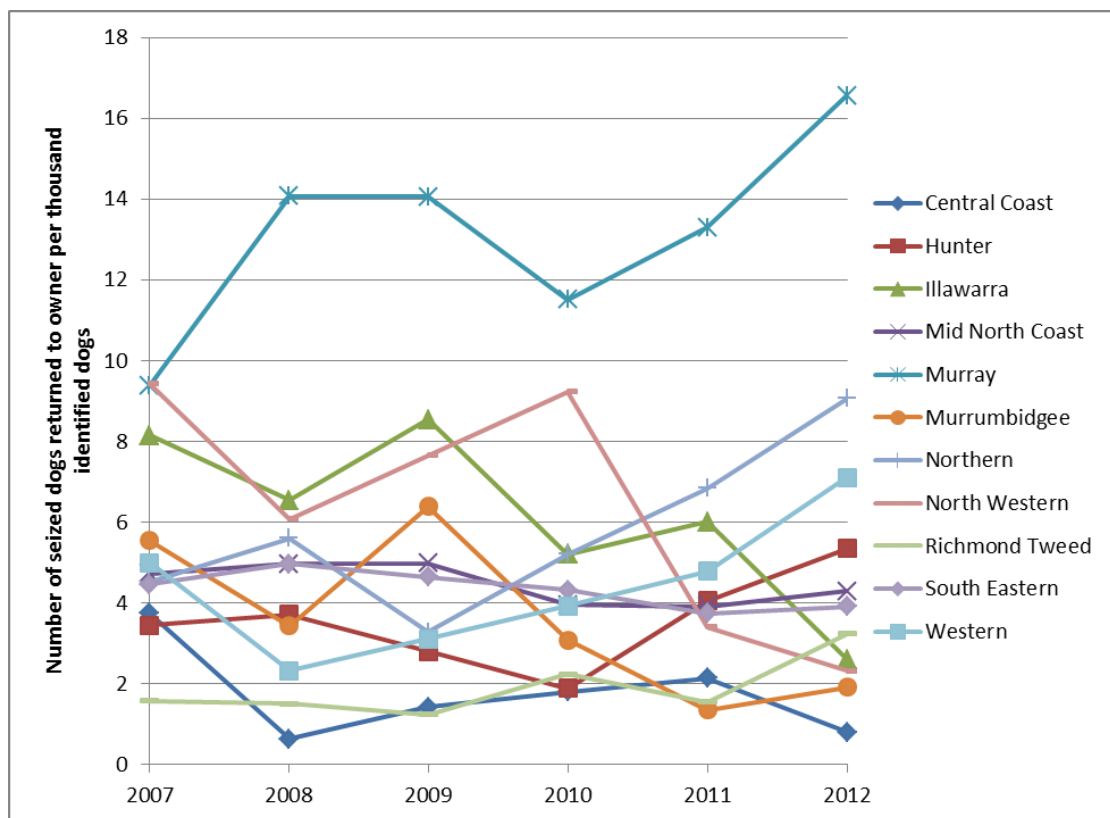


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A6 - Percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered:

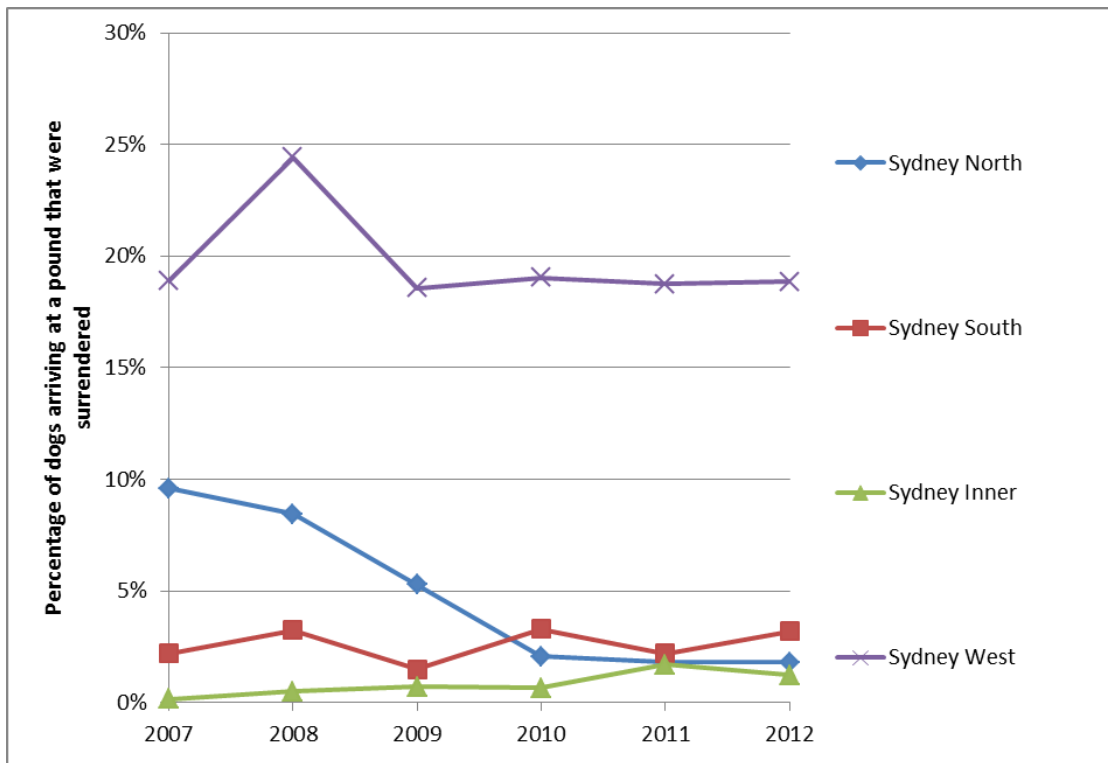


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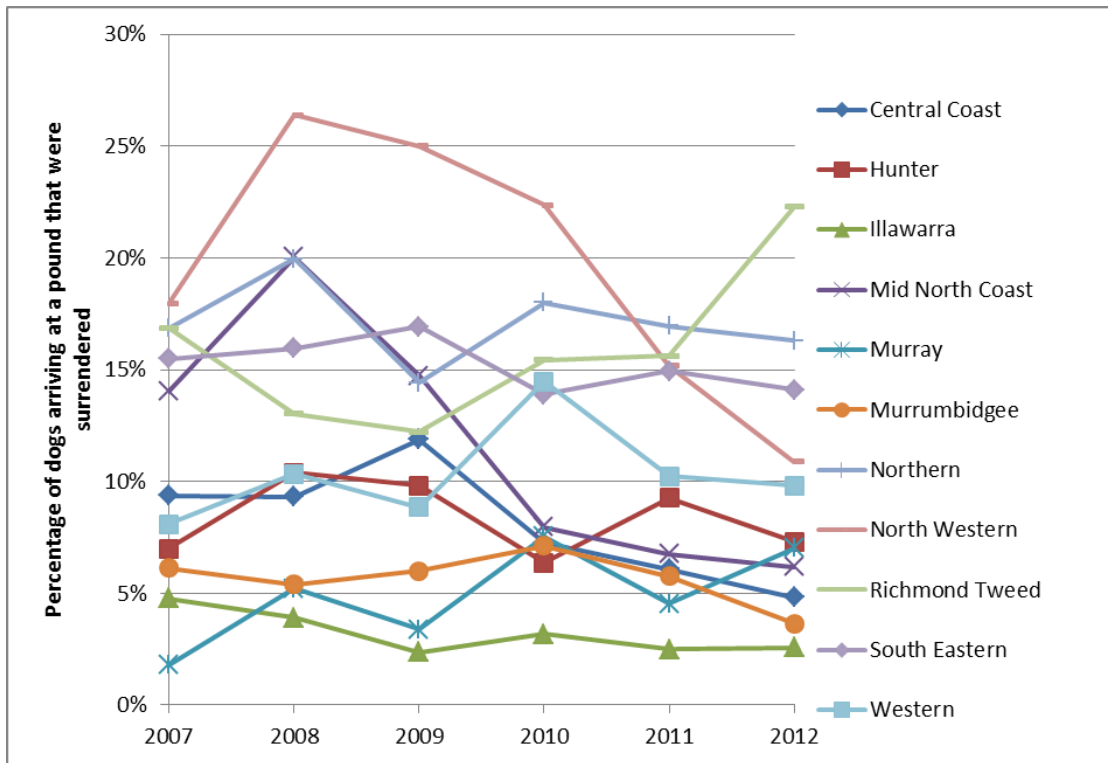


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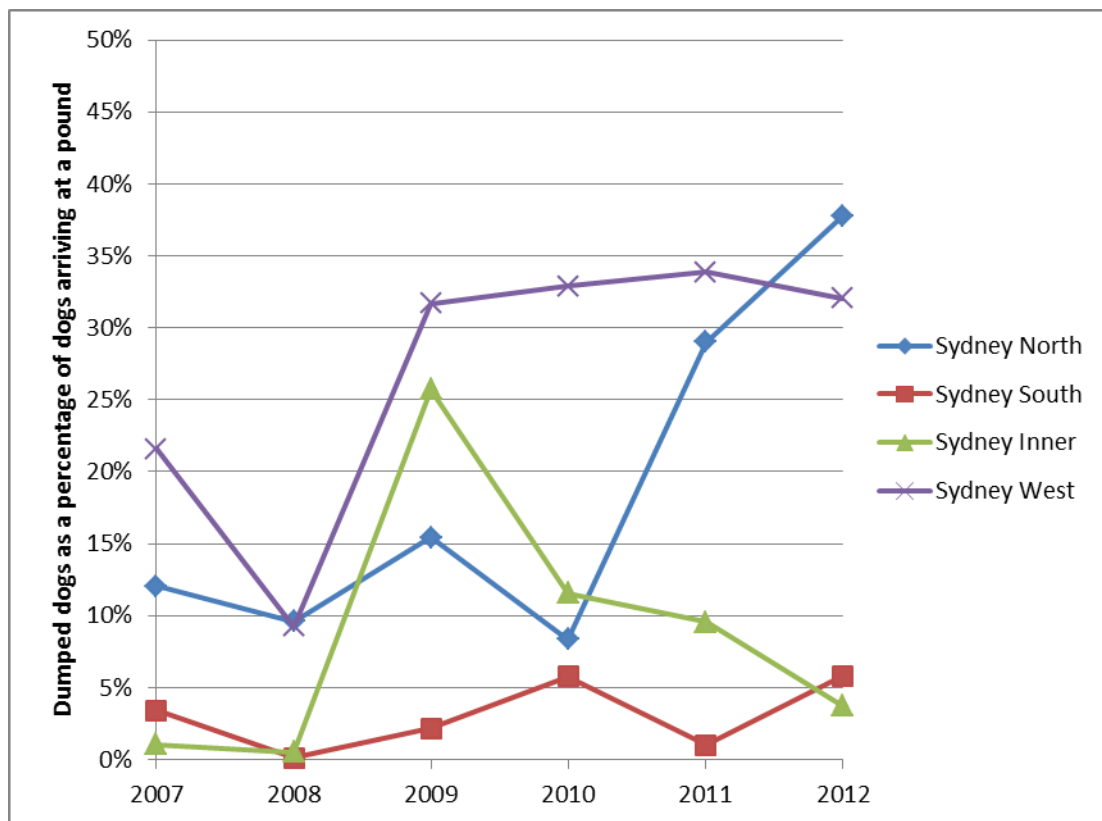


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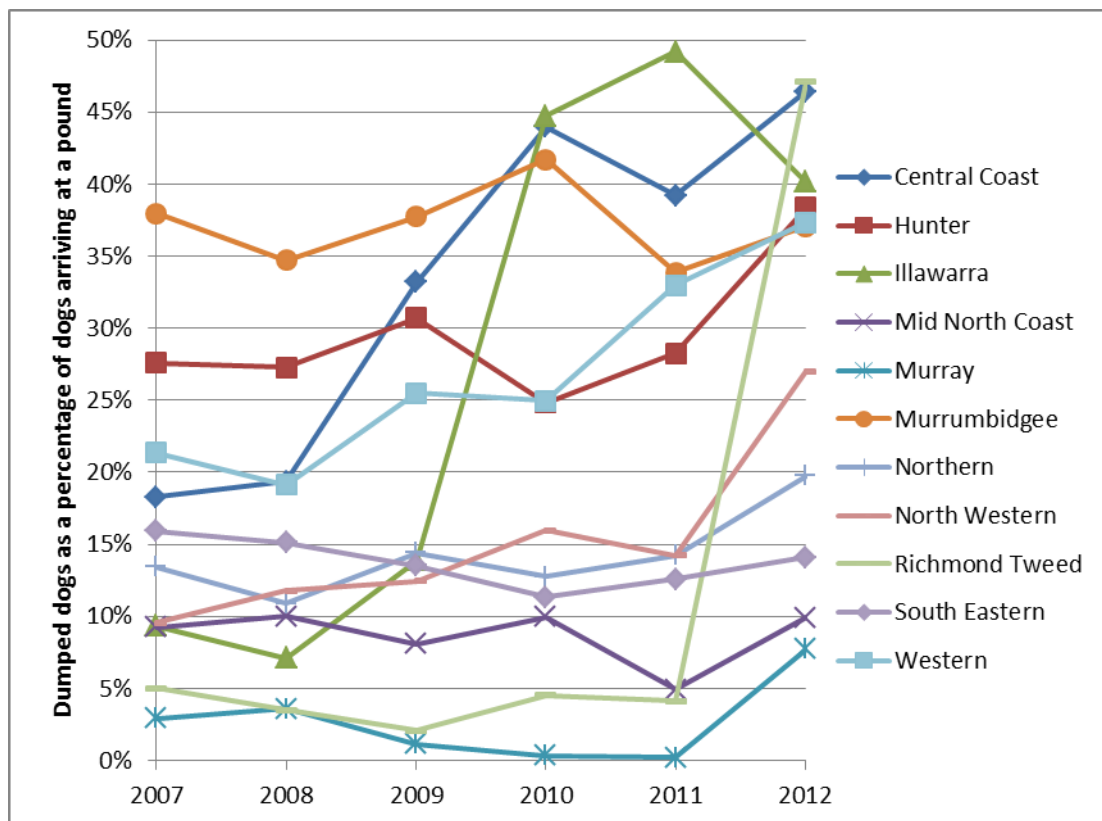


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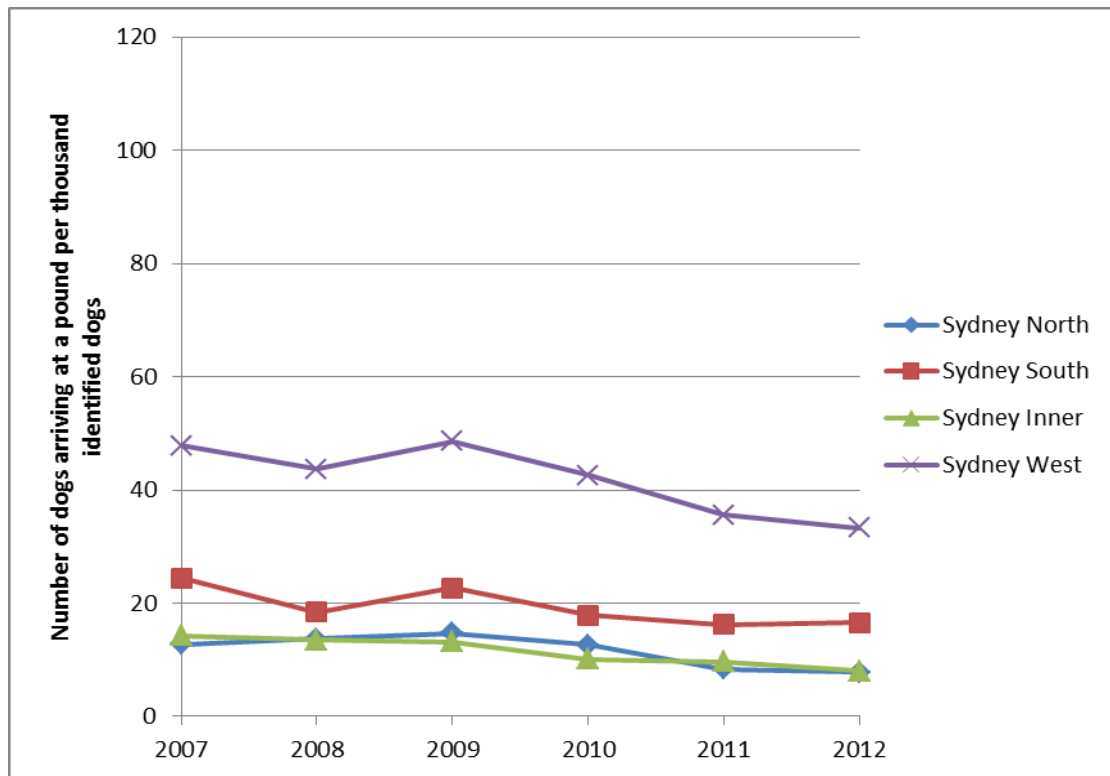


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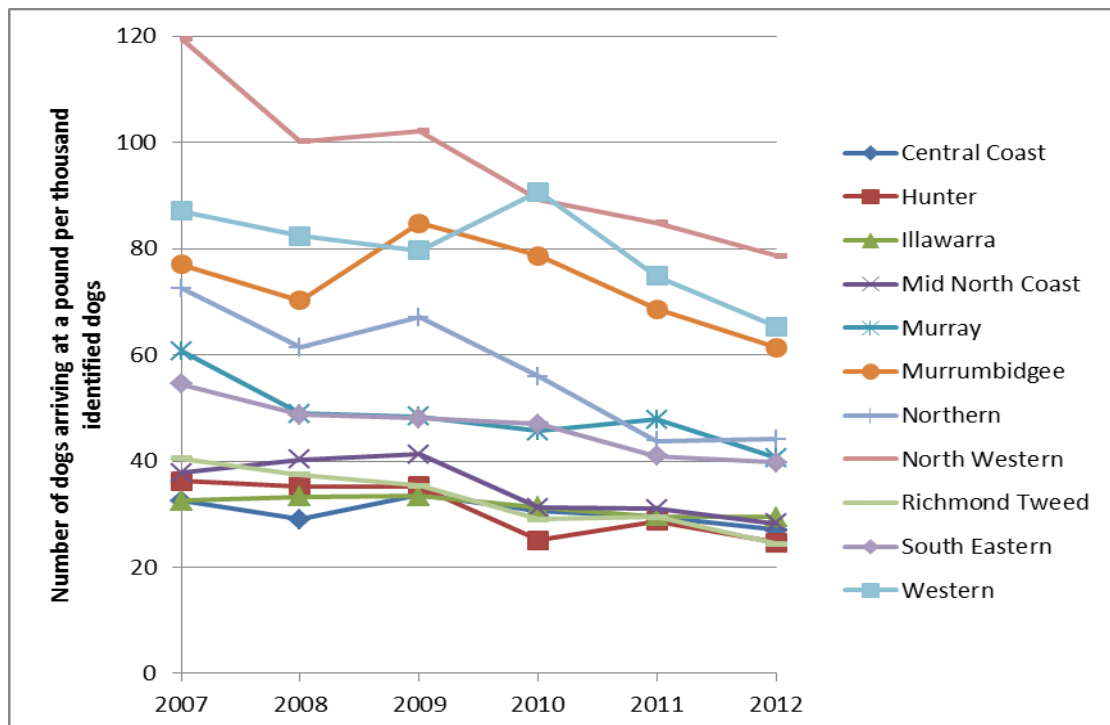


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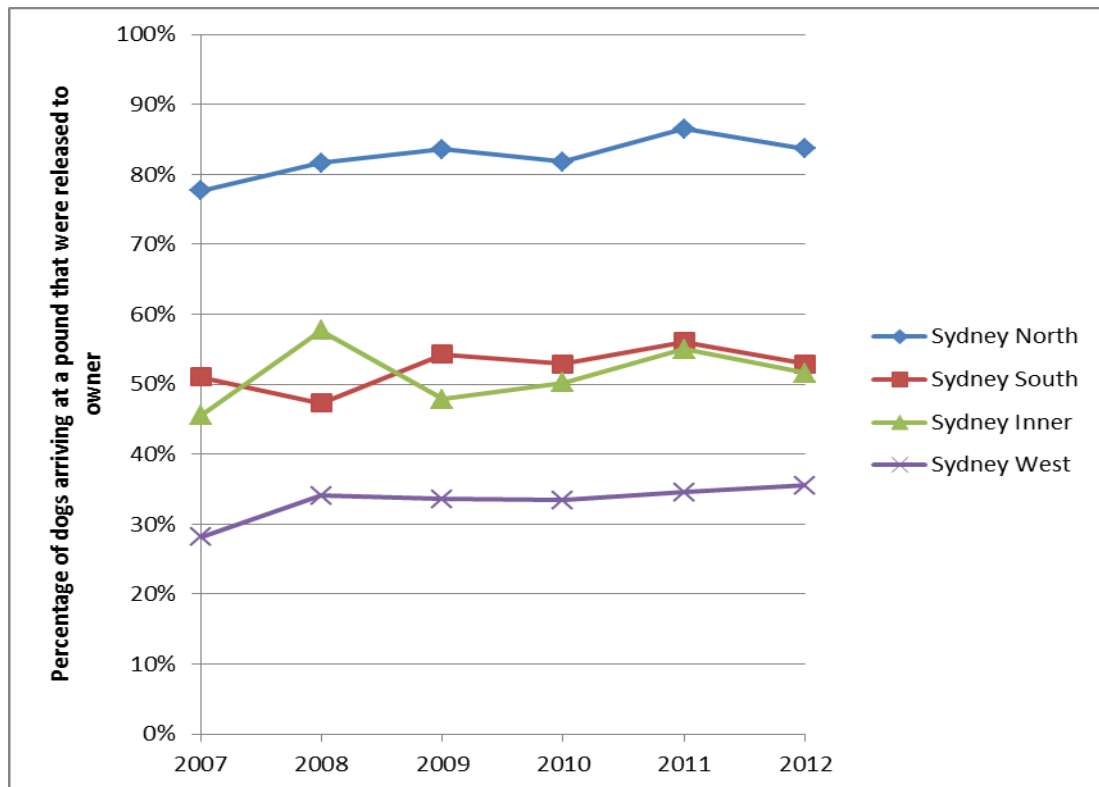


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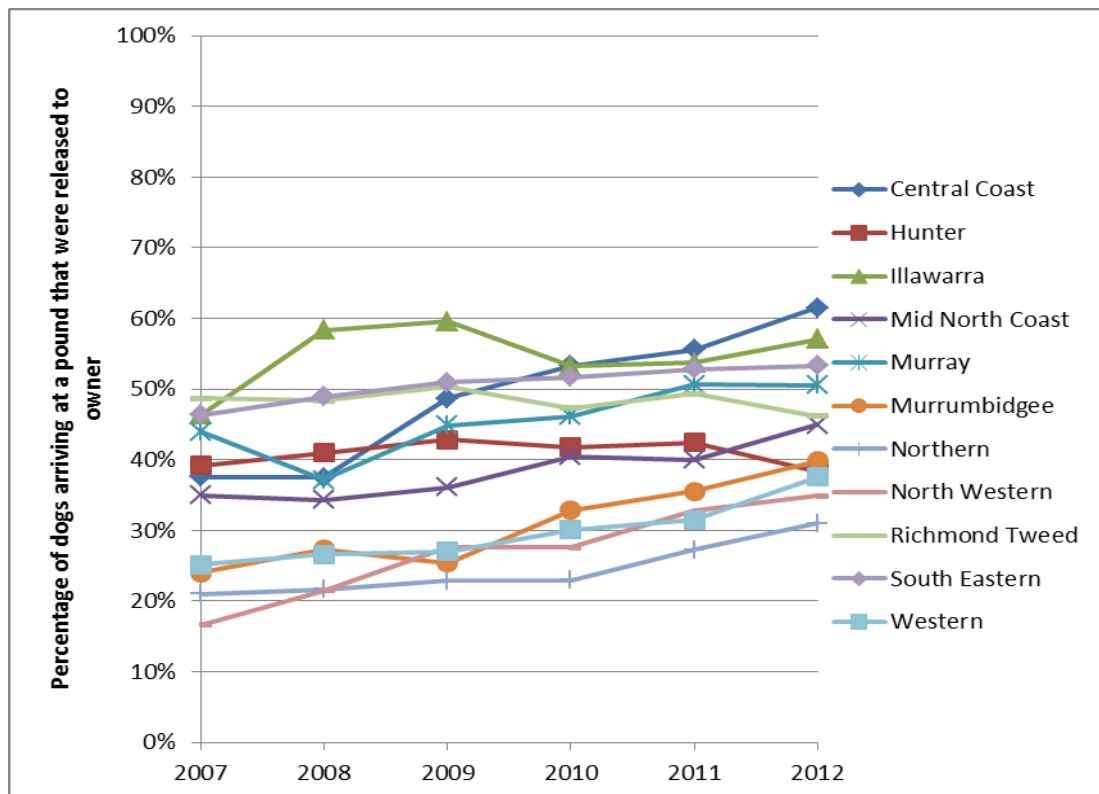


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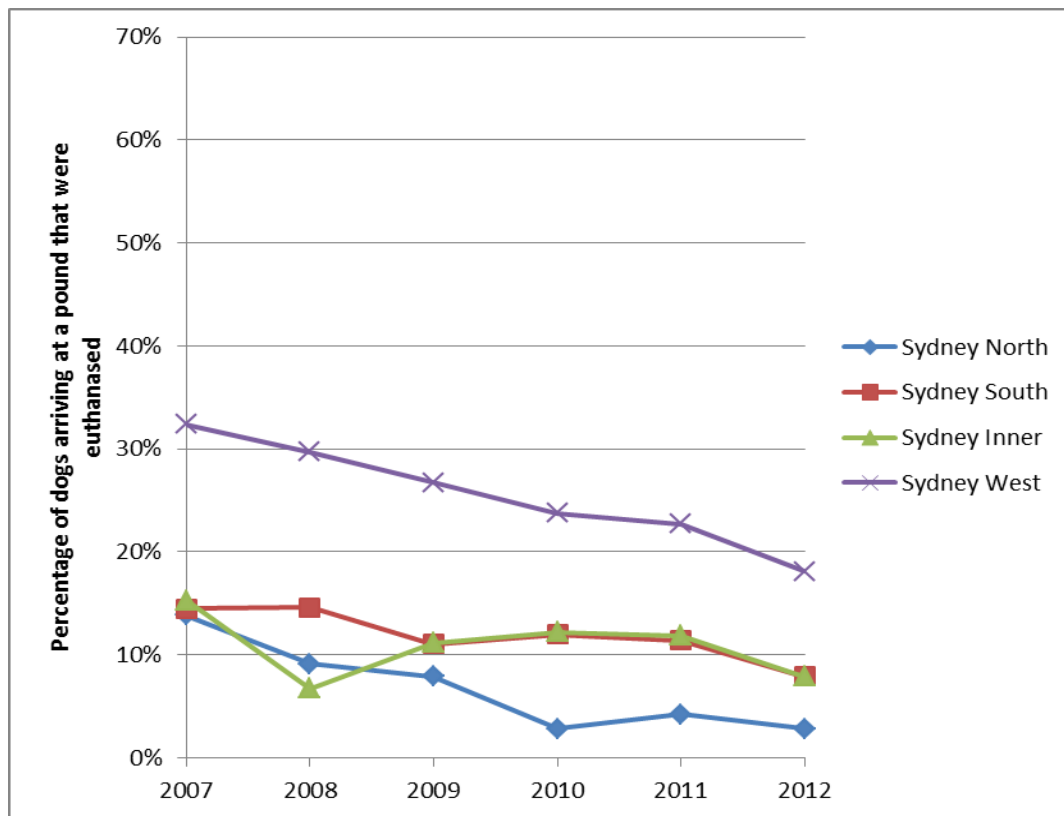


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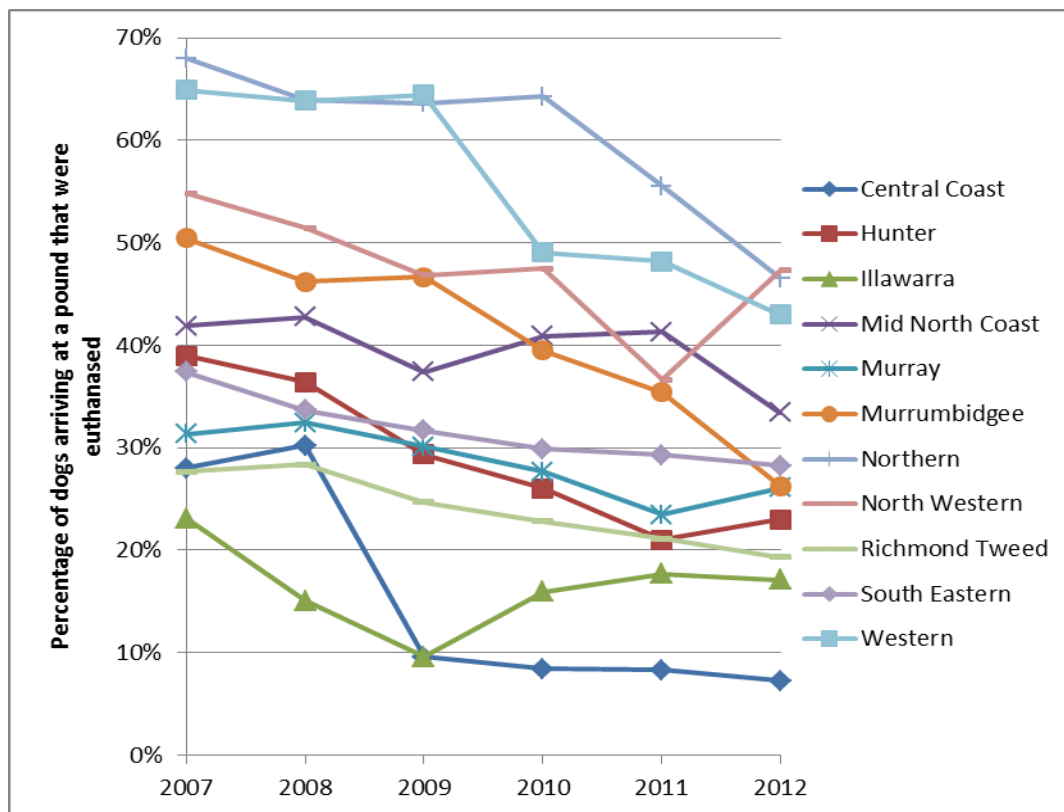


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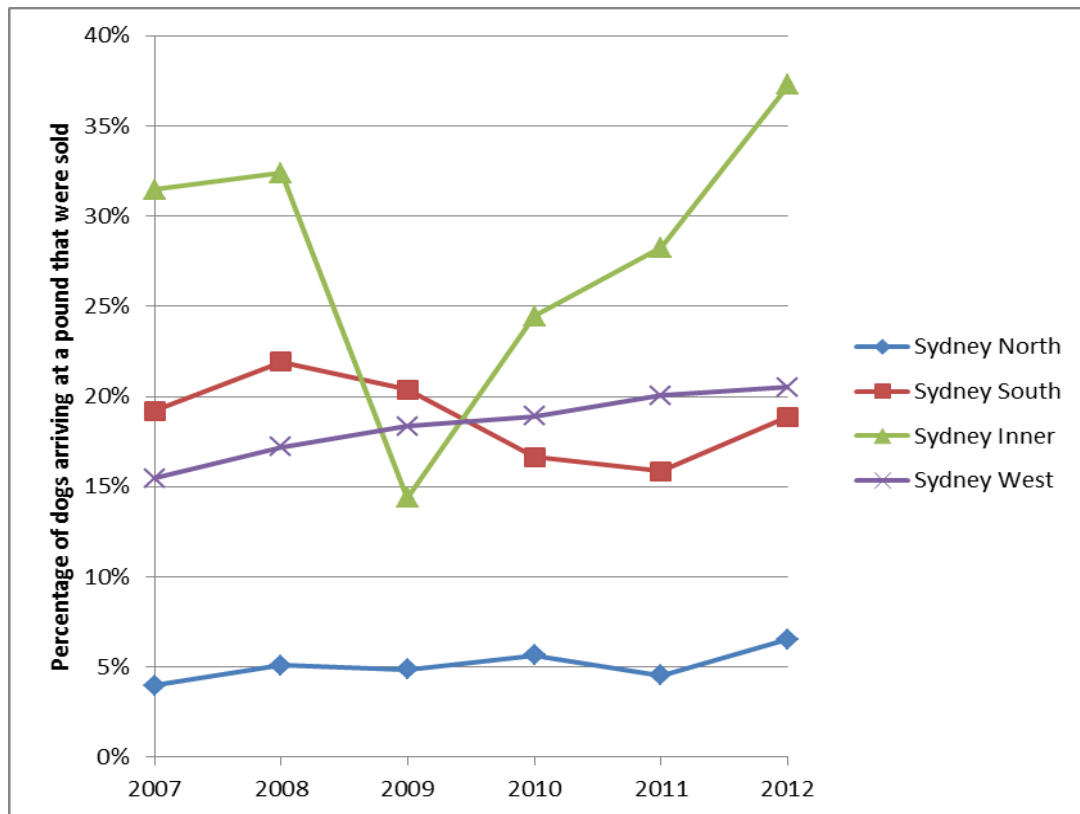


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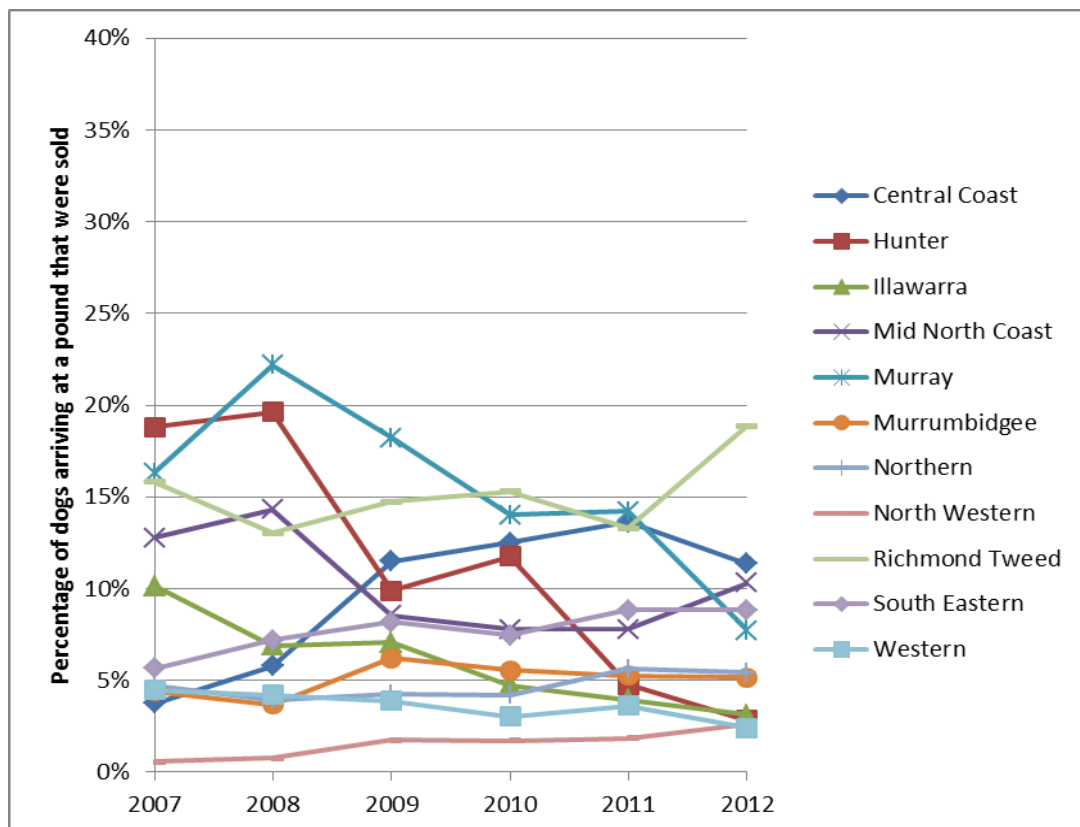


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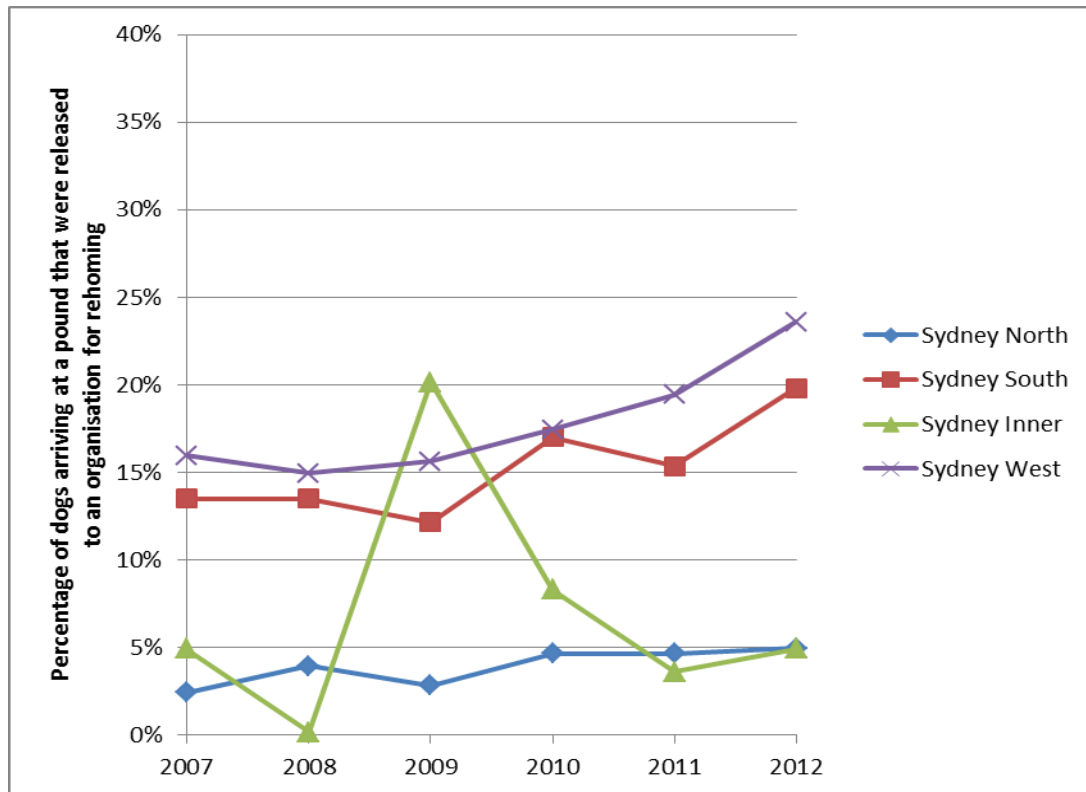


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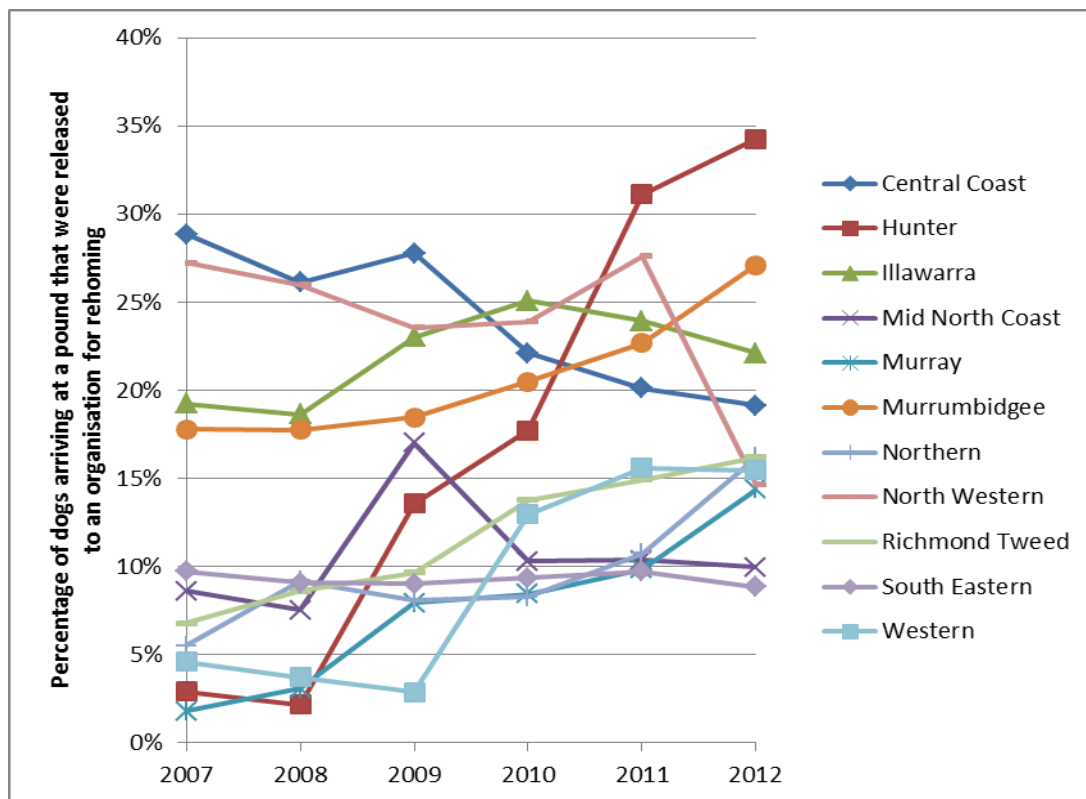


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Appendix 4: Trend graphs for cats by region

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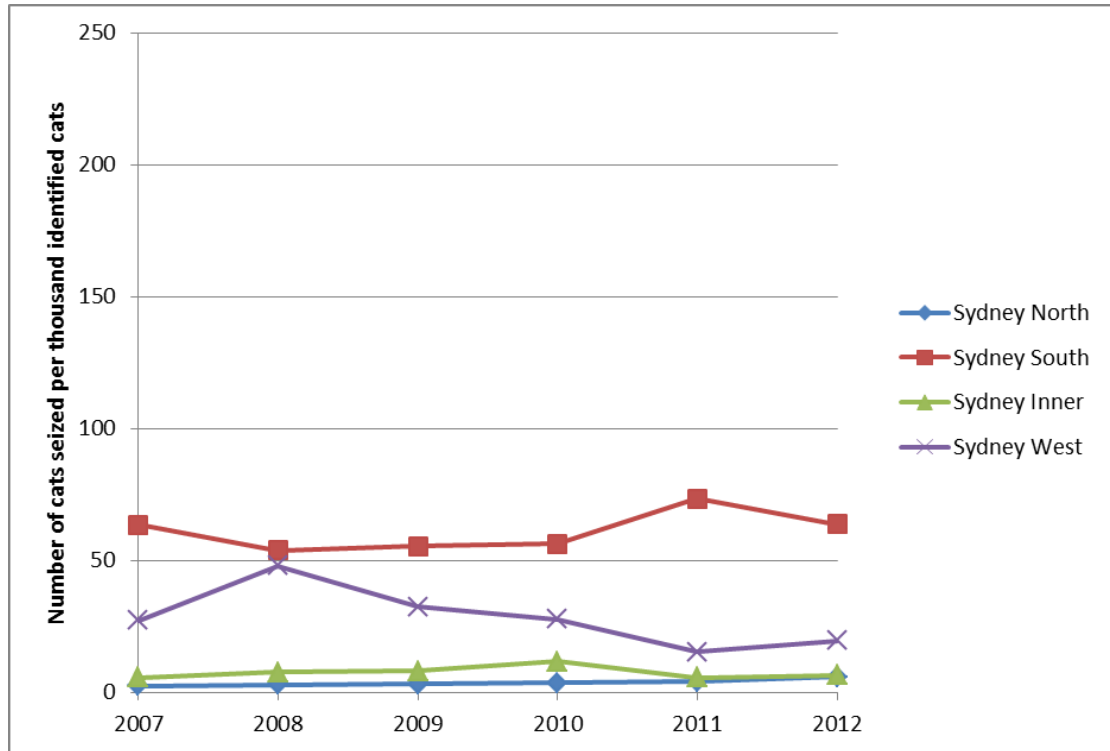


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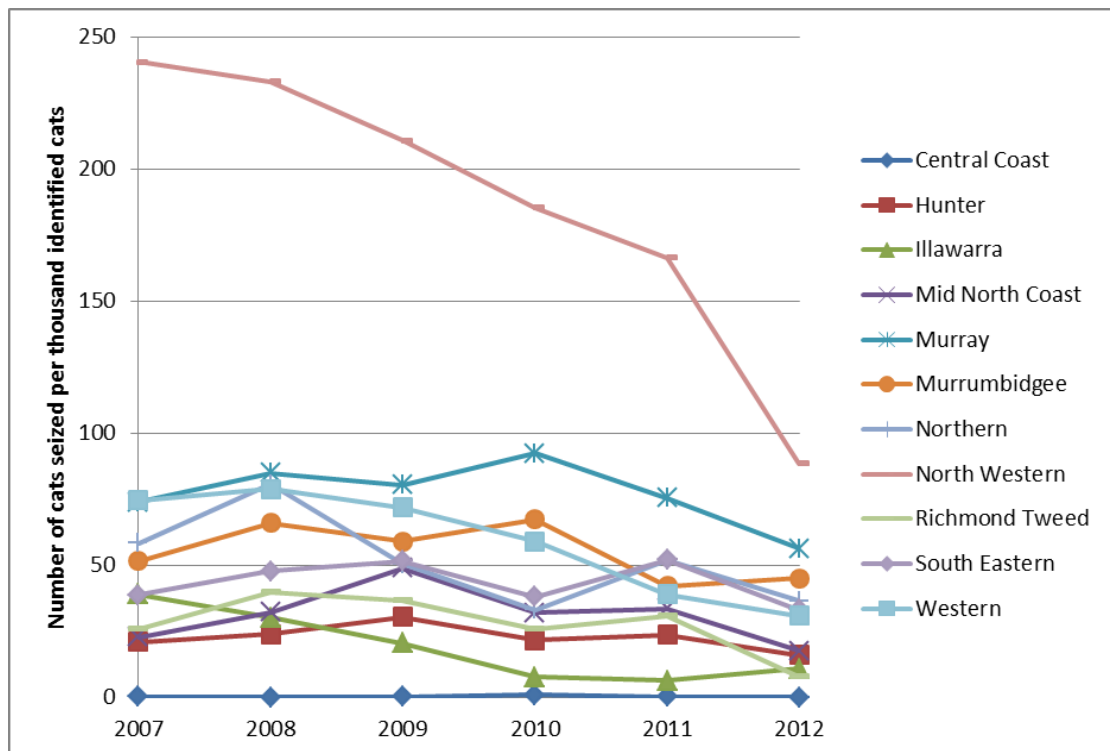


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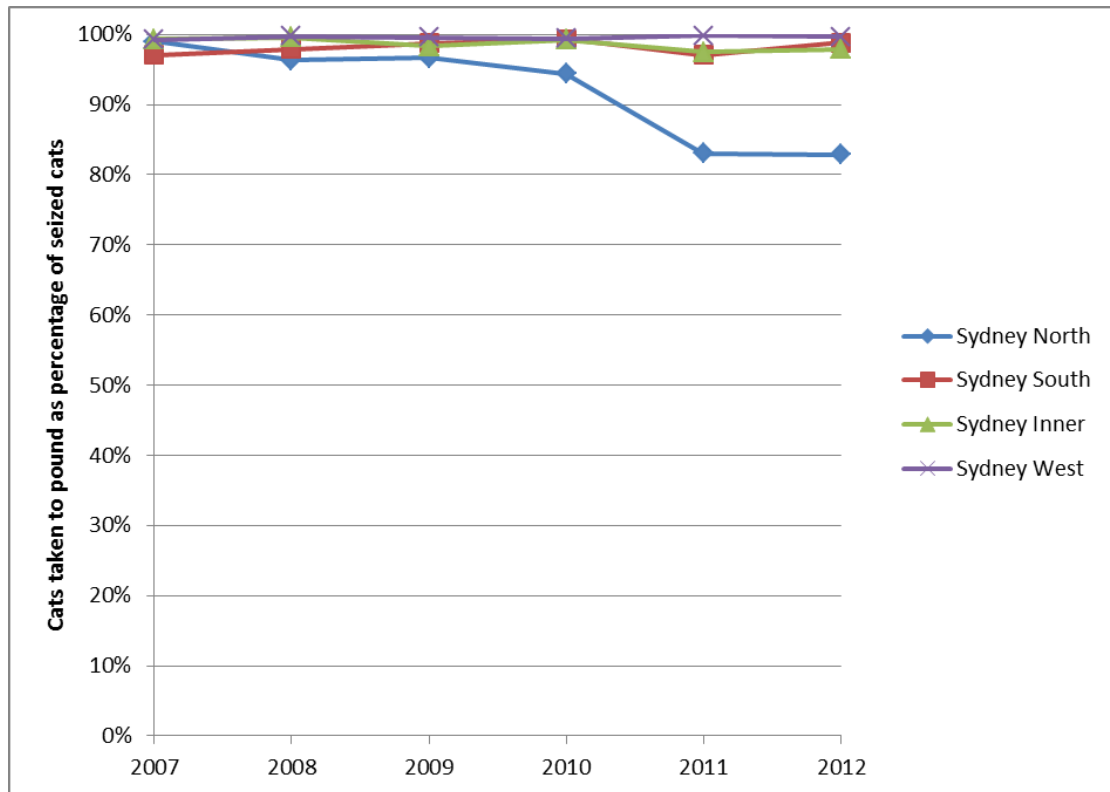


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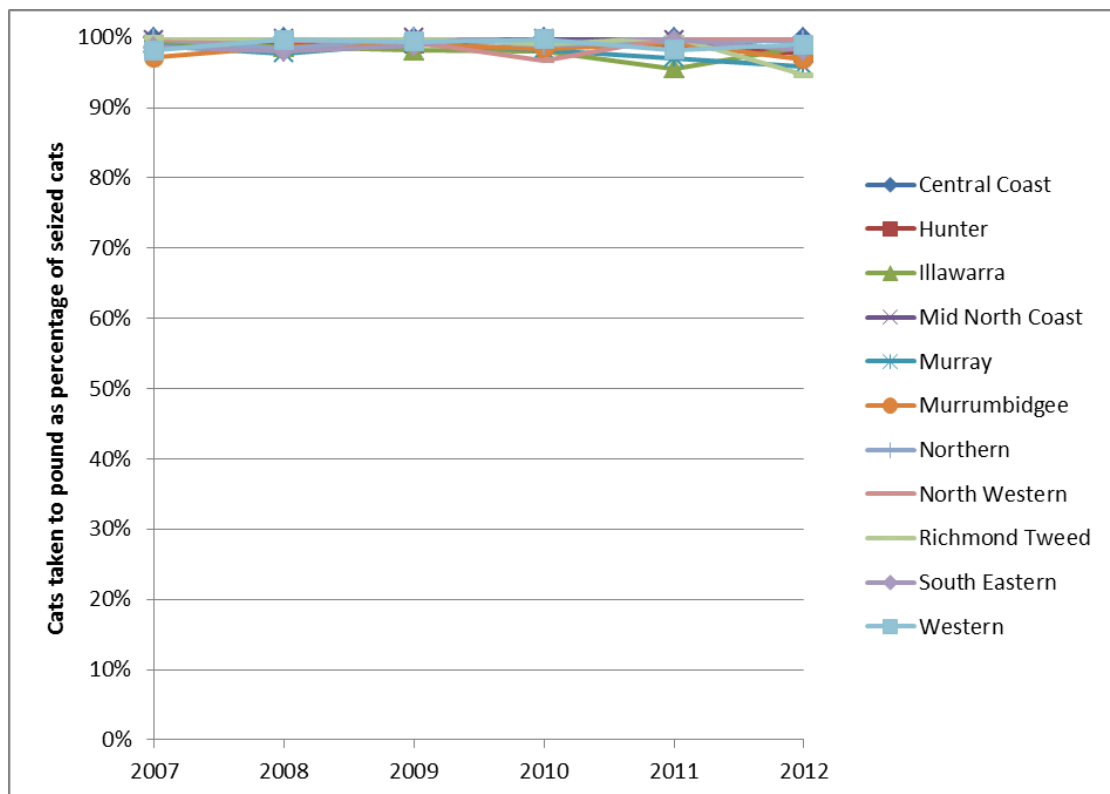


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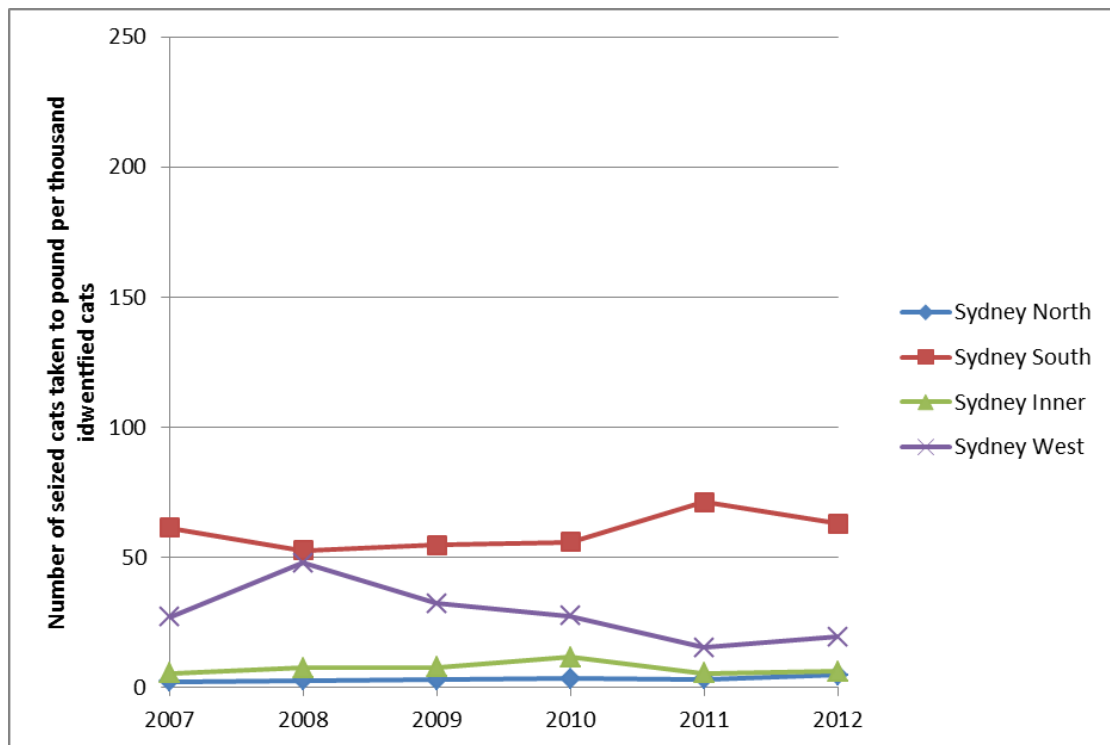


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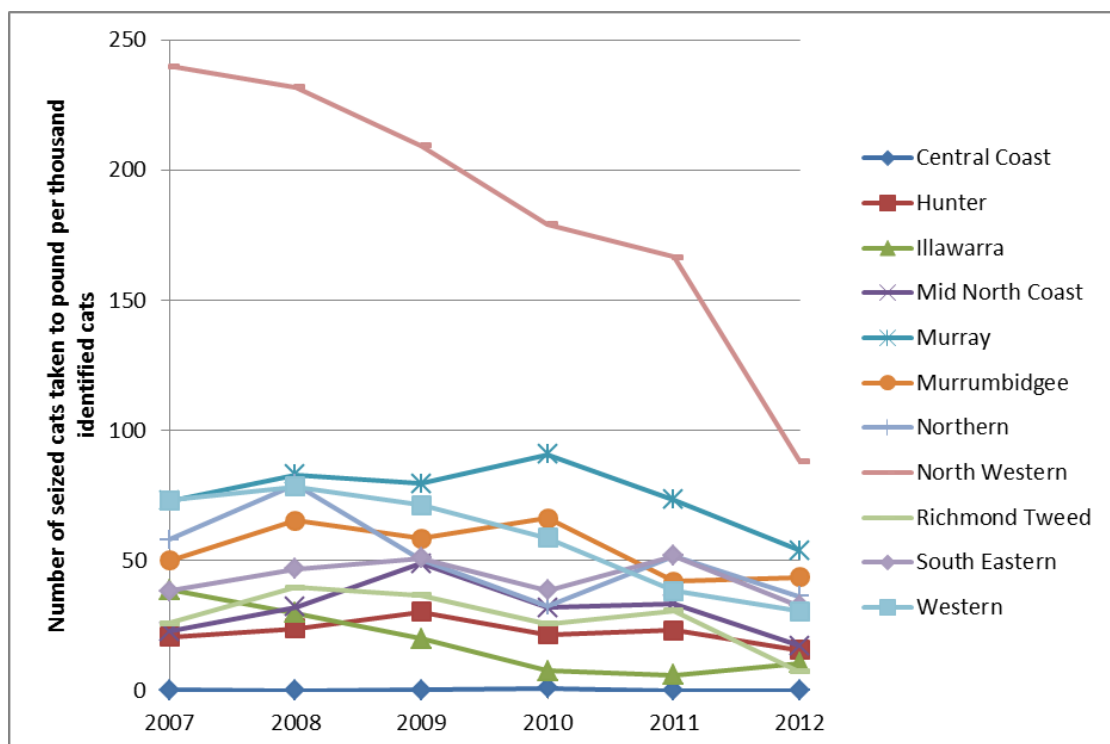


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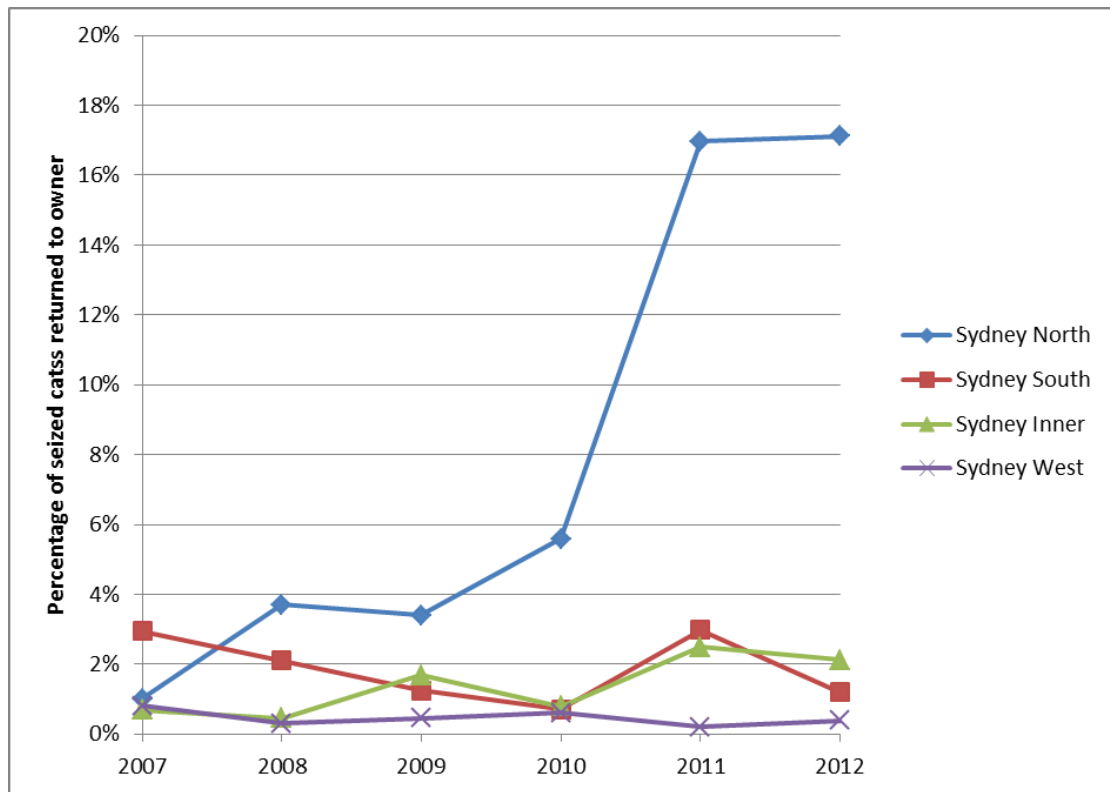


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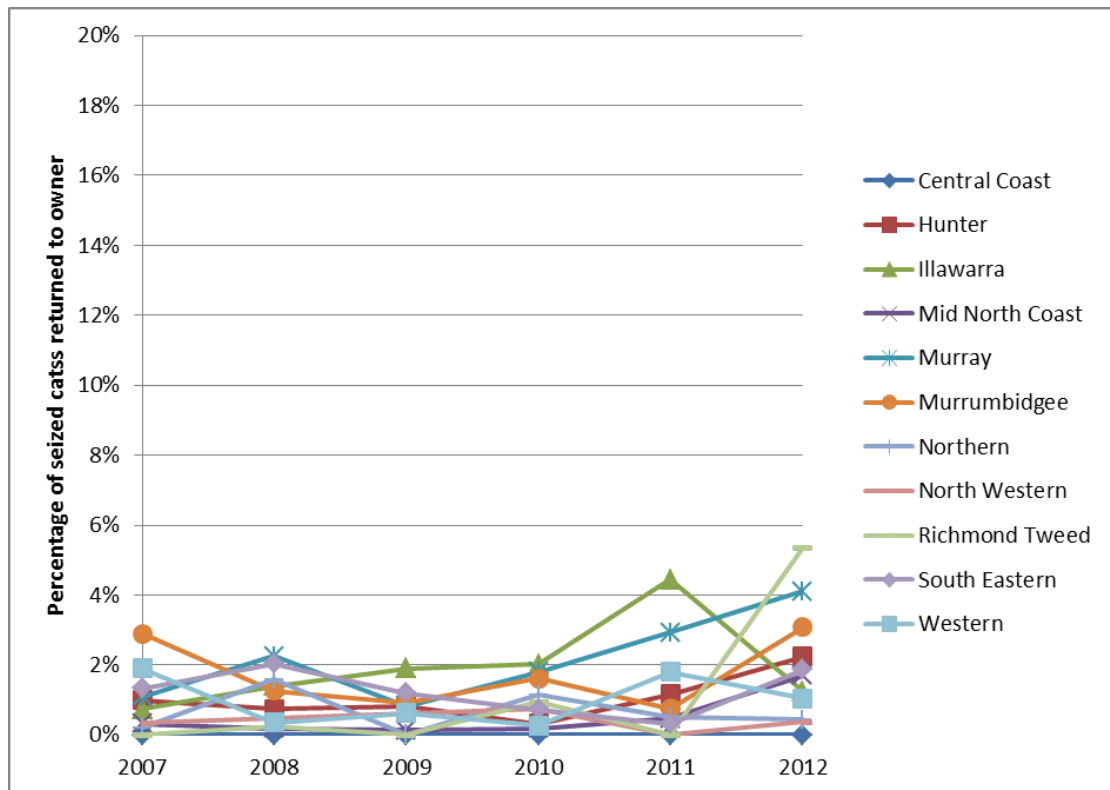


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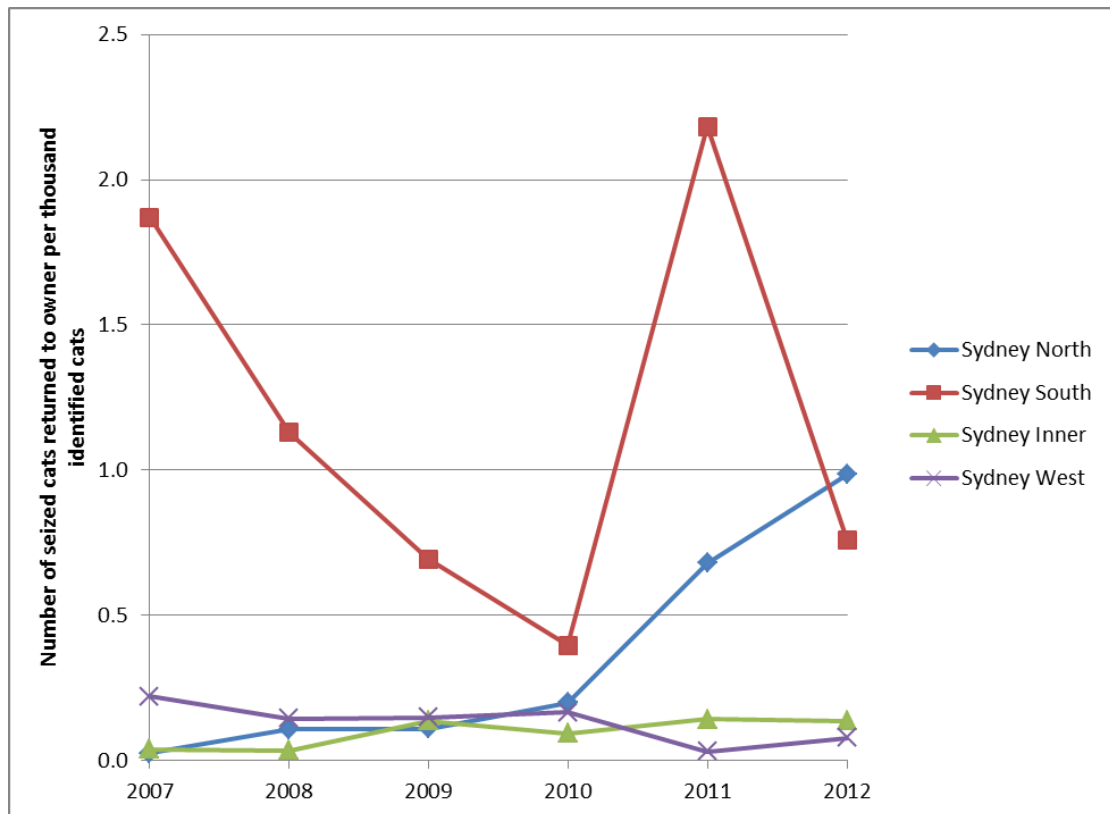


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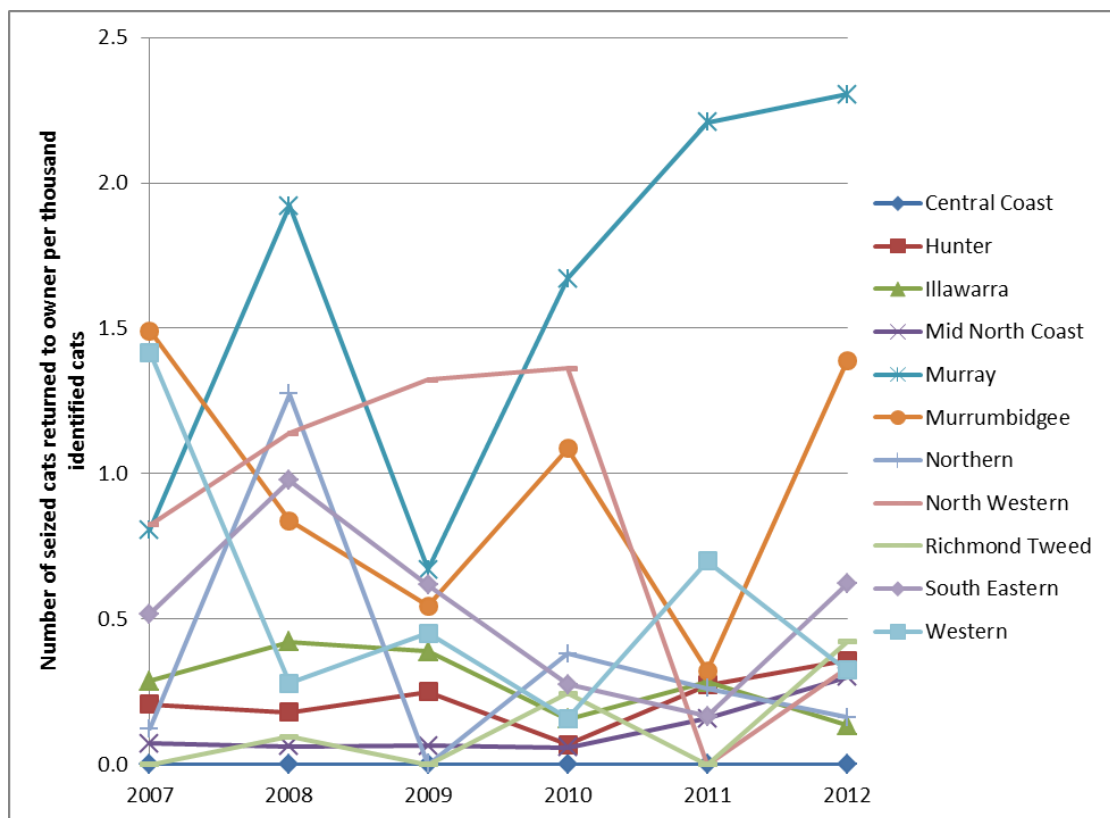


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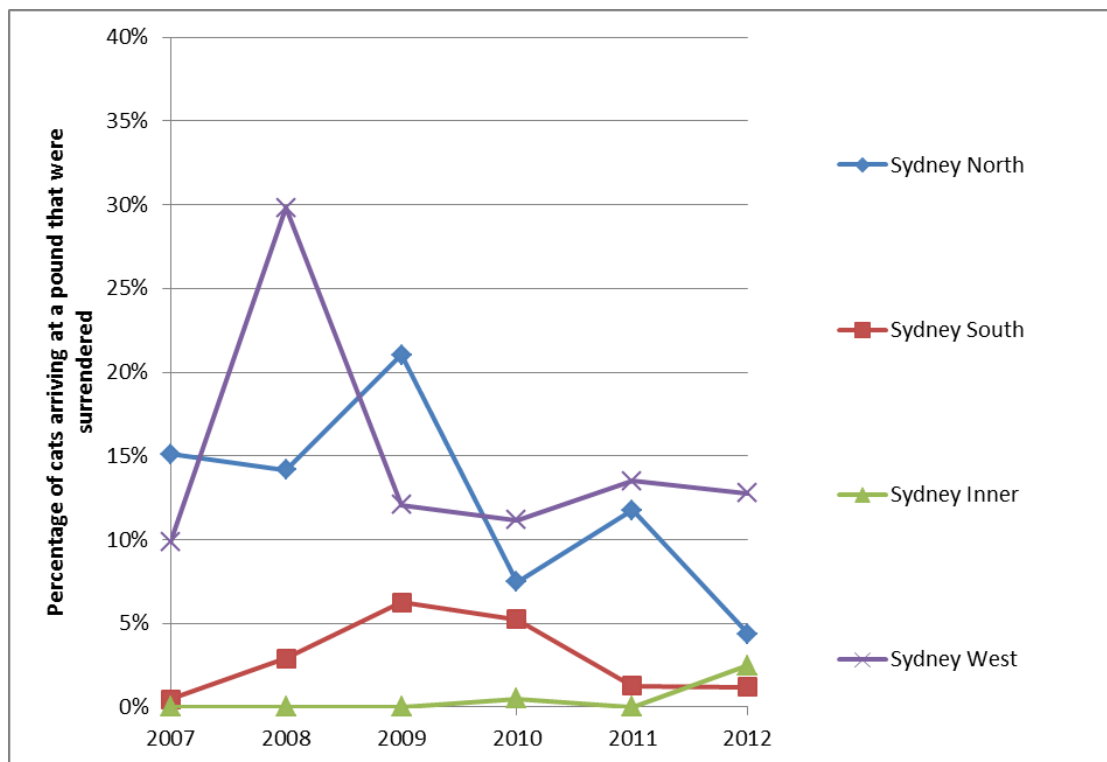


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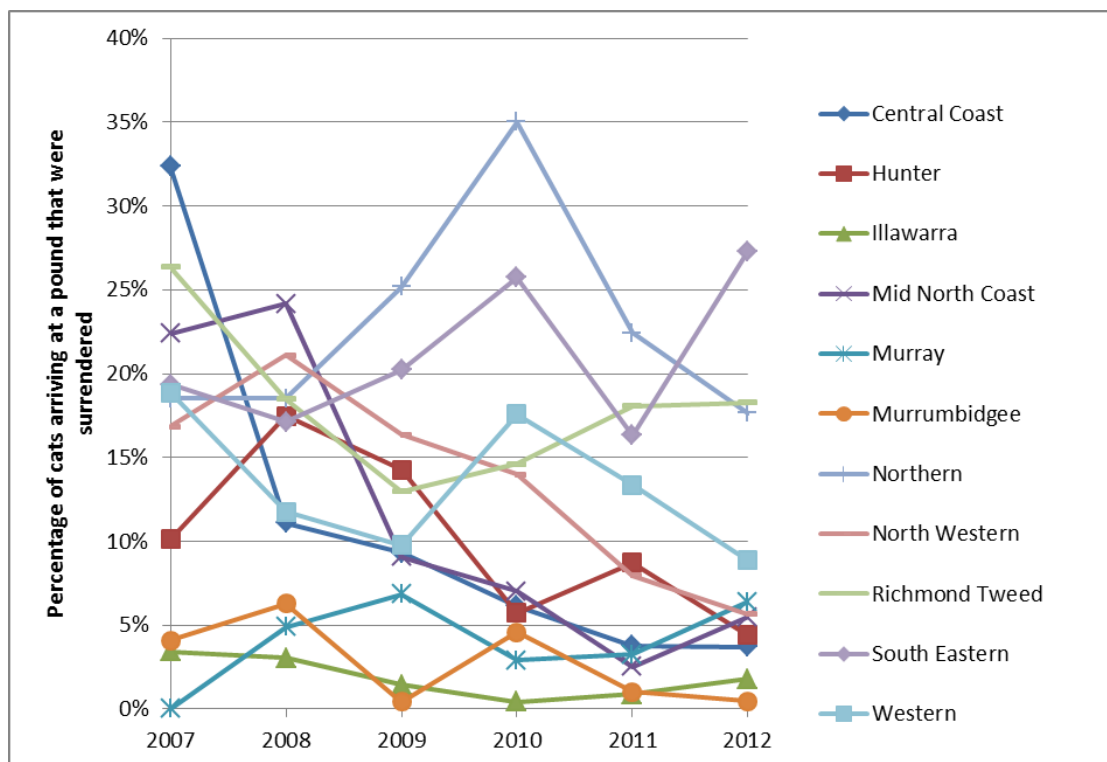


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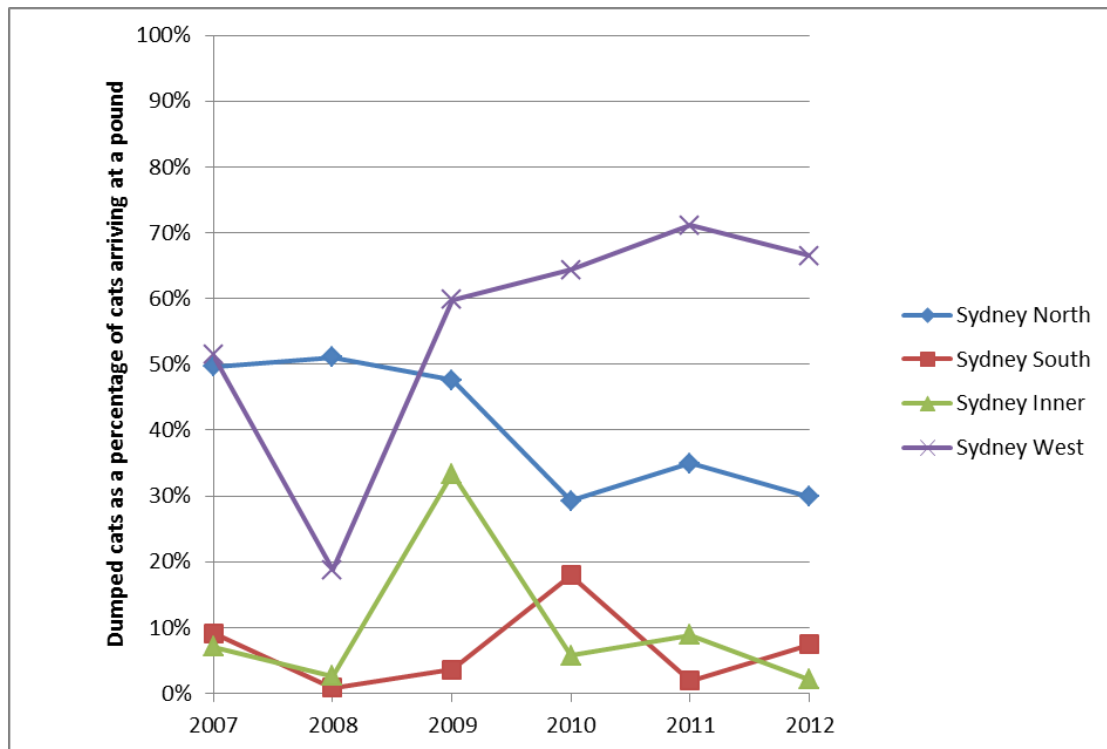


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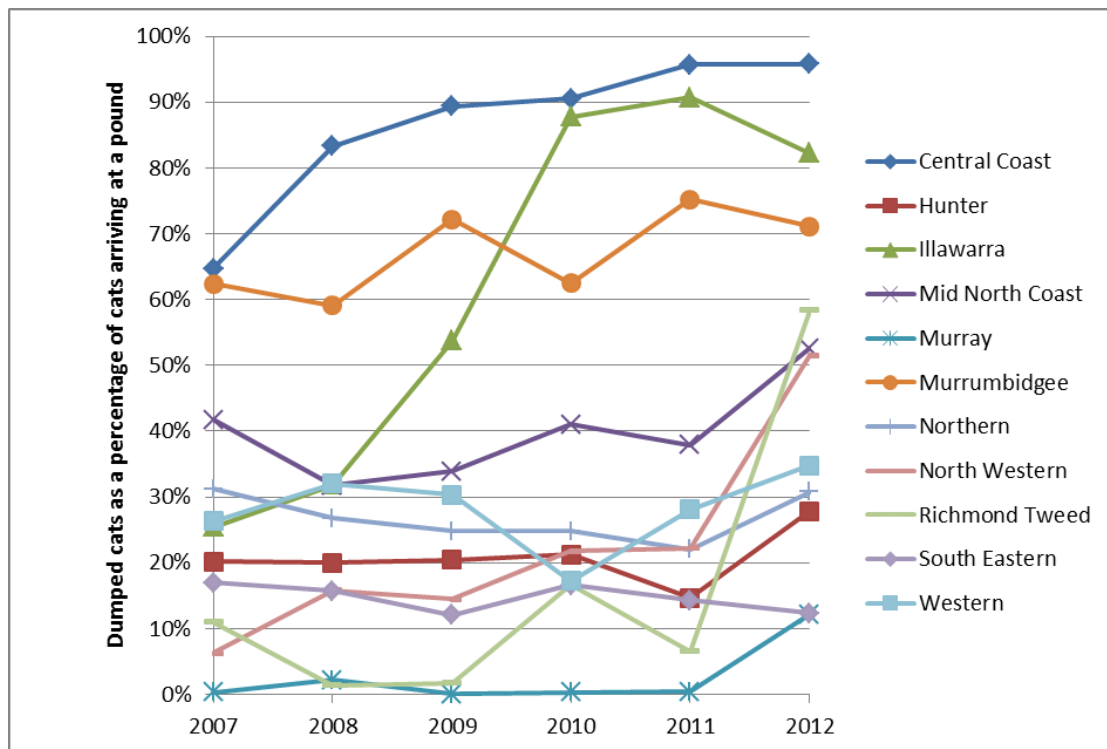


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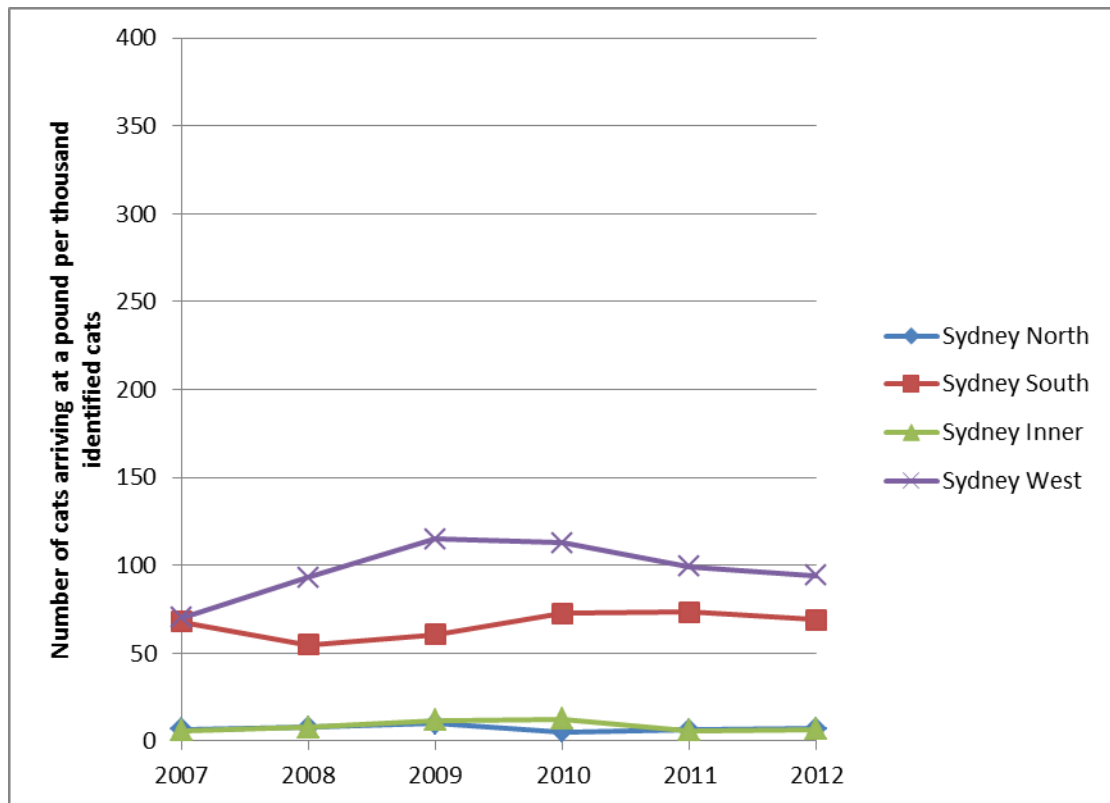


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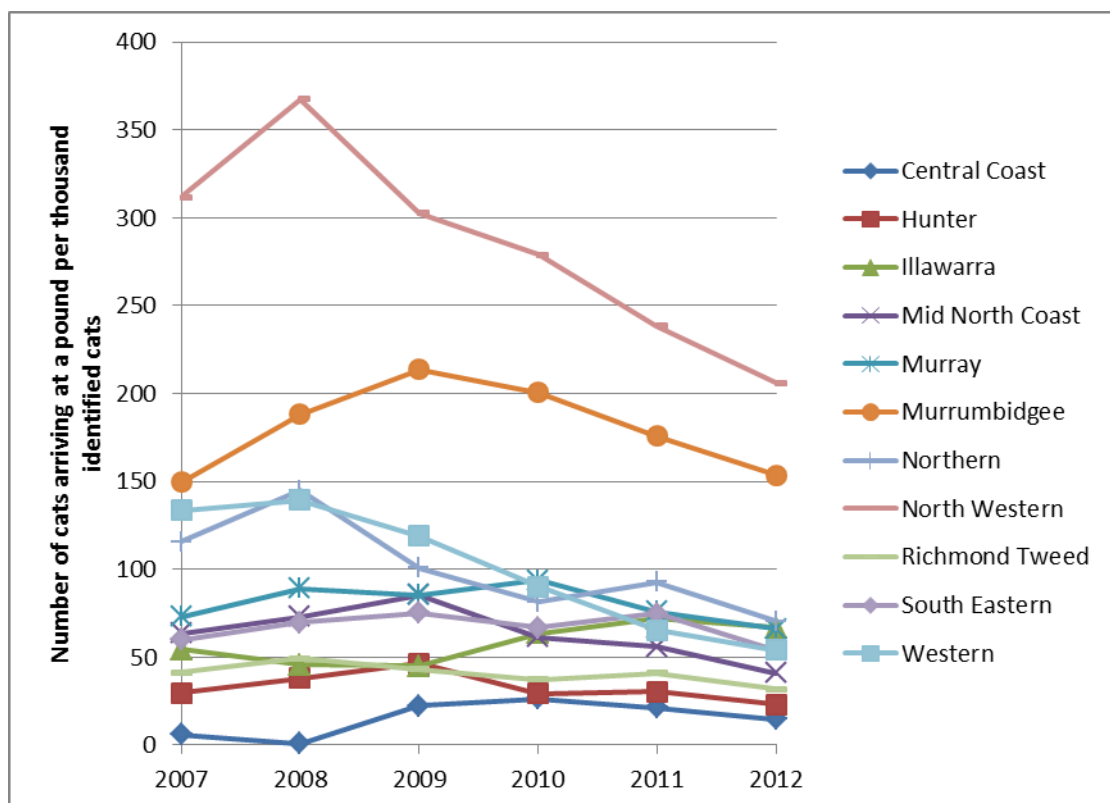


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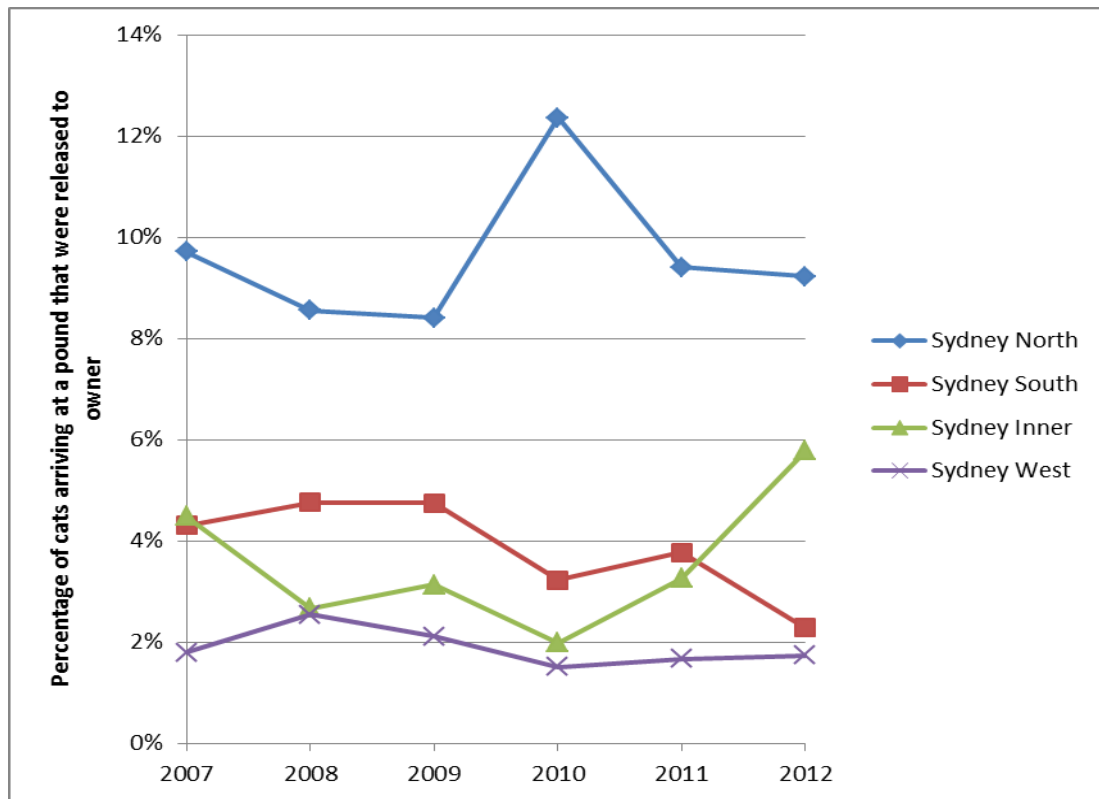


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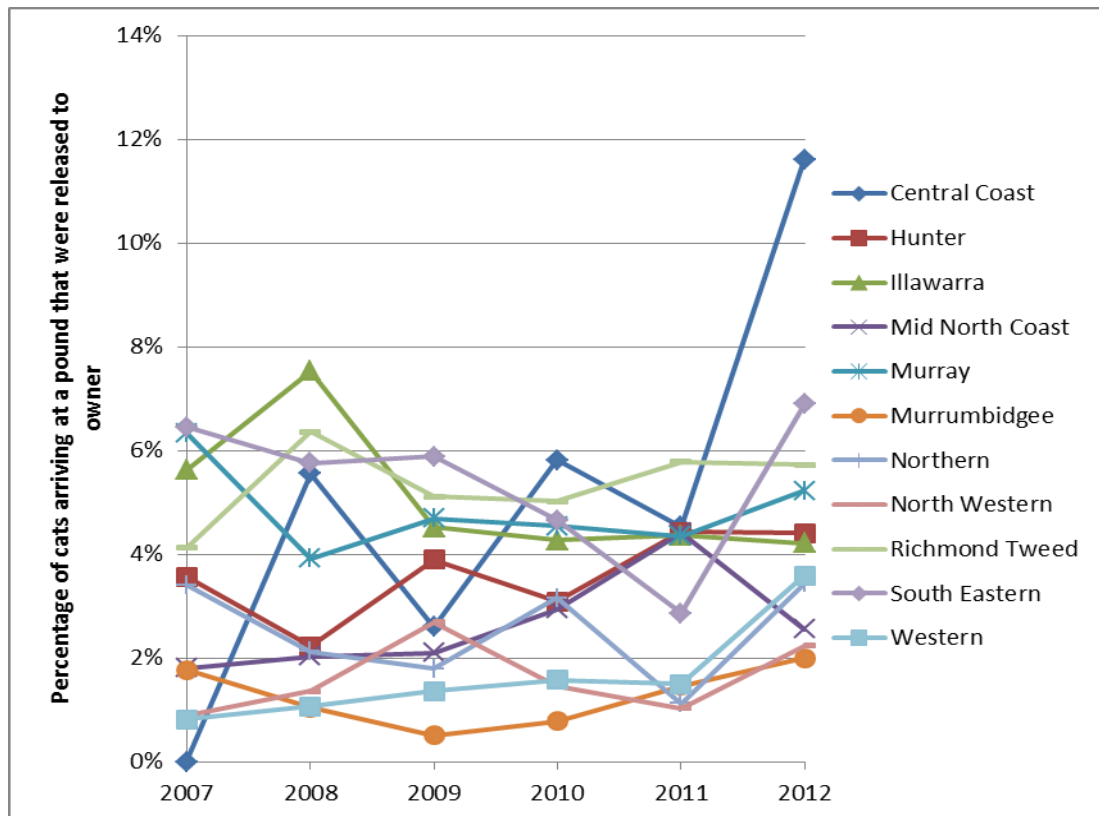


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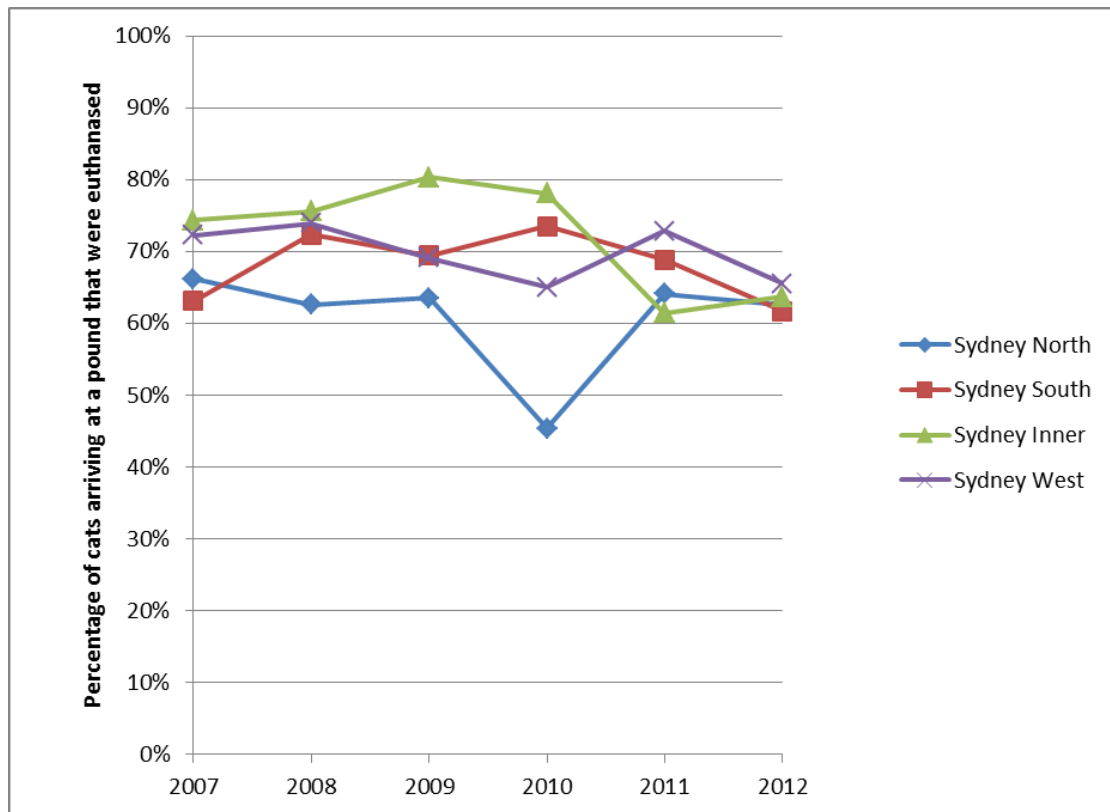


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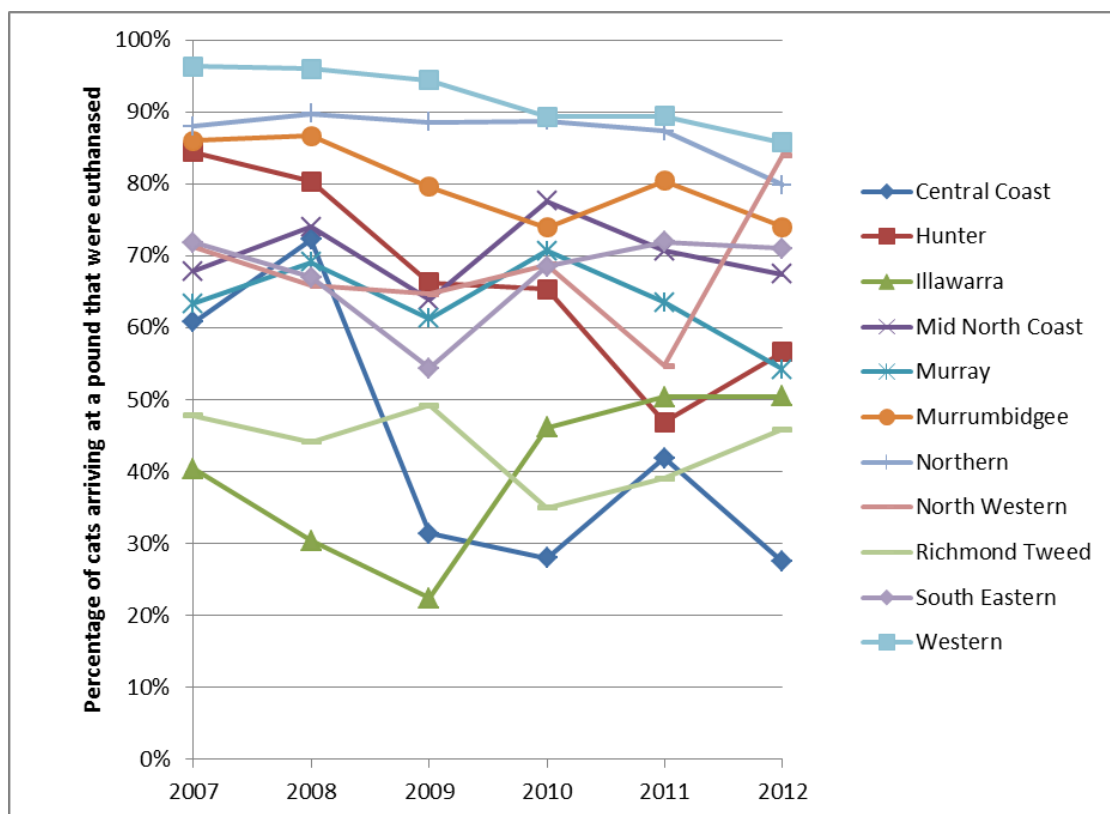


Figure B10NS: non-Sydney regions

B11 - Percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold:

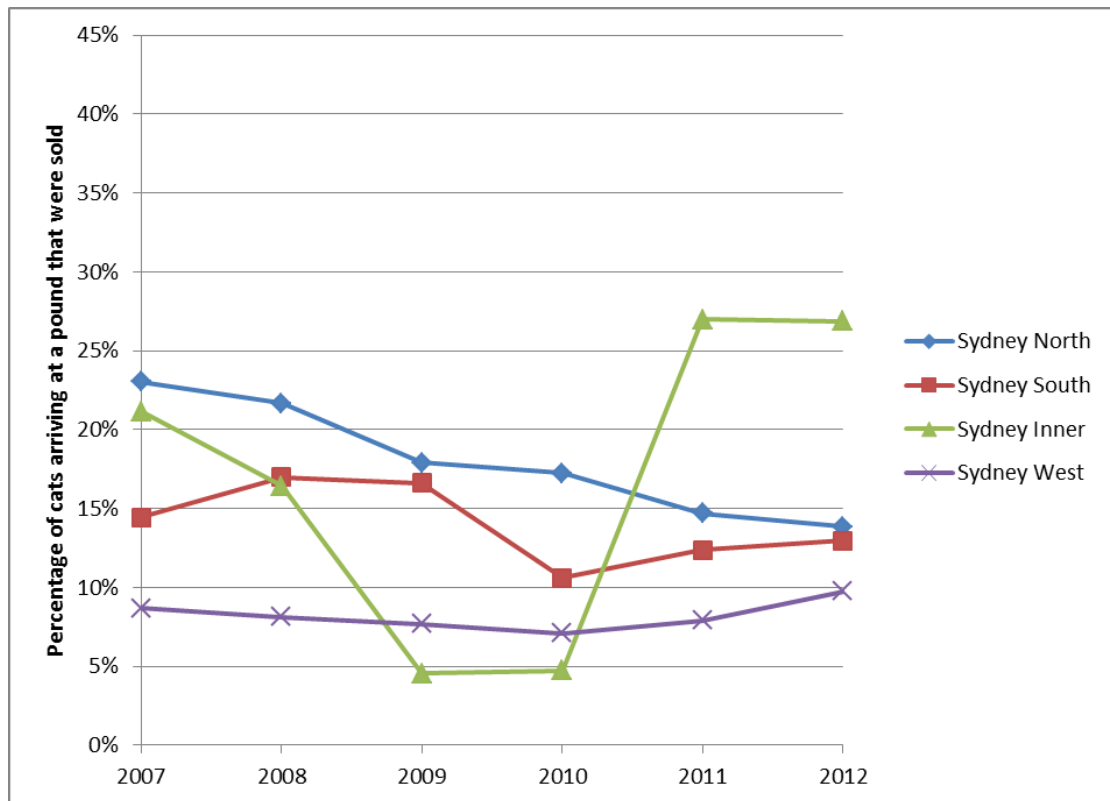


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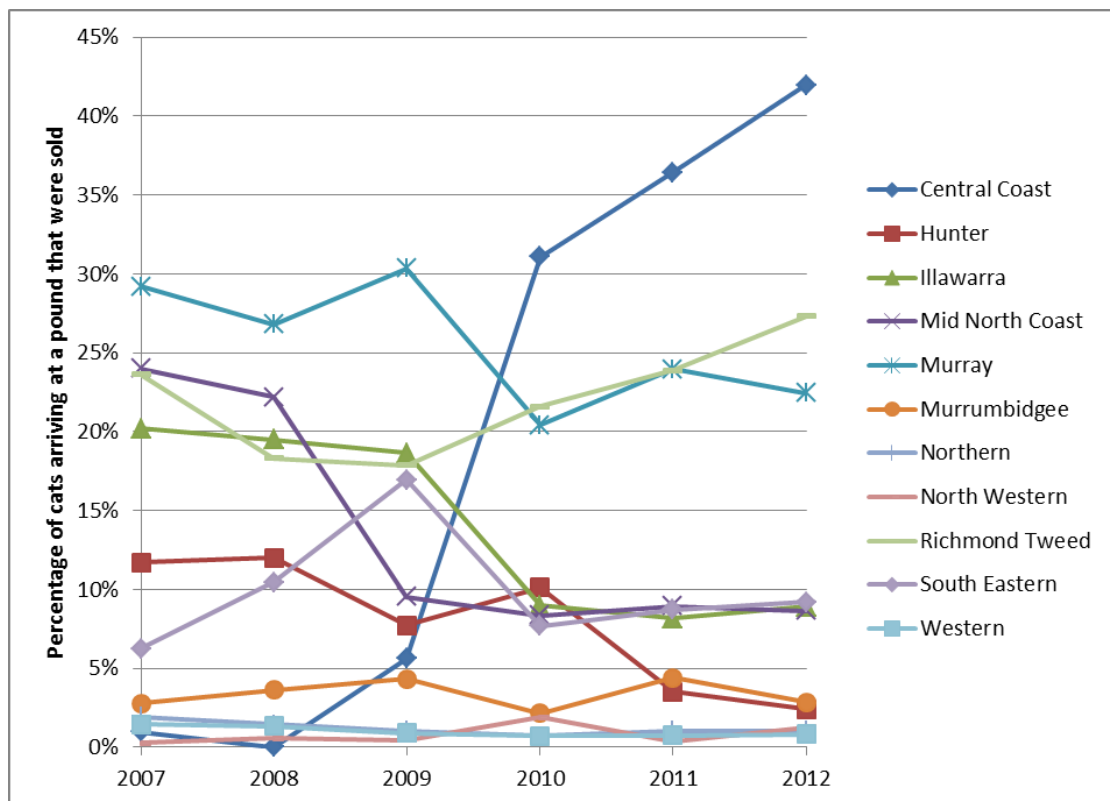


Figure B11NS: non-Sydney regions

B12 - Percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing:

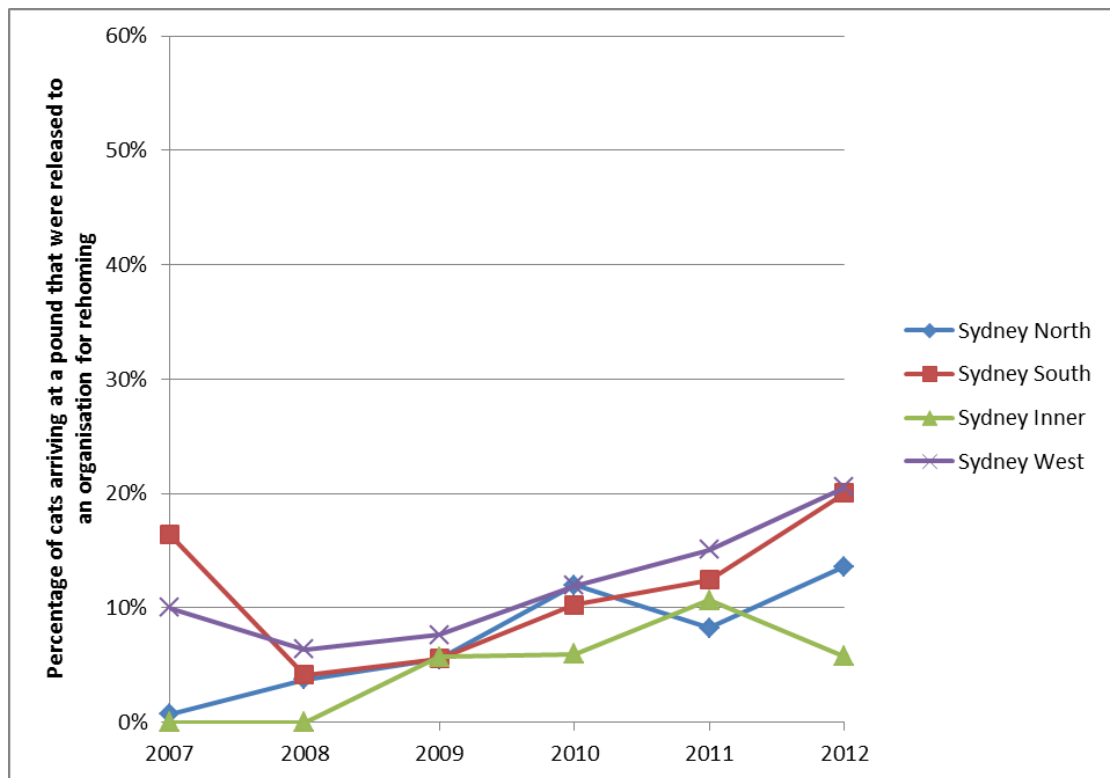


Figure B12S: Sydney regions

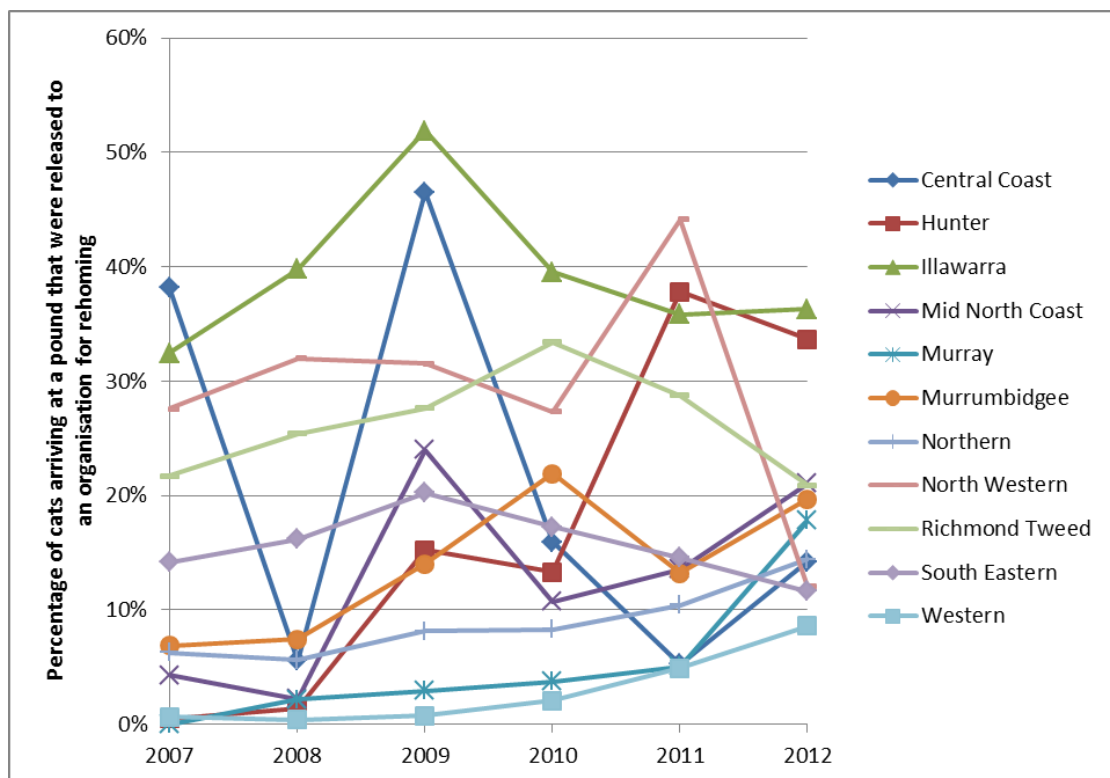


Figure B12NS: non-Sydney regions