

**Analysis of Council Data Collection System  
for Seizures of Cats and Dogs 2005/2006 to  
2009/2010**

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# 1. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapters 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the report present data for each financial year from 2005/2006 until 2009/2010. Chapter 5 compares data for the financial years from 2005/2006 until 2007/2008. Chapter 6, which presents data for 2008/2009, also includes a comparison with data from 2007/2008. Similarly, Chapter 7, which presents data for 2009/2010, also includes a comparison with data from 2008/2009.

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

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## Summary

This chapter reports on the analysis of data collected by NSW local councils regarding seized dogs and cats, and dogs and cats taken to a pound for the period from July 2005 to June 2006. The response rate for the data survey was 76%: 115 councils out of a total of 152 councils in NSW provided a data return.

There are some striking features in the pound data collected by councils in 2005/2006.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (32,770) was more than four times the number of cats seized (8,038). The number of dogs surrendered (5,419) was also well in excess of the number of cats surrendered (1,716).

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 35% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 40% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 68% of cats. The remaining approximate quarter of animals, both dogs and cats, arriving at a pound were equally divided between sold and released to another organisation for re-homing.

The percentage of animals arriving at a pound that were respectively sold and released for re-homing, the two categories that councils would appear to have the greatest influence over, show substantial variation across regions. In the case of dogs, seven regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 10% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion was 37% in the Sydney Inner region. In eight regions, the proportion of dogs released for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 29% achieved by the Central Coast and North Western regions. There was little correspondence between the regions that achieved high (or low) results for selling or releasing for re-homing, which suggests that individual councils may allocate resources to one or the other, rather than both.

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 10% or less in seven regions, compared to a maximum of 32% in the Richmond Tweed region. In seven regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 10% or less, with a maximum of 55% in the Central Coast region.

There appears to be some correlation between the regions that ranked highly (lowly) for dogs and cats sold, as well as for cats and dogs released for rehoming.

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 animals) is largely removed, but some significant differences remain across regions.



In 2005/2006, 39 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW. Of these 34 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 47 per thousand identified dogs.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 22 to 96 per thousand and in the case of dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 14 to 145 per thousand. In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2005/2006, 38 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW. Of these 0.3 were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 59 per thousand identified cats.

The rates per thousand identified cats varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from none to 235 per thousand and in the case of cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 8 to 319 per thousand.

In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized cats and high rates for cats arriving at a pound, and also between high rates for cats seized and high rates for dogs seized.

# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2005/2006

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	155	166	154	166	172	123	181	152	128	123	179	161	<b>1,860</b>
Hunter	172	160	173	138	166	187	204	170	185	156	174	168	<b>2,053</b>
Illawarra	232	244	243	233	272	290	337	229	269	224	247	246	<b>3,066</b>
Mid North Coast	190	196	192	217	244	260	229	186	210	159	207	198	<b>2,488</b>
Murray	101	126	129	96	102	137	165	90	120	119	103	113	<b>1,401</b>
Murrumbidgee	123	87	62	57	40	55	70	64	100	47	71	71	<b>847</b>
Northern	133	191	229	119	154	158	160	120	127	137	139	252	<b>1,919</b>
North Western	190	185	211	192	195	134	177	179	158	178	184	177	<b>2,160</b>
Richmond Tweed	109	132	110	123	122	106	145	118	134	111	137	129	<b>1,476</b>
South Eastern	123	162	157	125	121	118	171	153	164	117	183	148	<b>1,742</b>
Western	191	182	192	214	200	214	187	173	171	158	227	199	<b>2,308</b>
Sydney North	95	118	92	107	130	102	86	80	100	99	118	118	<b>1,245</b>
Sydney South	229	212	203	212	229	192	228	190	182	167	227	202	<b>2,473</b>
Sydney Inner	56	50	45	32	47	45	65	58	49	47	63	41	<b>598</b>
Sydney West	645	610	613	525	668	616	636	585	611	443	605	577	<b>7,134</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,744</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>32,770</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized was 32,770
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 598 in the Sydney Inner region to 7,134 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month was relatively constant, with the highest number seized occurring in January at 3,041, and the lowest number in April at 2,285; the number of dogs seized in January-June was similar to the number seized in July-December
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,860	32
Hunter	2,053	26
Illawarra	3,066	38
Mid North Coast	2,488	40
Murray	1,401	72
Murrumbidgee	847	34
Northern	1,919	50
North Western	2,160	96
Richmond Tweed	1,476	40
South Eastern	1,742	48
Western	2,308	76
Sydney North	1,245	22
Sydney South	2,473	30
Sydney Inner	598	22
Sydney West	7,134	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,770</b>	<b>39</b>

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

Table 2 shows that:

- 39 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 22 in the Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 96 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western, Murray and Western regions) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than the more densely populated regions (such as Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions).

Table 3 Number and percentage <sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2005/2006

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	146	94%	146	88%	150	97%	152	92%	164	95%	113	92%	165	91%	138	91%	117	91%	98	80%	166	93%	139	86%	<b>1,694</b>	<b>91%</b>
Hunter	165	96%	145	91%	155	90%	128	93%	157	95%	179	96%	199	98%	159	94%	172	93%	147	94%	160	92%	159	95%	<b>1,925</b>	<b>94%</b>
Illawarra	174	75%	198	81%	191	79%	176	76%	216	79%	230	79%	258	77%	197	86%	227	84%	175	78%	196	79%	199	81%	<b>2,437</b>	<b>79%</b>
Mid North Coast	173	91%	169	86%	160	83%	177	82%	212	87%	219	84%	195	85%	165	89%	171	81%	147	92%	178	86%	172	87%	<b>2,138</b>	<b>86%</b>
Murray	86	85%	107	85%	119	92%	74	77%	84	82%	120	88%	134	81%	81	90%	104	87%	97	82%	88	85%	97	86%	<b>1,191</b>	<b>85%</b>
Murrumbidgee	116	94%	86	99%	60	97%	57	100%	40	100%	52	95%	69	99%	63	98%	98	98%	45	96%	71	100%	66	93%	<b>823</b>	<b>97%</b>
Northern	115	86%	176	92%	188	82%	102	86%	141	92%	148	94%	147	92%	105	88%	115	91%	121	88%	124	89%	237	94%	<b>1,719</b>	<b>90%</b>
North Western	182	96%	178	96%	202	96%	182	95%	186	95%	127	95%	175	99%	169	94%	151	96%	173	97%	181	98%	174	98%	<b>2,080</b>	<b>96%</b>
Richmond Tweed	99	91%	129	98%	109	99%	122	99%	120	98%	104	98%	140	97%	115	97%	130	97%	111	100%	132	96%	122	95%	<b>1,433</b>	<b>97%</b>
South Eastern	93	76%	117	72%	125	80%	96	77%	96	79%	93	79%	142	83%	125	82%	146	89%	97	83%	161	88%	136	92%	<b>1,427</b>	<b>82%</b>
Western	172	90%	170	93%	165	86%	205	96%	184	92%	194	91%	180	96%	159	92%	161	94%	150	95%	202	89%	181	91%	<b>2,123</b>	<b>92%</b>
Sydney North	66	69%	68	58%	53	58%	57	53%	69	53%	47	46%	48	56%	40	50%	49	49%	49	49%	67	57%	71	60%	<b>684</b>	<b>55%</b>
Sydney South	158	69%	146	69%	150	74%	134	63%	153	67%	146	76%	188	82%	131	69%	131	72%	114	68%	177	78%	161	80%	<b>1,789</b>	<b>72%</b>
Sydney Inner	33	59%	32	64%	31	69%	18	56%	32	68%	31	69%	43	66%	42	72%	25	51%	28	60%	40	63%	30	73%	<b>385</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney West	590	91%	551	90%	545	89%	475	90%	571	85%	567	92%	582	92%	533	91%	552	90%	407	92%	560	93%	530	92%	<b>6,463</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>86%</b>

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

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 28,311, which represented 86% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of dogs seized, ranging from 385 in the Sydney Inner region to 6,463 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 55% in the Sydney North region to 97% in the Murrumbidgee and Richmond Tweed regions
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was very constant over the year, with the monthly figures varying by only a percentage point or two
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/’000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,694	29
Hunter	1,925	25
Illawarra	2,437	30
Mid North Coast	2,138	34
Murray	1,191	61
Murrumbidgee	823	33
Northern	1,719	45
North Western	2,080	92
Richmond Tweed	1,433	38
South Eastern	1,427	39
Western	2,123	70
Sydney North	684	12
Sydney South	1,789	22
Sydney Inner	385	14
Sydney West	6,463	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>34</b>

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

Table 4 shows that:

- 34 seized dogs for every thousand identified dogs were taken to the pound in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 12 in the Sydney North region to 92 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 4 follows that in table 2 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2005/2006

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	9	6%	20	12%	4	3%	14	8%	8	5%	10	8%	16	9%	14	9%	11	9%	25	20%	13	7%	22	14%	<b>166</b>	<b>9%</b>
Hunter	7	4%	15	9%	18	10%	10	7%	9	5%	8	4%	5	2%	11	6%	13	7%	9	6%	14	8%	9	5%	<b>128</b>	<b>6%</b>
Illawarra	58	25%	46	19%	52	21%	57	24%	56	21%	60	21%	79	23%	32	14%	42	16%	49	22%	51	21%	47	19%	<b>629</b>	<b>21%</b>
Mid North Coast	17	9%	27	14%	32	17%	40	18%	32	13%	41	16%	34	15%	21	11%	39	19%	12	8%	29	14%	26	13%	<b>350</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murray	15	15%	19	15%	10	8%	22	23%	18	18%	17	12%	31	19%	9	10%	16	13%	22	18%	15	15%	16	14%	<b>210</b>	<b>15%</b>
Murrumbidgee	7	6%	1	1%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	1	1%	1	2%	2	2%	2	4%	0	0%	5	7%	<b>24</b>	<b>3%</b>
Northern	20	15%	20	10%	44	19%	17	14%	16	10%	17	11%	15	9%	20	17%	14	11%	19	14%	18	13%	59	23%	<b>279</b>	<b>15%</b>
North Western	8	4%	7	4%	9	4%	10	5%	9	5%	7	5%	2	1%	10	6%	7	4%	5	3%	3	2%	3	2%	<b>80</b>	<b>4%</b>
Richmond Tweed	10	9%	3	2%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%	5	3%	3	3%	4	3%	0	0%	5	4%	7	5%	<b>43</b>	<b>3%</b>
South Eastern	30	24%	45	28%	32	20%	29	23%	25	21%	25	21%	29	17%	28	18%	18	11%	20	17%	22	12%	12	8%	<b>315</b>	<b>18%</b>
Western	19	10%	12	7%	27	14%	9	4%	16	8%	20	9%	7	4%	14	8%	10	6%	8	5%	25	11%	18	9%	<b>185</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney North	29	31%	50	42%	39	42%	50	47%	61	47%	55	54%	38	44%	40	50%	51	51%	50	51%	51	43%	47	40%	<b>561</b>	<b>45%</b>
Sydney South	71	31%	66	31%	53	26%	78	37%	76	33%	46	24%	40	18%	59	31%	51	28%	53	32%	50	22%	41	20%	<b>684</b>	<b>28%</b>
Sydney Inner	23	41%	18	36%	14	31%	14	44%	15	32%	14	31%	22	34%	16	28%	24	49%	19	40%	23	37%	11	27%	<b>213</b>	<b>36%</b>
Sydney West	55	9%	59	10%	68	11%	50	10%	97	15%	49	8%	54	8%	52	9%	59	10%	36	8%	45	7%	47	8%	<b>671</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 4,538, which represented 14% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 24 in the Murrumbidgee region to 684 in the Sydney South region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 3% in the Murrumbidgee and Richmond Tweed regions to 45% in the Sydney North region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for all regions each month was relatively constant through the year, varying by approximately one percentage point from month to month
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	166	3
Hunter	128	2
Illawarra	629	8
Mid North Coast	350	6
Murray	210	11
Murrumbidgee	24	1
Northern	279	7
North Western	80	4
Richmond Tweed	43	1
South Eastern	315	9
Western	185	6
Sydney North	561	10
Sydney South	684	8
Sydney Inner	213	8
Sydney West	671	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>5</b>

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

Table 6 shows that:

- 5 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 1 in the Murrumbidgee and Richmond Tweed regions to 11 in the Murray region
- in general, the numbers are too small to be able to identify any other patterns.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2005/2006

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,694	91%	166	9%	1,860
Hunter	1,925	94%	128	6%	2,053
Illawarra	2,437	79%	629	21%	3,066
Mid North Coast	2,138	86%	350	14%	2,488
Murray	1,191	85%	210	15%	1,401
Murrumbidgee	823	97%	24	3%	847
Northern	1,719	86%	279	14%	1,998
North Western	2,080	96%	80	4%	2,160
Richmond Tweed	1,433	97%	43	3%	1,476
South Eastern	1,427	82%	315	18%	1,742
Western	2,123	92%	185	8%	2,308
Sydney North	684	55%	561	45%	1,245
Sydney South	1,789	72%	684	28%	2,473
Sydney Inner	385	64%	213	36%	598
Sydney West	6,463	91%	671	9%	7,134
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>32,849</b>

Table 7 summarises tables 3 and 5. It shows that it was far more likely for seized dogs to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of greater than six for NSW as a whole).



## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2005/2006

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter	24	13	12	13	26	3	26	29	32	22	38	12	250
Illawarra	36	46	38	38	69	71	72	69	86	64	54	53	696
Mid North Coast	30	31	29	22	45	40	48	34	33	36	43	30	421
Murray	14	36	34	30	36	14	27	19	47	21	28	27	333
Murrumbidgee	3	4	10	5	13	10	24	8	37	4	28	5	151
Northern	10	6	6	6	24	18	20	13	8	10	10	45	176
North Western	18	23	28	30	63	88	108	57	77	55	61	26	634
Richmond Tweed	11	23	31	15	27	34	21	39	25	24	39	30	319
South Eastern	14	19	15	22	17	27	41	45	29	15	28	31	303
Western	29	23	26	30	45	46	25	65	53	31	43	35	451
Sydney North	3	7	5	6	6	8	2	5	17	5	16	3	83
Sydney South	99	90	93	109	161	220	261	225	181	149	186	131	1,905
Sydney Inner	8	5	22	14	12	15	9	18	14	5	14	1	137
Sydney West	118	101	76	93	282	241	266	186	229	191	227	169	2,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>8,038</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 8,038
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Central Coast region followed by 83 in the Sydney North region, to 2,179 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation in the overall rate (all regions) at which cats were seized during the year; from July to October the monthly average was 421 cats seized while in the period November through March the average was 851 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized is also seen in a number of the individual regions that recorded high numbers of seized cats, notably the North Western, Sydney South and Sydney West regions.

Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0
Hunter	250	15
Illawarra	696	39
Mid North Coast	421	35
Murray	333	82
Murrumbidgee	151	35
Northern	176	28
North Western	634	235
Richmond Tweed	319	43
South Eastern	303	51
Western	451	88
Sydney North	83	4
Sydney South	1,905	61
Sydney Inner	137	7
Sydney West	2,179	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,038</b>	<b>38</b>

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

Table 9 shows that:

- 38 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 235 in the North Western region
- the rates for 11 of the 15 regions lie in the range 25 to 65 seized cats per thousand identified cats.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2005/2006

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	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	<b>0</b>	<b>NC</b>
Hunter	23	96%	13	100%	12	100%	13	100%	26	100%	3	100%	26	100%	29	100%	31	97%	22	100%	38	100%	10	83%	<b>246</b>	<b>98%</b>		
Illawarra	36	100%	45	98%	38	100%	37	97%	66	96%	71	100%	70	97%	67	97%	86	100%	63	98%	54	100%	52	98%	<b>685</b>	<b>98%</b>		
Mid North Coast	30	100%	31	100%	29	100%	22	100%	45	100%	40	100%	47	98%	34	100%	33	100%	36	100%	43	100%	30	100%	<b>420</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Murray	14	100%	36	100%	33	97%	29	97%	36	100%	14	100%	26	96%	19	100%	47	100%	18	86%	28	100%	25	93%	<b>325</b>	<b>98%</b>		
Murrumbidgee	3	100%	4	100%	10	100%	5	100%	13	100%	10	100%	24	100%	8	100%	37	100%	4	100%	28	100%	5	100%	<b>151</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Northern	10	100%	6	100%	6	100%	6	100%	24	100%	18	100%	20	100%	13	100%	8	100%	10	100%	9	90%	45	100%	<b>175</b>	<b>99%</b>		
North Western	18	100%	23	100%	28	100%	30	100%	63	100%	88	100%	108	100%	57	100%	77	100%	55	100%	61	100%	26	100%	<b>634</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Richmond Tweed	11	100%	23	100%	30	97%	15	100%	27	100%	34	100%	21	100%	39	100%	24	96%	24	100%	39	100%	30	100%	<b>317</b>	<b>99%</b>		
South Eastern	14	100%	19	100%	15	100%	22	100%	17	100%	27	100%	39	95%	43	96%	28	97%	14	93%	27	96%	31	100%	<b>296</b>	<b>98%</b>		
Western	29	100%	23	100%	26	100%	30	100%	45	100%	46	100%	25	100%	65	100%	50	94%	31	100%	43	100%	35	100%	<b>448</b>	<b>99%</b>		
Sydney North	3	100%	7	100%	4	80%	5	83%	3	50%	6	75%	2	100%	4	80%	16	94%	5	100%	16	100%	3	100%	<b>74</b>	<b>89%</b>		
Sydney South	98	99%	87	97%	89	96%	108	99%	158	98%	220	100%	259	99%	225	100%	180	99%	147	99%	184	99%	130	99%	<b>1,885</b>	<b>99%</b>		
Sydney Inner	8	100%	5	100%	21	95%	14	100%	12	100%	14	93%	9	100%	17	94%	14	100%	5	100%	14	100%	1	100%	<b>134</b>	<b>98%</b>		
Sydney West	118	100%	101	100%	76	100%	92	99%	282	100%	240	100%	265	100%	186	100%	229	100%	191	100%	227	100%	169	100%	<b>2,176</b>	<b>100%</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>99%</b>		

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

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

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 7,966, which represented 99% 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 none in the Central Coast region to 2,176 in the Sydney West region
- the variation between regions in the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound was relatively low, ranging from 89% in the Sydney North region to 100% (rounded) in four regions

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0
Hunter	246	14
Illawarra	685	38
Mid North Coast	420	35
Murray	325	80
Murrumbidgee	151	35
Northern	175	28
North Western	634	235
Richmond Tweed	317	43
South Eastern	296	49
Western	448	87
Sydney North	74	3
Sydney South	1,885	60
Sydney Inner	134	7
Sydney West	2,176	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>37</b>

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

Table 11 shows that:

- 37 seized cats were taken to the pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 235 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 11 follows that in table 9 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized cats that were taken to the pound.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2005/2006

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	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC
Hunter	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	17%	4	2%		
Illawarra	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	3%	3	4%	0	0%	2	3%	2	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	11	2%		
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3	14%	0	0%	2	7%	8	2%		
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	0	0%	1	1%		
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
South Eastern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	2	4%	1	3%	1	7%	1	4%	0	0%	7	2%		
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%		
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	1	20%	1	17%	3	50%	2	25%	0	0%	1	20%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9	11%
Sydney South	1	1%	3	3%	4	4%	1	1%	3	2%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%	2	1%	1	1%	20	1%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%
Sydney West	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1%</b>		

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

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

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 72 or 1% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- over 40% (31) of the cats returned to their owner occurred in the Sydney South and Illawarra regions
- the small numbers means that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to their owner 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 to detect any trends.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	4	0.2
Illawarra	11	0.6
Mid North Coast	1	0.1
Murray	8	2.0
Murrumbidgee	0	0.0
Northern	1	0.2
North Western	0	0.0
Richmond Tweed	2	0.3
South Eastern	7	1.2
Western	3	0.6
Sydney North	9	0.4
Sydney South	20	0.6
Sydney Inner	3	0.2
Sydney West	3	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0.3</b>

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

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.3 seized cats were returned to their owner for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2005/2006

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	0	NC	0	NC	0
Hunter	246	98%	4	2%	250
Illawarra	685	98%	11	2%	696
Mid North Coast	420	100%	1	0%	421
Murray	325	98%	8	2%	333
Murrumbidgee	151	100%	0	0%	151
Northern	175	99%	1	1%	176
North Western	634	100%	0	0%	634
Richmond Tweed	317	99%	2	1%	319
South Eastern	296	98%	7	2%	303
Western	448	99%	3	1%	451
Sydney North	74	89%	9	11%	83
Sydney South	1,885	99%	20	1%	1,905
Sydney Inner	134	98%	3	2%	137
Sydney West	2,176	100%	3	0%	2,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,038</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that it was far more likely for seized cats to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of greater than 100).

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

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### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2005/2006

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	13	7%	23	12%	20	11%	21	11%	22	10%	27	16%	32	14%	22	11%	20	11%	6	4%	10	5%	16	8%	<b>232</b>	<b>10%</b>
Hunter	23	9%	32	14%	22	9%	7	3%	17	7%	29	10%	16	5%	10	4%	13	5%	13	6%	17	7%	8	3%	<b>207</b>	<b>7%</b>
Illawarra	10	5%	4	2%	9	4%	20	10%	7	3%	4	2%	19	6%	19	8%	14	5%	14	7%	15	7%	22	9%	<b>157</b>	<b>6%</b>
Mid North Coast	33	13%	49	19%	59	24%	80	28%	47	16%	36	13%	29	11%	27	13%	67	26%	38	17%	35	14%	68	26%	<b>568</b>	<b>18%</b>
Murray	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	4	5%	3	3%	4	3%	0	0%	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%	3	3%	5	5%	<b>30</b>	<b>2%</b>
Murrumbidgee	11	7%	12	7%	13	10%	7	7%	3	3%	9	8%	6	5%	14	11%	5	3%	14	14%	4	3%	7	5%	<b>105</b>	<b>7%</b>
Northern	32	17%	51	19%	62	20%	16	9%	68	26%	44	18%	45	17%	41	20%	56	23%	54	25%	39	17%	54	16%	<b>562</b>	<b>19%</b>
North Western	79	29%	45	18%	51	19%	56	22%	75	28%	46	25%	101	34%	89	33%	47	21%	37	16%	67	26%	66	26%	<b>759</b>	<b>25%</b>
Richmond Tweed	41	29%	25	16%	32	22%	18	12%	25	17%	21	17%	31	18%	22	16%	21	14%	18	14%	25	15%	23	16%	<b>302</b>	<b>17%</b>
South Eastern	30	17%	41	21%	33	18%	28	16%	44	25%	26	16%	51	21%	26	14%	25	11%	20	12%	40	16%	27	13%	<b>391</b>	<b>17%</b>
Western	34	12%	52	17%	23	9%	42	14%	27	10%	23	8%	32	11%	27	10%	32	12%	18	8%	42	14%	24	9%	<b>376</b>	<b>11%</b>
Sydney North	11	11%	10	11%	8	13%	7	9%	5	6%	7	10%	5	6%	4	7%	10	15%	5	8%	9	11%	4	4%	<b>85</b>	<b>9%</b>
Sydney South	10	6%	4	3%	7	4%	7	5%	5	3%	3	2%	6	3%	10	6%	5	3%	1	1%	8	4%	5	3%	<b>71</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	121	16%	113	16%	135	19%	125	19%	120	16%	125	16%	146	19%	140	19%	134	18%	100	18%	148	19%	167	22%	<b>1,574</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 5,419, which represented 14% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 1,574 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 25% in the North Western region; the percentage was 10% or more in seven other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month was quite constant through the year with a variation from month to month of one percentage point.



## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2005/2006

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	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	0	0%	4	3%
Hunter	1	3%	1	6%	3	17%	0	0%	3	6%	11	37%	9	21%	1	3%	2	5%	9	16%	6	11%	0	0%	46	11%
Illawarra	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	21	16%	1	1%	1	1%	5	6%	34	4%
Mid North Coast	11	18%	15	27%	32	37%	29	48%	35	25%	21	17%	29	28%	25	25%	26	24%	20	21%	15	17%	22	29%	280	25%
Murray	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	6	2%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	14	37%	2	5%	0	0%	12	21%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	2	9%	34	5%
Northern	10	34%	9	24%	4	10%	1	3%	40	48%	24	31%	26	32%	15	15%	23	28%	22	42%	15	25%	11	14%	200	26%
North Western	4	16%	9	24%	11	26%	8	21%	10	13%	8	7%	10	7%	4	5%	34	27%	12	16%	24	28%	8	23%	142	16%
Richmond Tweed	9	45%	2	8%	3	9%	0	0%	11	29%	9	19%	18	42%	8	16%	1	4%	1	4%	5	11%	1	3%	68	17%
South Eastern	4	19%	6	22%	5	23%	3	12%	2	7%	9	20%	25	36%	15	24%	8	19%	7	26%	8	20%	6	15%	98	22%
Western	6	15%	5	14%	3	10%	2	5%	12	18%	12	13%	4	6%	1	1%	8	9%	1	1%	2	3%	2	4%	58	8%
Sydney North	2	40%	2	14%	3	23%	2	22%	0	0%	2	11%	11	50%	10	38%	0	0%	2	17%	0	0%	3	19%	37	19%
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney West	71	31%	56	30%	38	29%	50	32%	66	16%	102	26%	79	20%	31	13%	68	21%	56	20%	52	16%	40	17%	709	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 1,716, which represented 14% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions ranging from none in the Sydney South and Sydney Inner regions to 709 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered from none in the Sydney South and Sydney Inner regions to 26% in the Northern region; the percentage exceeded 10% in seven other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month reached a peak of 18% in July-August and a trough of 9% in February, with most of the other months near the overall percentage of 14%.

### 3. Dumped Animals (ie. any animal dumped at a council pound by a member of the public other than its owner(s))

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2005/2006

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	30	16%	21	11%	20	11%	26	13%	36	16%	24	15%	32	14%	32	17%	38	22%	33	24%	24	12%	52	25%	<b>368</b>	<b>16%</b>
Hunter	64	25%	60	25%	66	27%	85	39%	62	26%	84	29%	88	29%	73	30%	84	31%	45	22%	84	32%	72	30%	<b>867</b>	<b>29%</b>
Illawarra	20	10%	16	7%	22	10%	14	7%	33	13%	21	8%	18	6%	26	11%	27	10%	19	9%	17	7%	21	9%	<b>254</b>	<b>9%</b>
Mid North Coast	42	17%	39	15%	26	11%	26	9%	28	10%	16	6%	44	16%	19	9%	24	9%	38	17%	42	16%	22	8%	<b>366</b>	<b>12%</b>
Murray	5	5%	3	3%	3	2%	3	4%	2	2%	4	3%	5	4%	7	8%	2	2%	2	2%	3	3%	5	5%	<b>44</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	37	23%	74	43%	56	43%	40	38%	50	54%	51	46%	39	34%	56	42%	47	31%	44	43%	47	39%	66	47%	<b>607</b>	<b>40%</b>
Northern	46	24%	35	13%	63	20%	59	33%	57	21%	47	20%	69	26%	61	29%	74	30%	40	19%	67	29%	50	15%	<b>668</b>	<b>23%</b>
North Western	15	5%	30	12%	22	8%	19	7%	10	4%	13	7%	23	8%	13	5%	28	12%	22	9%	14	5%	12	5%	<b>221</b>	<b>7%</b>
Richmond Tweed	3	2%	3	2%	2	1%	6	4%	2	1%	1	1%	2	1%	2	1%	4	3%	1	1%	5	3%	3	2%	<b>34</b>	<b>2%</b>
South Eastern	52	30%	37	19%	28	15%	52	30%	39	22%	45	27%	53	22%	39	21%	59	26%	49	30%	46	19%	40	20%	<b>539</b>	<b>23%</b>
Western	79	28%	89	29%	82	30%	63	20%	69	25%	78	26%	90	30%	88	32%	77	29%	45	21%	54	18%	70	25%	<b>884</b>	<b>26%</b>
Sydney North	21	21%	13	14%	3	5%	10	14%	16	18%	13	19%	28	35%	13	23%	6	9%	11	17%	7	8%	15	17%	<b>156</b>	<b>17%</b>
Sydney South	13	7%	4	3%	8	5%	6	4%	3	2%	11	7%	7	3%	13	8%	12	8%	6	5%	4	2%	3	2%	<b>90</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	54	7%	46	6%	42	6%	46	7%	56	7%	68	9%	58	7%	68	9%	68	9%	47	8%	72	9%	65	9%	<b>690</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>15%</b>

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

Table 17 shows that:

- the total number of dogs dumped was 5,790, which represented 15% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Sydney Inner region to 884 in the Western region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 1% in the Sydney Inner region to 40% in the Murrumbidgee region; the percentage was 10% or more in seven other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped each month was quite constant through the year with a variation from month to month of two percentage points.

### 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2005/2006

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	1	50%	1	100%	25	100%	11	100%	12	100%	36	97%	9	100%	21	100%	9	100%	19	90%	11	100%	<b>155</b>	<b>97%</b>
Hunter	11	31%	4	22%	3	17%	5	28%	22	43%	16	53%	7	17%	10	25%	7	18%	24	44%	9	17%	5	33%	<b>123</b>	<b>30%</b>
Illawarra	3	8%	3	6%	1	3%	17	30%	21	24%	54	43%	15	18%	27	28%	24	18%	18	22%	18	25%	24	30%	<b>225</b>	<b>24%</b>
Mid North Coast	20	33%	9	16%	26	30%	9	15%	62	44%	65	52%	29	28%	43	42%	51	46%	38	40%	28	33%	23	31%	<b>403</b>	<b>37%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
Murrumbidgee	31	91%	20	53%	31	72%	10	67%	31	55%	32	73%	67	74%	74	90%	67	64%	31	89%	35	54%	16	70%	<b>445</b>	<b>71%</b>
Northern	9	31%	22	59%	29	74%	30	81%	20	24%	36	46%	36	44%	75	73%	51	62%	21	40%	35	59%	23	29%	<b>387</b>	<b>51%</b>
North Western	3	12%	6	16%	4	9%	0	0%	2	3%	12	11%	21	15%	12	16%	14	11%	8	11%	2	2%	1	3%	<b>85</b>	<b>10%</b>
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	29%	0	0%	4	9%	4	9%	3	6%	0	0%	2	7%	1	2%	0	0%	<b>20</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	3	14%	2	7%	2	9%	1	4%	9	32%	8	18%	5	7%	5	8%	7	16%	6	22%	6	15%	4	10%	<b>58</b>	<b>13%</b>
Western	4	10%	7	20%	2	6%	9	22%	11	16%	32	36%	35	55%	34	34%	34	37%	43	57%	29	39%	18	33%	<b>258</b>	<b>34%</b>
Sydney North	0	0%	5	36%	6	46%	2	22%	18	86%	11	58%	9	41%	12	46%	4	20%	5	42%	7	30%	10	63%	<b>89</b>	<b>45%</b>
Sydney South	10	9%	1	1%	5	5%	4	4%	27	15%	9	4%	17	6%	11	5%	11	6%	6	4%	6	3%	0	0%	<b>107</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	11%	4	44%	3	13%	1	7%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	4	22%	0	0%	<b>15</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney West	39	17%	32	17%	19	14%	15	10%	64	16%	57	14%	60	15%	25	10%	26	8%	39	14%	46	14%	30	13%	<b>452</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>23%</b>

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

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 2,824, which represented 23% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Murray region to 452 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 1% in the Murray region to 97% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 10% in eleven other regions and 50% in two of those other regions.
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped each month reached a peak of 25% in December and a trough of 18% in August.

#### 4. Animals arriving at a pound (ie. 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 2005/2006

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	189	190	190	199	222	164	229	192	175	137	200	207	<b>2,294</b>
Hunter	252	237	243	220	236	292	303	242	269	205	261	239	<b>2,999</b>
Illawarra	204	218	222	210	256	255	295	242	268	208	228	242	<b>2,848</b>
Mid North Coast	248	257	245	283	287	271	268	211	262	223	255	262	<b>3,072</b>
Murray	93	112	124	81	89	128	139	90	108	100	94	107	<b>1,265</b>
Murrumbidgee	164	172	129	104	93	112	114	133	150	103	122	139	<b>1,535</b>
Northern	193	262	313	177	266	239	261	207	245	215	230	341	<b>2,949</b>
North Western	276	253	275	257	271	186	299	271	226	232	262	252	<b>3,060</b>
Richmond Tweed	143	157	143	146	147	126	173	139	155	130	162	148	<b>1,769</b>
South Eastern	175	195	186	176	179	164	246	190	230	166	247	203	<b>2,357</b>
Western	285	311	270	310	280	295	302	274	270	213	298	275	<b>3,383</b>
Sydney North	98	91	64	74	90	67	81	57	65	65	83	90	<b>925</b>
Sydney South	181	154	165	147	161	160	201	154	148	121	189	169	<b>1,950</b>
Sydney Inner	33	32	31	18	32	31	45	42	25	28	40	30	<b>387</b>
Sydney West	765	710	722	646	747	760	786	741	754	554	780	762	<b>8,727</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,742</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>39,520</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 39,520
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 387 in the Sydney Inner region to 8,727 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound in total (all regions) each month was relatively constant through the year reaching a maximum of 3,742 in January, 39% higher than the minimum of 2,700 in April
- the monthly variation was greater in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	2,294	39
Hunter	2,999	38
Illawarra	2,848	35
Mid North Coast	3,072	49
Murray	1,265	65
Murrumbidgee	1,535	62
Northern	2,949	77
North Western	3,060	135
Richmond Tweed	1,769	47
South Eastern	2,357	65
Western	3,383	112
Sydney North	925	16
Sydney South	1,950	24
Sydney Inner	387	14
Sydney West	8,727	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,520</b>	<b>47</b>

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

Table 20 shows that:

- 47 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 14 in the Sydney Inner region to 135 in the North Western region.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2005/2006

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	2	1	25	11	12	37	9	21	9	21	11	<b>159</b>
Hunter	35	18	18	18	51	30	42	40	40	55	53	15	<b>415</b>
Illawarra	39	48	39	57	88	125	85	96	131	82	73	81	<b>944</b>
Mid North Coast	61	55	87	60	142	126	105	102	110	94	86	75	<b>1,103</b>
Murray	15	36	33	30	36	14	29	19	49	18	29	25	<b>333</b>
Murrumbidgee	34	38	43	15	56	44	91	82	104	35	65	23	<b>630</b>
Northern	29	37	39	37	84	78	82	103	82	53	59	79	<b>762</b>
North Western	25	38	43	38	75	108	139	73	125	75	87	35	<b>861</b>
Richmond Tweed	20	25	33	21	38	47	43	50	25	27	45	31	<b>405</b>
South Eastern	21	27	22	26	28	44	69	63	43	27	41	41	<b>452</b>
Western	39	35	31	41	68	90	64	100	92	75	74	55	<b>764</b>
Sydney North	5	14	13	9	21	19	22	26	20	12	23	16	<b>200</b>
Sydney South	108	88	94	112	185	229	276	236	191	153	190	130	<b>1,992</b>
Sydney Inner	9	9	24	15	13	14	9	17	15	5	18	1	<b>149</b>
Sydney West	228	189	133	157	412	399	404	242	323	286	325	239	<b>3,337</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>12,506</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 12,506
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 149 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,337 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation in the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) through the year with a monthly maximum of 1,497 in January, 2.3 times higher than the minimum of 653 in September; each of the months November through May reported above 1,000 cats arriving at a pound
- the monthly variation was greater in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2005/2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	159	11
Hunter	415	24
Illawarra	944	52
Mid North Coast	1,103	92
Murray	333	82
Murrumbidgee	630	146
Northern	762	121
North Western	861	319
Richmond Tweed	405	55
South Eastern	452	75
Western	764	149
Sydney North	200	9
Sydney South	1,992	64
Sydney Inner	149	8
Sydney West	3,337	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,506</b>	<b>59</b>

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

Table 22 shows that:

- 50 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 8 in the Sydney Inner region to 319 in the North Western region
- four of the regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 100.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2005/2006

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	71	38%	77	41%	70	37%	74	37%	90	41%	71	43%	67	29%	83	43%	78	45%	49	36%	82	41%	76	37%	<b>888</b>	<b>39%</b>
Hunter	66	26%	86	36%	93	38%	77	35%	106	45%	108	37%	125	41%	114	47%	114	42%	101	49%	117	45%	95	40%	<b>1,202</b>	<b>40%</b>
Illawarra	97	48%	102	47%	98	44%	111	53%	127	50%	91	36%	132	45%	101	42%	128	48%	103	50%	106	46%	116	48%	<b>1,312</b>	<b>46%</b>
Mid North Coast	86	35%	81	32%	86	35%	99	35%	109	38%	100	37%	90	34%	66	31%	62	24%	83	37%	83	33%	80	31%	<b>1,025</b>	<b>33%</b>
Murray	46	49%	50	45%	57	46%	28	35%	47	53%	53	41%	71	51%	34	38%	54	50%	44	44%	31	33%	41	38%	<b>556</b>	<b>44%</b>
Murrumbidgee	60	37%	46	27%	47	36%	29	28%	28	30%	32	29%	26	23%	32	24%	49	33%	33	32%	42	34%	44	32%	<b>468</b>	<b>30%</b>
Northern	49	25%	42	16%	40	13%	50	28%	60	23%	55	23%	57	22%	47	23%	56	23%	53	25%	69	30%	98	29%	<b>676</b>	<b>23%</b>
North Western	62	22%	65	26%	48	17%	39	15%	63	23%	25	13%	34	11%	27	10%	50	22%	39	17%	31	12%	64	25%	<b>547</b>	<b>18%</b>
Richmond Tweed	49	34%	59	38%	60	42%	72	49%	71	48%	63	50%	64	37%	51	37%	68	44%	66	51%	84	52%	74	50%	<b>781</b>	<b>44%</b>
South Eastern	58	33%	78	40%	78	42%	78	44%	67	37%	75	46%	101	41%	97	51%	118	51%	72	43%	106	43%	101	50%	<b>1,029</b>	<b>44%</b>
Western	51	18%	57	18%	46	17%	52	17%	79	28%	56	19%	70	23%	63	23%	50	19%	40	19%	69	23%	69	25%	<b>702</b>	<b>21%</b>
Sydney North	81	83%	65	71%	51	80%	60	81%	70	78%	54	81%	60	74%	47	82%	46	71%	51	78%	67	81%	65	72%	<b>717</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sydney South	89	49%	96	62%	93	56%	65	44%	107	66%	87	54%	104	52%	72	47%	73	49%	73	60%	90	48%	73	43%	<b>1,022</b>	<b>52%</b>
Sydney Inner	14	42%	14	44%	16	52%	10	56%	16	50%	15	48%	24	53%	19	45%	10	40%	7	25%	14	35%	11	37%	<b>170</b>	<b>44%</b>
Sydney West	252	33%	238	34%	240	33%	216	33%	284	38%	210	28%	242	31%	215	29%	197	26%	193	35%	238	31%	228	30%	<b>2,753</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>13,848</b>	<b>35%</b>

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

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 13,848, which represented 35% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 170 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,753 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 18% in the North Western region to 78% in the Sydney North region; only two regions released more than half the dogs arriving at a pound to their owner



- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant with the percentage ranging from 34% in 7 months to 39% in November
- the monthly variation in dogs released to their owner was higher in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2005/2006

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	54	29%	71	37%	57	30%	60	30%	56	25%	64	39%	64	28%	50	26%	41	23%	17	12%	40	20%	61	29%	<b>635</b>	<b>28%</b>
Hunter	141	56%	118	50%	116	48%	92	42%	90	38%	134	46%	119	39%	92	38%	120	45%	78	38%	117	45%	82	34%	<b>1,299</b>	<b>43%</b>
Illawarra	52	25%	49	22%	67	30%	34	16%	58	23%	90	35%	72	24%	73	30%	67	25%	42	20%	56	25%	45	19%	<b>705</b>	<b>25%</b>
Mid North Coast	116	47%	137	53%	111	45%	108	38%	99	34%	107	39%	131	49%	107	51%	136	52%	70	31%	94	37%	125	48%	<b>1,341</b>	<b>44%</b>
Murray	32	34%	29	26%	38	31%	27	33%	28	31%	58	45%	39	28%	42	47%	33	31%	30	30%	50	53%	41	38%	<b>447</b>	<b>35%</b>
Murrumbidgee	78	48%	91	53%	87	67%	49	47%	31	33%	48	43%	64	56%	45	34%	72	48%	66	64%	52	43%	51	37%	<b>734</b>	<b>48%</b>
Northern	116	60%	169	65%	184	59%	114	64%	173	65%	174	73%	172	66%	141	68%	164	67%	157	73%	131	57%	221	65%	<b>1,916</b>	<b>65%</b>
North Western	132	48%	111	44%	144	52%	108	42%	146	54%	106	57%	140	47%	169	62%	110	49%	79	34%	153	58%	148	59%	<b>1,546</b>	<b>51%</b>
Richmond Tweed	49	34%	59	38%	42	29%	38	26%	46	31%	39	31%	54	31%	39	28%	49	32%	29	22%	31	19%	37	25%	<b>512</b>	<b>29%</b>
South Eastern	90	51%	78	40%	80	43%	49	28%	74	41%	51	31%	86	35%	52	27%	71	31%	55	33%	92	37%	44	22%	<b>822</b>	<b>35%</b>
Western	205	72%	219	70%	192	71%	195	63%	190	68%	188	64%	189	63%	176	64%	205	76%	164	77%	216	72%	175	64%	<b>2,314</b>	<b>68%</b>
Sydney North	12	12%	16	18%	11	17%	15	20%	8	9%	15	22%	6	7%	5	9%	12	18%	4	6%	11	13%	11	12%	<b>126</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney South	26	14%	22	14%	21	13%	19	13%	23	14%	16	10%	22	11%	24	16%	21	14%	11	9%	30	16%	34	20%	<b>269</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney Inner	4	12%	1	3%	4	13%	3	17%	0	0%	3	10%	6	13%	4	10%	2	8%	5	18%	3	8%	8	27%	<b>43</b>	<b>11%</b>
Sydney West	269	35%	235	33%	255	35%	235	36%	253	34%	311	41%	290	37%	238	32%	291	39%	200	36%	260	33%	287	38%	<b>3,124</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>15,833</b>	<b>40%</b>

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

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 15,833, which represented 40% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 43 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,124 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 11% in the Sydney Inner region to 68% in the Western region; three regions euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant: the percentages ranged from 37% in April to 43% in December
- the monthly variation in dogs euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2005/2006

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	6	3%	3	2%	5	3%	3	2%	13	6%	6	4%	4	2%	10	5%	9	5%	5	4%	3	2%	1	0%	<b>68</b>	<b>3%</b>
Hunter	32	13%	34	14%	25	10%	36	16%	16	7%	28	10%	36	12%	23	10%	34	13%	35	17%	28	11%	33	14%	<b>360</b>	<b>12%</b>
Illawarra	20	10%	28	13%	24	11%	20	10%	30	12%	31	12%	28	9%	20	8%	23	9%	33	16%	29	13%	22	9%	<b>308</b>	<b>11%</b>
Mid North Coast	27	11%	37	14%	34	14%	33	12%	37	13%	29	11%	21	8%	36	17%	30	11%	46	21%	35	14%	40	15%	<b>405</b>	<b>13%</b>
Murray	17	18%	27	24%	28	23%	28	35%	11	12%	18	14%	23	17%	20	22%	18	17%	24	24%	13	14%	18	17%	<b>245</b>	<b>19%</b>
Murrumbidgee	2	1%	4	2%	4	3%	8	8%	4	4%	6	5%	9	8%	3	2%	2	1%	6	6%	3	2%	9	6%	<b>60</b>	<b>4%</b>
Northern	12	6%	9	3%	21	7%	17	10%	11	4%	10	4%	19	7%	7	3%	4	2%	7	3%	12	5%	12	4%	<b>141</b>	<b>5%</b>
North Western	5	2%	1	0%	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%	0	0%	5	2%	5	2%	4	2%	5	2%	1	0%	0	0%	<b>34</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Tweed	34	24%	31	20%	24	17%	30	21%	12	8%	28	22%	30	17%	34	24%	19	12%	35	27%	18	11%	30	20%	<b>325</b>	<b>18%</b>
South Eastern	21	12%	1	1%	18	10%	18	10%	23	13%	17	10%	16	7%	17	9%	11	5%	17	10%	12	5%	15	7%	<b>186</b>	<b>8%</b>
Western	29	10%	9	3%	27	10%	36	12%	12	4%	15	5%	25	8%	22	8%	14	5%	13	6%	11	4%	10	4%	<b>223</b>	<b>7%</b>
Sydney North	9	9%	3	3%	2	3%	2	3%	2	2%	8	12%	2	2%	7	12%	9	14%	3	5%	4	5%	4	4%	<b>55</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney South	31	17%	31	20%	25	15%	34	23%	19	12%	31	19%	42	21%	29	19%	36	24%	26	21%	27	14%	23	14%	<b>354</b>	<b>18%</b>
Sydney Inner	11	33%	17	53%	9	29%	2	11%	12	38%	12	39%	15	33%	15	36%	12	48%	11	39%	17	43%	10	33%	<b>143</b>	<b>37%</b>
Sydney West	83	11%	70	10%	91	13%	61	9%	67	9%	76	10%	78	10%	52	7%	64	8%	80	14%	94	12%	62	8%	<b>878</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>10%</b>

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

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 3,785, which represented 10% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 34 in the North Western region to 878 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 1% in the North Western region to 37% in the Sydney Inner region; in seven regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month remained relatively constant over the year: the percentages ranged from 8% in November and June to 11% in October
- the monthly variation in dogs sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2005/2006

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	55	29%	37	19%	57	30%	52	26%	52	23%	48	29%	63	28%	62	32%	51	29%	55	40%	74	37%	50	24%	<b>656</b>	<b>29%</b>
Hunter	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	2%	0	0%	1	0%	12	4%	5	2%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	2	1%	<b>28</b>	<b>1%</b>
Illawarra	35	17%	30	14%	31	14%	50	24%	43	17%	37	15%	51	17%	51	21%	37	14%	42	20%	47	21%	56	23%	<b>510</b>	<b>18%</b>
Mid North Coast	17	7%	12	5%	26	11%	24	8%	31	11%	43	16%	18	7%	20	9%	17	6%	33	15%	22	9%	28	11%	<b>291</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	13	8%	20	12%	5	4%	15	14%	27	29%	32	29%	14	12%	36	27%	15	10%	15	15%	18	15%	29	21%	<b>239</b>	<b>16%</b>
Northern	6	3%	4	2%	12	4%	5	3%	11	4%	4	2%	9	3%	15	7%	13	5%	7	3%	10	4%	15	4%	<b>111</b>	<b>4%</b>
North Western	59	21%	70	28%	96	35%	81	32%	81	30%	51	27%	91	30%	80	30%	63	28%	88	38%	84	32%	51	20%	<b>895</b>	<b>29%</b>
Richmond Tweed	7	5%	9	6%	3	2%	6	4%	9	6%	4	3%	4	2%	10	7%	19	12%	21	16%	12	7%	8	5%	<b>112</b>	<b>6%</b>
South Eastern	28	16%	18	9%	16	9%	25	14%	21	12%	22	13%	37	15%	20	11%	31	13%	24	14%	45	18%	26	13%	<b>313</b>	<b>13%</b>
Western	3	1%	12	4%	8	3%	7	2%	6	2%	10	3%	9	3%	7	3%	6	2%	0	0%	7	2%	5	2%	<b>80</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney North	3	3%	2	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%	1	1%	<b>14</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney South	24	13%	22	14%	25	15%	21	14%	11	7%	26	16%	28	14%	19	12%	18	12%	23	19%	35	19%	25	15%	<b>277</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	9%	0	0%	1	3%	2	11%	1	3%	2	6%	3	7%	1	2%	1	4%	1	4%	5	13%	4	13%	<b>24</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney West	105	14%	115	16%	112	16%	135	21%	109	15%	138	18%	140	18%	143	19%	150	20%	99	18%	118	15%	120	16%	<b>1,484</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>13%</b>

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

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 5,034, which represented 13% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from none in the Murray region to 1,484 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 none in the Murray region to 29% in the Central Coast and North Western regions; in eight regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month remained moderately constant over the year with the percentage varying from 10% in August to 15% in February and April
- 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.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2005/2006

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	635	28%	656	29%	68	3%	888	39%
Hunter	1,299	43%	28	1%	360	12%	1,202	40%
Illawarra	705	25%	510	18%	308	11%	1,312	46%
Mid North Coast	1,341	44%	291	9%	405	13%	1,025	33%
Murray	447	35%	0	0%	245	19%	556	44%
Murrumbidgee	734	48%	239	16%	60	4%	468	30%
Northern	1,916	65%	111	4%	141	5%	676	23%
North Western	1,546	51%	895	29%	34	1%	547	18%
Richmond Tweed	512	29%	112	6%	325	18%	781	44%
South Eastern	822	35%	313	13%	186	8%	1,029	44%
Western	2,314	68%	80	2%	223	7%	702	21%
Sydney North	126	14%	14	2%	55	6%	717	78%
Sydney South	269	14%	277	14%	354	18%	1,022	52%
Sydney Inner	43	11%	24	6%	143	37%	170	44%
Sydney West	3,124	36%	1,484	17%	878	10%	2,753	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,833</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>13,848</b>	<b>35%</b>

Table 27 summarises tables 23-26. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were most likely to be euthanased followed relatively closely by released to their owner. Dogs were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing and to be sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all dogs arriving at a pound. This ordering of outcomes occurred in six regions. The next most common ordering of outcomes was released to owner, followed by being euthanased and then either sold or released to an organization for re-homing (5 regions).

## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2005/2006

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	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Hunter	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	5	1%
Illawarra	6	15%	1	2%	3	8%	2	4%	6	7%	9	7%	5	6%	7	7%	6	5%	11	13%	4	5%	11	14%	71	8%
Mid North Coast	3	5%	0	0%	7	8%	2	3%	3	2%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	2	3%	24	2%
Murray	2	13%	1	3%	2	6%	1	3%	3	8%	1	7%	4	14%	2	11%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	1	4%	18	5%
Murrumbidgee	1	3%	1	3%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	2	6%	2	3%	0	0%	11	2%
Northern	1	3%	0	0%	1	3%	4	11%	3	4%	4	5%	2	2%	0	0%	9	11%	1	2%	3	5%	2	3%	30	4%
North Western	1	4%	3	8%	1	2%	1	3%	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	1	3%	14	2%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	4	16%	4	12%	2	10%	0	0%	3	6%	1	2%	1	2%	1	4%	3	11%	0	0%	1	3%	20	5%
South Eastern	3	14%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	4	9%	5	7%	4	6%	3	7%	0	0%	5	12%	6	15%	34	8%
Western	1	3%	2	6%	1	3%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%	12	2%
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%	1	11%	3	14%	3	16%	0	0%	0	0%	3	15%	1	8%	1	4%	1	6%	14	7%
Sydney South	3	3%	13	15%	6	6%	4	4%	7	4%	2	1%	4	1%	5	2%	4	2%	1	1%	4	2%	5	4%	58	3%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	6	25%	5	33%	4	31%	4	29%	2	22%	2	12%	2	13%	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	26	17%
Sydney West	6	3%	4	2%	3	2%	2	1%	4	1%	5	1%	2	0%	4	2%	4	1%	4	1%	5	2%	4	2%	47	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 385, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 71 in the Illawarra region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound released to their owner was 17% in the Sydney Inner region and varied from 1% to 8% in all other regions
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year: the monthly variations observed are likely to be driven in the main by random fluctuations in the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2005/2006

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	2	100%	0	0%	14	56%	1	9%	11	92%	18	49%	0	0%	15	71%	0	0%	4	19%	3	27%	<b>68</b>	<b>43%</b>
Hunter	25	71%	13	72%	3	17%	13	72%	39	76%	44	147%	28	67%	26	65%	41	103%	46	84%	47	89%	9	60%	<b>334</b>	<b>80%</b>
Illawarra	22	56%	38	79%	22	56%	25	44%	34	39%	41	33%	34	40%	50	52%	55	42%	42	51%	34	47%	30	37%	<b>427</b>	<b>45%</b>
Mid North Coast	44	72%	44	80%	35	40%	63	105%	82	58%	135	107%	60	57%	78	76%	82	75%	70	74%	55	64%	62	83%	<b>810</b>	<b>73%</b>
Murray	8	53%	16	44%	25	76%	26	87%	25	69%	7	50%	17	59%	13	68%	25	51%	14	78%	15	52%	17	68%	<b>208</b>	<b>62%</b>
Murrumbidgee	35	103%	32	84%	30	70%	13	87%	36	64%	43	98%	70	77%	71	87%	90	87%	19	54%	53	82%	19	83%	<b>511</b>	<b>81%</b>
Northern	26	90%	24	65%	32	82%	30	81%	80	95%	65	83%	78	95%	92	89%	67	82%	57	108%	52	88%	78	99%	<b>681</b>	<b>89%</b>
North Western	11	44%	17	45%	31	72%	21	55%	30	40%	32	30%	27	19%	38	52%	81	65%	28	37%	63	72%	24	69%	<b>403</b>	<b>47%</b>
Richmond Tweed	10	50%	12	48%	17	52%	9	43%	21	55%	26	55%	20	47%	20	40%	15	60%	5	19%	31	69%	19	61%	<b>205</b>	<b>51%</b>
South Eastern	17	81%	15	56%	15	68%	17	65%	19	68%	27	61%	48	70%	44	70%	41	95%	21	78%	22	54%	25	61%	<b>311</b>	<b>69%</b>
Western	37	95%	34	97%	29	94%	39	95%	54	79%	92	102%	63	98%	95	95%	93	101%	71	95%	61	82%	60	109%	<b>728</b>	<b>95%</b>
Sydney North	4	80%	10	71%	12	92%	7	78%	9	43%	7	37%	18	82%	10	38%	14	70%	3	25%	20	87%	14	88%	<b>128</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney South	68	63%	56	64%	53	56%	71	63%	139	75%	183	80%	193	70%	146	62%	134	70%	87	57%	119	63%	82	63%	<b>1,331</b>	<b>67%</b>
Sydney Inner	6	67%	6	67%	13	54%	7	47%	6	46%	10	71%	2	22%	13	76%	11	73%	3	60%	17	94%	1	100%	<b>95</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney West	127	56%	138	73%	96	72%	83	53%	250	61%	296	74%	312	77%	166	69%	242	75%	199	70%	225	69%	142	59%	<b>2,276</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>68%</b>

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

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 8,516, which represented 68% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 68 in the Central Coast region to 2,276 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 43% in the Central Coast region to 95% in the Western region; in all but four of the regions more than 60% of the cats that arrived at a pound were euthanased
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant over the year with the percentage ranging from 63% in September and November to 74% in December
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2005/2006

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	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Hunter	3	9%	0	0%	2	11%	2	11%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	8	20%	2	4%	6	11%	5	33%	32	8%
Illawarra	8	21%	6	13%	3	8%	5	9%	16	18%	14	11%	15	18%	11	11%	12	9%	16	20%	18	25%	18	22%	142	15%
Mid North Coast	24	39%	19	35%	15	17%	15	25%	11	8%	28	22%	18	17%	18	18%	35	32%	29	31%	17	20%	15	20%	244	22%
Murray	8	53%	8	22%	11	33%	5	17%	9	25%	7	50%	6	21%	8	42%	14	29%	8	44%	6	21%	8	32%	98	29%
Murrumbidgee	2	6%	1	3%	4	9%	4	27%	3	5%	5	11%	4	4%	7	9%	4	4%	4	11%	4	6%	2	9%	44	7%
Northern	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	9	1%
North Western	1	4%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
Richmond Tweed	29	145%	6	24%	8	24%	6	29%	3	8%	9	19%	23	53%	10	20%	12	48%	7	26%	8	18%	10	32%	131	32%
South Eastern	0	0%	3	11%	1	5%	7	27%	0	0%	9	20%	6	9%	1	2%	6	14%	4	15%	4	10%	2	5%	43	10%
Western	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	6	1%
Sydney North	5	100%	0	0%	4	31%	1	11%	4	19%	7	37%	7	32%	4	15%	2	10%	1	8%	10	43%	5	31%	50	25%
Sydney South	31	29%	20	23%	11	12%	29	26%	25	14%	27	12%	41	15%	39	17%	33	17%	32	21%	22	12%	34	26%	344	17%
Sydney Inner	3	33%	0	0%	4	17%	4	27%	4	31%	2	14%	4	44%	2	12%	2	13%	2	40%	1	6%	0	0%	28	19%
Sydney West	27	12%	8	4%	8	6%	8	5%	6	1%	27	7%	19	5%	12	5%	17	5%	20	7%	23	7%	23	10%	198	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>11%</b>

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

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 1,377, which represented 11% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from fewer than 10 in the Central Coast, Northern, North Western and Western regions to 344 in the Sydney South 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 four regions with fewer than ten cats sold to 32% in the Richmond Tweed region; in seven regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied somewhat over the year: the percentages ranged from 6% in November to 21% in July
- the monthly variation in cats sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.



Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2005/2006

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	0%	0	0%	11	44%	9	82%	1	8%	19	51%	9	100%	4	19%	9	100%	17	81%	8	73%	<b>87</b>	<b>55%</b>
Hunter	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	12%	2	5%	0	0%	4	7%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>11</b>	<b>3%</b>
Illawarra	13	33%	11	23%	14	36%	17	30%	23	26%	44	35%	30	35%	41	43%	37	28%	27	33%	36	49%	18	22%	<b>311</b>	<b>33%</b>
Mid North Coast	0	0%	3	5%	4	5%	4	7%	5	4%	1	1%	1	1%	3	3%	4	4%	0	0%	1	1%	5	7%	<b>31</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	4	11%	1	2%	1	7%	8	14%	0	0%	5	5%	10	12%	7	7%	8	23%	16	25%	5	22%	<b>65</b>	<b>10%</b>
Northern	7	24%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	5	6%	8	10%	0	0%	5	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	<b>27</b>	<b>4%</b>
North Western	11	44%	14	37%	13	30%	18	47%	25	33%	72	67%	105	76%	36	49%	42	34%	51	68%	31	36%	15	43%	<b>433</b>	<b>50%</b>
Richmond Tweed	2	10%	3	12%	1	3%	1	5%	0	0%	8	17%	6	14%	3	6%	9	36%	14	52%	6	13%	3	10%	<b>56</b>	<b>14%</b>
South Eastern	2	10%	6	22%	3	14%	2	8%	1	4%	7	16%	4	6%	7	11%	5	12%	0	0%	9	22%	5	12%	<b>51</b>	<b>11%</b>
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	2%	2	3%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney South	10	9%	10	11%	22	23%	8	7%	11	6%	17	7%	30	11%	39	17%	22	12%	27	18%	37	19%	13	10%	<b>246</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	20	9%	11	6%	18	14%	35	22%	88	21%	50	13%	30	7%	19	8%	31	10%	25	9%	38	12%	33	14%	<b>398</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 1,724, which represented 14% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from none in the Murray, Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 433 in the North Western 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 none in the Murray, Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 55% in the Central Coast region; in seven regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month varied somewhat over the year: the percentages varied from a trough in July-August (down to 9-10%) up to a maximum of 17% in April
- 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.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2005/2006

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	68	43%	87	55%	2	1%	1	1%
Hunter	334	80%	11	3%	32	8%	5	1%
Illawarra	427	45%	311	33%	142	15%	71	8%
Mid North Coast	810	73%	31	3%	244	22%	24	2%
Murray	208	62%	0	0%	98	29%	18	5%
Murrumbidgee	511	81%	65	10%	44	7%	11	2%
Northern	681	89%	27	4%	9	1%	30	4%
North Western	403	47%	433	50%	6	1%	14	2%
Richmond Tweed	205	51%	56	14%	131	32%	20	5%
South Eastern	311	69%	51	11%	43	10%	34	8%
Western	728	95%	8	1%	6	1%	12	2%
Sydney North	128	64%	0	0%	50	25%	14	7%
Sydney South	1,331	67%	246	12%	344	17%	58	3%
Sydney Inner	95	64%	0	0%	28	19%	26	17%
Sydney West	2,276	68%	398	12%	198	6%	47	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3%</b>

Table 32 summarises tables 28-31. It shows that cats arriving at a pound were by far most likely to be euthanased (68%). Cats were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing or sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were released to their owner. This ordering of outcomes occurred in eight regions. Euthanasia was the most common outcome in another five regions. In the only two regions where euthanasia was not the most common outcome, released to an organisation for re-homing was the most common outcome.

## Attachment 1 Number of identified animals as at 30 June 2006

<b>Region</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
Central Coast	14,706	58,108
Hunter	29,108	135,932
Illawarra	18,044	80,442
Mid North Coast	12,005	62,806
Murray	4,333	22,264
Murrumbidgee	5,080	32,407
Northern	6,960	42,519
North Western	3,020	26,824
Richmond Tweed	7,421	37,358
South Eastern	6,679	42,047
Western	7,798	43,294
Sydney North	36,767	91,792
Sydney South	35,354	92,644
Sydney Inner	22,316	35,516
Sydney West	62,515	263,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,106</b>	<b>1,067,306</b>

Note that the figures in the table relate to all councils in each region, not just the councils that responded.

### Observations

- the Sydney West region had more than 25% of all identified dogs and almost 23% of all identified cats
- over the state of NSW the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 4 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.6 to 1 and in the North Western region the ratio was nearly 9 to 1.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Analysis of 2006/2007 Data**

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Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2006/2007

## Summary

This chapter reports on the analysis of data collected by NSW local councils regarding seized dogs and cats, and dogs and cats taken to a pound for the period from July 2006 to June 2007. The response rate for the data survey was 100%.

There are some striking features in the pound data collected by councils in 2006/2007.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (42,151) was more than four times the number of cats seized (9,884). The number of dogs surrendered (6,366) was also well in excess of the number of cats surrendered (1,745).

There are 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 34% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 39% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 71% of cats. The remaining approximate quarter of animals, both dogs and cats, arriving at a pound were equally divided between sold and released to another organisation for re-homing.

The percentage of animals arriving at a pound that were respectively sold and released for re-homing, the two categories that councils would appear to have the greatest influence over, show substantial variation across regions. In the case of dogs, seven regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 6% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion was 31% in the Sydney Inner region. In eight regions, the proportion of dogs released for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 29% achieved by the Central Coast region. There was little correspondence between the regions that achieved high (or low) results for selling or releasing dogs for re-homing, which suggests that individual councils may allocate resources to one or the other, rather than both.

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 6% or less in six regions, compared to a maximum of 29% in the Murray region. In eight regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 7% or less, with a maximum of 38% in the Central Coast region.

There appears to be some correlation between the regions that ranked highly (lowly) for dogs and cats sold, as well as for cats and dogs released for re-homing.



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 animals) is largely removed, but some significant differences remain across regions.

In 2006/2007, 36 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW. Of these 30 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 43 per thousand identified dogs.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 17 to 96 per thousand and in the case of dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 13 to 120 per thousand. In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2006/2007, 31 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW. Of these 0.5 were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 43 per thousand identified cats.

The rates per thousand identified cats varied considerably: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from none to 240 per thousand identified and in the case of cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 6 to 312 per thousand.

In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized cats and high rates for cats arriving at a pound, and also between high rates for cats seized and high rates for dogs seized.

# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2006/2007

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	144	139	154	120	155	169	159	145	191	157	155	74	<b>1,762</b>
Hunter	336	366	322	256	364	331	343	324	397	306	392	367	<b>4,104</b>
Illawarra	267	209	232	239	277	270	310	291	307	279	283	263	<b>3,227</b>
Mid North Coast	187	189	200	202	230	191	209	211	196	156	193	177	<b>2,341</b>
Murray	120	157	136	96	139	115	136	129	170	129	181	161	<b>1,669</b>
Murrumbidgee	144	151	130	128	138	121	144	157	193	118	187	160	<b>1,771</b>
Northern	199	206	229	209	211	198	232	217	221	205	268	212	<b>2,607</b>
North Western	276	271	254	216	213	246	237	238	257	253	256	229	<b>2,946</b>
Richmond Tweed	93	131	99	131	97	110	110	124	138	104	127	125	<b>1,389</b>
South Eastern	165	177	140	138	127	152	205	219	144	155	190	158	<b>1,970</b>
Western	288	282	255	269	269	295	280	308	240	222	268	260	<b>3,236</b>
Sydney North	142	175	140	117	128	140	105	179	177	108	131	131	<b>1,673</b>
Sydney South	235	256	266	230	238	259	259	272	309	262	222	218	<b>3,026</b>
Sydney Inner	82	62	66	67	61	66	63	56	71	65	48	49	<b>756</b>
Sydney West	783	773	810	663	693	663	748	761	929	615	729	1,507	<b>9,674</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>42,151</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized was 42,151
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 756 in the Sydney Inner region to 9,674 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month was relatively constant, with the highest number seized occurring in June at 4,091, followed by 3,940 in March, and the lowest number in October at 3,081; the number of dogs seized in January-June was 9% higher than the number seized in July-December
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,762	27
Hunter	4,104	27
Illawarra	3,227	36
Mid North Coast	2,341	34
Murray	1,669	67
Murrumbidgee	1,771	49
Northern	2,607	55
North Western	2,946	96
Richmond Tweed	1,389	33
South Eastern	1,970	42
Western	3,236	66
Sydney North	1,673	17
Sydney South	3,026	30
Sydney Inner	756	19
Sydney West	9,674	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,151</b>	<b>36</b>

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

Table 2 shows that:

- 36 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 17 in the Sydney North region to 96 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western, Murray and Western) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than the more densely populated regions (such as Sydney North and Sydney South).

Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2006/2007

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	129	90%	125	90%	130	84%	109	91%	125	81%	139	82%	138	87%	124	86%	148	77%	147	94%	132	85%	74	100%	<b>1,520</b>	<b>86%</b>
Hunter	285	85%	308	84%	287	89%	220	86%	303	83%	283	85%	312	91%	294	91%	366	92%	265	87%	339	86%	321	87%	<b>3,583</b>	<b>87%</b>
Illawarra	200	75%	157	75%	171	74%	186	78%	213	77%	222	82%	239	77%	240	82%	213	69%	219	78%	220	78%	218	83%	<b>2,498</b>	<b>77%</b>
Mid North Coast	158	84%	161	85%	176	88%	173	86%	192	83%	162	85%	171	82%	196	93%	170	87%	134	86%	172	89%	148	84%	<b>2,013</b>	<b>86%</b>
Murray	112	93%	144	92%	101	74%	89	93%	123	88%	103	90%	112	82%	112	87%	146	86%	115	89%	154	85%	125	78%	<b>1,436</b>	<b>86%</b>
Murrumbidgee	129	90%	134	89%	118	91%	119	93%	121	88%	101	83%	126	88%	127	81%	177	92%	108	92%	167	89%	142	89%	<b>1,569</b>	<b>89%</b>
Northern	181	91%	185	90%	209	91%	189	90%	190	90%	186	94%	206	89%	206	95%	203	92%	189	92%	254	95%	195	92%	<b>2,393</b>	<b>92%</b>
North Western	258	93%	258	95%	227	89%	190	88%	190	89%	226	92%	212	89%	201	84%	233	91%	234	92%	220	86%	208	91%	<b>2,657</b>	<b>90%</b>
Richmond Tweed	89	96%	124	95%	95	96%	127	97%	89	92%	103	94%	104	95%	121	98%	131	95%	101	97%	121	95%	118	94%	<b>1,323</b>	<b>95%</b>
South Eastern	155	94%	157	89%	126	90%	123	89%	111	87%	136	89%	167	81%	208	95%	128	89%	139	90%	171	90%	139	88%	<b>1,760</b>	<b>89%</b>
Western	269	93%	262	93%	237	93%	245	91%	248	92%	266	90%	262	94%	290	94%	218	91%	209	94%	246	92%	241	93%	<b>2,993</b>	<b>92%</b>
Sydney North	86	61%	110	63%	83	59%	69	59%	75	59%	77	55%	50	48%	105	59%	114	64%	73	68%	70	53%	91	69%	<b>1,003</b>	<b>60%</b>
Sydney South	176	75%	206	80%	202	76%	177	77%	178	75%	190	73%	217	84%	227	83%	247	80%	199	76%	152	68%	180	83%	<b>2,351</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sydney Inner	53	65%	42	68%	53	80%	51	76%	39	64%	47	71%	50	79%	39	70%	55	77%	50	77%	39	81%	44	90%	<b>562</b>	<b>74%</b>
Sydney West	682	87%	689	89%	703	87%	583	88%	600	87%	574	87%	665	89%	651	86%	792	85%	548	89%	635	87%	1,205	80%	<b>8,327</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,797</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>35,988</b>	<b>85%</b>

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

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 35,988, which represented 85% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of dogs seized, ranging from 562 in the Sydney Inner region to 8,327 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 60% in the Sydney North region to 95% in the Richmond Tweed region
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was very constant over the year, with the monthly figures varying by only a percentage point or two
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,520	24
Hunter	3,583	24
Illawarra	2,498	28
Mid North Coast	2,013	29
Murray	1,436	58
Murrumbidgee	1,569	43
Northern	2,393	51
North Western	2,657	87
Richmond Tweed	1,323	32
South Eastern	1,760	37
Western	2,993	61
Sydney North	1,003	10
Sydney South	2,351	23
Sydney Inner	562	14
Sydney West	8,327	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,988</b>	<b>30</b>

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

Table 4 shows that:

- 30 seized dogs for every thousand identified dogs were taken to the pound in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 10 in the Sydney North region to 87 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 4 follows that in table 2 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2006/2007

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	15	10%	14	10%	24	16%	11	9%	30	19%	30	18%	21	13%	21	14%	43	23%	10	6%	23	15%	0	0%	<b>242</b>	<b>14%</b>
Hunter	51	15%	58	16%	35	11%	36	14%	61	17%	48	15%	31	9%	30	9%	31	8%	41	13%	53	14%	46	13%	<b>521</b>	<b>13%</b>
Illawarra	67	25%	52	25%	61	26%	53	22%	64	23%	48	18%	71	23%	51	18%	94	31%	60	22%	63	22%	45	17%	<b>729</b>	<b>23%</b>
Mid North Coast	29	16%	28	15%	24	12%	29	14%	38	17%	29	15%	38	18%	15	7%	26	13%	22	14%	21	11%	29	16%	<b>328</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murray	8	7%	13	8%	35	26%	7	7%	16	12%	12	10%	24	18%	17	13%	24	14%	14	11%	27	15%	36	22%	<b>233</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murrumbidgee	15	10%	17	11%	12	9%	9	7%	17	12%	20	17%	18	13%	30	19%	16	8%	10	8%	20	11%	18	11%	<b>202</b>	<b>11%</b>
Northern	18	9%	21	10%	20	9%	20	10%	21	10%	12	6%	26	11%	11	5%	18	8%	16	8%	14	5%	17	8%	<b>214</b>	<b>8%</b>
North Western	18	7%	13	5%	27	11%	26	12%	23	11%	20	8%	25	11%	37	16%	24	9%	19	8%	36	14%	21	9%	<b>289</b>	<b>10%</b>
Richmond Tweed	4	4%	7	5%	4	4%	4	3%	8	8%	7	6%	6	5%	3	2%	7	5%	3	3%	6	5%	7	6%	<b>66</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	10	6%	20	11%	14	10%	15	11%	16	13%	16	11%	38	19%	11	5%	16	11%	16	10%	19	10%	19	12%	<b>210</b>	<b>11%</b>
Western	19	7%	20	7%	18	7%	24	9%	21	8%	29	10%	18	6%	18	6%	22	9%	13	6%	22	8%	19	7%	<b>243</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney North	56	39%	65	37%	57	41%	48	41%	53	41%	63	45%	55	52%	74	41%	63	36%	35	32%	61	47%	40	31%	<b>670</b>	<b>40%</b>
Sydney South	59	25%	50	20%	64	24%	53	23%	60	25%	69	27%	42	16%	45	17%	62	20%	63	24%	70	32%	38	17%	<b>675</b>	<b>22%</b>
Sydney Inner	29	35%	20	32%	13	20%	16	24%	22	36%	19	29%	13	21%	17	30%	16	23%	15	23%	9	19%	5	10%	<b>194</b>	<b>26%</b>
Sydney West	101	13%	84	11%	107	13%	80	12%	93	13%	89	13%	83	11%	110	14%	137	15%	67	11%	94	13%	302	20%	<b>1,347</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>15%</b>

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

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 6,163, which represented 15% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 66 in the Richmond Tweed region to 1,347 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 5% in the Richmond Tweed region to 40% in the Sydney North region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for all regions in each month was relatively constant through the year, varying by approximately one percentage point from month to month
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	242	4
Hunter	521	3
Illawarra	729	8
Mid North Coast	328	5
Murray	233	9
Murrumbidgee	202	6
Northern	214	5
North Western	289	9
Richmond Tweed	66	2
South Eastern	210	4
Western	243	5
Sydney North	670	7
Sydney South	675	7
Sydney Inner	194	5
Sydney West	1,347	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>5</b>

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

Table 6 shows that:

- 5 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs were seized and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 2 in the Richmond Tweed region to 9 in the Murray region
- in general, the numbers are too small to be able to identify any other patterns.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2006/2007

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,520	86%	242	14%	1,762
Hunter	3,583	87%	521	13%	4,104
Illawarra	2,498	77%	729	23%	3,227
Mid North Coast	2,013	86%	328	14%	2,341
Murray	1,436	86%	233	14%	1,669
Murrumbidgee	1,569	89%	202	11%	1,771
Northern	2,393	92%	214	8%	2,607
North Western	2,657	90%	289	10%	2,946
Richmond Tweed	1,323	95%	66	5%	1,389
South Eastern	1,760	89%	210	11%	1,970
Western	2,993	92%	243	8%	3,236
Sydney North	1,003	60%	670	40%	1,673
Sydney South	2,351	78%	675	22%	3,026
Sydney Inner	562	74%	194	26%	756
Sydney West	8,327	86%	1,347	14%	9,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,988</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>42,151</b>

Table 7 summarises tables 3 and 5. It shows that it was far more likely for seized dogs to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of greater than five).



## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2006/2007

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Hunter	24	75	36	34	92	64	64	66	50	68	92	45	710
Illawarra	53	41	40	69	60	88	118	75	81	91	53	47	816
Mid North Coast	37	24	16	32	20	22	43	38	42	20	9	15	318
Murray	16	26	15	14	25	47	35	29	27	49	52	31	366
Murrumbidgee	20	20	6	22	36	47	26	28	49	20	33	4	311
Northern	21	34	20	38	37	68	32	41	53	41	53	35	473
North Western	56	83	52	74	70	145	70	93	51	44	89	48	875
Richmond Tweed	23	24	7	12	15	31	22	9	26	23	26	10	228
South Eastern	13	15	18	16	25	26	22	51	34	22	31	27	300
Western	50	23	38	34	77	82	43	56	96	71	61	54	685
Sydney North	6	11	5	6	7	11	7	14	4	9	7	12	99
Sydney South	145	159	148	198	235	264	334	253	316	238	189	99	2,578
Sydney Inner	3	9	6	8	7	3	8	15	8	30	17	32	146
Sydney West	115	101	74	106	180	293	209	162	207	210	187	132	1,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>9,884</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 9,884
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 3 in the Central Coast region followed by 99 in the Inner Sydney region, to 2,578 in the Sydney South region
- there was considerable variation in the overall rate (all regions) at which cats were seized during the year; from June to October the monthly average was 593 cats seized while in the period December through March the average was 1,050 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized is also seen in a number of the individual regions that recorded high numbers of seized cats, notably the Illawarra, Sydney South and Sydney North regions.

Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	3	0
Hunter	710	21
Illawarra	816	39
Mid North Coast	318	23
Murray	366	74
Murrumbidgee	311	52
Northern	473	58
North Western	875	241
Richmond Tweed	228	26
South Eastern	300	39
Western	685	75
Sydney North	99	2
Sydney South	2,578	63
Sydney Inner	146	6
Sydney West	1,976	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>31</b>

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

Table 9 shows that:

- 31 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 241 in the North Western region
- the rates for 11 of the 15 regions lie in the range 20 to 75 seized cats per thousand identified cats.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2006/2007

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	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	3	100%
Hunter	23	96%	75	100%	36	100%	33	97%	92	100%	64	100%	64	100%	64	97%	50	100%	67	99%	90	98%	45	100%	703	99%
Illawarra	52	98%	41	100%	39	98%	69	100%	59	98%	88	100%	118	100%	75	100%	81	100%	90	99%	51	96%	47	100%	810	99%
Mid North Coast	37	100%	24	100%	16	100%	32	100%	20	100%	22	100%	43	100%	38	100%	41	98%	20	100%	9	100%	15	100%	317	100%
Murray	16	100%	26	100%	15	100%	14	100%	24	96%	47	100%	34	97%	29	100%	27	100%	49	100%	50	96%	31	100%	362	99%
Murrumbidgee	20	100%	20	100%	6	100%	20	91%	36	100%	45	96%	26	100%	25	89%	49	100%	20	100%	33	100%	2	50%	302	97%
Northern	21	100%	34	100%	19	95%	38	100%	37	100%	68	100%	32	100%	41	100%	53	100%	41	100%	53	100%	35	100%	472	100%
North Western	56	100%	83	100%	52	100%	74	100%	70	100%	143	99%	70	100%	92	99%	51	100%	44	100%	89	100%	48	100%	872	100%
Richmond Tweed	23	100%	24	100%	7	100%	12	100%	15	100%	31	100%	22	100%	9	100%	26	100%	23	100%	26	100%	10	100%	228	100%
South Eastern	13	100%	15	100%	18	100%	15	94%	25	100%	26	100%	22	100%	50	98%	34	100%	22	100%	29	94%	27	100%	296	99%
Western	48	96%	23	100%	35	92%	31	91%	77	100%	82	100%	43	100%	56	100%	95	99%	70	99%	60	98%	52	96%	672	98%
Sydney North	6	100%	11	100%	5	100%	6	100%	7	100%	11	100%	7	100%	14	100%	4	100%	9	100%	6	86%	12	100%	98	99%
Sydney South	141	97%	150	94%	140	95%	191	96%	229	97%	256	97%	332	99%	248	98%	309	98%	222	93%	187	99%	97	98%	2,502	97%
Sydney Inner	3	100%	9	100%	6	100%	8	100%	7	100%	3	100%	8	100%	14	93%	8	100%	30	100%	17	100%	32	100%	145	99%
Sydney West	113	98%	101	100%	74	100%	104	98%	176	98%	292	100%	208	100%	159	98%	207	100%	208	99%	187	100%	131	99%	1,960	99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>9,742</b>	<b>99%</b>

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

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

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 9,742, which represented 99% of the number of cats reported to be seized
- the variation between regions in the number of seized cats taken to the pound was substantial, ranging from 3 in the Central Coast region to 2,502 in the Sydney South region
- the variation between regions in the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound was relatively low, ranging from 97% in the Murrumbidgee and Sydney South regions to 100% (rounded) in five regions.

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	3	0
Hunter	703	21
Illawarra	810	39
Mid North Coast	317	23
Murray	362	73
Murrumbidgee	302	50
Northern	472	58
North Western	872	240
Richmond Tweed	228	26
South Eastern	296	38
Western	672	73
Sydney North	98	2
Sydney South	2,502	62
Sydney Inner	145	6
Sydney West	1,960	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,742</b>	<b>31</b>

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

Table 11 shows that:

- 31 seized cats were taken to the pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 240 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 11 follows that in table 9 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized cats that were taken to the pound.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2006/2007

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	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%
Hunter	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Illawarra	1	2%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	4	1%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	9%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	3	11%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	50%	9	3%
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
South Eastern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Western	2	4%	0	0%	3	8%	3	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	2%	2	4%	2	4%	13	2%
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Sydney South	4	3%	9	6%	8	5%	7	4%	6	3%	8	3%	2	1%	5	2%	7	2%	16	7%	2	1%	2	2%	2	2%	76	3%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Sydney West	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	4	2%	1	0%	1	0%	3	2%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	16	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1%</b>		

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

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

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 142 or 1% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- over half (76) of the cats returned to their owner occurred in the Sydney South region
- the small numbers means that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to their owner 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 to detect any trends.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified cats
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	7	0.2
Illawarra	6	0.3
Mid North Coast	1	0.1
Murray	4	0.8
Murrumbidgee	9	1.5
Northern	1	0.1
North Western	3	0.8
Richmond Tweed	0	0.0
South Eastern	4	0.5
Western	13	1.4
Sydney North	1	0.0
Sydney South	76	1.9
Sydney Inner	1	0.0
Sydney West	16	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0.5</b>

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

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.5 seized cats were returned to their owner for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2006/2007

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	3	100%	0	0%	3
Hunter	703	99%	7	1%	710
Illawarra	810	99%	6	1%	816
Mid North Coast	317	100%	1	0%	318
Murray	362	99%	4	1%	366
Murrumbidgee	302	97%	9	3%	311
Northern	472	100%	1	0%	473
North Western	872	100%	3	0%	875
Richmond Tweed	228	100%	0	0%	228
South Eastern	296	99%	4	1%	300
Western	672	98%	13	2%	685
Sydney North	98	99%	1	1%	99
Sydney South	2,502	97%	76	3%	2,578
Sydney Inner	145	99%	1	1%	146
Sydney West	1,960	99%	16	1%	1,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,742</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9,884</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that it was far more likely for seized cats to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of greater than 60).

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

### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2006/2007

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	17	10%	22	13%	14	8%	17	10%	17	10%	13	7%	20	11%	12	7%	23	11%	21	10%	18	9%	3	4%	<b>197</b>	<b>9%</b>
Hunter	44	10%	29	7%	32	7%	24	7%	25	6%	34	7%	33	6%	32	7%	48	9%	16	4%	46	9%	20	4%	<b>383</b>	<b>7%</b>
Illawarra	23	9%	9	5%	7	3%	10	4%	16	6%	3	1%	13	5%	12	4%	10	4%	10	4%	12	5%	14	6%	<b>139</b>	<b>5%</b>
Mid North Coast	43	19%	47	20%	49	20%	35	15%	31	13%	23	11%	23	11%	22	9%	20	9%	41	21%	13	6%	21	11%	<b>368</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murray	0	0%	2	1%	2	2%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	13	10%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%	4	3%	<b>27</b>	<b>2%</b>
Murrumbidgee	11	5%	15	6%	9	4%	16	7%	11	5%	16	7%	15	7%	17	7%	15	6%	19	9%	20	8%	8	4%	<b>172</b>	<b>6%</b>
Northern	32	13%	37	14%	38	13%	55	20%	54	18%	41	17%	71	22%	43	15%	41	14%	54	19%	49	14%	63	22%	<b>578</b>	<b>17%</b>
North Western	45	13%	80	22%	25	9%	39	15%	63	23%	110	33%	55	18%	36	13%	78	22%	19	7%	54	16%	53	19%	<b>657</b>	<b>18%</b>
Richmond Tweed	39	30%	49	28%	32	24%	17	12%	11	10%	23	16%	13	10%	24	16%	21	13%	19	15%	17	12%	21	14%	<b>286</b>	<b>17%</b>
South Eastern	38	17%	39	17%	20	11%	45	22%	26	15%	27	14%	30	13%	29	11%	34	17%	27	13%	37	16%	45	22%	<b>397</b>	<b>15%</b>
Western	26	7%	19	5%	48	13%	25	7%	24	7%	34	9%	27	7%	36	9%	24	7%	32	10%	25	8%	23	7%	<b>343</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney North	16	15%	10	8%	11	11%	7	9%	23	23%	7	7%	9	11%	11	8%	5	4%	7	7%	6	7%	11	9%	<b>123</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney South	4	2%	7	3%	6	3%	12	6%	1	1%	7	3%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	6	3%	2	1%	5	3%	<b>55</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	198	18%	187	17%	180	17%	176	18%	172	17%	172	17%	176	15%	162	15%	170	14%	141	15%	186	17%	720	33%	<b>2,640</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>6,366</b>	<b>12%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound, that is, seized dogs taken to the pound (see table 17) and dogs that were surrendered

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 6,366, which represented 12% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 1 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,640 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 19% in the Sydney West region; the percentage exceeded 10% in six other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month was highest in June at 20% and ranged between 10% and 13% for the other months.



## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2006/2007

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	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	50%	3	33%	11	85%	10	53%	2	25%	2	25%	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>33</b>	<b>32%</b>
Hunter	1	3%	4	5%	5	11%	1	3%	8	6%	41	32%	12	13%	3	3%	8	11%	10	9%	7	6%	2	4%	2	4%	<b>102</b>	<b>10%</b>
Illawarra	6	8%	1	2%	3	6%	6	7%	10	10%	1	1%	0	0%	4	4%	2	2%	1	1%	3	4%	2	4%	<b>39</b>	<b>3%</b>		
Mid North Coast	17	24%	16	27%	5	14%	19	25%	12	21%	24	29%	10	12%	19	18%	29	22%	19	25%	15	29%	13	25%	<b>198</b>	<b>22%</b>		
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	6	12%	2	7%	1	1%	6	7%	2	1%	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	3	4%	11	15%	0	0%	<b>37</b>	<b>4%</b>		
Northern	8	17%	5	10%	10	25%	7	10%	24	30%	22	19%	22	18%	16	18%	20	18%	21	29%	11	13%	8	12%	<b>174</b>	<b>19%</b>		
North Western	1	2%	7	8%	8	13%	9	10%	4	5%	35	19%	45	37%	26	20%	32	33%	10	15%	6	6%	8	14%	<b>191</b>	<b>17%</b>		
Richmond Tweed	7	23%	3	11%	7	35%	0	0%	11	39%	6	15%	8	26%	21	60%	2	6%	6	19%	14	30%	11	42%	<b>96</b>	<b>26%</b>		
South Eastern	14	45%	7	30%	0	0%	0	0%	6	16%	14	30%	7	18%	9	12%	19	34%	4	13%	6	14%	4	11%	<b>90</b>	<b>19%</b>		
Western	6	8%	1	3%	4	7%	7	15%	9	9%	90	44%	28	24%	32	30%	14	10%	26	16%	9	10%	5	6%	<b>231</b>	<b>19%</b>		
Sydney North	1	7%	13	48%	5	23%	0	0%	3	10%	2	13%	2	7%	7	26%	5	21%	2	5%	1	5%	1	6%	<b>42</b>	<b>15%</b>		
Sydney South	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	8	3%	2	1%	0	0%	<b>13</b>	<b>0%</b>		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>		
Sydney West	30	12%	13	6%	15	8%	35	12%	65	12%	53	9%	38	7%	47	9%	44	8%	44	9%	76	16%	39	12%	<b>499</b>	<b>10%</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>10%</b>		

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

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 1,745, which represented 10% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Murray and Sydney Inner regions to 499 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered, ranging from none in the Murray, Sydney South and Sydney Inner regions to 32% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 10% in nine other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month reached a peak of 14% in December and a trough of 8% in August and September, with most of the other months near the overall percentage of 10%.

### 3. Dumped Animals (ie. any animal dumped at a council pound by a member of the public other than its owner(s)).

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2006/2007

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	26	15%	29	16%	32	18%	41	25%	26	15%	40	21%	22	12%	40	23%	33	16%	46	21%	41	21%	8	9%	<b>384</b>	<b>18%</b>
Hunter	123	27%	105	24%	139	30%	125	34%	97	23%	141	31%	165	32%	131	29%	126	23%	102	27%	117	23%	139	29%	<b>1,510</b>	<b>28%</b>
Illawarra	22	9%	23	12%	25	12%	28	13%	20	8%	37	14%	18	7%	23	8%	29	12%	21	8%	10	4%	16	6%	<b>272</b>	<b>9%</b>
Mid North Coast	22	10%	25	11%	21	9%	18	8%	17	7%	16	8%	22	10%	20	8%	26	12%	18	9%	23	11%	15	8%	<b>243</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	5	4%	5	3%	4	4%	4	4%	4	3%	3	3%	4	3%	2	2%	3	2%	5	4%	1	1%	4	3%	<b>44</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	88	39%	110	42%	94	43%	98	42%	78	37%	111	49%	89	39%	101	41%	68	26%	92	42%	64	25%	73	33%	<b>1,066</b>	<b>38%</b>
Northern	33	13%	37	14%	35	12%	37	13%	49	17%	18	7%	39	12%	38	13%	59	19%	44	15%	40	12%	32	11%	<b>461</b>	<b>13%</b>
North Western	34	10%	22	6%	28	10%	23	9%	23	8%	0	0%	32	11%	45	16%	36	10%	31	11%	55	17%	21	7%	<b>350</b>	<b>10%</b>
Richmond Tweed	3	2%	4	2%	4	3%	1	1%	6	6%	20	14%	10	8%	8	5%	12	7%	4	3%	4	3%	9	6%	<b>85</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	34	15%	40	17%	34	19%	36	18%	33	19%	28	15%	36	15%	38	14%	33	17%	44	21%	29	12%	23	11%	<b>408</b>	<b>16%</b>
Western	82	22%	82	23%	79	22%	75	22%	58	18%	89	23%	76	21%	81	20%	96	28%	73	23%	61	18%	54	17%	<b>906</b>	<b>21%</b>
Sydney North	6	6%	8	6%	7	7%	6	7%	3	3%	20	19%	22	27%	24	17%	14	11%	14	15%	13	15%	17	14%	<b>154</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney South	8	4%	12	5%	9	4%	7	4%	13	7%	7	3%	8	4%	7	3%	5	2%	4	2%	2	1%	3	2%	<b>85</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney Inner	2	4%	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	228	21%	209	19%	205	19%	238	24%	226	23%	271	27%	335	28%	261	24%	271	22%	261	27%	245	23%	270	12%	<b>3,020</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8,994</b>	<b>18%</b>

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

Table 17 shows that

- the total number of dogs dumped was 8,994, which represented 18% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,510 in the Hunter region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 1% in the Sydney Inner region to 38% in the Murrumbidgee region; the percentage was 10% or more in eight other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped each month peaked in January at 20% and reached its lowest point in June at 13%.

### 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2006/2007

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	100%	10	91%	10	100%	4	50%	5	56%	2	15%	9	47%	5	63%	6	75%	1	50%	2	100%	2	100%	66	65%
Hunter	8	25%	7	8%	4	9%	5	13%	38	28%	22	17%	20	21%	26	28%	16	22%	31	29%	18	16%	8	15%	203	20%
Illawarra	14	19%	18	30%	12	22%	10	12%	36	34%	35	28%	39	25%	34	30%	34	29%	33	27%	17	24%	7	13%	289	25%
Mid North Coast	17	24%	20	33%	15	42%	24	32%	24	43%	37	45%	28	35%	51	47%	64	48%	38	49%	27	53%	24	46%	369	42%
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	0%
Murrumbidgee	31	61%	26	50%	19	70%	47	69%	42	50%	104	69%	77	73%	59	69%	51	50%	51	69%	28	39%	28	93%	563	62%
Northern	18	38%	12	24%	11	28%	22	33%	18	23%	23	20%	67	55%	31	35%	36	33%	10	14%	23	26%	22	34%	293	31%
North Western	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	4	5%	8	10%	4	2%	6	5%	14	11%	13	14%	14	21%	4	4%	2	3%	71	6%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	6	30%	2	14%	2	7%	4	10%	1	3%	5	14%	6	18%	3	9%	6	13%	5	19%	40	11%
South Eastern	4	13%	1	4%	2	10%	12	44%	6	16%	6	13%	9	24%	17	22%	3	5%	6	19%	7	17%	6	16%	79	17%
Western	22	29%	14	37%	15	28%	8	17%	17	17%	33	16%	47	40%	20	19%	33	23%	65	40%	24	26%	24	30%	322	26%
Sydney North	7	50%	3	11%	12	55%	5	45%	19	66%	3	19%	20	69%	6	22%	15	63%	32	74%	12	63%	4	24%	138	50%
Sydney South	11	7%	15	9%	15	10%	8	4%	27	11%	54	17%	32	9%	21	8%	26	8%	16	7%	21	10%	7	7%	253	9%
Sydney Inner	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	22%	2	40%	0	0%	1	7%	2	20%	0	0%	3	15%	0	0%	11	7%
Sydney West	115	45%	105	48%	102	53%	144	51%	305	56%	278	45%	338	58%	291	59%	322	56%	244	49%	200	43%	158	48%	2,602	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>32%</b>

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

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 5,300, which represented 32% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 1 in the Murray region to 2,602 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from less than 1% in the Murray region to 65% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 10% in ten other regions and exceeded 50% in three of those other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped each month reached a peak of 36% in January and a low point of 24% in August.

4. Animals arriving at a pound (ie. 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 2006/2007

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	172	176	176	167	168	192	180	176	204	214	191	85	<b>2,101</b>
Hunter	452	442	458	369	425	458	510	457	540	383	502	480	<b>5,476</b>
Illawarra	245	189	203	224	249	262	270	275	252	250	242	248	<b>2,909</b>
Mid North Coast	223	233	246	226	240	201	216	238	216	193	208	184	<b>2,624</b>
Murray	117	151	107	95	127	106	129	114	150	121	157	133	<b>1,507</b>
Murrumbidgee	228	259	221	233	210	228	230	245	260	219	251	223	<b>2,807</b>
Northern	246	259	282	281	293	245	316	287	303	287	343	290	<b>3,432</b>
North Western	337	360	280	252	276	336	299	282	347	284	329	282	<b>3,664</b>
Richmond Tweed	131	177	131	145	106	146	127	153	164	124	142	148	<b>1,694</b>
South Eastern	227	236	180	204	170	191	233	275	195	210	237	207	<b>2,565</b>
Western	377	363	364	345	330	389	365	407	338	314	332	318	<b>4,242</b>
Sydney North	108	128	101	82	101	104	81	140	133	94	89	119	<b>1,280</b>
Sydney South	188	225	217	196	192	204	227	235	254	209	156	188	<b>2,491</b>
Sydney Inner	56	43	53	52	39	47	50	39	57	50	39	44	<b>569</b>
Sydney West	1,108	1,085	1,088	997	998	1,017	1,176	1,074	1,233	950	1,066	2,195	<b>13,987</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>4,326</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>3,924</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>4,409</b>	<b>4,397</b>	<b>4,646</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>4,284</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>51,348</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 51,348
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 569 for the Sydney Inner region to 13,987 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound in total (all regions) each month was relatively constant through the year reaching a maximum of 5,144 in June, 33% higher than the minimum of 3,868 in October
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	2,101	32
Hunter	5,476	36
Illawarra	2,909	32
Mid North Coast	2,624	38
Murray	1,507	61
Murrumbidgee	2,807	77
Northern	3,432	72
North Western	3,664	120
Richmond Tweed	1,694	40
South Eastern	2,565	55
Western	4,242	87
Sydney North	1,280	13
Sydney South	2,491	24
Sydney Inner	569	14
Sydney West	13,987	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,348</b>	<b>43</b>

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

Table 20 shows that:

- 43 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 14 in the Sydney Inner region to 120 in the North Western region.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2006/2007

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	10	11	10	8	9	13	19	8	8	2	2	2	<b>102</b>
Hunter	32	86	45	39	138	127	96	93	74	108	115	55	<b>1,008</b>
Illawarra	72	60	54	85	105	124	157	113	117	124	71	56	<b>1,138</b>
Mid North Coast	71	60	36	75	56	83	81	108	134	77	51	52	<b>884</b>
Murray	16	26	15	14	24	47	34	29	27	49	51	31	<b>363</b>
Murrumbidgee	51	52	27	68	84	151	105	86	102	74	72	30	<b>902</b>
Northern	47	51	40	67	79	113	121	88	109	72	87	65	<b>939</b>
North Western	59	90	60	87	82	182	121	132	96	68	99	58	<b>1,134</b>
Richmond Tweed	30	27	20	14	28	41	31	35	34	32	46	26	<b>364</b>
South Eastern	31	23	20	27	37	46	38	76	56	32	42	37	<b>465</b>
Western	76	38	54	46	103	205	118	108	142	161	93	81	<b>1,225</b>
Sydney North	14	27	22	11	29	16	29	27	24	43	19	17	<b>278</b>
Sydney South	152	166	155	199	256	310	364	270	336	246	210	104	<b>2,768</b>
Sydney Inner	4	9	6	8	9	5	8	15	10	30	20	32	<b>156</b>
Sydney West	258	219	191	283	546	623	584	497	573	496	463	328	<b>5,061</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>16,787</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 16,787
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 102 in the Central Coast region to 5,061 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation in the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) through the year with a monthly maximum of 2,086 in December, 2.8 times higher than the minimum of 755 in September; each of the months October through May reported above 1,000 cats arriving at a pound
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2006/2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	102	6
Hunter	1,008	30
Illawarra	1,138	54
Mid North Coast	884	63
Murray	363	73
Murrumbidgee	902	149
Northern	939	116
North Western	1,134	312
Richmond Tweed	364	41
South Eastern	465	60
Western	1,225	133
Sydney North	278	7
Sydney South	2,768	68
Sydney Inner	156	6
Sydney West	5,061	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,787</b>	<b>53</b>

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

Table 22 shows that:

- 53 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 6 in the Central Coast and Sydney Inner regions to 312 in the North Western region
- four of the regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 100.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2006/2007

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	67	39%	61	35%	71	40%	52	31%	70	42%	73	38%	74	41%	57	32%	79	39%	71	33%	68	36%	47	55%	<b>790</b>	<b>38%</b>
Hunter	168	37%	203	46%	180	39%	138	37%	177	42%	164	36%	162	32%	162	35%	218	40%	169	44%	185	37%	219	46%	<b>2,145</b>	<b>39%</b>
Illawarra	107	44%	96	51%	95	47%	106	47%	122	49%	113	43%	120	44%	125	45%	130	52%	115	46%	113	47%	106	43%	<b>1,348</b>	<b>46%</b>
Mid North Coast	67	30%	70	30%	76	31%	77	34%	95	40%	83	41%	81	38%	92	39%	61	28%	69	36%	79	38%	67	36%	<b>917</b>	<b>35%</b>
Murray	58	50%	61	40%	49	46%	40	42%	40	31%	49	46%	50	39%	53	46%	74	49%	57	47%	70	45%	62	47%	<b>663</b>	<b>44%</b>
Murrumbidgee	69	30%	46	18%	54	24%	51	22%	56	27%	43	19%	45	20%	57	23%	70	27%	29	13%	68	27%	85	38%	<b>673</b>	<b>24%</b>
Northern	33	13%	56	22%	77	27%	67	24%	62	21%	57	23%	70	22%	54	19%	77	25%	47	16%	79	23%	42	14%	<b>721</b>	<b>21%</b>
North Western	81	24%	67	19%	40	14%	48	19%	39	14%	37	11%	33	11%	54	19%	66	19%	53	19%	53	16%	37	13%	<b>608</b>	<b>17%</b>
Richmond Tweed	62	47%	74	42%	60	46%	74	51%	55	52%	68	47%	68	54%	68	44%	85	52%	67	54%	75	53%	69	47%	<b>825</b>	<b>49%</b>
South Eastern	96	42%	109	46%	96	53%	97	48%	77	45%	70	37%	113	48%	143	52%	98	50%	79	38%	112	47%	98	47%	<b>1,188</b>	<b>46%</b>
Western	106	28%	76	21%	85	23%	84	24%	80	24%	86	22%	102	28%	124	30%	82	24%	78	25%	85	26%	78	25%	<b>1,066</b>	<b>25%</b>
Sydney North	66	61%	105	82%	83	82%	63	77%	69	68%	82	79%	53	65%	110	79%	125	94%	72	77%	77	87%	89	75%	<b>994</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sydney South	99	53%	121	54%	118	54%	95	48%	95	49%	93	46%	113	50%	111	47%	161	63%	92	44%	84	54%	90	48%	<b>1,272</b>	<b>51%</b>
Sydney Inner	28	50%	24	56%	22	42%	21	40%	21	54%	31	66%	20	40%	13	33%	18	32%	22	44%	15	38%	24	55%	<b>259</b>	<b>46%</b>
Sydney West	321	29%	307	28%	353	32%	293	29%	315	32%	298	29%	360	31%	301	28%	428	35%	297	31%	330	31%	332	15%	<b>3,935</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>17,404</b>	<b>34%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 17,404, which represented 34% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 259 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,935 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 17% in the North Western region to 78% in the Sydney North region; only two regions released more than half the dogs arriving at a pound to their owner



- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant with the percentage for all but 2 months between 33% and 36%
- 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.

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2006/2007

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	61	35%	46	26%	60	34%	43	26%	36	21%	37	19%	80	44%	30	17%	69	34%	70	33%	51	27%	6	7%	<b>589</b>	<b>28%</b>
Hunter	215	48%	180	41%	150	33%	148	40%	159	37%	194	42%	221	43%	152	33%	217	40%	141	37%	183	36%	175	36%	<b>2,135</b>	<b>39%</b>
Illawarra	69	28%	27	14%	51	25%	27	12%	65	26%	69	26%	76	28%	64	23%	60	24%	45	18%	72	30%	48	19%	<b>673</b>	<b>23%</b>
Mid North Coast	76	34%	110	47%	109	44%	118	52%	90	38%	90	45%	68	31%	87	37%	105	49%	77	40%	93	45%	76	41%	<b>1,099</b>	<b>42%</b>
Murray	34	29%	54	36%	41	38%	33	35%	51	40%	39	37%	42	33%	27	24%	37	25%	32	26%	45	29%	37	28%	<b>472</b>	<b>31%</b>
Murrumbidgee	111	49%	175	68%	121	55%	103	44%	90	43%	95	42%	108	47%	110	45%	136	52%	133	61%	130	52%	104	47%	<b>1,416</b>	<b>50%</b>
Northern	195	79%	181	70%	164	58%	176	63%	186	63%	150	61%	220	70%	210	73%	184	61%	211	74%	240	70%	217	75%	<b>2,334</b>	<b>68%</b>
North Western	162	48%	190	53%	172	61%	133	53%	175	63%	202	60%	166	56%	132	47%	186	54%	150	53%	172	52%	168	60%	<b>2,008</b>	<b>55%</b>
Richmond Tweed	32	24%	63	36%	38	29%	34	23%	40	38%	28	19%	38	30%	38	25%	57	35%	25	20%	33	23%	43	29%	<b>469</b>	<b>28%</b>
South Eastern	94	41%	108	46%	67	37%	41	20%	78	46%	81	42%	76	33%	81	29%	71	36%	78	37%	101	43%	83	40%	<b>959</b>	<b>37%</b>
Western	214	57%	246	68%	235	65%	237	69%	208	63%	278	71%	225	62%	236	58%	208	62%	236	75%	205	62%	225	71%	<b>2,753</b>	<b>65%</b>
Sydney North	27	25%	19	15%	14	14%	14	17%	26	26%	11	11%	14	17%	14	10%	10	8%	14	15%	7	8%	7	6%	<b>177</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney South	29	15%	41	18%	27	12%	27	14%	29	15%	31	15%	24	11%	31	13%	34	13%	31	15%	21	13%	36	19%	<b>361</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney Inner	9	16%	4	9%	9	17%	6	12%	3	8%	4	9%	10	20%	9	23%	16	28%	9	18%	4	10%	4	9%	<b>87</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sydney West	377	34%	389	36%	352	32%	299	30%	341	34%	352	35%	286	24%	321	30%	374	30%	297	31%	286	27%	852	39%	<b>4,526</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>20,058</b>	<b>39%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 20,058, which represented 39% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 87 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,526 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 14% in the Sydney North and Sydney South regions to 68% in the Northern region; four regions euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant, with the percentage ranging from 35% in February to 42% in August
- the monthly variation in dogs euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2006/2007

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	5	3%	9	5%	8	5%	6	4%	11	7%	9	5%	6	3%	3	2%	4	2%	7	3%	10	5%	1	1%	<b>79</b>	<b>4%</b>
Hunter	62	14%	74	17%	105	23%	90	24%	82	19%	76	17%	96	19%	88	19%	84	16%	86	22%	86	17%	101	21%	<b>1,030</b>	<b>19%</b>
Illawarra	19	8%	21	11%	21	10%	23	10%	16	6%	24	9%	20	7%	25	9%	22	9%	38	15%	31	13%	35	14%	<b>295</b>	<b>10%</b>
Mid North Coast	39	17%	29	12%	43	17%	17	8%	21	9%	26	13%	19	9%	36	15%	33	15%	23	12%	26	13%	23	13%	<b>335</b>	<b>13%</b>
Murray	15	13%	16	11%	15	14%	14	15%	26	20%	16	15%	21	16%	16	14%	28	19%	25	21%	32	20%	22	17%	<b>246</b>	<b>16%</b>
Murrumbidgee	5	2%	10	4%	12	5%	5	2%	16	8%	8	4%	10	4%	2	1%	9	3%	18	8%	22	9%	7	3%	<b>124</b>	<b>4%</b>
Northern	9	4%	18	7%	21	7%	11	4%	15	5%	14	6%	12	4%	10	3%	14	5%	10	3%	12	3%	17	6%	<b>163</b>	<b>5%</b>
North Western	2	1%	1	0%	3	1%	1	0%	4	1%	2	1%	0	0%	1	0%	3	1%	1	0%	1	0%	2	1%	<b>21</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Tweed	26	20%	30	17%	30	23%	22	15%	26	25%	16	11%	16	13%	24	16%	16	10%	22	18%	20	14%	20	14%	<b>268</b>	<b>16%</b>
South Eastern	15	7%	5	2%	6	3%	12	6%	15	9%	9	5%	14	6%	19	7%	13	7%	15	7%	12	5%	10	5%	<b>145</b>	<b>6%</b>
Western	29	8%	31	9%	16	4%	14	4%	5	2%	7	2%	23	6%	9	2%	16	5%	7	2%	16	5%	17	5%	<b>190</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney North	9	8%	5	4%	5	5%	4	5%	4	4%	4	4%	4	5%	5	4%	4	3%	2	2%	3	3%	2	2%	<b>51</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney South	33	18%	44	20%	32	15%	34	17%	42	22%	53	26%	46	20%	38	16%	45	18%	42	20%	33	21%	36	19%	<b>478</b>	<b>19%</b>
Sydney Inner	15	27%	14	33%	18	34%	19	37%	15	38%	9	19%	17	34%	14	36%	19	33%	20	40%	13	33%	6	14%	<b>179</b>	<b>31%</b>
Sydney West	133	12%	129	12%	128	12%	136	14%	133	13%	110	11%	181	15%	127	12%	170	14%	145	15%	197	18%	572	26%	<b>2,161</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>11%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 5,765, which represented 11% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 21 in the North Western region to 2,161 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 1% in the North Western region to 31% in the Sydney Inner region; in seven regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month remained relatively constant over the year, with the percentage ranging from 9% in December and February to 12% in April and May (excluding 17% in June )
- the monthly variation in dogs sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2006/2007

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	44	26%	53	30%	47	27%	48	29%	48	29%	72	38%	54	30%	52	30%	51	25%	57	27%	54	28%	26	31%	<b>606</b>	<b>29%</b>
Hunter	12	3%	5	1%	4	1%	4	1%	9	2%	6	1%	15	3%	33	7%	31	6%	1	0%	18	4%	21	4%	<b>159</b>	<b>3%</b>
Illawarra	43	18%	41	22%	41	20%	41	18%	43	17%	46	18%	55	20%	53	19%	43	17%	48	19%	50	21%	56	23%	<b>560</b>	<b>19%</b>
Mid North Coast	22	10%	18	8%	19	8%	19	8%	17	7%	24	12%	18	8%	22	9%	17	8%	22	11%	14	7%	14	8%	<b>226</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	3	2%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	6	4%	3	2%	5	3%	1	1%	<b>27</b>	<b>2%</b>
Murrumbidgee	26	11%	36	14%	34	15%	61	26%	49	23%	58	25%	60	26%	74	30%	31	12%	29	13%	31	12%	10	4%	<b>499</b>	<b>18%</b>
Northern	11	4%	15	6%	9	3%	30	11%	21	7%	14	6%	17	5%	13	5%	15	5%	19	7%	9	3%	16	6%	<b>189</b>	<b>6%</b>
North Western	79	23%	96	27%	77	28%	52	21%	68	25%	85	25%	96	32%	81	29%	112	32%	75	26%	83	25%	94	33%	<b>998</b>	<b>27%</b>
Richmond Tweed	5	4%	15	8%	5	4%	5	3%	4	4%	14	10%	9	7%	14	9%	12	7%	8	6%	8	6%	16	11%	<b>115</b>	<b>7%</b>
South Eastern	19	8%	21	9%	16	9%	28	14%	23	14%	20	10%	26	11%	25	9%	16	8%	27	13%	16	7%	12	6%	<b>249</b>	<b>10%</b>
Western	19	5%	22	6%	9	2%	5	1%	18	5%	17	4%	21	6%	20	5%	29	9%	11	4%	13	4%	10	3%	<b>194</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney North	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	2	2%	2	2%	2	1%	0	0%	6	6%	3	3%	7	6%	<b>31</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney South	27	14%	24	11%	35	16%	34	17%	24	13%	22	11%	32	14%	36	15%	27	11%	27	13%	18	12%	30	16%	<b>336</b>	<b>13%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	5%	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%	1	3%	2	4%	3	6%	2	5%	1	2%	3	6%	6	15%	4	9%	<b>28</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney West	193	17%	184	17%	193	18%	181	18%	150	15%	171	17%	230	20%	205	19%	199	16%	158	17%	165	15%	205	9%	<b>2,234</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>13%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 6,451, which represented 13% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 27 in the Murray region to 2,234 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 2% in both the Murray and Sydney North regions to 29% in the Central Coast region; in eight regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month remained relatively constant over the year, with the percentage varying between 10% in June and 15% in January
- 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.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2006/2007

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	589	28%	606	29%	79	4%	790	38%
Hunter	2,135	39%	159	3%	1,030	19%	2,145	39%
Illawarra	673	23%	560	19%	295	10%	1,348	46%
Mid North Coast	1,099	42%	226	9%	335	13%	917	35%
Murray	472	31%	27	2%	246	16%	663	44%
Murrumbidgee	1,416	50%	499	18%	124	4%	673	24%
Northern	2,334	68%	189	6%	163	5%	721	21%
North Western	2,008	55%	998	27%	21	1%	608	17%
Richmond Tweed	469	28%	115	7%	268	16%	825	49%
South Eastern	959	37%	249	10%	145	6%	1,188	46%
Western	2,753	65%	194	5%	190	4%	1,066	25%
Sydney North	177	14%	31	2%	51	4%	994	78%
Sydney South	361	14%	336	13%	478	19%	1,272	51%
Sydney Inner	87	15%	28	5%	179	31%	259	46%
Sydney West	4,526	32%	2,234	16%	2,161	15%	3,935	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,058</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17,404</b>	<b>34%</b>

Table 27 summarises tables 23-26. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were most likely to be euthanased followed closely by released to their owner. Dogs were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing or sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all dogs arriving at a pound. This ordering of outcomes occurred in 6 regions. The next most common ordering of outcomes was released to owner, followed by euthanased and then either sold or released to an organization for re-homing (5 regions).

## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2006/2007

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	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hunter	0	0%	4	5%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	3	3%	2	2%	1	1%	2	2%	5	4%	14	25%	36	4%		
Illawarra	2	3%	8	13%	5	9%	7	8%	2	2%	5	4%	9	6%	7	6%	3	3%	8	6%	4	6%	4	7%	64	6%		
Mid North Coast	1	1%	2	3%	0	0%	2	3%	2	4%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	3	2%	1	1%	1	2%	2	4%	16	2%		
Murray	3	19%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	1	4%	2	4%	3	9%	3	10%	1	4%	1	2%	5	10%	3	10%	23	6%		
Murrumbidgee	3	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	5	6%	1	1%	2	3%	4	6%	0	0%	16	2%		
Northern	1	2%	4	8%	2	5%	3	4%	2	3%	5	4%	4	3%	0	0%	7	6%	2	3%	0	0%	2	3%	32	3%		
North Western	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	1	2%	10	1%		
Richmond Tweed	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	1	4%	2	5%	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	2	4%	3	12%	15	4%		
South Eastern	3	10%	0	0%	2	10%	0	0%	2	5%	2	4%	2	5%	1	1%	3	5%	5	16%	9	21%	1	3%	30	6%		
Western	2	3%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	2%	10	1%		
Sydney North	5	36%	2	7%	3	14%	2	18%	1	3%	1	6%	0	0%	2	7%	4	17%	4	9%	3	16%	0	0%	27	10%		
Sydney South	17	11%	10	6%	14	9%	12	6%	7	3%	12	4%	9	2%	14	5%	12	4%	4	2%	5	2%	3	3%	119	4%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	1	20%	0	0%	1	7%	2	20%	0	0%	1	5%	1	3%	7	4%		
Sydney West	12	5%	4	2%	1	1%	7	2%	10	2%	6	1%	6	1%	8	2%	6	1%	8	2%	15	3%	8	2%	91	2%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>3%</b>		

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

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 496, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 119 in the Sydney South region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner varied from none in the Central Coast region to 10% in the Sydney North region
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year: the monthly variations observed are likely to be driven in the main by random fluctuations on the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2006/2007

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	10%	5	45%	7	70%	9	113%	7	78%	12	92%	8	42%	8	100%	2	25%	2	100%	1	50%	0	0%	<b>62</b>	<b>61%</b>
Hunter	27	84%	74	86%	26	58%	46	118%	87	63%	137	108%	75	78%	93	100%	71	96%	97	90%	68	59%	50	91%	<b>851</b>	<b>84%</b>
Illawarra	22	31%	31	52%	24	44%	24	28%	45	43%	46	37%	59	38%	49	43%	41	35%	56	45%	30	42%	32	57%	<b>459</b>	<b>40%</b>
Mid North Coast	41	58%	42	70%	20	56%	41	55%	37	66%	59	71%	54	67%	77	71%	106	79%	52	68%	45	88%	26	50%	<b>600</b>	<b>68%</b>
Murray	9	56%	19	73%	8	53%	7	50%	12	50%	20	43%	20	59%	17	59%	17	63%	46	94%	40	78%	15	48%	<b>230</b>	<b>63%</b>
Murrumbidgee	40	78%	47	90%	22	81%	47	69%	75	89%	122	81%	115	110%	70	81%	90	88%	61	82%	62	86%	25	83%	<b>776</b>	<b>86%</b>
Northern	38	81%	40	78%	37	93%	51	76%	72	91%	100	88%	115	95%	73	83%	100	92%	69	96%	72	83%	59	91%	<b>826</b>	<b>88%</b>
North Western	47	80%	68	76%	47	78%	58	67%	64	78%	154	85%	77	64%	86	65%	68	71%	35	51%	67	68%	37	64%	<b>808</b>	<b>71%</b>
Richmond Tweed	20	67%	20	74%	11	55%	2	14%	12	43%	15	37%	12	39%	27	77%	12	35%	14	44%	15	33%	14	54%	<b>174</b>	<b>48%</b>
South Eastern	23	74%	26	113%	18	90%	16	59%	30	81%	36	78%	24	63%	57	75%	45	80%	13	41%	26	62%	20	54%	<b>334</b>	<b>72%</b>
Western	71	93%	32	84%	51	94%	46	100%	95	92%	204	100%	114	97%	111	103%	131	92%	156	97%	94	101%	75	93%	<b>1,180</b>	<b>96%</b>
Sydney North	8	57%	19	70%	18	82%	8	73%	12	41%	12	75%	10	34%	11	41%	16	67%	40	93%	19	100%	11	65%	<b>184</b>	<b>66%</b>
Sydney South	96	63%	133	80%	83	54%	104	52%	136	53%	160	52%	236	65%	177	66%	231	69%	180	73%	151	72%	60	58%	<b>1,747</b>	<b>63%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	75%	7	78%	3	50%	3	38%	7	78%	1	20%	5	63%	13	87%	8	80%	26	87%	14	70%	26	81%	<b>116</b>	<b>74%</b>
Sydney West	211	82%	170	78%	136	71%	168	59%	352	64%	406	65%	466	80%	379	76%	417	73%	386	78%	346	75%	218	66%	<b>3,655</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>12,002</b>	<b>71%</b>

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

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 12,002, which represented 71% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 62 in the Central Coast region to 3,655 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 40% in the Illawarra region to 96% in the Western region; in all but two of the regions more than 60% of the cats that arrived at a pound were euthanased
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant over the year, with the percentage ranging from 61% in October to 76% in April
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2006/2007

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	0%	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Hunter	11	34%	6	7%	5	11%	7	18%	13	9%	14	11%	5	5%	7	8%	6	8%	14	13%	22	19%	8	15%	118	12%		
Illawarra	16	22%	15	25%	6	11%	10	12%	18	17%	24	19%	37	24%	17	15%	23	20%	19	15%	21	30%	24	43%	230	20%		
Mid North Coast	26	37%	10	17%	11	31%	18	24%	10	18%	22	27%	23	28%	19	18%	17	13%	23	30%	19	37%	14	27%	212	24%		
Murray	9	56%	6	23%	7	47%	0	0%	18	75%	28	60%	5	15%	7	24%	5	19%	10	20%	7	14%	4	13%	106	29%		
Murrumbidgee	2	4%	0	0%	3	11%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	6	6%	0	0%	4	4%	5	7%	2	3%	2	7%	25	3%		
Northern	3	6%	1	2%	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	5	6%	0	0%	1	1%	4	5%	0	0%	18	2%		
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%		
Richmond Tweed	7	23%	2	7%	9	45%	3	21%	8	29%	8	20%	7	23%	7	20%	6	18%	8	25%	12	26%	9	35%	86	24%		
South Eastern	4	13%	0	0%	1	5%	5	19%	0	0%	6	13%	1	3%	0	0%	4	7%	3	9%	2	5%	3	8%	29	6%		
Western	1	1%	1	3%	2	4%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%	1	1%	5	5%	3	4%	18	1%		
Sydney North	3	21%	2	7%	3	14%	6	55%	4	14%	11	69%	7	24%	3	11%	5	21%	8	19%	5	26%	7	41%	64	23%		
Sydney South	29	19%	23	14%	15	10%	40	20%	35	14%	55	18%	63	17%	33	12%	22	7%	31	13%	20	10%	34	33%	400	14%		
Sydney Inner	1	25%	2	22%	3	50%	5	63%	1	11%	3	60%	3	38%	1	7%	0	0%	4	13%	5	25%	5	16%	33	21%		
Sydney West	28	11%	29	13%	16	8%	21	7%	41	8%	72	12%	46	8%	39	8%	45	8%	34	7%	31	7%	38	12%	440	9%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>11%</b>		

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

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 1,783, which represented 11% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 440 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 none in the North Western region to 29% in the Murray region; in seven regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied somewhat over the year, with the percentage ranging from 8% in February and March to 15% in June and July
- the monthly variation in cats sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.



Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2006/2007

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	6	60%	4	36%	2	20%	2	25%	0	0%	2	15%	13	68%	0	0%	6	75%	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%	<b>39</b>	<b>38%</b>
Hunter	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>5</b>	<b>0%</b>
Illawarra	20	28%	10	17%	15	28%	24	28%	39	37%	41	33%	70	45%	21	19%	39	33%	32	26%	40	56%	18	32%	<b>369</b>	<b>32%</b>
Mid North Coast	6	8%	5	8%	4	11%	3	4%	1	2%	2	2%	3	4%	6	6%	6	4%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	<b>38</b>	<b>4%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	6	12%	1	2%	1	4%	2	3%	14	17%	10	7%	1	1%	13	15%	1	1%	6	8%	6	8%	1	3%	<b>62</b>	<b>7%</b>
Northern	4	9%	2	4%	2	5%	12	18%	1	1%	7	6%	4	3%	7	8%	2	2%	2	3%	9	10%	7	11%	<b>59</b>	<b>6%</b>
North Western	6	10%	28	31%	10	17%	23	26%	15	18%	28	15%	43	36%	32	24%	45	47%	27	40%	25	25%	31	53%	<b>313</b>	<b>28%</b>
Richmond Tweed	2	7%	7	26%	0	0%	10	71%	1	4%	9	22%	3	10%	4	11%	12	35%	7	22%	17	37%	7	27%	<b>79</b>	<b>22%</b>
South Eastern	3	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	5	11%	12	32%	2	3%	18	32%	9	28%	6	14%	8	22%	<b>66</b>	<b>14%</b>
Western	0	0%	1	3%	1	2%	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney South	13	9%	5	3%	33	21%	42	21%	62	24%	64	21%	50	14%	58	21%	70	21%	22	9%	24	11%	12	12%	<b>455</b>	<b>16%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	16	6%	11	5%	21	11%	41	14%	89	16%	97	16%	31	5%	49	10%	42	7%	38	8%	53	11%	19	6%	<b>507</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>12%</b>

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

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 2,002, which represented 12% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from none in the Murray and Sydney Inner regions to 507 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 none in both the Murray and Sydney Inner regions to 38% in the Central Coast region; in eight regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month varied somewhat over the year, with the percentage varying from a trough in July and August (down to 8%) up to a maximum of 15% 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.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2006/2007

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	62	61%	39	38%	1	1%	0	0%
Hunter	851	84%	5	0%	118	12%	36	4%
Illawarra	459	40%	369	32%	230	20%	64	6%
Mid North Coast	600	68%	38	4%	212	24%	16	2%
Murray	230	63%	0	0%	106	29%	23	6%
Murrumbidgee	776	86%	62	7%	25	3%	16	2%
Northern	826	88%	59	6%	18	2%	32	3%
North Western	808	71%	313	28%	3	0%	10	1%
Richmond Tweed	174	48%	79	22%	86	24%	15	4%
South Eastern	334	72%	66	14%	29	6%	30	6%
Western	1,180	96%	8	1%	18	1%	10	1%
Sydney North	184	66%	2	1%	64	23%	27	10%
Sydney South	1,747	63%	455	16%	400	14%	119	4%
Sydney Inner	116	74%	0	0%	33	21%	7	4%
Sydney West	3,655	72%	507	10%	440	9%	91	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,002</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>3%</b>

Table 32 summarises tables 28-31. It shows that cats arriving at a pound were by far most likely to be euthanased (71%). Cats were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing or sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were released to their owner. This ordering of outcomes occurred in 9 regions. Euthanasia was the most common outcome in the other 6 regions.

## Attachment 1 Number of identified animals as at 30 June 2007

<b>Region</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
Central Coast	16,935	64,680
Hunter	33,907	150,983
Illawarra	20,948	89,553
Mid North Coast	13,938	69,518
Murray	4,959	24,813
Murrumbidgee	6,037	36,446
Northern	8,125	47,351
North Western	3,637	30,655
Richmond Tweed	8,812	41,832
South Eastern	7,743	47,061
Western	9,179	48,703
Sydney North	41,763	100,428
Sydney South	40,656	102,033
Sydney Inner	25,675	39,825
Sydney West	72,319	292,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,633</b>	<b>1,186,557</b>

### Observations

- the Sydney West region accounted for approximately 25% of all identified dogs and 23% of all identified cats
- over the state of NSW the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 3.8 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was less than 1.6 to 1 and in the North Western region the ratio was 8.4 to 1.

# **Chapter 4**

## **Analysis of 2007/2008 Data**

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## Summary

This chapter reports on the analysis of data collected by NSW local councils regarding seized dogs and cats, and dogs and cats taken to a pound for the period from July 2007 to June 2008. The response rate for the data survey was 100%.

There are some striking features in the pound data collected by councils in 2007/2008.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (43,236) was more than three times the number of cats seized (13,452). The number of dogs surrendered (8,077) was also well in excess (approximately twice) of the number of cats surrendered (4,100).

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 37% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 37% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 74% of cats. The remaining animals arriving at a pound, 25% of dogs and 20% of cats, were roughly equally divided between sold and released to another organisation for re-homing.

The percentage of animals arriving at a pound that were respectively sold and released for re-homing, the two categories that councils would appear to have the greatest influence over, show substantial variation across regions. In the case of dogs, eight regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 8% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion was 32% in the Sydney Inner region. In nine regions, the proportion of dogs released for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 26% achieved by the Central Coast and North Western regions. There was little correspondence between the regions that achieved high (or low) results for selling or releasing dogs for re-homing, which suggests that individual councils may allocate resources to one or the other, rather than both.

A similar pattern is observed for cats in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold or released for re-homing. The percentage of cats sold was 9% or less in six regions, compared to a maximum of 27% in the Murray region. In eleven regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 9% or less, with a maximum of 40% in the Illawarra region.

There appears to be some correlation between the regions that ranked highly (lowly) for dogs and cats sold, as well as for cats and dogs released for re-homing.



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 animals) is largely removed, but some significant differences remain across regions.

In 2007/2008, 33 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW, and of these 28 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 40 per thousand identified dogs.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 16 to 68 per thousand and in the case of dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 14 to 100 per thousand. In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2007/2008, 37 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW, and of these 0.4 were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 61 per thousand identified cats.

The rates per thousand identified cats varied considerably: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from none to 233 per thousand and in the case of cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 1 to 367 per thousand.

In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized cats and high rates for cats arriving at a pound, and also between high rates for cats seized and high rates for dogs seized.

# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2007/2008

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	153	132	138	114	133	134	143	106	128	101	136	105	<b>1,523</b>
Hunter	375	348	294	367	329	380	406	383	333	336	388	328	<b>4,267</b>
Illawarra	273	278	252	289	294	316	364	294	303	282	321	282	<b>3,548</b>
Mid North Coast	218	193	209	274	246	242	203	208	205	192	184	187	<b>2,561</b>
Murray	162	170	125	120	132	120	143	138	126	140	133	129	<b>1,638</b>
Murrumbidgee	176	172	134	155	172	134	161	152	128	141	171	164	<b>1,860</b>
Northern	190	242	192	196	186	193	206	226	205	231	251	222	<b>2,540</b>
North Western	205	201	201	199	214	170	200	258	181	147	180	197	<b>2,353</b>
Richmond Tweed	136	147	111	137	118	112	128	132	136	128	118	121	<b>1,524</b>
South Eastern	152	159	150	145	183	157	203	204	143	176	181	180	<b>2,033</b>
Western	257	252	268	249	285	265	334	284	279	271	276	276	<b>3,296</b>
Sydney North	155	147	142	160	172	149	144	158	163	126	131	115	<b>1,762</b>
Sydney South	208	225	232	231	251	309	283	256	220	236	238	193	<b>2,882</b>
Sydney Inner	65	64	58	73	79	63	64	53	51	57	52	44	<b>723</b>
Sydney West	1,292	622	536	1,363	753	702	1,510	779	604	1,282	678	605	<b>10,726</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>3,352</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>4,072</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>43,236</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized was 43,236
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 723 in the Sydney Inner region to 10,726 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month varied considerably, with the highest number seized occurring in January at 4,492 but over 3,800 dogs were seized in the first month of each quarter, and the lowest number in September 2007 at 3,042
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,523	21
Hunter	4,267	26
Illawarra	3,548	36
Mid North Coast	2,561	33
Murray	1,638	59
Murrumbidgee	1,860	46
Northern	2,540	48
North Western	2,353	68
Richmond Tweed	1,524	33
South Eastern	2,033	39
Western	3,296	60
Sydney North	1,762	16
Sydney South	2,882	26
Sydney Inner	723	16
Sydney West	10,726	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,236</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Table 2 shows that:

- 33 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 16 in the Sydney Inner and Sydney North regions to 68 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western and Western) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than more densely populated regions (such as Sydney Inner and Sydney North).

Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2007/2008

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	144	94%	123	93%	128	93%	106	93%	132	99%	133	99%	143	100%	102	96%	128	100%	99	98%	136	100%	104	99%	<b>1,478</b>	<b>97%</b>
Hunter	332	89%	300	86%	245	83%	314	86%	271	82%	323	85%	339	83%	320	84%	269	81%	310	92%	339	87%	289	88%	<b>3,651</b>	<b>86%</b>
Illawarra	217	79%	217	78%	190	75%	245	85%	232	79%	262	83%	301	83%	249	85%	249	82%	239	85%	264	82%	241	85%	<b>2,906</b>	<b>82%</b>
Mid North Coast	176	81%	163	84%	172	82%	231	84%	214	87%	206	85%	172	85%	175	84%	177	86%	172	90%	152	83%	168	90%	<b>2,178</b>	<b>85%</b>
Murray	119	73%	134	79%	100	80%	72	60%	90	68%	84	70%	112	78%	108	78%	94	75%	119	85%	107	80%	106	82%	<b>1,245</b>	<b>76%</b>
Murrumbidgee	161	91%	166	97%	120	90%	145	94%	157	91%	122	91%	158	98%	134	88%	111	87%	132	94%	158	92%	156	95%	<b>1,720</b>	<b>92%</b>
Northern	177	93%	220	91%	179	93%	181	92%	163	88%	169	88%	185	90%	192	85%	188	92%	208	90%	194	77%	188	85%	<b>2,244</b>	<b>88%</b>
North Western	183	89%	179	89%	190	95%	179	90%	202	94%	150	88%	180	90%	240	93%	172	95%	126	86%	162	90%	180	91%	<b>2,143</b>	<b>91%</b>
Richmond Tweed	128	94%	144	98%	107	96%	136	99%	113	96%	104	93%	120	94%	127	96%	132	97%	121	95%	107	91%	115	95%	<b>1,454</b>	<b>95%</b>
South Eastern	142	93%	151	95%	137	91%	134	92%	161	88%	128	82%	170	84%	165	81%	126	88%	156	89%	144	80%	157	87%	<b>1,771</b>	<b>87%</b>
Western	247	96%	242	96%	260	97%	237	95%	274	96%	258	97%	321	96%	274	96%	271	97%	261	96%	263	95%	262	95%	<b>3,170</b>	<b>96%</b>
Sydney North	107	69%	108	73%	98	69%	117	73%	126	73%	98	66%	105	73%	107	68%	104	64%	80	63%	99	76%	74	64%	<b>1,223</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney South	130	63%	143	64%	150	65%	164	71%	160	64%	226	73%	207	73%	190	74%	151	69%	174	74%	152	64%	142	74%	<b>1,989</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney Inner	54	83%	50	78%	49	84%	64	88%	61	77%	52	83%	48	75%	45	85%	46	90%	49	86%	38	73%	31	70%	<b>587</b>	<b>81%</b>
Sydney West	1,175	91%	517	83%	439	82%	1,245	91%	613	81%	572	81%	1,372	91%	633	81%	506	84%	1,175	92%	590	87%	499	82%	<b>9,336</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>3,933</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>37,095</b>	<b>86%</b>

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

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 37,095, which represented 86% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of dogs seized, ranging from 587 in the Sydney Inner region to 9,336 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 69% in the Sydney North and Sydney South regions to 97% in the Central Coast region
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was quite constant over the year, ranging from 84% in five months to 89% in April
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,478	21
Hunter	3,651	22
Illawarra	2,906	30
Mid North Coast	2,178	28
Murray	1,245	45
Murrumbidgee	1,720	42
Northern	2,244	42
North Western	2,143	62
Richmond Tweed	1,454	31
South Eastern	1,771	34
Western	3,170	58
Sydney North	1,223	11
Sydney South	1,989	18
Sydney Inner	587	13
Sydney West	9,336	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,095</b>	<b>28</b>

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

Table 4 shows that:

- 28 seized dogs for every thousand identified dogs were taken to the pound in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 11 in the Sydney North region to 62 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 4 follows that in table 2 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2007/2008

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	9	6%	9	7%	10	7%	8	7%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	4	4%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	<b>45</b>	<b>3%</b>
Hunter	43	11%	48	14%	49	17%	53	14%	58	18%	57	15%	67	17%	63	16%	64	19%	26	8%	49	13%	39	12%	<b>616</b>	<b>14%</b>
Illawarra	56	21%	61	22%	62	25%	44	15%	62	21%	54	17%	63	17%	45	15%	54	18%	43	15%	57	18%	41	15%	<b>642</b>	<b>18%</b>
Mid North Coast	42	19%	30	16%	37	18%	43	16%	32	13%	36	15%	31	15%	33	16%	28	14%	20	10%	32	17%	19	10%	<b>383</b>	<b>15%</b>
Murray	43	27%	36	21%	25	20%	48	40%	42	32%	36	30%	31	22%	30	22%	32	25%	21	15%	26	20%	23	18%	<b>393</b>	<b>24%</b>
Murrumbidgee	15	9%	6	3%	14	10%	10	6%	15	9%	12	9%	3	2%	18	12%	17	13%	9	6%	13	8%	8	5%	<b>140</b>	<b>8%</b>
Northern	13	7%	22	9%	13	7%	15	8%	23	12%	24	12%	21	10%	34	15%	17	8%	23	10%	57	23%	34	15%	<b>296</b>	<b>12%</b>
North Western	22	11%	22	11%	11	5%	20	10%	12	6%	20	12%	20	10%	18	7%	9	5%	21	14%	18	10%	17	9%	<b>210</b>	<b>9%</b>
Richmond Tweed	8	6%	3	2%	4	4%	1	1%	5	4%	8	7%	8	6%	5	4%	4	3%	7	5%	11	9%	6	5%	<b>70</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	10	7%	8	5%	13	9%	11	8%	22	12%	29	18%	33	16%	39	19%	17	12%	20	11%	37	20%	23	13%	<b>262</b>	<b>13%</b>
Western	10	4%	10	4%	8	3%	12	5%	11	4%	7	3%	13	4%	10	4%	8	3%	10	4%	13	5%	14	5%	<b>126</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney North	48	31%	39	27%	44	31%	43	27%	46	27%	51	34%	39	27%	51	32%	59	36%	46	37%	32	24%	41	36%	<b>539</b>	<b>31%</b>
Sydney South	78	38%	82	36%	82	35%	67	29%	91	36%	83	27%	76	27%	66	26%	69	31%	62	26%	86	36%	51	26%	<b>893</b>	<b>31%</b>
Sydney Inner	11	17%	14	22%	9	16%	9	12%	18	23%	11	17%	16	25%	8	15%	5	10%	8	14%	14	27%	13	30%	<b>136</b>	<b>19%</b>
Sydney West	117	9%	105	17%	97	18%	118	9%	140	19%	130	19%	138	9%	146	19%	98	16%	107	8%	88	13%	106	18%	<b>1,390</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6,141</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 6,141, which represented 14% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 70 in the Richmond Tweed region to 1,390 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 4% in the Western region to 31% in the Sydney North and Sydney South regions
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for all regions each month was quite constant through the year, varying from 11% in April to 16% in five months
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for individual regions but no patterns are apparent.

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	45	1
Hunter	616	4
Illawarra	642	7
Mid North Coast	383	5
Murray	393	14
Murrumbidgee	140	3
Northern	296	6
North Western	210	6
Richmond Tweed	70	2
South Eastern	262	5
Western	126	2
Sydney North	539	5
Sydney South	893	8
Sydney Inner	136	3
Sydney West	1,390	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,141</b>	<b>5</b>

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

Table 6 shows that:

- 5 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs were seized and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 1 in the Hunter region to 14 in the Murray region
- in general, the numbers are too small to be able to identify any other patterns.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2007/2008

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,478	97%	45	3%	1,523
Hunter	3,651	86%	616	14%	4,267
Illawarra	2,906	82%	642	18%	3,548
Mid North Coast	2,178	85%	383	15%	2,561
Murray	1,245	76%	393	24%	1,638
Murrumbidgee	1,720	92%	140	8%	1,860
Northern	2,244	88%	296	12%	2,540
North Western	2,143	91%	210	9%	2,353
Richmond Tweed	1,454	95%	70	5%	1,524
South Eastern	1,771	87%	262	13%	2,033
Western	3,170	96%	126	4%	3,296
Sydney North	1,223	69%	539	31%	1,762
Sydney South	1,989	69%	893	31%	2,882
Sydney Inner	587	81%	136	19%	723
Sydney West	9,336	87%	1,390	13%	10,726
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,095</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>6,141</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>43,236</b>

Table 7 summarises tables 3 and 5. It shows that it was far more likely for seized dogs to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of greater than six).



## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2007/2008

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hunter	36	51	58	42	62	91	132	75	120	114	82	71	934
Illawarra	37	51	52	32	61	82	62	99	66	55	75	47	719
Mid North Coast	17	42	21	25	29	62	45	67	55	64	55	39	521
Murray	29	51	39	27	47	49	41	64	41	41	45	12	486
Murrumbidgee	32	42	34	29	50	66	21	43	26	89	23	18	473
Northern	45	31	24	44	70	49	131	117	51	79	87	32	760
North Western	55	63	52	84	114	82	97	82	97	103	120	73	1,022
Richmond Tweed	22	19	26	37	41	51	39	48	35	43	32	24	417
South Eastern	24	26	25	27	57	31	38	53	40	52	43	24	440
Western	24	42	55	60	67	69	70	107	104	100	101	50	849
Sydney North	20	3	1	23	31	8	5	7	6	16	11	4	135
Sydney South	106	153	146	182	293	235	236	261	178	283	222	185	2,480
Sydney Inner	13	24	8	7	19	28	13	37	22	19	11	19	220
Sydney West	165	163	163	216	353	542	431	454	459	479	342	228	3,995
<b>Total</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>13,452</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 13,452
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region followed by 135 in the Sydney North region, to 3,995 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation in the overall rate (all regions) at which cats were seized during the year; from June to October the monthly average was 750 cats seized while in the period December through March the average was 1,386 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized was also seen in a number of the individual regions that recorded high numbers of seized cats, notably the North Western, Sydney South and Sydney West regions.

Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	1	0
Hunter	934	24
Illawarra	719	30
Mid North Coast	521	32
Murray	486	85
Murrumbidgee	473	66
Northern	760	81
North Western	1,022	233
Richmond Tweed	417	40
South Eastern	440	48
Western	849	79
Sydney North	135	3
Sydney South	2,480	54
Sydney Inner	220	8
Sydney West	3,995	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,452</b>	<b>37</b>

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

Table 9 shows that:

- 37 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 233 in the North Western region
- the rates for 10 of the 15 regions lie in the range 20 to 70 seized cats per thousand identified cats.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2007/2008

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	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	1	100%
Hunter	35	97%	51	100%	58	100%	42	100%	62	100%	90	99%	131	99%	74	99%	119	99%	114	100%	80	98%	71	100%	927	99%		
Illawarra	37	100%	51	100%	52	100%	32	100%	61	100%	77	94%	62	100%	99	100%	65	98%	53	96%	74	99%	46	98%	709	99%		
Mid North Coast	17	100%	42	100%	20	95%	25	100%	29	100%	62	100%	45	100%	67	100%	55	100%	64	100%	55	100%	39	100%	520	100%		
Murray	26	90%	51	100%	33	85%	27	100%	47	100%	49	100%	40	98%	64	100%	40	98%	41	100%	45	100%	12	100%	475	98%		
Murrumbidgee	30	94%	42	100%	34	100%	28	97%	50	100%	66	100%	21	100%	43	100%	25	96%	89	100%	23	100%	16	89%	467	99%		
Northern	44	98%	30	97%	23	96%	44	100%	70	100%	48	98%	131	100%	117	100%	51	100%	72	91%	86	99%	32	100%	748	98%		
North Western	55	100%	62	98%	52	100%	84	100%	114	100%	82	100%	97	100%	82	100%	97	100%	103	100%	116	97%	73	100%	1,017	100%		
Richmond Tweed	22	100%	19	100%	25	96%	37	100%	41	100%	51	100%	39	100%	48	100%	35	100%	43	100%	32	100%	24	100%	416	100%		
South Eastern	24	100%	21	81%	23	92%	27	100%	57	100%	31	100%	38	100%	53	100%	40	100%	51	98%	43	100%	23	96%	431	98%		
Western	24	100%	42	100%	55	100%	59	98%	67	100%	69	100%	70	100%	107	100%	104	100%	100	100%	99	98%	50	100%	846	100%		
Sydney North	20	100%	3	100%	1	100%	23	100%	31	100%	8	100%	5	100%	2	29%	6	100%	16	100%	11	100%	4	100%	130	96%		
Sydney South	102	96%	145	95%	140	96%	180	99%	283	97%	233	99%	235	100%	253	97%	178	100%	283	100%	213	96%	183	99%	2,428	98%		
Sydney Inner	13	100%	23	96%	8	100%	7	100%	19	100%	28	100%	13	100%	37	100%	22	100%	19	100%	11	100%	19	100%	219	100%		
Sydney West	163	99%	160	98%	163	100%	216	100%	353	100%	539	99%	431	100%	452	100%	459	100%	479	100%	341	100%	227	100%	3,983	100%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>13,317</b>	<b>99%</b>		

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

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

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 13,317, which represented 99% 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 1 in the Central Coast region to 2,983 in the Sydney West region
- the variation between regions in the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound was relatively low, ranging from 96% in the Sydney North region to 100% (rounded) in seven regions.

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	1	0
Hunter	927	24
Illawarra	709	30
Mid North Coast	520	32
Murray	475	83
Murrumbidgee	467	65
Northern	748	79
North Western	1,017	232
Richmond Tweed	416	40
South Eastern	431	47
Western	846	78
Sydney North	130	3
Sydney South	2,428	53
Sydney Inner	219	8
Sydney West	3,983	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,317</b>	<b>37</b>

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

Table 11 shows that:

- 37 seized cats were taken to the pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from none in the Central Coast region to 232 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 11 follows that in table 9 (though the rates are lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized cats that were taken to the pound.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2007/2008

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	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%
Hunter	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	7	1%		
Illawarra	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	6%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%	1	1%	1	2%	10	1%		
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%		
Murray	3	10%	0	0%	6	15%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	11	2%		
Murrumbidgee	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%	6	1%		
Northern	1	2%	1	3%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	9%	1	1%	0	0%	12	2%		
North Western	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	5	0%		
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%		
South Eastern	0	0%	5	19%	2	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	4%	9	2%		
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	3	0%		
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	71%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	4%		
Sydney South	4	4%	8	5%	6	4%	2	1%	10	3%	2	1%	1	0%	8	3%	0	0%	0	0%	9	4%	2	1%	52	2%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%		
Sydney West	2	1%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	12	0.3%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1%</b>		

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

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

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 135 or 1% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- approximately 40% (52) of seized cats returned to their owner occurred in the Sydney South region
- the small numbers mean that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to their owner 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 to detect any trends.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/’000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	7	0.2
Illawarra	10	0.4
Mid North Coast	1	0.1
Murray	11	1.9
Murrumbidgee	6	0.8
Northern	12	1.3
North Western	5	1.1
Richmond Tweed	1	0.1
South Eastern	9	1.0
Western	3	0.3
Sydney North	5	0.1
Sydney South	52	1.1
Sydney Inner	1	0.0
Sydney West	12	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 thousand identified cats in NSW
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2007/2008

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1	100%	0	0%	1
Hunter	927	99%	7	1%	934
Illawarra	709	99%	10	1%	719
Mid North Coast	520	100%	1	0%	521
Murray	475	98%	11	2%	486
Murrumbidgee	467	99%	6	1%	473
Northern	748	98%	12	2%	760
North Western	1,017	100%	5	0%	1,022
Richmond Tweed	416	100%	1	0%	417
South Eastern	431	98%	9	2%	440
Western	846	100%	3	0%	849
Sydney North	130	96%	5	4%	135
Sydney South	2,428	98%	52	2%	2,480
Sydney Inner	219	100%	1	0%	220
Sydney West	3,983	100%	12	0%	3,995
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,317</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>13,452</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that it was far more likely for seized cats to be taken to the pound than returned to their owner (by a factor of almost 100).

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

### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2007/2008

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	21	12%	11	7%	12	7%	13	8%	5	3%	15	8%	11	6%	23	14%	17	10%	26	15%	17	8%	22	13%	<b>193</b>	<b>9%</b>
Hunter	38	7%	39	9%	67	15%	49	10%	58	13%	55	9%	48	9%	50	10%	56	13%	47	10%	43	9%	59	13%	<b>609</b>	<b>10%</b>
Illawarra	21	8%	14	6%	19	8%	17	6%	16	6%	16	5%	5	2%	4	1%	4	1%	1	0%	7	2%	4	1%	<b>128</b>	<b>4%</b>
Mid North Coast	27	12%	58	23%	46	18%	69	21%	31	12%	50	17%	51	21%	42	17%	48	20%	91	31%	41	18%	70	27%	<b>624</b>	<b>20%</b>
Murray	4	3%	6	4%	3	3%	6	8%	4	4%	4	4%	7	6%	7	6%	13	12%	3	2%	0	0%	14	11%	<b>71</b>	<b>5%</b>
Murrumbidgee	15	5%	11	4%	20	10%	11	4%	7	3%	12	6%	7	3%	17	7%	12	6%	10	5%	18	7%	15	6%	<b>155</b>	<b>5%</b>
Northern	41	16%	65	21%	64	23%	70	24%	64	24%	38	16%	63	23%	53	20%	53	20%	45	16%	41	15%	51	20%	<b>648</b>	<b>20%</b>
North Western	69	26%	83	29%	70	25%	108	36%	79	24%	64	23%	90	27%	102	27%	74	28%	47	23%	53	22%	76	26%	<b>915</b>	<b>26%</b>
Richmond Tweed	18	12%	29	16%	16	13%	10	7%	18	14%	14	12%	13	9%	18	12%	20	13%	15	10%	27	19%	29	20%	<b>227</b>	<b>13%</b>
South Eastern	28	15%	32	15%	23	13%	29	15%	31	13%	21	11%	31	13%	36	15%	30	16%	39	18%	67	26%	43	18%	<b>410</b>	<b>16%</b>
Western	46	14%	39	11%	27	7%	37	10%	34	9%	40	10%	39	9%	38	9%	43	11%	55	15%	28	8%	38	10%	<b>464</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney North	11	9%	9	7%	15	12%	12	9%	13	9%	5	4%	7	6%	12	9%	15	12%	13	13%	5	4%	9	10%	<b>126</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney South	1	1%	9	6%	11	7%	6	3%	5	3%	6	3%	3	1%	4	2%	2	1%	8	4%	8	5%	4	3%	<b>67</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	286	18%	270	31%	242	32%	313	19%	338	31%	314	31%	316	17%	308	29%	222	27%	260	17%	271	28%	297	33%	<b>3,437</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>15%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound, that is, seized dogs taken to the pound (see table 17) and dogs that were surrendered

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 8,077, which represented 15% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 3 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,437 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 26% in the North Western region; the percentage exceeded 10% in six other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month reached the highest level of 18% in June and the lowest point of 13% in July and January.



## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2007/2008

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	2	40%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	11%
Hunter	17	23%	7	10%	5	6%	16	23%	39	30%	7	5%	13	6%	21	16%	40	22%	48	27%	21	19%	25	23%	259	17%		
Illawarra	3	7%	2	3%	3	3%	1	2%	4	4%	7	6%	5	4%	1	1%	3	2%	3	3%	0	0%	1	2%	33	3%		
Mid North Coast	10	20%	14	15%	5	13%	4	8%	38	35%	38	29%	20	17%	22	18%	58	38%	29	25%	25	25%	22	23%	285	24%		
Murray	0	0%	2	4%	7	18%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	8	17%	2	3%	2	4%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	25	5%		
Murrumbidgee	1	2%	0	0%	6	6%	9	10%	3	2%	9	7%	1	1%	23	20%	3	3%	7	3%	19	15%	4	7%	85	6%		
Northern	4	6%	7	13%	9	20%	13	15%	37	25%	38	29%	28	15%	24	14%	32	28%	28	22%	21	14%	12	16%	253	19%		
North Western	5	8%	18	22%	18	25%	17	14%	49	27%	8	6%	15	11%	29	21%	41	23%	38	22%	80	35%	22	20%	340	21%		
Richmond Tweed	12	35%	6	22%	7	21%	2	5%	6	13%	6	10%	8	17%	5	9%	10	22%	17	28%	10	24%	7	23%	96	18%		
South Eastern	1	3%	4	12%	14	37%	5	11%	3	4%	2	5%	8	14%	10	13%	15	21%	20	26%	27	38%	1	3%	110	17%		
Western	1	2%	1	1%	1	1%	19	17%	40	25%	21	18%	21	15%	8	4%	19	11%	26	15%	10	7%	10	12%	177	12%		
Sydney North	1	3%	0	0%	6	43%	2	5%	7	11%	3	8%	5	19%	4	24%	7	16%	14	26%	1	6%	3	20%	53	14%		
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	3%	10	4%	21	10%	23	8%	5	2%	4	2%	73	3%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%		
Sydney West	124	35%	120	34%	118	37%	135	31%	327	40%	181	21%	187	24%	186	24%	233	28%	249	26%	235	32%	214	39%	2,309	30%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>19%</b>		

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

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 4,100, which represented 19% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 2,309 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 30% in the Sydney West region; the percentage exceeded 10% in nine other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month reached a peak of 24% in November and a trough of 15% in August and December-February.

### 3. Dumped animals (ie. any animal dumped at a council pound by a member of the public other than its owner(s))

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2007/2008

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	16	9%	16	11%	22	14%	43	27%	25	15%	42	22%	30	16%	41	25%	24	14%	45	26%	54	26%	43	25%	<b>401</b>	<b>19%</b>
Hunter	171	32%	112	25%	127	29%	133	27%	125	28%	212	36%	164	30%	132	26%	100	24%	117	25%	87	19%	118	25%	<b>1,598</b>	<b>27%</b>
Illawarra	22	8%	6	3%	15	7%	21	7%	20	7%	23	8%	22	7%	20	7%	25	9%	13	5%	14	5%	31	11%	<b>232</b>	<b>7%</b>
Mid North Coast	31	13%	26	11%	33	13%	26	8%	18	7%	30	10%	17	7%	27	11%	20	8%	30	10%	34	15%	19	7%	<b>311</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murray	5	4%	6	4%	4	4%	0	0%	1	1%	3	3%	6	5%	2	2%	5	4%	6	5%	4	4%	7	6%	<b>49</b>	<b>4%</b>
Murrumbidgee	111	39%	73	29%	67	32%	89	36%	90	35%	76	36%	87	35%	107	41%	89	42%	59	29%	66	27%	82	32%	<b>996</b>	<b>35%</b>
Northern	31	12%	31	10%	34	12%	35	12%	39	15%	24	10%	30	11%	25	9%	27	10%	24	9%	35	13%	18	7%	<b>353</b>	<b>11%</b>
North Western	17	6%	23	8%	25	9%	12	4%	47	14%	62	22%	63	19%	41	11%	22	8%	28	14%	31	13%	38	13%	<b>409</b>	<b>12%</b>
Richmond Tweed	7	5%	6	3%	0	0%	7	5%	2	2%	2	2%	8	6%	8	5%	5	3%	8	6%	5	4%	3	2%	<b>61</b>	<b>4%</b>
South Eastern	14	8%	25	12%	24	13%	33	17%	43	18%	34	19%	34	14%	39	16%	33	17%	24	11%	50	19%	36	15%	<b>389</b>	<b>15%</b>
Western	45	13%	60	18%	79	22%	89	25%	85	22%	92	24%	66	15%	92	23%	63	17%	59	16%	66	18%	63	17%	<b>859</b>	<b>19%</b>
Sydney North	8	6%	12	9%	12	10%	9	7%	12	8%	26	20%	9	7%	11	8%	10	8%	10	10%	15	13%	9	10%	<b>143</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	120	8%	93	11%	78	10%	85	5%	123	11%	121	12%	136	7%	135	13%	106	13%	94	6%	95	10%	115	13%	<b>1,301</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7,107</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 17 shows that:

- the total number of dogs dumped was 7,107, which represented 14% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Sydney South region to 1,598 in the Hunter region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from less than 1% in the Sydney South region to 35% in the Murrumbidgee region; the percentage exceeded 10% in eight other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped in each month reached the highest level of 17% in December and the lowest point of 11% in April.

### 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2007/2008

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	100%	0	NC	3	100%	1	100%	1	100%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	3	60%	1	100%	1	100%	2	100%	<b>15</b>	<b>83%</b>
Hunter	22	30%	10	15%	21	25%	11	16%	30	23%	36	27%	78	35%	33	26%	20	11%	17	9%	7	6%	11	10%	<b>296</b>	<b>20%</b>
Illawarra	6	13%	9	15%	31	36%	27	45%	44	40%	39	32%	45	40%	27	21%	53	44%	32	36%	19	20%	14	23%	<b>346</b>	<b>32%</b>
Mid North Coast	23	46%	37	40%	13	34%	21	42%	42	39%	30	23%	54	45%	34	28%	41	27%	24	21%	20	20%	36	37%	<b>375</b>	<b>32%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	8	16%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>11</b>	<b>2%</b>
Murrumbidgee	33	52%	61	59%	55	58%	55	60%	88	62%	61	45%	66	75%	49	43%	65	70%	135	58%	87	67%	41	67%	<b>796</b>	<b>59%</b>
Northern	23	32%	16	30%	12	27%	27	32%	43	29%	46	35%	33	17%	35	20%	33	28%	27	21%	39	27%	31	41%	<b>365</b>	<b>27%</b>
North Western	5	8%	3	4%	2	3%	24	19%	20	11%	39	30%	19	15%	26	19%	42	23%	30	18%	30	13%	15	14%	<b>255</b>	<b>16%</b>
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	2	7%	1	3%	1	3%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>
South Eastern	4	14%	8	24%	1	3%	13	29%	10	14%	9	21%	11	19%	14	18%	17	24%	7	9%	1	1%	6	20%	<b>101</b>	<b>16%</b>
Western	28	53%	24	36%	19	25%	37	32%	52	33%	27	23%	51	36%	103	47%	44	26%	46	27%	28	20%	22	27%	<b>481</b>	<b>32%</b>
Sydney North	16	43%	8	73%	7	50%	15	38%	23	38%	26	70%	17	63%	11	65%	31	70%	24	44%	5	29%	8	53%	<b>191</b>	<b>51%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	2%	9	4%	0	0%	3	1%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	<b>21</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	10%	1	3%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	15%	0	0%	<b>6</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney West	64	18%	72	20%	42	13%	88	20%	136	17%	123	15%	158	20%	136	18%	130	16%	243	25%	154	21%	104	19%	<b>1,450</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4,716</b>	<b>21%</b>

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

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 4,716, which represented 21% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,450 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 1% in the Sydney South region to 83% in the Central Coast region (although in the latter only 15 cats were reported dumped in total); the percentage exceeded 20% in seven other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped in each month reached the highest level of 24% in January and the lowest point of 19% in September and May.

#### 4. Animals arriving at a pound (ie. 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 2007/2008

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	181	150	162	162	162	190	184	166	169	170	207	169	<b>2,072</b>
Hunter	541	451	439	496	454	590	551	502	425	474	469	466	<b>5,858</b>
Illawarra	260	237	224	283	268	301	328	273	278	253	285	276	<b>3,266</b>
Mid North Coast	234	247	251	326	263	286	240	244	245	293	227	257	<b>3,113</b>
Murray	128	146	107	78	95	91	125	117	112	128	111	127	<b>1,365</b>
Murrumbidgee	287	250	207	245	254	210	252	258	212	201	242	253	<b>2,871</b>
Northern	249	316	277	286	266	231	278	270	268	277	270	257	<b>3,245</b>
North Western	269	285	285	299	328	276	333	383	268	201	246	294	<b>3,467</b>
Richmond Tweed	153	179	123	153	133	120	141	153	157	144	139	147	<b>1,742</b>
South Eastern	184	208	184	196	235	183	235	240	189	219	261	236	<b>2,570</b>
Western	338	341	366	363	393	390	426	404	377	375	357	363	<b>4,493</b>
Sydney North	126	129	125	138	151	129	121	130	129	103	119	92	<b>1,492</b>
Sydney South	131	152	161	172	165	232	210	194	153	182	160	146	<b>2,058</b>
Sydney Inner	55	51	49	64	61	54	48	47	46	49	38	31	<b>593</b>
Sydney West	1,581	880	759	1,643	1,074	1,007	1,824	1,076	834	1,529	956	911	<b>14,074</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>5,296</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>52,279</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 52,279
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 593 in the Sydney Inner region to 14,074 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound in total (all regions) was highest (over 4,500) in the first month of each quarter reaching a maximum of 5,296 in January, 42% higher than the minimum of 3,719 in September
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

Region	Number	Rate/'000 identified dogs
Central Coast	2,072	29
Hunter	5,858	35
Illawarra	3,266	33
Mid North Coast	3,113	40
Murray	1,365	49
Murrumbidgee	2,871	70
Northern	3,245	61
North Western	3,467	100
Richmond Tweed	1,742	37
South Eastern	2,570	49
Western	4,493	82
Sydney North	1,492	14
Sydney South	2,058	18
Sydney Inner	593	14
Sydney West	14,074	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,279</b>	<b>40</b>

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

Table 20 shows that:

- 40 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 14 in the Sydney North and Sydney Inner regions to 100 in the North Western region.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2007/2008

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	3	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	5	1	1	2	<b>18</b>
Hunter	74	68	84	69	131	133	222	128	179	179	108	107	<b>1,482</b>
Illawarra	46	62	86	60	109	123	112	127	121	88	93	61	<b>1,088</b>
Mid North Coast	50	93	38	50	109	130	119	123	154	117	100	97	<b>1,180</b>
Murray	26	53	40	27	49	49	48	66	50	46	45	12	<b>511</b>
Murrumbidgee	64	103	95	92	141	136	88	115	93	231	129	61	<b>1,348</b>
Northern	71	53	44	84	150	132	192	176	116	127	146	75	<b>1,366</b>
North Western	65	83	72	125	183	129	131	137	180	171	226	110	<b>1,612</b>
Richmond Tweed	34	27	33	40	47	59	47	53	45	61	42	31	<b>519</b>
South Eastern	29	33	38	45	70	42	57	77	72	78	71	30	<b>642</b>
Western	53	67	75	115	159	117	142	218	167	172	137	82	<b>1,504</b>
Sydney North	37	11	14	40	61	37	27	17	44	54	17	15	<b>374</b>
Sydney South	102	145	142	180	289	242	242	266	201	306	220	187	<b>2,522</b>
Sydney Inner	13	23	8	7	21	29	14	37	22	19	13	19	<b>225</b>
Sydney West	351	352	323	439	816	843	776	774	822	971	730	545	<b>7,742</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>22,133</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 22,133
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 18 in the Central Coast region to 7,742 in the Sydney West region
- the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) in each of the months November through May exceeded 2,000 while the number of cats arriving at a pound in the remaining months was below 1,434
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2007/2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	18	1
Hunter	1,482	38
Illawarra	1,088	46
Mid North Coast	1,180	73
Murray	511	89
Murrumbidgee	1,348	188
Northern	1,366	145
North Western	1,612	367
Richmond Tweed	519	49
South Eastern	642	70
Western	1,504	139
Sydney North	374	8
Sydney South	2,522	55
Sydney Inner	225	8
Sydney West	7,742	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,133</b>	<b>61</b>

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

Table 22 shows that:

- 61 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 367 in the North Western region
- four regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 100.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2007/2008

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%	69	46%	63	39%	58	36%	70	43%	74	39%	51	28%	57	34%	55	33%	65	38%	74	36%	71	42%	<b>777</b>	<b>38%</b>
Hunter	214	40%	194	43%	177	40%	233	47%	172	38%	272	46%	225	41%	201	40%	158	37%	179	38%	199	42%	177	38%	<b>2,401</b>	<b>41%</b>
Illawarra	142	55%	128	54%	128	57%	171	60%	168	63%	176	58%	188	57%	146	53%	160	58%	160	63%	176	62%	163	59%	<b>1,906</b>	<b>58%</b>
Mid North Coast	87	37%	83	34%	81	32%	107	33%	120	46%	100	35%	84	35%	81	33%	73	30%	87	30%	88	39%	78	30%	<b>1,069</b>	<b>34%</b>
Murray	55	43%	52	36%	37	35%	33	42%	38	40%	41	45%	34	27%	51	44%	38	34%	46	36%	45	41%	37	29%	<b>507</b>	<b>37%</b>
Murrumbidgee	79	28%	68	27%	64	31%	71	29%	75	30%	55	26%	67	27%	58	22%	63	30%	55	27%	59	24%	71	28%	<b>785</b>	<b>27%</b>
Northern	49	20%	62	20%	62	22%	54	19%	53	20%	44	19%	58	21%	60	22%	59	22%	60	22%	88	33%	54	21%	<b>703</b>	<b>22%</b>
North Western	51	19%	65	23%	47	16%	56	19%	60	18%	55	20%	53	16%	92	24%	62	23%	58	29%	47	19%	99	34%	<b>745</b>	<b>21%</b>
Richmond Tweed	87	57%	92	51%	63	51%	73	48%	61	46%	58	48%	64	45%	60	39%	81	52%	59	41%	74	53%	71	48%	<b>843</b>	<b>48%</b>
South Eastern	85	46%	102	49%	79	43%	92	47%	128	54%	96	52%	120	51%	112	47%	83	44%	103	47%	136	52%	122	52%	<b>1,258</b>	<b>49%</b>
Western	102	30%	99	29%	110	30%	103	28%	112	28%	96	25%	84	20%	91	23%	99	26%	99	26%	102	29%	100	28%	<b>1,197</b>	<b>27%</b>
Sydney North	100	79%	106	82%	101	81%	110	80%	127	84%	112	87%	98	81%	109	84%	100	78%	85	83%	104	87%	66	72%	<b>1,218</b>	<b>82%</b>
Sydney South	78	60%	52	34%	49	30%	85	49%	83	50%	117	50%	96	46%	106	55%	79	52%	89	49%	69	43%	71	49%	<b>974</b>	<b>47%</b>
Sydney Inner	29	53%	24	47%	27	55%	45	70%	38	62%	31	57%	27	56%	24	51%	34	74%	25	51%	20	53%	18	58%	<b>342</b>	<b>58%</b>
Sydney West	568	36%	338	38%	212	28%	588	36%	325	30%	366	36%	612	34%	378	35%	262	31%	546	36%	320	33%	282	31%	<b>4,797</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>19,522</b>	<b>37%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 19,522, which represented 37% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 342 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,797 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 21% in the North Western region to 82% in the Sydney North region; only three regions released more than half the dogs arriving at a pound to their owner



- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant with the percentage ranging from 35% in September and January to 39% in December and May
- 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.

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2007/2008

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	59	33%	58	39%	50	31%	54	33%	74	46%	58	31%	61	33%	39	23%	36	21%	45	26%	56	27%	36	21%	<b>626</b>	<b>30%</b>
Hunter	214	40%	133	29%	166	38%	138	28%	172	38%	179	30%	224	41%	194	39%	196	46%	171	36%	188	40%	158	34%	<b>2,133</b>	<b>36%</b>
Illawarra	39	15%	60	25%	34	15%	39	14%	40	15%	38	13%	51	16%	51	19%	44	16%	29	11%	37	13%	30	11%	<b>492</b>	<b>15%</b>
Mid North Coast	73	31%	112	45%	117	47%	113	35%	121	46%	100	35%	103	43%	114	47%	115	47%	138	47%	94	41%	132	51%	<b>1,332</b>	<b>43%</b>
Murray	45	35%	51	35%	26	24%	27	35%	32	34%	24	26%	52	42%	36	31%	39	35%	43	34%	26	23%	42	33%	<b>443</b>	<b>32%</b>
Murrumbidgee	117	41%	116	46%	97	47%	113	46%	115	45%	97	46%	128	51%	118	46%	86	41%	77	38%	126	52%	137	54%	<b>1,327</b>	<b>46%</b>
Northern	119	48%	263	83%	190	69%	186	65%	181	68%	153	66%	182	65%	177	66%	173	65%	170	61%	130	48%	150	58%	<b>2,074</b>	<b>64%</b>
North Western	153	57%	121	42%	169	59%	179	60%	164	50%	122	44%	171	51%	195	51%	147	55%	110	55%	125	51%	128	44%	<b>1,784</b>	<b>51%</b>
Richmond Tweed	22	14%	40	22%	38	31%	33	22%	58	44%	31	26%	51	36%	57	37%	49	31%	35	24%	41	29%	39	27%	<b>494</b>	<b>28%</b>
South Eastern	74	40%	90	43%	63	34%	72	37%	67	29%	51	28%	62	26%	87	36%	62	33%	73	33%	82	31%	82	35%	<b>865</b>	<b>34%</b>
Western	202	60%	189	55%	227	62%	218	60%	225	57%	279	72%	282	66%	267	66%	267	71%	230	61%	250	70%	234	64%	<b>2,870</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney North	11	9%	8	6%	14	11%	12	9%	12	8%	11	9%	6	5%	17	13%	15	12%	12	12%	5	4%	13	14%	<b>136</b>	<b>9%</b>
Sydney South	23	18%	35	23%	24	15%	19	11%	19	12%	22	9%	32	15%	35	18%	15	10%	32	18%	25	16%	20	14%	<b>301</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	5%	6	12%	5	10%	3	5%	2	3%	3	6%	7	15%	2	4%	1	2%	0	0%	3	8%	5	16%	<b>40</b>	<b>7%</b>
Sydney West	511	32%	242	28%	227	30%	560	34%	289	27%	303	30%	613	34%	291	27%	189	23%	505	33%	221	23%	230	25%	<b>4,181</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>19,098</b>	<b>37%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 19,098, which represented 37% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 40 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,181 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 7% in the Sydney Inner region to 64% in the Northern and Western regions; three regions euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant with the percentage ranging from 34% in December and May to 39% in September
- the monthly variation in dogs euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2007/2008

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	2%	8	5%	3	2%	3	2%	4	2%	5	3%	13	7%	20	12%	17	10%	15	9%	12	6%	17	10%	<b>120</b>	<b>6%</b>
Hunter	108	20%	85	19%	93	21%	94	19%	87	19%	102	17%	85	15%	104	21%	101	24%	73	15%	97	21%	121	26%	<b>1,150</b>	<b>20%</b>
Illawarra	30	12%	17	7%	14	6%	27	10%	17	6%	24	8%	19	6%	24	9%	18	6%	11	4%	13	5%	11	4%	<b>225</b>	<b>7%</b>
Mid North Coast	36	15%	46	19%	36	14%	50	15%	32	12%	55	19%	36	15%	27	11%	39	16%	22	8%	35	15%	32	12%	<b>446</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murray	23	18%	29	20%	30	28%	16	21%	26	27%	22	24%	29	23%	22	19%	18	16%	32	25%	26	23%	30	24%	<b>303</b>	<b>22%</b>
Murrumbidgee	11	4%	13	5%	8	4%	10	4%	8	3%	6	3%	9	4%	12	5%	5	2%	14	7%	3	1%	7	3%	<b>106</b>	<b>4%</b>
Northern	12	5%	12	4%	13	5%	12	4%	8	3%	6	3%	8	3%	8	3%	13	5%	11	4%	14	5%	11	4%	<b>128</b>	<b>4%</b>
North Western	2	1%	2	1%	2	1%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	1%	4	1%	1	0%	6	3%	4	2%	1	0%	<b>27</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Tweed	23	15%	14	8%	15	12%	18	12%	15	11%	21	18%	22	16%	8	5%	24	15%	30	21%	20	14%	17	12%	<b>227</b>	<b>13%</b>
South Eastern	16	9%	13	6%	8	4%	21	11%	12	5%	5	3%	17	7%	21	9%	20	11%	14	6%	27	10%	11	5%	<b>185</b>	<b>7%</b>
Western	11	3%	29	9%	19	5%	18	5%	19	5%	10	3%	14	3%	21	5%	15	4%	13	3%	15	4%	5	1%	<b>189</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney North	16	13%	7	5%	8	6%	2	1%	8	5%	6	5%	5	4%	5	4%	3	2%	4	4%	7	6%	5	5%	<b>76</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney South	32	24%	39	26%	55	34%	35	20%	35	21%	33	14%	54	26%	41	21%	30	20%	38	21%	35	22%	24	16%	<b>451</b>	<b>22%</b>
Sydney Inner	19	35%	20	39%	20	41%	12	19%	16	26%	18	33%	18	38%	15	32%	17	37%	14	29%	14	37%	9	29%	<b>192</b>	<b>32%</b>
Sydney West	294	19%	143	16%	164	22%	272	17%	165	15%	148	15%	316	17%	159	15%	168	20%	273	18%	163	17%	154	17%	<b>2,419</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6,244</b>	<b>12%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 6,244, which represented 12% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 27 in the North Western region to 2,419 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 1% in the North Western region to 32% in the Sydney Inner region; in eight regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month remained quite constant over the year, ranging from 11% to 13%
- the monthly variation in dogs sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2007/2008

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	49	27%	32	21%	43	27%	32	20%	37	23%	43	23%	53	29%	51	31%	48	28%	40	24%	64	31%	49	29%	<b>541</b>	<b>26%</b>
Hunter	23	4%	23	5%	6	1%	17	3%	7	2%	10	2%	7	1%	2	0%	3	1%	0	0%	7	1%	21	5%	<b>126</b>	<b>2%</b>
Illawarra	46	18%	34	14%	54	24%	37	13%	42	16%	49	16%	66	20%	46	17%	52	19%	61	24%	64	22%	57	21%	<b>608</b>	<b>19%</b>
Mid North Coast	23	10%	12	5%	20	8%	24	7%	27	10%	17	6%	22	9%	15	6%	20	8%	19	6%	24	11%	11	4%	<b>234</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murray	5	4%	4	3%	0	0%	3	4%	3	3%	1	1%	1	1%	6	5%	2	2%	6	5%	7	6%	4	3%	<b>42</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	52	18%	34	14%	25	12%	40	16%	33	13%	32	15%	42	17%	57	22%	46	22%	54	27%	45	19%	50	20%	<b>510</b>	<b>18%</b>
Northern	13	5%	26	8%	14	5%	23	8%	33	12%	17	7%	25	9%	23	9%	21	8%	36	13%	35	13%	32	12%	<b>298</b>	<b>9%</b>
North Western	63	23%	82	29%	77	27%	63	21%	85	26%	98	36%	102	31%	90	23%	56	21%	57	28%	57	23%	71	24%	<b>901</b>	<b>26%</b>
Richmond Tweed	8	5%	27	15%	19	15%	17	11%	8	6%	9	8%	9	6%	5	3%	6	4%	13	9%	15	11%	14	10%	<b>150</b>	<b>9%</b>
South Eastern	14	8%	11	5%	10	5%	18	9%	24	10%	26	14%	33	14%	15	6%	17	9%	28	13%	23	9%	14	6%	<b>233</b>	<b>9%</b>
Western	7	2%	16	5%	14	4%	26	7%	22	6%	12	3%	14	3%	15	4%	17	5%	10	3%	5	1%	8	2%	<b>166</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney North	4	3%	5	4%	2	2%	5	4%	7	5%	5	4%	7	6%	5	4%	4	3%	6	6%	3	3%	6	7%	<b>59</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney South	21	16%	19	13%	26	16%	25	15%	22	13%	41	18%	25	12%	20	10%	19	12%	23	13%	20	13%	17	12%	<b>278</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	180	11%	167	19%	108	14%	142	9%	253	24%	159	16%	181	10%	193	18%	146	18%	164	11%	214	22%	195	21%	<b>2,102</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>12%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 6,249, which represented 12% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 1 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,102 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 none in the Sydney Inner region to 26% in the Central Coast and North Western regions; in nine regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month remained relatively constant over the year, varying from 10% in October to 14% in November and April and 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.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2007/2008

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	626	30%	541	26%	120	6%	777	38%
Hunter	2,133	36%	126	2%	1,150	20%	2,401	41%
Illawarra	492	15%	608	19%	225	7%	1,906	58%
Mid North Coast	1,332	43%	234	8%	446	14%	1,069	34%
Murray	443	32%	42	3%	303	22%	507	37%
Murrumbidgee	1,327	46%	510	18%	106	4%	785	27%
Northern	2,074	64%	298	9%	128	4%	703	22%
North Western	1,784	51%	901	26%	27	1%	745	21%
Richmond Tweed	494	28%	150	9%	227	13%	843	48%
South Eastern	865	34%	233	9%	185	7%	1,258	49%
Western	2,870	64%	166	4%	189	4%	1,197	27%
Sydney North	136	9%	59	4%	76	5%	1,218	82%
Sydney South	301	15%	278	14%	451	22%	974	47%
Sydney Inner	40	7%	1	0%	192	32%	342	58%
Sydney West	4,181	30%	2,102	15%	2,419	17%	4,797	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,098</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6,244</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19,522</b>	<b>37%</b>

Table 27 summarises tables 21-24. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were about equally likely to be released to their owner and euthanased. Dogs were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing or sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all dogs arriving at a pound. The most common ordering of outcomes within each region was released to owner followed by euthanased (7 regions). This ordering of outcomes was reversed in 4 regions.

## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2007/2008

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%
Hunter	1	1%	2	3%	5	6%	3	4%	2	2%	1	1%	2	1%	3	2%	0	0%	3	2%	5	5%	6	6%	33	2%
Illawarra	3	7%	8	13%	12	14%	4	7%	4	4%	13	11%	5	4%	8	6%	3	2%	4	5%	8	9%	10	16%	82	8%
Mid North Coast	2	4%	7	8%	1	3%	0	0%	1	1%	3	2%	2	2%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	24	2%
Murray	2	8%	1	2%	4	10%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	2	3%	2	4%	2	4%	5	11%	0	0%	20	4%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	4	3%	1	1%	2	1%	4	3%	1	2%	14	1%
Northern	4	6%	4	8%	1	2%	3	4%	3	2%	7	5%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	4	5%	29	2%
North Western	1	2%	4	5%	2	3%	3	2%	3	2%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	5	2%	1	1%	22	1%
Richmond Tweed	5	15%	4	15%	3	9%	4	10%	1	2%	2	3%	2	4%	2	4%	2	4%	4	7%	1	2%	3	10%	33	6%
South Eastern	1	3%	1	3%	5	13%	4	9%	6	9%	1	2%	3	5%	1	1%	4	6%	4	5%	4	6%	3	10%	37	6%
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	1	1%	1	1%	4	3%	4	5%	16	1%
Sydney North	3	8%	2	18%	1	7%	7	18%	4	7%	3	8%	4	15%	1	6%	1	2%	1	2%	4	24%	1	7%	32	9%
Sydney South	21	21%	10	7%	13	9%	7	4%	13	4%	4	2%	8	3%	5	2%	13	6%	7	2%	8	4%	11	6%	120	5%
Sydney Inner	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%	1	5%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	15%	0	0%	6	3%
Sydney West	14	4%	13	4%	13	4%	14	3%	16	2%	18	2%	19	2%	16	2%	25	3%	18	2%	19	3%	12	2%	197	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 666, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 197 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 1% in the Murrumbidgee, North Western and Western regions to 9% in the Sydney North region
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year: the monthly variations observed are likely to be driven in the main by random changes on the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2007/2008

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	100%	0	NC	3	100%	0	0%	1	100%	0	NC	1	100%	0	NC	3	60%	1	100%	1	100%	0	0%	13	72%
Hunter	47	64%	51	75%	60	71%	44	64%	125	95%	97	73%	150	68%	127	99%	152	85%	151	84%	95	88%	92	86%	1,191	80%
Illawarra	28	61%	21	34%	22	26%	21	35%	32	29%	51	41%	36	32%	35	28%	37	31%	17	19%	25	27%	5	8%	330	30%
Mid North Coast	33	66%	61	66%	35	92%	36	72%	74	68%	111	85%	80	67%	106	86%	117	76%	99	85%	54	54%	67	69%	873	74%
Murray	19	73%	38	72%	30	75%	23	85%	40	82%	42	86%	23	48%	32	48%	37	74%	27	59%	36	80%	6	50%	353	69%
Murrumbidgee	61	95%	86	83%	72	76%	76	83%	124	88%	105	77%	74	84%	106	92%	67	72%	215	93%	124	96%	58	95%	1,168	87%
Northern	62	87%	43	81%	39	89%	69	82%	146	97%	102	77%	181	94%	167	95%	96	83%	115	91%	129	88%	77	103%	1,226	90%
North Western	37	57%	54	65%	41	57%	91	73%	124	68%	78	60%	87	66%	81	59%	122	68%	110	64%	153	68%	83	75%	1,061	66%
Richmond Tweed	17	50%	14	52%	14	42%	12	30%	13	28%	29	49%	25	53%	28	53%	17	38%	21	34%	26	62%	13	42%	229	44%
South Eastern	15	52%	18	55%	29	76%	27	60%	45	64%	24	57%	32	56%	64	83%	42	58%	66	85%	47	66%	21	70%	430	67%
Western	51	96%	64	96%	66	88%	105	91%	161	101%	115	98%	143	101%	198	91%	167	100%	156	91%	136	99%	82	100%	1,444	96%
Sydney North	19	51%	11	100%	9	64%	18	45%	11	18%	53	143%	7	26%	13	76%	22	50%	46	85%	13	76%	12	80%	234	63%
Sydney South	71	70%	72	50%	94	66%	117	65%	204	71%	196	81%	162	67%	218	82%	141	70%	258	84%	172	78%	119	64%	1,824	72%
Sydney Inner	5	38%	18	78%	7	88%	3	43%	19	90%	20	69%	10	71%	33	89%	19	86%	17	89%	7	54%	12	63%	170	76%
Sydney West	253	72%	259	74%	213	66%	281	64%	631	77%	664	79%	578	74%	573	74%	646	79%	716	74%	537	74%	374	69%	5,725	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>74%</b>

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

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 16,271, which represented 74% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 13 in the Central Coast region to 5,725 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 30% in the Illawarra region to 96% in the Western region; in all but two of the regions more than 60% of the cats that arrived at a pound were euthanased
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant over the year, with a trough of 67% in September and October while the months from November to May remained around 75%
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2007/2008

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Hunter	14	19%	12	18%	4	5%	22	32%	11	8%	20	15%	19	9%	12	9%	20	11%	17	9%	18	17%	9	8%	<b>178</b>	<b>12%</b>		
Illawarra	16	35%	8	13%	10	12%	15	25%	13	12%	27	22%	28	25%	21	17%	16	13%	19	22%	26	28%	13	21%	<b>212</b>	<b>19%</b>		
Mid North Coast	21	42%	21	23%	11	29%	8	16%	11	10%	31	24%	24	20%	15	12%	19	12%	30	26%	36	36%	35	36%	<b>262</b>	<b>22%</b>		
Murray	11	42%	9	17%	9	23%	7	26%	7	14%	10	20%	13	27%	21	32%	22	44%	11	24%	10	22%	7	58%	<b>137</b>	<b>27%</b>		
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	4	4%	4	4%	4	4%	4	3%	4	3%	4	5%	4	3%	3	3%	2	1%	7	5%	9	15%	<b>49</b>	<b>4%</b>		
Northern	0	0%	3	6%	1	2%	0	0%	2	1%	2	2%	6	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	3	2%	1	1%	<b>20</b>	<b>1%</b>		
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	5	2%	1	1%	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>		
Richmond Tweed	3	9%	6	22%	0	0%	5	13%	4	9%	16	27%	15	32%	5	9%	14	31%	8	13%	12	29%	7	23%	<b>95</b>	<b>18%</b>		
South Eastern	8	28%	3	9%	4	11%	5	11%	4	6%	5	12%	4	7%	6	8%	6	8%	10	13%	8	11%	4	13%	<b>67</b>	<b>10%</b>		
Western	3	6%	2	3%	1	1%	0	0%	6	4%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	5	4%	0	0%	<b>20</b>	<b>1%</b>		
Sydney North	6	16%	4	36%	5	36%	4	10%	6	10%	10	27%	14	52%	7	41%	5	11%	7	13%	6	35%	7	47%	<b>81</b>	<b>22%</b>		
Sydney South	34	33%	41	28%	31	22%	28	16%	44	15%	38	16%	44	18%	40	15%	30	15%	28	9%	25	11%	45	24%	<b>428</b>	<b>17%</b>		
Sydney Inner	7	54%	4	17%	2	25%	3	43%	1	5%	1	3%	2	14%	3	8%	3	14%	2	11%	4	31%	5	26%	<b>37</b>	<b>16%</b>		
Sydney West	32	9%	34	10%	35	11%	44	10%	44	5%	62	7%	67	9%	69	9%	49	6%	73	8%	58	8%	61	11%	<b>628</b>	<b>8%</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>10%</b>		

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

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 2,223, which represented 10% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Central Coast region followed by 9 in the North Western region to 628 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 none in the Central Coast region to 27% in the Murray region; in six regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied somewhat over the year with the percentage ranging from 7% in November to 15% in July
- the monthly variation in cats sold was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent.



Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2007/2008

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	1	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%
Hunter	5	7%	3	4%	0	0%	0	0%	6	5%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	20	1%
Illawarra	12	26%	16	26%	20	23%	13	22%	35	32%	49	40%	49	44%	57	45%	47	39%	57	65%	42	45%	36	59%	433	40%
Mid North Coast	2	4%	1	1%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	3	2%	4	3%	2	2%	6	6%	1	1%	26	2%
Murray	1	4%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	8%	0	0%	2	4%	2	4%	0	0%	1	8%	11	2%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	7	7%	10	11%	7	8%	9	6%	20	15%	12	14%	13	11%	16	17%	1	0%	0	0%	5	8%	100	7%
Northern	5	7%	2	4%	4	9%	4	5%	4	3%	6	5%	6	3%	12	7%	19	16%	4	3%	8	5%	3	4%	77	6%
North Western	20	31%	18	22%	19	26%	32	26%	64	35%	51	40%	51	39%	46	34%	55	31%	67	39%	52	23%	41	37%	516	32%
Richmond Tweed	7	21%	2	7%	10	30%	11	28%	27	57%	6	10%	3	6%	4	8%	18	40%	10	16%	24	57%	10	32%	132	25%
South Eastern	10	34%	7	21%	2	5%	9	20%	9	13%	10	24%	17	30%	8	10%	8	11%	6	8%	15	21%	3	10%	104	16%
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%
Sydney North	4	11%	0	0%	0	0%	6	15%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	6%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	7%	14	4%
Sydney South	7	7%	17	12%	5	4%	11	6%	23	8%	2	1%	4	2%	3	1%	6	3%	8	3%	9	4%	10	5%	105	4%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney West	25	7%	22	6%	15	5%	59	13%	56	7%	45	5%	35	5%	21	3%	19	2%	83	9%	56	8%	56	10%	492	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>9%</b>

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

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 2,037, which represented 9% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 516 in the North Western 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 none in both the Western and Sydney Inner regions to 40% in the Illawarra region; in eleven regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month varied somewhat over the year with the percentage varying from 7% in February to 12% in June
- 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.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2007/2008

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	13	72%	1	6%	0	0%	1	6%
Hunter	1,191	80%	20	1%	178	12%	33	2%
Illawarra	330	30%	433	40%	212	19%	82	8%
Mid North Coast	873	74%	26	2%	262	22%	24	2%
Murray	353	69%	11	2%	137	27%	20	4%
Murrumbidgee	1,168	87%	100	7%	49	4%	14	1%
Northern	1,226	90%	77	6%	20	1%	29	2%
North Western	1,061	66%	516	32%	9	1%	22	1%
Richmond Tweed	229	44%	132	25%	95	18%	33	6%
South Eastern	430	67%	104	16%	67	10%	37	6%
Western	1,444	96%	6	0%	20	1%	16	1%
Sydney North	234	63%	14	4%	81	22%	32	9%
Sydney South	1,824	72%	105	4%	428	17%	120	5%
Sydney Inner	170	76%	0	0%	37	16%	6	3%
Sydney West	5,725	74%	492	6%	628	8%	197	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>3%</b>

Table 32 summarises tables 28-31. It shows that cats arriving at a pound were by far most likely to be euthanased (74%). Cats were about equally likely to be released to an organisation for re-homing or sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-fifth of all cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were released to their owner. This ordering of outcomes occurred in 6 regions. Euthanasia was the most common outcome in all but one of the other regions.

## Attachment 1 Number of identified animals as at 30 June 2008

<b>Region</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
Central Coast	19,305	71,370
Hunter	39,004	166,281
Illawarra	23,762	98,178
Mid North Coast	16,148	77,211
Murray	5,729	27,932
Murrumbidgee	7,161	40,859
Northern	9,423	52,828
North Western	4,387	34,595
Richmond Tweed	10,489	46,542
South Eastern	9,216	52,759
Western	10,782	54,519
Sydney North	47,003	108,652
Sydney South	46,053	111,627
Sydney Inner	29,100	43,874
Sydney West	83,146	322,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,708</b>	<b>1,309,461</b>

### Observations

- the Sydney West region had almost 25% of all identified dogs and approximately 23% of all identified cats
- over the state of NSW the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 3.6 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.5 to 1 and in the North Western region the ratio was nearly 8 to 1.

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### **Changes from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 and comparison with 2000/2001**

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## Summary

This chapter reports on changes over time in key data categories of council companion animal pound data between 2000/2001 and 2005/2006 to 2007/2008. Because of less than full response and data accuracy issues with the 2000/2001 data collection, data from 2000/2001 are reported in the tables, but are omitted from the graphs and the commentary. The findings in the report are therefore restricted to changes across the three years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008.

The findings are also restricted to those councils which provided data from the three years. This means the data presented are from 115 of 152 councils (this represents 76% of councils).

This approach has the advantage of consistency – comparing like with like for the data surveys in the three years. But the approach suffers from two drawbacks. It discards valid data collected in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 for the councils that failed to respond in 2005/2006, and this increases the sampling errors in the data (though these are not reported here). Secondly, for any one region there is the possibility that the councils that have been excluded from this report may be significantly different from the remaining councils in terms of animal pound activity and the related statistics.

Consequently, there are differences in the data that appear in the year chapters for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 on the one hand, and the data for these years that appear in this chapter. The differences are represented by the ‘missing’ councils, that is, the councils that did not respond in 2005/2006.

In the two years from 30 June 2006 to 30 June 2008 there has been a substantial rise in the number of identified companion animals – refer tables A1, A2 and figures A1, A2 below. This may reflect an increase of proportional magnitude in the actual numbers of companion animals. On the other hand, there are a range of plausible explanations for an increase over this timeframe in the proportion of companion animals that have been identified, and the available data do not provide grounds for deciding the underlying causes of the increase in the number of identified animals.

The increase in the number of identified animals is the major factor in reductions observed for a number of data categories when expressed as the rate per thousand identified cats or dogs, since the absolute numbers for the data categories are relatively constant from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008. It is important that changes in the rates per thousand identified animals are interpreted strictly in terms of identified animals and not companion animals in total.

## Key findings

### (a) Dogs

In the case of dogs, a number of data categories were quite constant over the three years at the state level (for NSW as a whole). Changes of less than 3% were observed in the numbers of dogs seized, seized dogs taken to a pound, dogs returned to owner and dogs arriving at a pound. There were reductions of 20% to 25% when these categories were expressed as a proportion of identified dogs due to the rise in the number of identified dogs. Considerable changes occurred in these data categories for individual regions, but it is suspected that these changes were due, in part, to inaccuracies in recording the data.



A big rise of 1,289 (24%) occurred in the number of dogs in NSW that were surrendered to councils by their owners but this reflected a rise of similar size for Sydney West region (the rise was particularly steep between 2006/2007 and 2007/2008).

There were positive trends for the outcomes of dogs leaving a pound. A fall of 1,598 or 10% occurred in the number of dogs euthanased. For NSW as a whole, the number of dogs released to owner rose by 1,671 or 12%, possibly reflecting the greater number of dogs with microchips. Rises also occurred in the categories where council policy and practice can be expected to have some influence. The number of dogs sold by councils to new owners increased by 597 (16%) and the number of dogs released to another organisation for re-homing increased by 328 (7%).

### **(b) Cats**

The changes for cats appear to be much more variable than was the case for dogs. For NSW as a whole, the number of cats seized rose by 1,433 (18%) and a similar result was observed for cats taken to a pound. The number of cats returned to their owner remained quite constant but the numbers are small. The number of cats surrendered more than doubled rising by 1,891 (110%) but data recording problems are suspected to be responsible for a major contribution to the observed increase.

At the state level a large increase of 4,263 (34%) was observed in the number of cats arriving at a pound. Increases occurred in each of the outcomes for cats leaving a pound.

The largest change occurred for cats euthanased where there was an increase of 3,443 (40%). The number of cats returned to owner rose by 54 (14%) from a relatively small base in 2005/2006. Increases in the remaining two categories were 288 (21%) in the number of cats sold and 177 (10%) in the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing.

### **(c) Regional comparisons**

For both dogs and cats, the results for individual regions showed considerable variation about these state level trends, and in many cases the results for 2006/2007 were inconsistent with the trend from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008.

Between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008, increases in excess of 10 percentage points in the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner were recorded in both the Illawarra and Sydney Inner regions. There was a drop of 10 percentage points in the number of dogs released to their owner in the Sydney South region. The rise in the number of dogs released to their owner in the Illawarra region was accounted for largely by a fall of 12 percentage points in the number of dogs euthanased. The changes in the percentage of dogs released to their owner for the Sydney Inner and Sydney South regions were distributed fairly uniformly across the other three outcomes.

Between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008, large percentage increases for each of the outcomes expressed as a proportion of the number of cats arriving at a pound were recorded in the Central Coast region but the numbers of cats is very small. There was a reduction of 15 percentage points in the number of cats euthanased for the Illawarra region. The North Western and Sydney Inner regions each had an increase

of 12 percentage points in the number of cats euthanased. The percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner remained constant for all regions except Sydney Inner which recorded a fall of 15 percentage points. There was a fall of 14 percentage points in the number of cats sold in the Richmond Tweed region compensated largely by a rise of 12 percentage points in the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing.

Table A1 Number of identified dogs

<b>Region</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>Change 2005/06 to 2007/08</b>
Central Coast	58,108	64,680	71,370	23%
Hunter	78,035	87,177	96,412	24%
Illawarra	80,442	89,553	98,178	22%
Mid North Coast	62,806	69,518	77,211	23%
Murray	19,475	21,626	24,278	25%
Murrumbidgee	24,948	27,874	31,097	25%
Northern	38,280	42,561	47,461	24%
North Western	22,607	25,882	29,284	30%
Richmond Tweed	37,358	41,832	46,542	25%
South Eastern	36,217	40,598	45,452	25%
Western	30,290	34,074	37,966	25%
Sydney North	57,375	62,731	67,828	18%
Sydney South	82,155	90,443	98,883	20%
Sydney Inner	27,199	30,655	33,876	25%
Sydney West	179,950	199,685	219,700	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>835,245</b>	<b>928,889</b>	<b>1,025,538</b>	<b>23%</b>

Source: Companion Animals Register

Table A2 Number of identified cats

<b>Region</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>Change 2005/06 to 2007/08</b>
Central Coast	14,706	16,935	19,305	31%
Hunter	17,188	20,012	23,004	34%
Illawarra	18,044	20,948	23,762	32%
Mid North Coast	12,005	13,938	16,148	35%
Murray	4,057	4,629	5,336	32%
Murrumbidgee	4,325	5,118	5,972	38%
Northern	6,289	7,325	8,468	35%
North Western	2,699	3,251	3,909	45%
Richmond Tweed	7,421	8,812	10,489	41%
South Eastern	5,997	6,956	8,248	38%
Western	5,127	6,020	7,078	38%
Sydney North	21,820	24,727	27,824	28%
Sydney South	31,287	36,031	40,815	30%
Sydney Inner	19,096	22,003	24,932	31%
Sydney West	43,697	50,555	58,073	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,758</b>	<b>247,260</b>	<b>283,363</b>	<b>33%</b>

Source: Companion Animals Register

Figure A1 Number of identified dogs

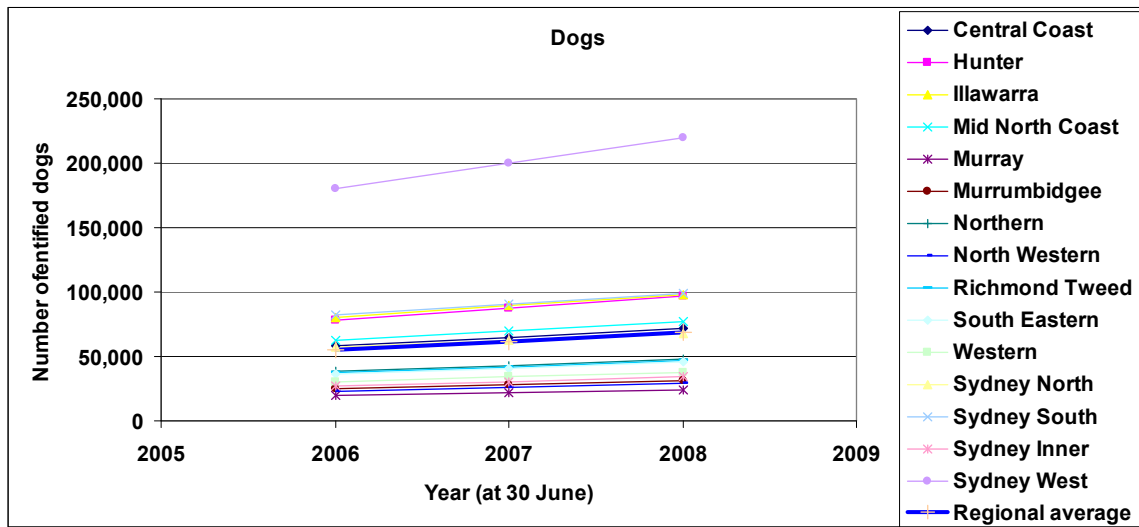
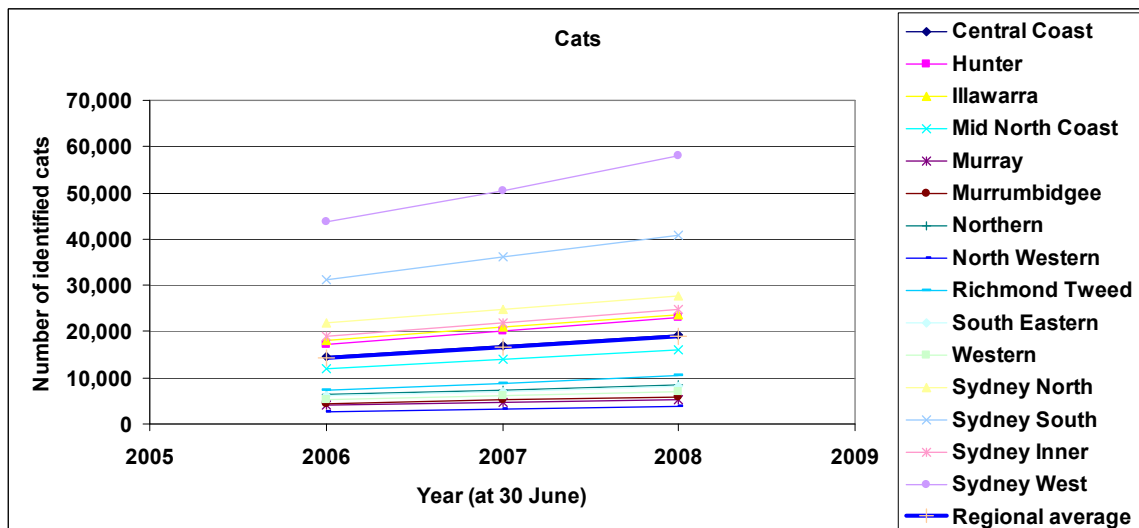


Figure A2 Number of identified cats



# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	2,015	1,860	1,762	1,523
Hunter	5,185	2,053	2,378	2,567
Illawarra	2,987	3,066	3,227	3,548
Mid North Coast	1,605	2,488	2,341	2,561
Murray	1,288	1,401	1,439	1,419
Murrumbidgee	1,497	847	927	1,096
Northern	1,002	1,919	1,899	1,727
North Western	822	2,160	2,344	1,970
Richmond Tweed	728	1,476	1,389	1,524
South Eastern	1,710	1,742	1,808	1,871
Western	3,791	2,308	2,146	2,224
Sydney North	223	1,245	1,038	1,147
Sydney South	2,846	2,473	2,628	2,483
Sydney Inner	188	598	643	643
Sydney West	8,939	7,134	6,527	5,723
Regional average	2,322	2,185	2,166	2,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,826</b>	<b>32,770</b>	<b>32,496</b>	<b>32,026</b>

Figure 1 Number of dogs seized by region

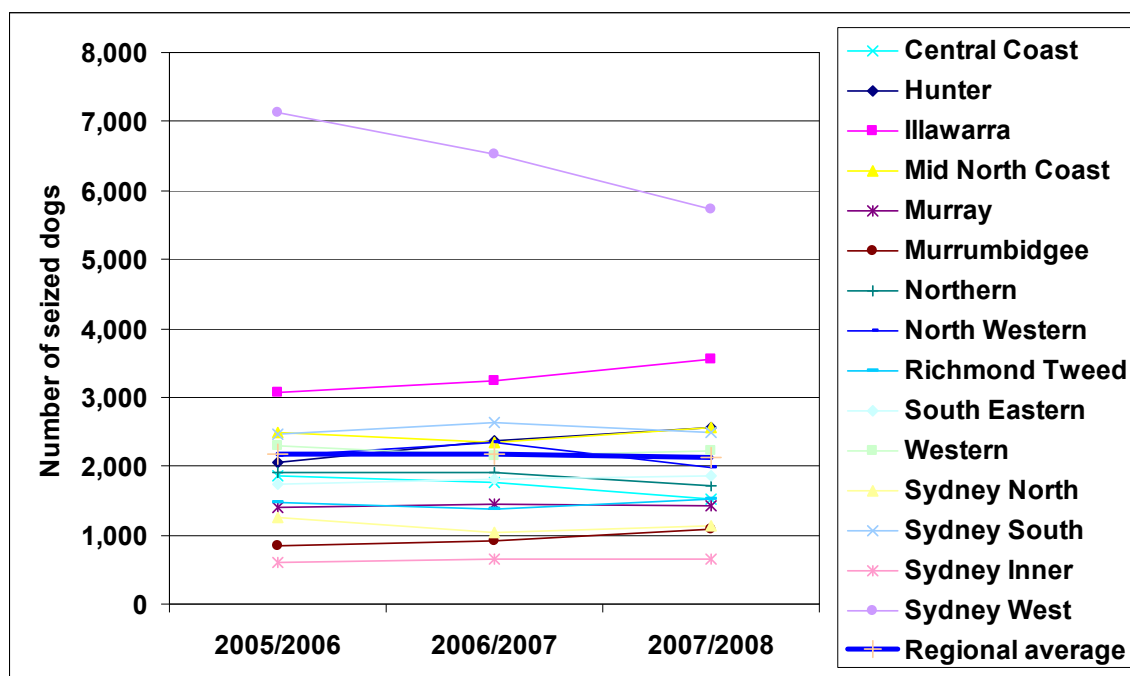


Table 1 and Figure 1 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- total numbers of dogs recorded as seized for NSW as a whole have been quite constant falling by only 744 (2.3%).
- Sydney West region recorded a large decrease of 1,411 seized dogs over the three years implying that the other 14 regions combined recorded a net increase
- the number of dogs seized rose in nine regions and three regions (Murrumbidgee, Hunter and Illawarra regions) recorded an increase of more than 10%
- three regions (Sydney West, Central Coast and Northern regions) recorded a decrease of more than 10%.

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

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	31	32	27	21
Hunter	34	26	27	27
Illawarra	33	38	36	36
Mid North Coast	23	40	34	33
Murray	52	72	67	58
Murrumbidgee	41	34	33	35
Northern	21	50	45	36
North Western	27	96	91	67
Richmond Tweed	17	40	33	33
South Eastern	36	48	45	41
Western	78	76	63	59
Sydney North	2	20	17	17
Sydney South	28	30	29	25
Sydney Inner	5	22	21	19
Sydney West	31	40	33	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>

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

Figure 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs by region

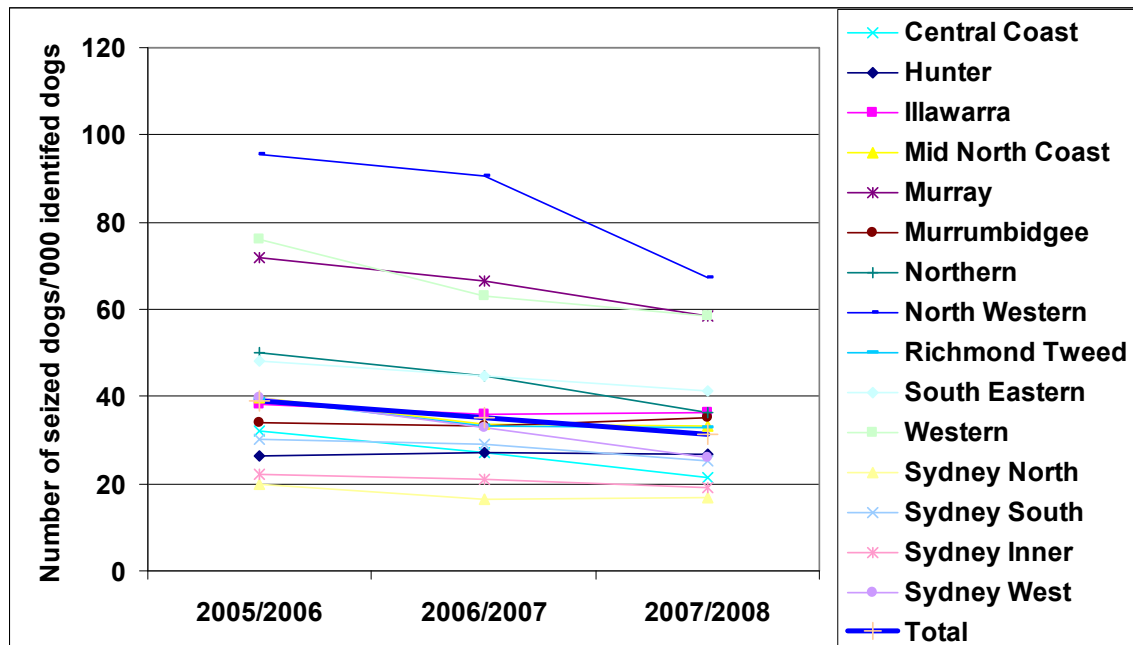


Table 2 and figure 2 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs reduced from 39 to 31. This suggests that the number of identified dogs has increased over these three years given that the number of seized dogs has remained quite constant
- falls were observed in all regions except for the Hunter and Murrumbidgee regions, each of which went up by one seized dog per thousand identified dogs.

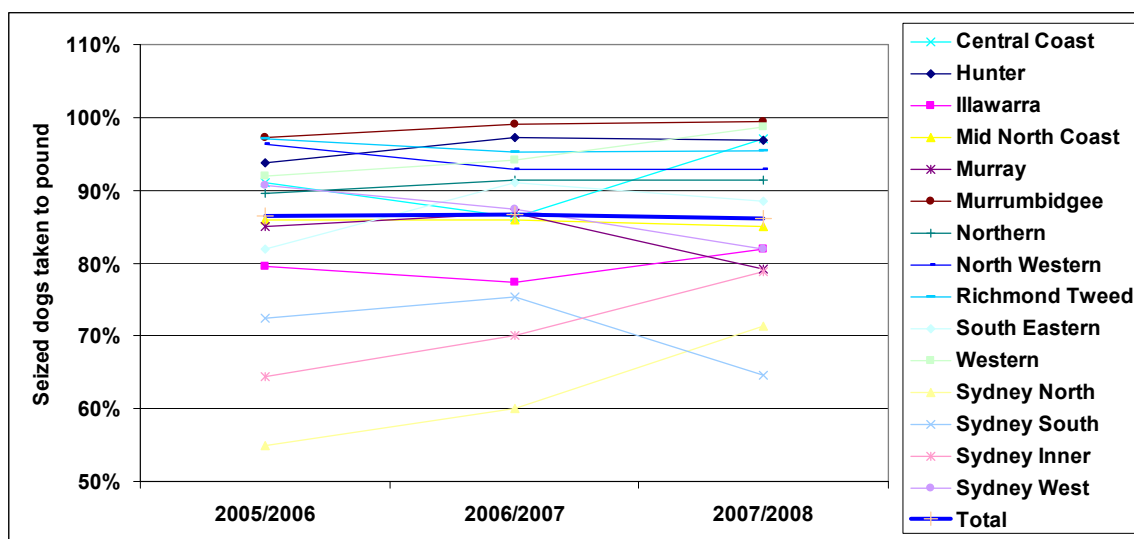


Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	1,747	87%	1,694	91%	1,520	86%	1,478	97%
Hunter	4,629	89%	1,925	94%	2,314	97%	2,488	97%
Illawarra	3,624	121%	2,437	79%	2,498	77%	2,906	82%
Mid North Coast	2,307	144%	2,138	86%	2,013	86%	2,178	85%
Murray	1,428	111%	1,191	85%	1,249	87%	1,124	79%
Murrumbidgee	1,616	108%	823	97%	919	99%	1,090	99%
Northern	1,675	167%	1,719	90%	1,735	91%	1,578	91%
North Western	1,663	202%	2,080	96%	2,175	93%	1,829	93%
Richmond Tweed	974	134%	1,433	97%	1,323	95%	1,454	95%
South Eastern	1,638	96%	1,427	82%	1,645	91%	1,656	89%
Western	3,734	98%	2,123	92%	2,022	94%	2,195	99%
Sydney North	310	139%	684	55%	623	60%	819	71%
Sydney South	2,675	94%	1,789	72%	1,981	75%	1,606	65%
Sydney Inner	86	46%	385	64%	450	70%	507	79%
Sydney West	12,026	135%	6,463	91%	5,698	87%	4,685	82%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,132</b>	<b>115%</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>28,165</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>27,593</b>	<b>86%</b>

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

Figure 3 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region



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

Table 3 and figure 3 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- total numbers of seized dogs going to the pound for NSW as a whole have been quite constant falling by 718 (2.5%)
- the number of seized dogs going to the pound increased in six regions
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound remained unchanged at 86%
- nine regions recorded a rise in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound. The largest increase of 16 percentage points occurred in the Sydney North region

- six regions recorded a fall in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound. The largest decrease of nine percentage points occurred in the Sydney West region
- the results for dogs taken to the pound are similar to the results for dogs that are seized in view of the high proportions of seized dogs that go to the pound (tables 1 and 2 and figure 1).

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

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	27	29	24	21
Hunter	31	25	27	26
Illawarra	40	30	28	30
Mid North Coast	33	34	29	28
Murray	58	61	58	46
Murrumbidgee	44	33	33	35
Northern	35	45	41	33
North Western	54	92	84	62
Richmond Tweed	23	38	32	31
South Eastern	35	39	41	36
Western	77	70	59	58
Sydney North	3	11	10	12
Sydney South	26	22	22	16
Sydney Inner	2	14	15	15
Sydney West	41	36	29	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>

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

Figure 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs by region

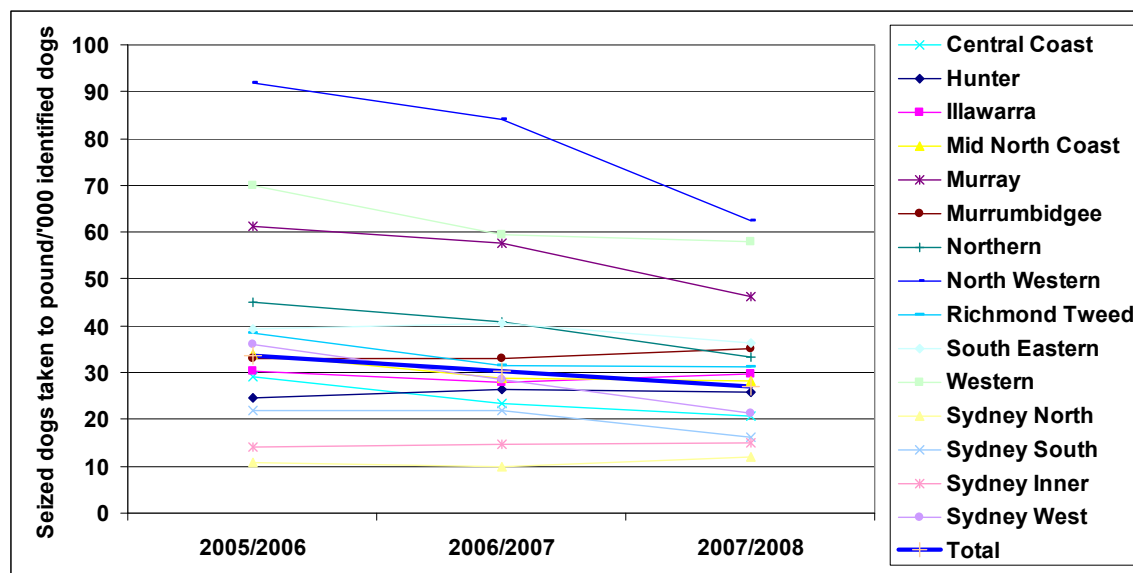


Table 4 and figure 4 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

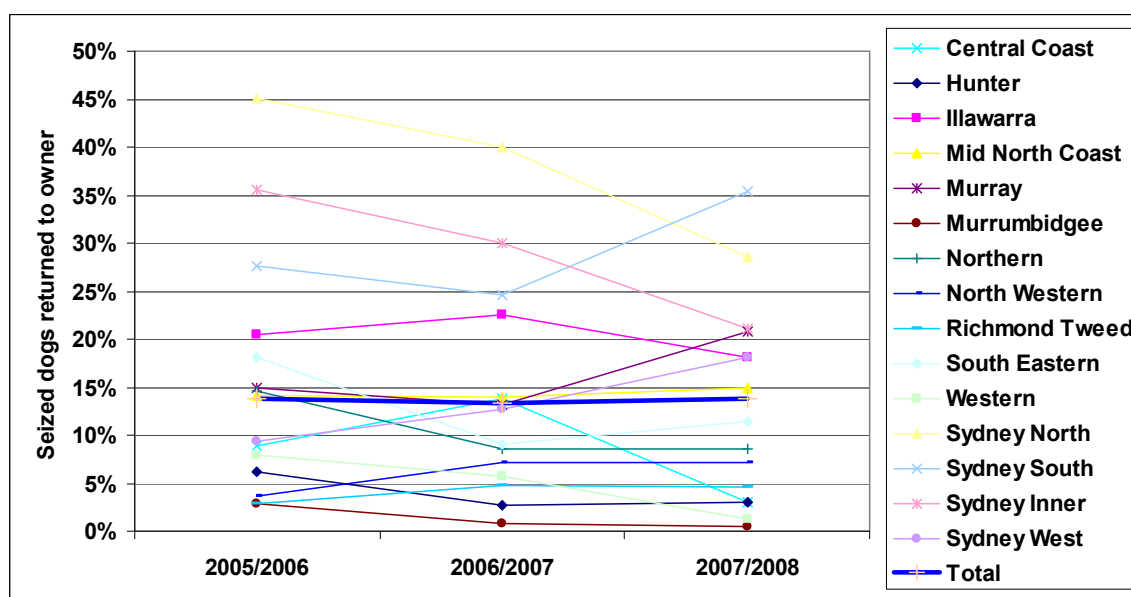
- overall for the state of NSW, the number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs has reduced from 34 to 27
- the rate per thousand identified dogs has fallen in all but four regions
- the largest fall occurred in the North Western region which dropped from 92 to 62.

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

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	268	13%	166	9%	242	14%	45	3%
Hunter	223	4%	128	6%	64	3%	79	3%
Illawarra	202	7%	629	21%	729	23%	642	18%
Mid North Coast	122	8%	350	14%	328	14%	383	15%
Murray	353	27%	210	15%	190	13%	295	21%
Murrumbidgee	124	8%	24	3%	8	1%	6	1%
Northern	32	3%	279	15%	164	9%	149	9%
North Western	131	16%	80	4%	169	7%	141	7%
Richmond Tweed	55	8%	43	3%	66	5%	70	5%
South Eastern	278	16%	315	18%	163	9%	215	11%
Western	13	0%	185	8%	124	6%	29	1%
Sydney North	43	19%	561	45%	415	40%	328	29%
Sydney South	320	11%	684	28%	647	25%	877	35%
Sydney Inner	61	32%	213	36%	193	30%	136	21%
Sydney West	167	2%	671	9%	829	13%	1,038	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Figure 5 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region



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

Table 5 and figure 5 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- the total number of seized dogs that are returned to their owner for NSW as a whole have been quite constant falling by 105 (2.3%)
- the statewide pattern hides considerable variability for individual regions, with percentage falls of up to 84% in Western region and rises of up to 76% in North Western region

- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner increased in seven regions
- when expressed as a percentage of dogs seized, the number of dogs returned to their owner remained constant at 14%. Six regions recorded an increase in the percentage of dogs returned to their owner.

Table 6 Number of dogs returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	4.1	2.9	3.7	0.6
Hunter	1.5	1.6	0.7	0.8
Illawarra	2.3	7.8	8.1	6.5
Mid North Coast	1.8	5.6	4.7	5.0
Murray	14.2	10.8	8.8	12.2
Murrumbidgee	3.4	1.0	0.3	0.2
Northern	0.7	7.3	3.9	3.1
North Western	4.3	3.5	6.5	4.8
Richmond Tweed	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.5
South Eastern	5.9	8.7	4.0	4.7
Western	0.3	6.1	3.6	0.8
Sydney North	0.4	8.9	6.6	4.8
Sydney South	3.1	8.3	7.2	8.9
Sydney Inner	1.5	7.8	6.3	4.0
Sydney West	0.6	3.7	4.2	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>

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

Figure 6 Number of dogs returned to owner per thousand identified dogs by region

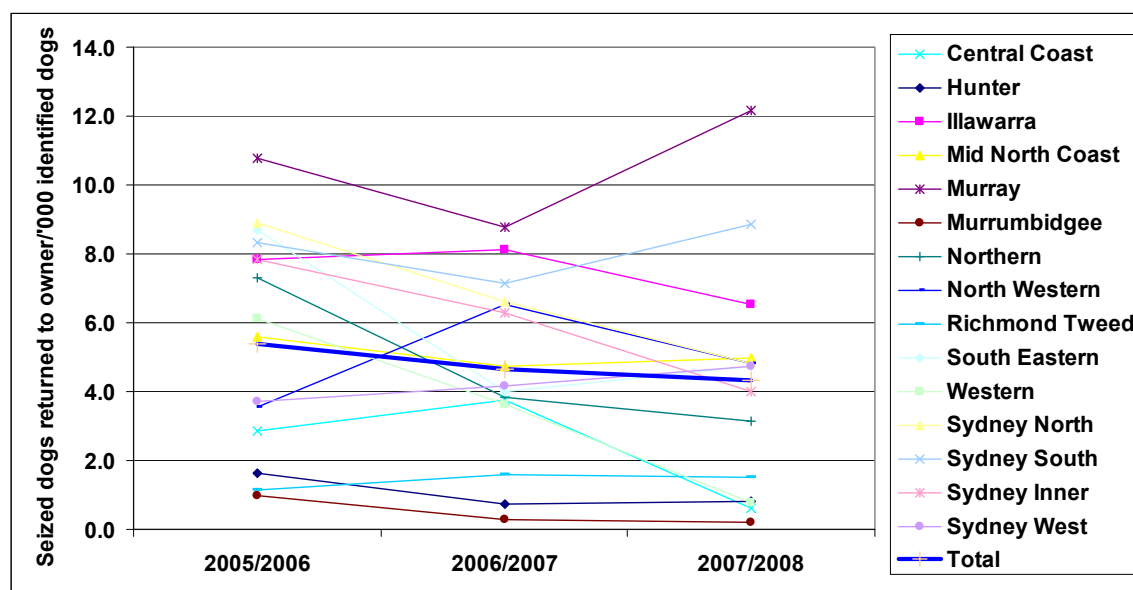


Table 6 and figure 6 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for the state of NSW, the number of seized dogs returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs has reduced from 5.4 to 4.3
- the rate of seized dogs returned to their owners per thousand identified dogs increased in ten regions.

## 1.2 Cats

Table 7 Number of cats seized by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	13	0	3	1
Hunter	295	250	184	409
Illawarra	291	696	816	719
Mid North Coast	272	421	318	521
Murray	431	333	347	420
Murrumbidgee	128	151	92	141
Northern	117	176	204	385
North Western	55	634	774	910
Richmond Tweed	37	319	228	417
South Eastern	337	303	294	415
Western	1,093	451	582	686
Sydney North	145	83	80	115
Sydney South	1,300	1,905	2,174	2,018
Sydney Inner	48	137	141	209
Sydney West	1,844	2,179	1,459	2,105
Regional average	427	536	513	631
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,406</b>	<b>8,038</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>9,471</b>

Figure 7 Number of cats seized by region

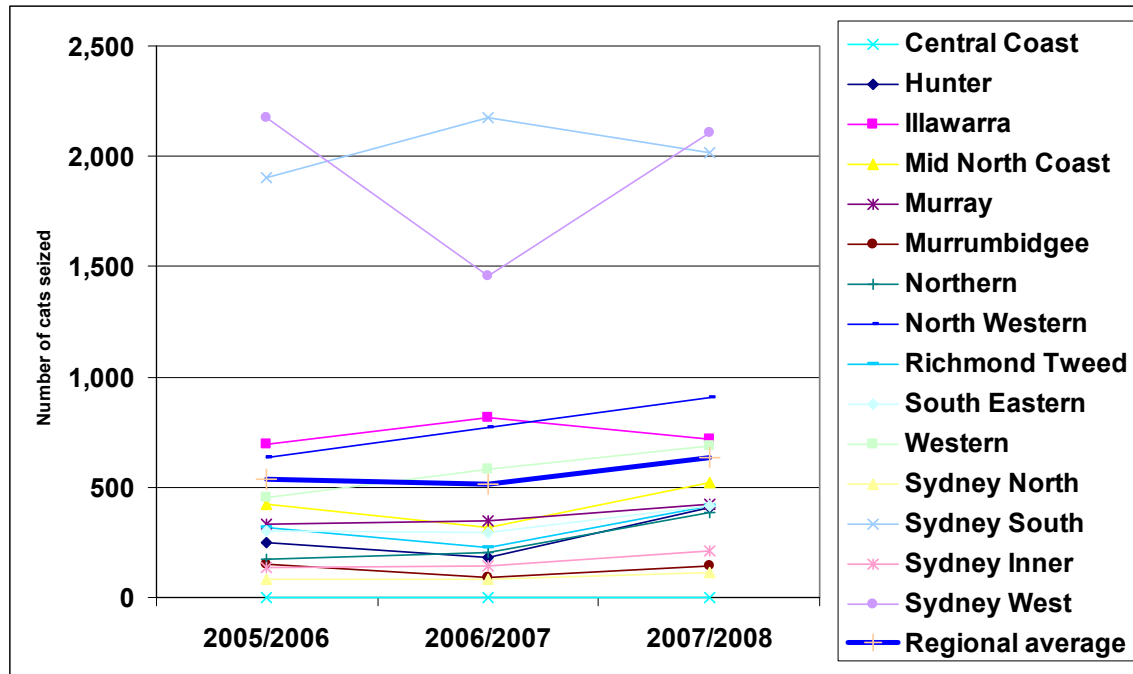


Table 7 and Figure 7 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- total numbers of cats recorded as seized for NSW as a whole have increased by 1,433 (18%)
- only two regions recorded reductions in the number of seized cats and the falls were both smaller than 10%

- seven regions recorded increases in excess of 100 in the number of cats seized with a maximum percentage increase of 119% occurring in Northern region.



Table 8 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	4	0	0	0
Hunter	37	15	9	18
Illawarra	55	39	39	30
Mid North Coast	82	35	23	32
Murray	342	82	75	79
Murrumbidgee	99	35	18	24
Northern	56	28	28	45
North Western	64	235	238	233
Richmond Tweed	25	43	26	40
South Eastern	191	51	42	50
Western	593	88	97	97
Sydney North	13	3	3	4
Sydney South	143	61	60	49
Sydney Inner	8	7	6	8
Sydney West	111	50	29	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Figure 8 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats by region

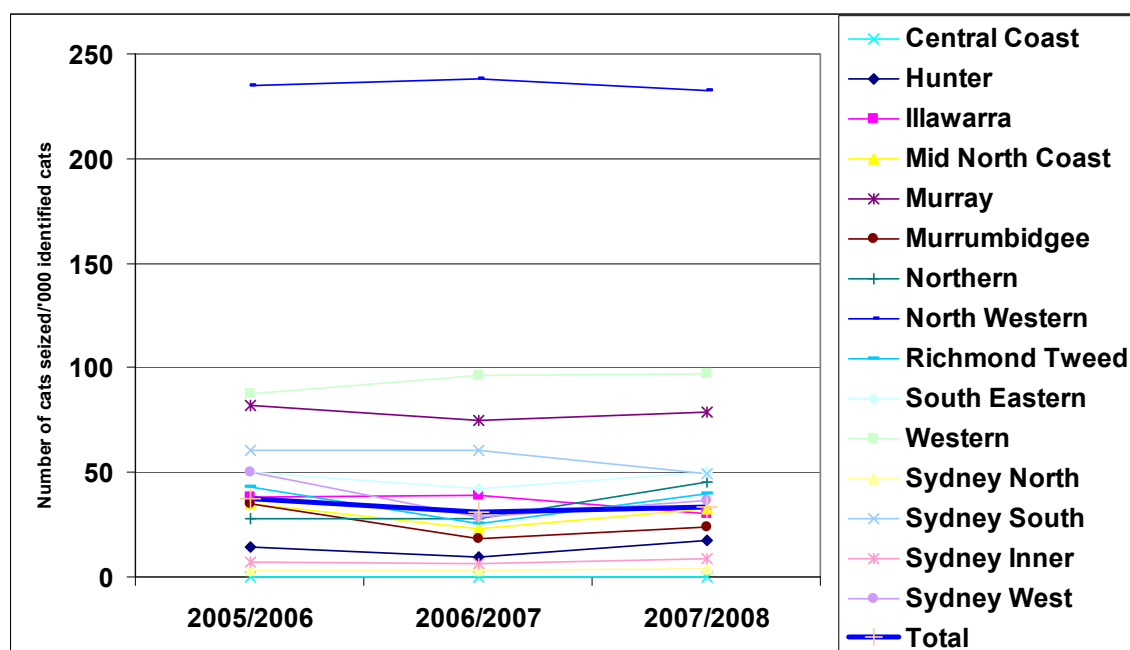


Table 8 and figure 8 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of seized cats per thousand identified cats reduced by 10% from 37 to 33
- falls were observed in ten of the 15 regions and in three regions the fall exceeded 20%
- the largest increase of 62% occurred in the Northern region and the increase exceeded 20% in two other regions.

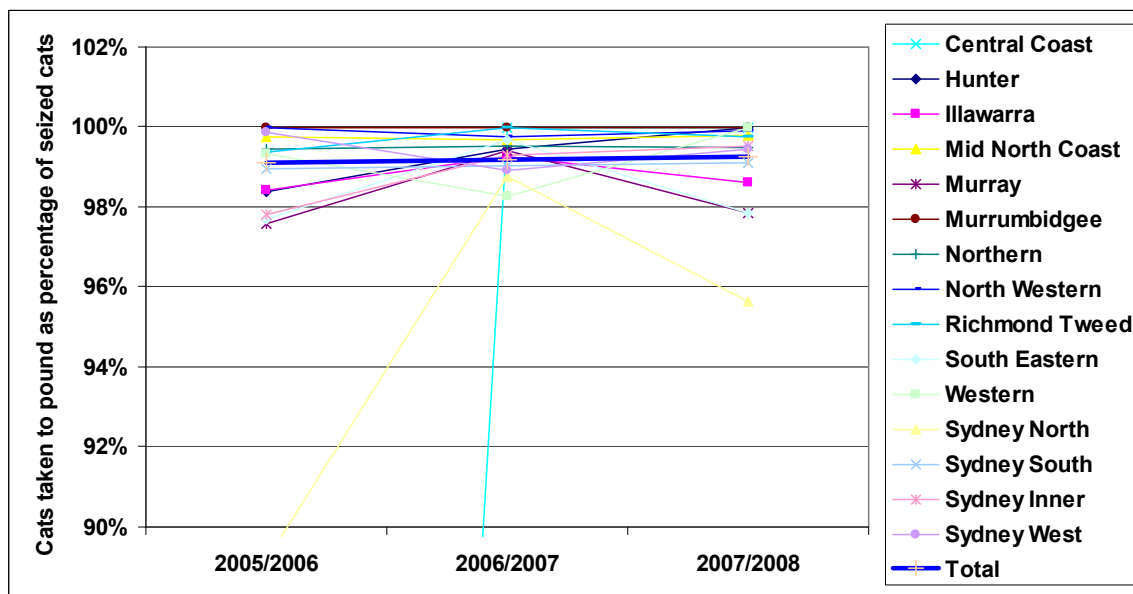
Table 9 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	13	100%	0	NC	3	100%	1	100%
Hunter	267	91%	246	98%	183	99%	409	100%
Illawarra	869	299%	685	98%	810	99%	709	99%
Mid North Coast	700	257%	420	100%	317	100%	520	100%
Murray	431	100%	325	98%	345	99%	411	98%
Murrumbidgee	102	80%	151	100%	92	100%	141	100%
Northern	404	345%	175	99%	203	100%	383	99%
North Western	492	895%	634	100%	772	100%	909	100%
Richmond Tweed	130	351%	317	99%	228	100%	416	100%
South Eastern	332	99%	296	98%	293	100%	406	98%
Western	1,091	100%	448	99%	572	98%	686	100%
Sydney North	27	19%	74	89%	79	99%	110	96%
Sydney South	1,194	92%	1,885	99%	2,153	99%	2,000	99%
Sydney Inner	19	40%	134	98%	140	99%	208	100%
Sydney West	2,098	114%	2,176	100%	1,443	99%	2,093	99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,169</b>	<b>128%</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>7,633</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>9,402</b>	<b>99%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of cats seized (see table 7)

NC = not calculated (no cats seized for this region in this year)

Figure 9 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of cats seized (see table 7)

Table 9 and figure 9 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- total numbers of seized cats going to the pound for NSW as a whole have increased by 1,436 (18%)
- only two regions recorded reductions in the numbers of seized cats going to a pound and these were small falls of less than 10%

- in four regions, the number of seized cats going to a pound increased by more than 50%. The largest percentage increase of 119% occurred in Northern region
- as a proportion of seized cats going to a pound, the only significant movement was in Sydney North region which recorded a gain of 6 percentage points. Changes from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 in all other regions were below 2 percentage points
- in broad terms, the results for cats taken to the pound are similar to the results for cats that are seized in view of the high proportions of seized cats that go to the pound (table 7 and figure 7).

Table 10 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	4	0	0	0
Hunter	34	14	9	18
Illawarra	163	38	39	30
Mid North Coast	210	35	23	32
Murray	342	80	75	77
Murrumbidgee	79	35	18	24
Northern	195	28	28	45
North Western	574	235	237	233
Richmond Tweed	86	43	26	40
South Eastern	188	49	42	49
Western	592	87	95	97
Sydney North	2	3	3	4
Sydney South	131	60	60	49
Sydney Inner	3	7	6	8
Sydney West	127	50	29	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Figure 10 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats by region

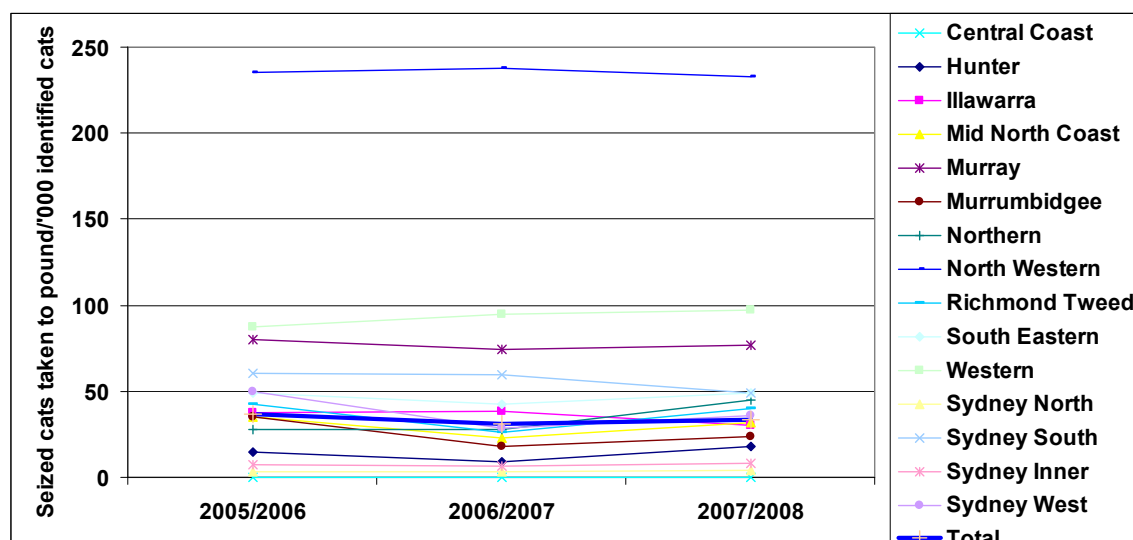


Table 10 and figure 10 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for the state of NSW, the number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats has reduced by 10% from 37 to 33
- the rate per thousand identified cats has fallen in eight regions, increased in five regions and was unchanged in two regions
- the largest increase of 63% occurred in Northern region and the largest fall of 28% occurred in Sydney West region.

Table 11 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%
Hunter	1	0%	4	2%	1	1%	0	0%
Illawarra	0	0%	11	2%	6	1%	10	1%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Murray	24	6%	8	2%	2	1%	9	2%
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Northern	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%	2	1%
North Western	1	2%	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Richmond Tweed	6	16%	2	1%	0	0%	1	0%
South Eastern	2	1%	7	2%	1	0%	9	2%
Western	0	0%	3	1%	10	2%	0	0%
Sydney North	0	0%	9	11%	1	1%	5	4%
Sydney South	8	1%	20	1%	21	1%	18	1%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	3	2%	1	1%	1	0%
Sydney West	8	0%	3	0%	16	1%	12	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1%</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from number of cats seized (see table 7)

Table 11 shows that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- total numbers of seized cats that are returned to their owner for NSW as a whole have been quite constant falling from 72 to 69 (4%)
- it is considered that the numbers for each region are too small to provide any commentary on regional differences.

Table 12 Number of cats returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region

<b>Region</b>	<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>
Central Coast	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hunter	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Illawarra	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.4
Mid North Coast	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Murray	19.0	2.0	0.4	1.7
Murrumbidgee	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Northern	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
North Western	1.2	0.0	0.6	0.3
Richmond Tweed	4.0	0.3	0.0	0.1
South Eastern	1.1	1.2	0.1	1.1
Western	0.0	0.6	1.7	0.0
Sydney North	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2
Sydney South	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4
Sydney Inner	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Sydney West	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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

Table 12 shows that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for the state of NSW, the number of seized cats returned to the owner per thousand identified cats has fallen from 0.3 to 0.2
- it is considered that the numbers for each region are too small to provide any commentary on regional differences.

## 2. Surrendered animals (ie. any animal surrendered by its owner to a council pound)

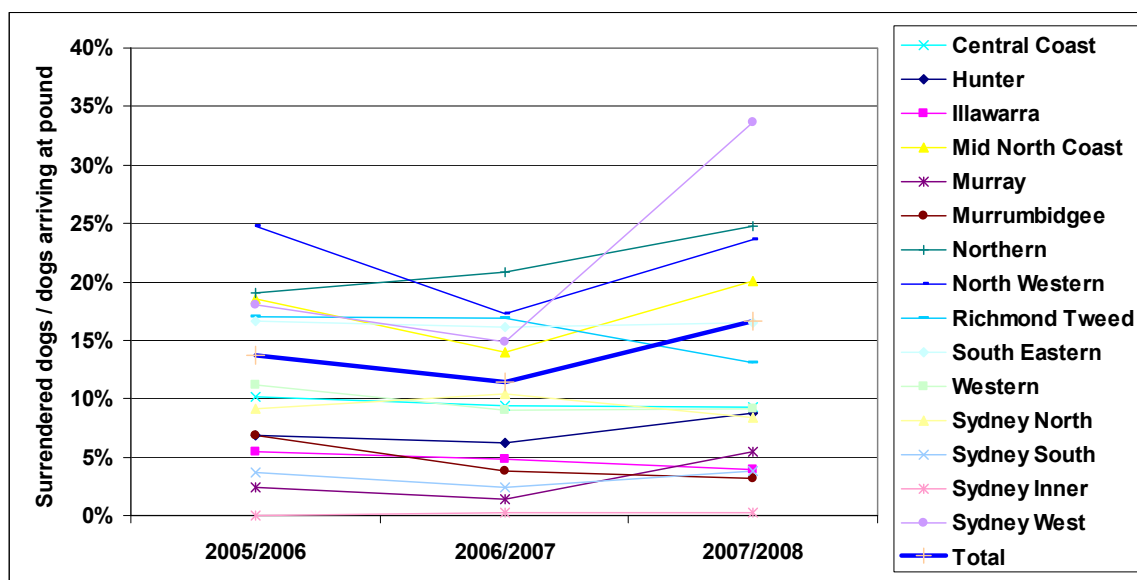
### 2.1 Dogs

Table 13 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	885	25%	232	10%	197	9%	193	9%
Hunter	569	8%	207	7%	244	6%	373	9%
Illawarra	455	8%	157	6%	139	5%	128	4%
Mid North Coast	356	10%	568	18%	368	14%	624	20%
Murray	66	3%	30	2%	18	1%	68	5%
Murrumbidgee	1,060	32%	105	7%	63	4%	53	3%
Northern	184	8%	562	19%	576	21%	634	25%
North Western	492	19%	759	25%	527	17%	690	24%
Richmond Tweed	320	20%	302	17%	286	17%	227	13%
South Eastern	278	12%	391	17%	395	16%	406	17%
Western	605	12%	376	11%	277	9%	294	9%
Sydney North	1	0%	85	9%	85	10%	88	8%
Sydney South	168	4%	71	4%	51	2%	63	4%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Sydney West	2,580	14%	1,574	18%	1,454	15%	2,866	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4,681</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6,708</b>	<b>17%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound, that is, seized dogs taken to the pound, surrendered dogs and dumped dogs (see table 17)

Figure 11 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound; that is, seized dogs taken to the pound, surrendered dogs and dumped dogs (see table 17)

Table 13 and figure 11 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of surrendered dogs increased by 1,289 (24%)
- all of the statewide increase was accounted for by the Sydney West region which recorded a rise of 1,292, so there was no net change for the other 14 regions combined
- the number of surrendered dogs rose in eight regions
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered rose from 14% to 17%. Increases in the percentage of surrendered dogs were recorded in seven regions
- the largest increase of 16 percentage points in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered occurred in the Sydney West region, and the largest falls of 4 percentage points occurred in the Murrumbidgee and Richmond Tweed regions.



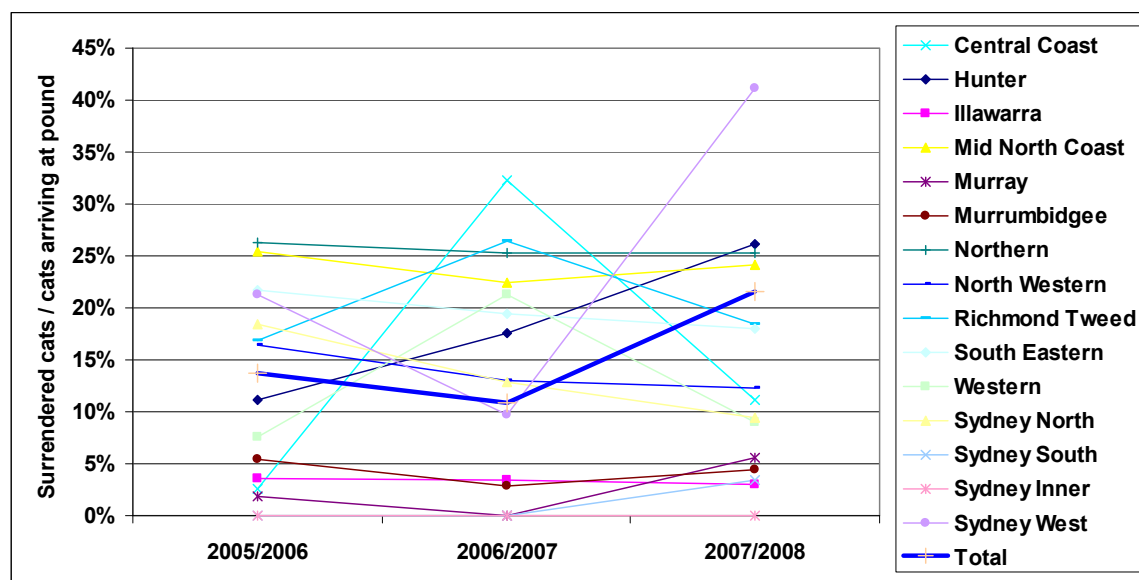
## 2.2 Cats

Table 14 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	47	78%	4	3%	33	32%	2	11%
Hunter	93	26%	46	11%	81	18%	231	26%
Illawarra	265	23%	34	4%	39	3%	33	3%
Mid North Coast	81	10%	280	25%	198	22%	285	24%
Murray	6	1%	6	2%	0	0%	25	6%
Murrumbidgee	395	79%	34	5%	13	3%	30	4%
Northern	107	21%	200	26%	168	25%	253	25%
North Western	143	23%	142	16%	126	13%	162	12%
Richmond Tweed	106	45%	68	17%	96	26%	96	18%
South Eastern	13	4%	98	22%	90	19%	110	18%
Western	125	10%	58	8%	206	21%	100	9%
Sydney North	0	0%	37	19%	28	13%	31	9%
Sydney South	167	12%	0	0%	1	0%	71	3%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney West	1,461	41%	709	21%	397	10%	2,178	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3,607</b>	<b>22%</b>

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

Figure 12 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region



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

Table 14 and figure 12 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of surrendered cats increased by 1,891 (110%)
- ten regions experienced an increase in the number of surrendered cats and in one region the number remained at zero

- most of the increase at the state level is accounted for by a rise of 1,469 or 207% in Sydney West region: it is considered that this observed rise is due to data coding errors
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that are surrendered has risen from 14% to 22%. The percentage of surrendered cats increased in seven regions.

### 3. Dumped Animals (ie. any animal dumped at a council pound by any member of the public other than its owner(s))

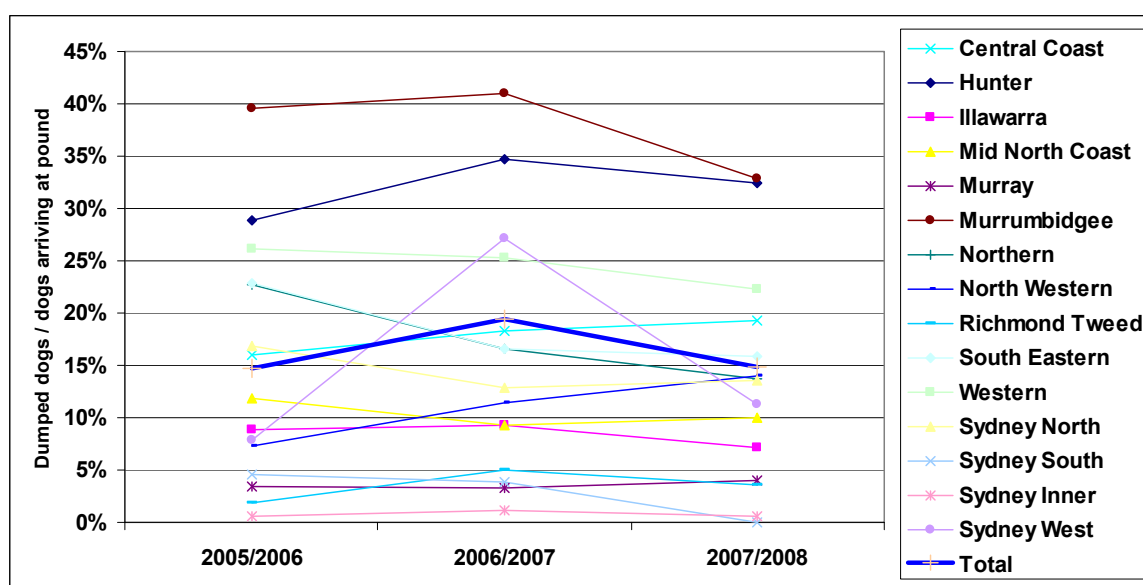
#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	867	25%	368	16%	384	18%	401	19%
Hunter	1,812	26%	867	29%	1,363	35%	1,369	32%
Illawarra	1,322	24%	254	9%	272	9%	232	7%
Mid North Coast	809	23%	366	12%	243	9%	311	10%
Murray	541	27%	44	3%	44	3%	49	4%
Murrumbidgee	678	20%	607	40%	682	41%	560	33%
Northern	467	20%	668	23%	460	17%	353	14%
North Western	429	17%	221	7%	350	11%	409	14%
Richmond Tweed	347	21%	34	2%	85	5%	61	4%
South Eastern	492	20%	539	23%	407	17%	388	16%
Western	766	15%	884	26%	779	25%	716	22%
Sydney North	283	48%	156	17%	104	13%	142	14%
Sydney South	1,318	32%	90	5%	81	4%	0	0%
Sydney Inner	21	20%	2	1%	5	1%	3	1%
Sydney West	3,573	20%	690	8%	2,656	27%	960	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,725</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>15%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound, that is, seized dogs taken to the pound, surrendered dogs and dumped dogs (see table 17).

Figure 13 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound, that is, seized dogs taken to the pound, dogs that are surrendered and dogs that are dumped (see table 17)

Table 15 and figure 13 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of dumped dogs increased by 164 (3%)
- 7 regions experienced an increase in the number of dumped dogs
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that are dumped has stayed constant at 15%. The percentage of dumped dogs increased in four regions, but decreased in eight regions.

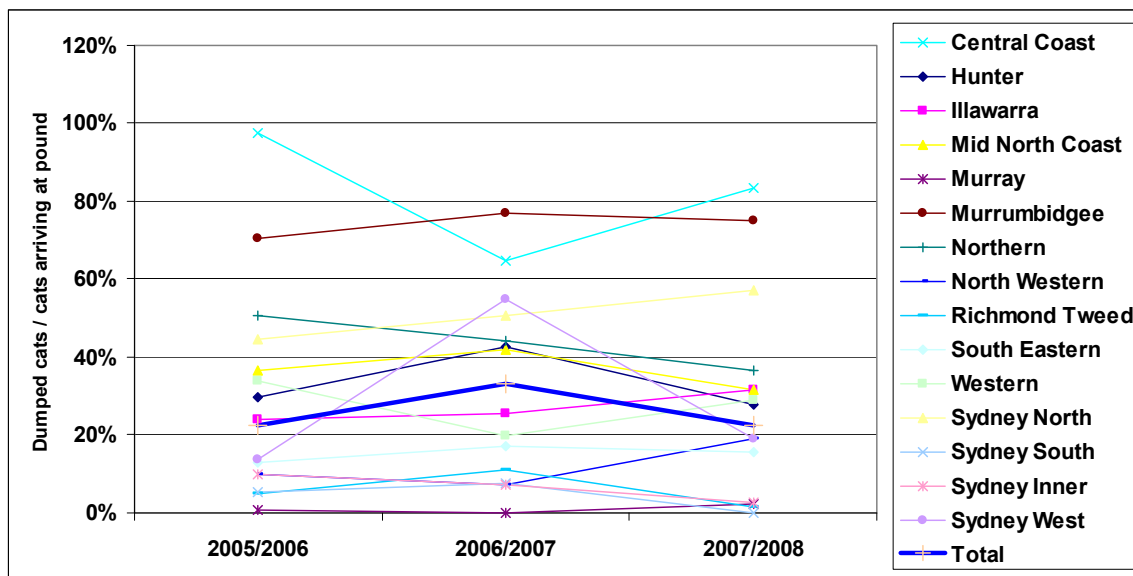
### 3.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	0	0%	155	97%	66	65%	15	83%
Hunter	0	0%	123	30%	197	43%	246	28%
Illawarra	0	0%	225	24%	289	25%	346	32%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	403	37%	369	42%	375	32%
Murray	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	11	2%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	445	71%	352	77%	512	75%
Northern	0	0%	387	51%	292	44%	365	36%
North Western	0	0%	85	10%	71	7%	255	19%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	20	5%	40	11%	7	1%
South Eastern	0	0%	58	13%	79	17%	96	16%
Western	0	0%	258	34%	191	20%	318	29%
Sydney North	0	0%	89	45%	110	51%	189	57%
Sydney South	0	0%	107	5%	182	8%	3	0%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	15	10%	11	7%	6	3%
Sydney West	0	0%	452	14%	2,253	55%	1,016	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>22%</b>

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

Figure 14 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region



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

Table 16 and figure 14 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of dumped cats increased by 936 (33%)
- eight regions experienced an decrease in the number of dumped cats and in one region the number remained at less than 2%
- most of the increase at the state level is accounted for by a rise of 564 in Sydney West region
- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that are dumped has fallen from 23% to 22%. The percentage of dumped cats increased in seven regions.

#### 4. Animals arriving at a pound (ie. sum of the animals that are 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 17 Number of dogs arriving at a pound by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	3,499	2,294	2,101	2,072
Hunter	7,010	2,999	3,921	4,230
Illawarra	5,401	2,848	2,909	3,266
Mid North Coast	3,472	3,072	2,624	3,113
Murray	2,035	1,265	1,311	1,241
Murrumbidgee	3,354	1,535	1,664	1,703
Northern	2,326	2,949	2,771	2,565
North Western	2,584	3,060	3,052	2,928
Richmond Tweed	1,641	1,769	1,694	1,742
South Eastern	2,408	2,357	2,447	2,450
Western	5,105	3,383	3,078	3,205
Sydney North	594	925	812	1,049
Sydney South	4,161	1,950	2,113	1,669
Sydney Inner	107	387	456	511
Sydney West	18,179	8,727	9,808	8,511
Regional average	4,125	2,635	2,717	2,684
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,876</b>	<b>39,520</b>	<b>40,761</b>	<b>40,255</b>

Figure 15 Number of dogs arriving at a pound by region

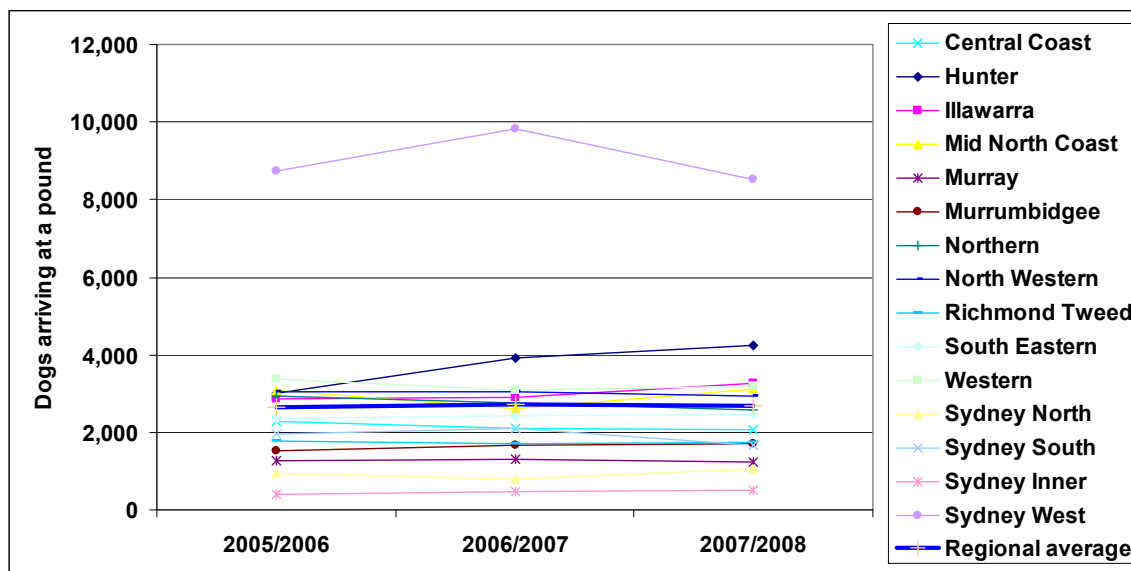


Table 17 and figure 15 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of dogs arriving at a pound was quite constant increasing by 735 (2%)
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound increased in seven regions
- the statewide increase was more than accounted for by a rise of 1,231 or 41% in the Hunter region.

Table 18 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	54	39	32	29
Hunter	46	38	45	44
Illawarra	60	35	32	33
Mid North Coast	50	49	38	40
Murray	82	65	61	51
Murrumbidgee	92	62	60	55
Northern	49	77	65	54
North Western	84	135	118	100
Richmond Tweed	39	47	40	37
South Eastern	51	65	60	54
Western	105	112	90	84
Sydney North	6	15	13	15
Sydney South	41	24	23	17
Sydney Inner	3	14	15	15
Sydney West	62	48	49	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>

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

Figure 16 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region

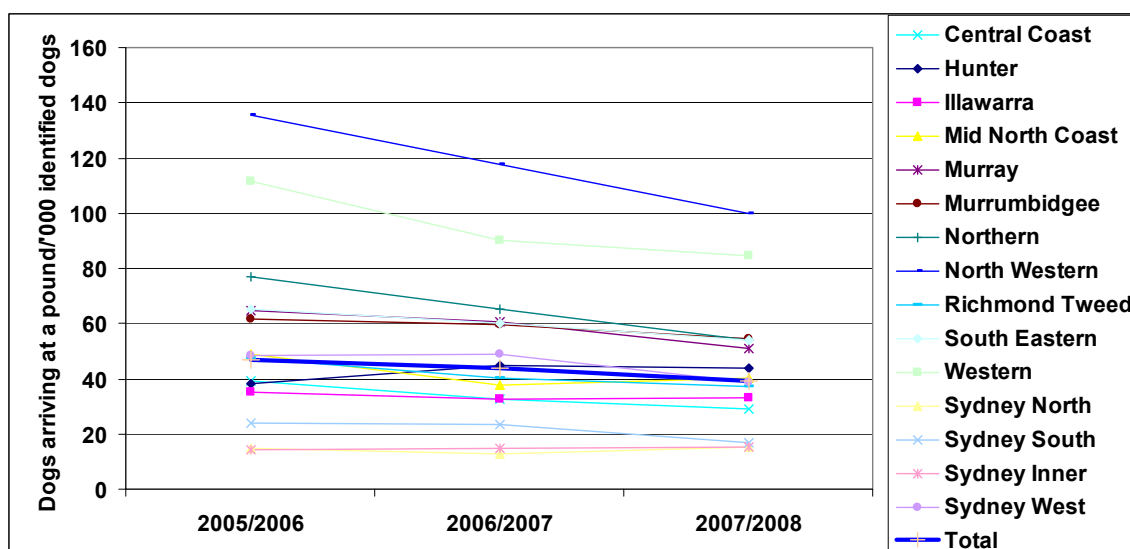


Table 18 and figure 16 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs fell from 47 to 39. This fall is due to the increase in the number of identified dogs given the small change in the number of dogs arriving at a pound (table 17)
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs fell in all but three regions.



## 4.2 Cats

Table 19 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	60	159	102	18
Hunter	360	415	461	886
Illawarra	1,134	944	1,138	1,088
Mid North Coast	781	1,103	884	1,180
Murray	437	333	345	447
Murrumbidgee	497	630	457	683
Northern	511	762	663	1,001
North Western	635	861	969	1,326
Richmond Tweed	236	405	364	519
South Eastern	345	452	462	612
Western	1,216	764	969	1,104
Sydney North	27	200	217	330
Sydney South	1,361	1,992	2,336	2,074
Sydney Inner	19	149	151	214
Sydney West	3,559	3,337	4,093	5,287
Regional average	745	834	907	1,118
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>12,506</b>	<b>13,611</b>	<b>16,769</b>

Figure 17 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region

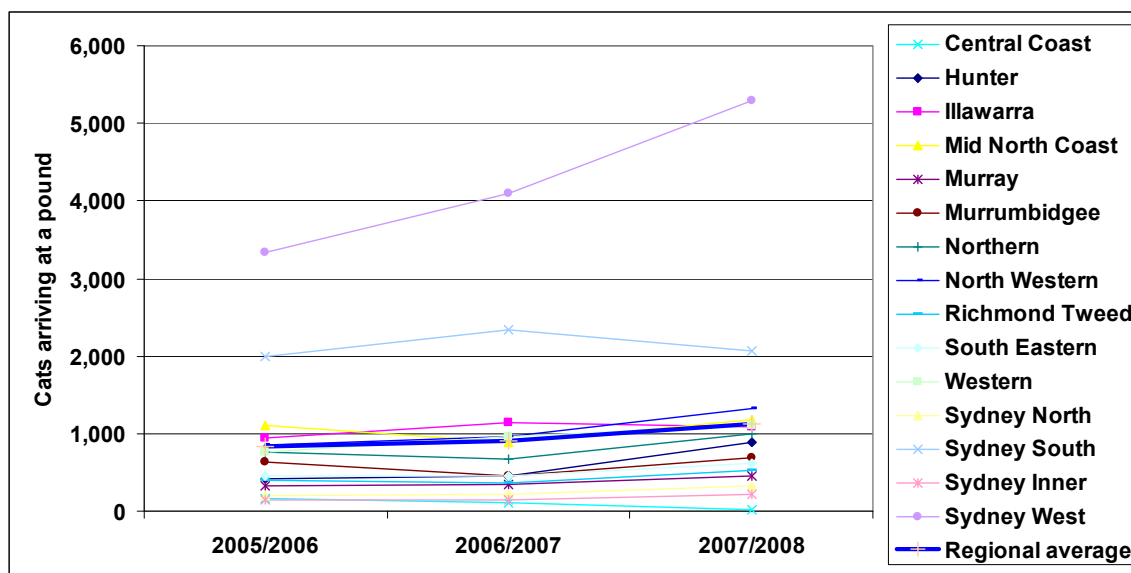


Table 19 and figure 17 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of cats arriving at a pound has climbed quite strongly, increasing by 4,263 (34%)
- almost half of the statewide increase was accounted for by a rise of 1,950 or 58% in the Sydney West region. The largest percentage increase of 113% occurred in the Hunter region
- the only fall occurred in the Central Coast region where the number of cats arriving at a pound went from 159 to 18, a drop of 89%.

Table 20 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region

Region	2000/2001	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Central Coast	20	11	6	1
Hunter	45	24	23	39
Illawarra	213	52	54	46
Mid North Coast	234	92	63	73
Murray	346	82	75	84
Murrumbidgee	386	146	89	114
Northern	246	121	91	118
North Western	741	319	298	339
Richmond Tweed	157	55	41	49
South Eastern	196	75	66	74
Western	660	149	161	156
Sydney North	2	8	9	12
Sydney South	149	64	65	51
Sydney Inner	3	8	7	9
Sydney West	215	76	81	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>

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

Figure 18 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region

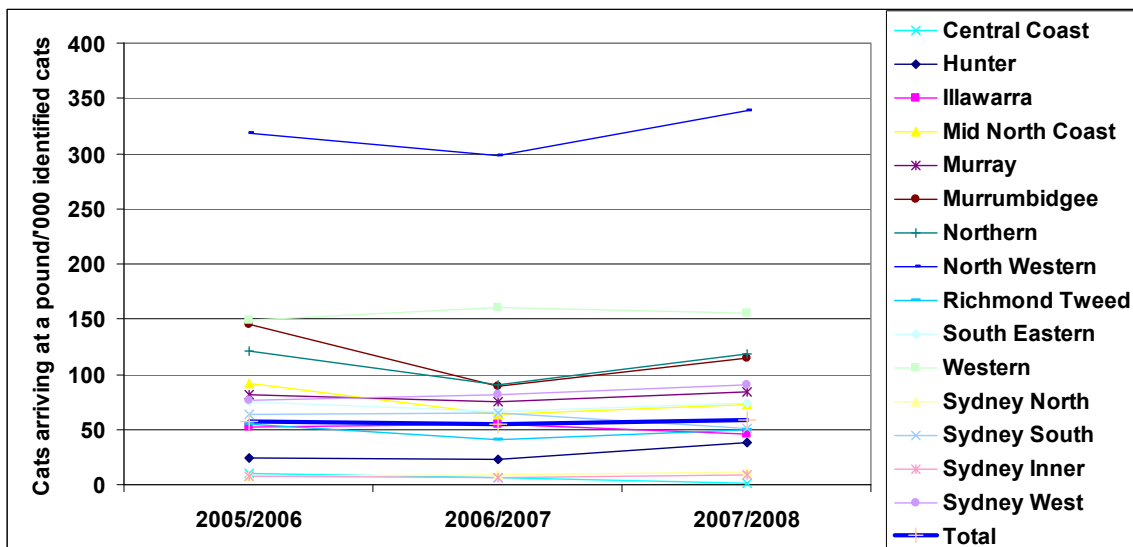


Table 20 and figure 18 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- overall for NSW, the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats was quite constant, increasing by only 1 from 58 to 59
- the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats rose in seven regions
- the largest increase in the number of cats arriving at a pound was 20 in the North Western region and the largest decrease was 32 in the Murrumbidgee region.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

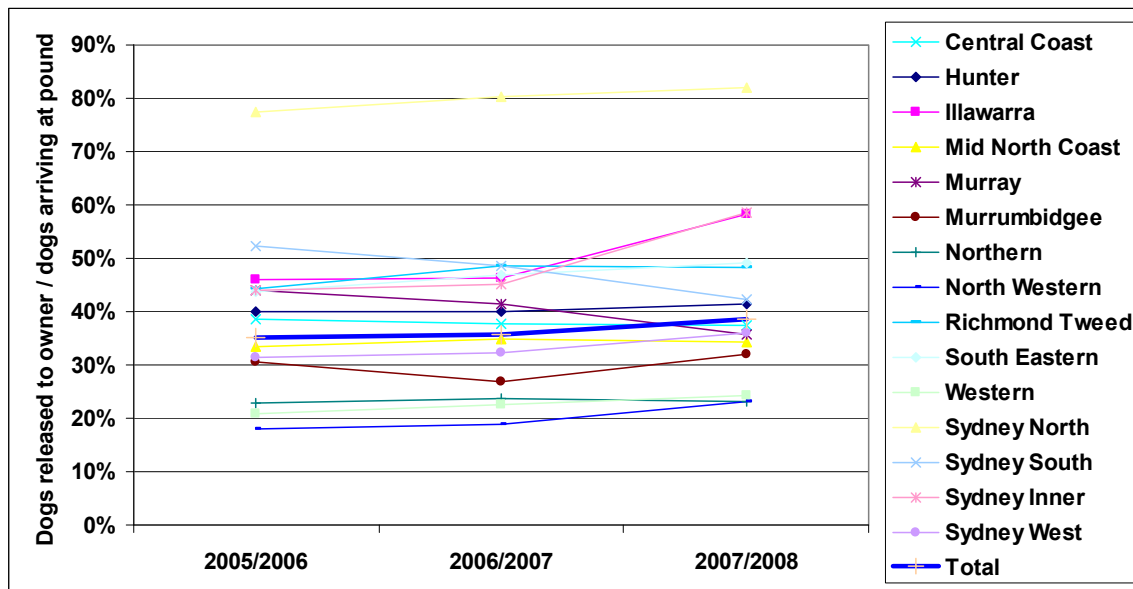
### 5.1 Dogs

Table 21 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs returned to owner by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	867	25%	888	39%	790	38%	777	38%
Hunter	1,812	26%	1,202	40%	1,573	40%	1,754	41%
Illawarra	1,322	24%	1,312	46%	1,348	46%	1,906	58%
Mid North Coast	809	23%	1,025	33%	917	35%	1,069	34%
Murray	541	27%	556	44%	542	41%	444	36%
Murrumbidgee	678	20%	468	30%	448	27%	544	32%
Northern	467	20%	676	23%	661	24%	590	23%
North Western	429	17%	547	18%	579	19%	677	23%
Richmond Tweed	347	21%	781	44%	825	49%	843	48%
South Eastern	492	20%	1,029	44%	1,149	47%	1,207	49%
Western	766	15%	702	21%	693	23%	775	24%
Sydney North	283	48%	717	78%	652	80%	859	82%
Sydney South	1,318	32%	1,022	52%	1,027	49%	708	42%
Sydney Inner	21	20%	170	44%	206	45%	299	59%
Sydney West	3,573	20%	2,753	32%	3,162	32%	3,067	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,725</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>13,848</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>14,572</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>15,519</b>	<b>39%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Figure 19 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs returned to owner by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 21 and figure 19 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

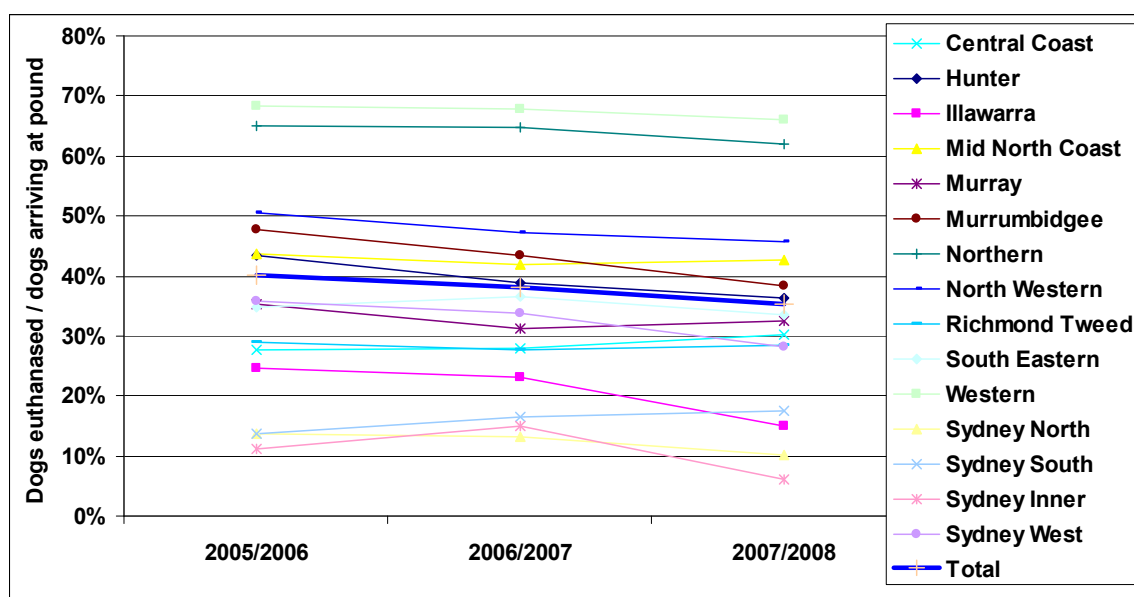
- for NSW as a whole, the number of dogs returned to their owner increased by 1,671 (12%)
- the number of dogs returned to their owner increased in eleven regions and decreased in four regions
- the percentage of dogs leaving a pound that were returned to their owner rose from 35% to 39%. The percentage released to their owner increased in twelve regions
- the largest increases in the percentage of dogs returned to their owner occurred in the Sydney Inner and Hunter regions which recorded rises in excess of 10 percentage points.

Table 22 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	1,617	46%	635	28%	589	28%	626	30%
Hunter	1,801	26%	1,299	43%	1,524	39%	1,541	36%
Illawarra	2,089	39%	705	25%	673	23%	492	15%
Mid North Coast	1,202	35%	1,341	44%	1,099	42%	1,332	43%
Murray	776	38%	447	35%	411	31%	402	32%
Murrumbidgee	1,919	57%	734	48%	721	43%	654	38%
Northern	1,222	53%	1,916	65%	1,797	65%	1,592	62%
North Western	1,701	66%	1,546	51%	1,443	47%	1,335	46%
Richmond Tweed	551	34%	512	29%	469	28%	494	28%
South Eastern	1,103	46%	822	35%	897	37%	819	33%
Western	3,396	67%	2,314	68%	2,091	68%	2,119	66%
Sydney North	1	0%	126	14%	107	13%	106	10%
Sydney South	864	21%	269	14%	348	16%	291	17%
Sydney Inner	45	42%	43	11%	68	15%	31	6%
Sydney West	8,569	47%	3,124	36%	3,317	34%	2,401	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,856</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>15,833</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>14,235</b>	<b>35%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Figure 20 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17).

Table 22 and figure 20 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

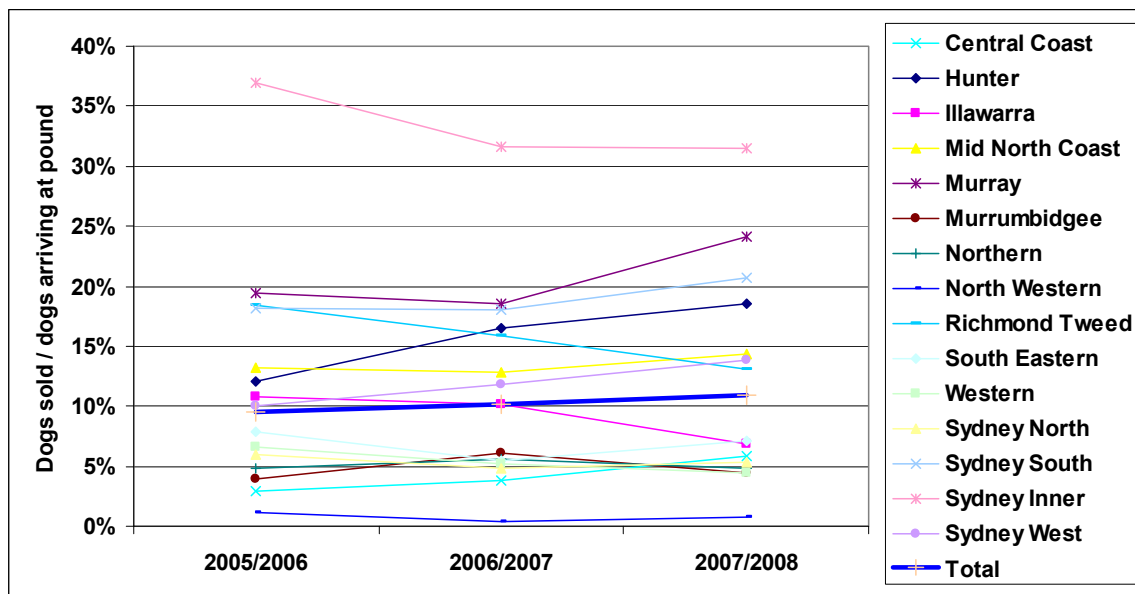
- for NSW as a whole, the number of dogs euthanased fell by 1,598 (10%)
- the number of dogs euthanased fell in all regions except the Hunter region (rose by 242) and the Sydney South region (rose by 22)
- the percentage of dogs that were euthanased fell from 40% to 35%. The percentage euthanased fell in all regions except the Central Coast region (rose by 2 percentage points) and the Sydney South region (rose by 3 percentage points).

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	110	3%	68	3%	79	4%	120	6%
Hunter	829	12%	360	12%	646	16%	782	18%
Illawarra	368	7%	308	11%	295	10%	225	7%
Mid North Coast	358	10%	405	13%	335	13%	446	14%
Murray	164	8%	245	19%	243	19%	299	24%
Murrumbidgee	127	4%	60	4%	101	6%	76	4%
Northern	161	7%	141	5%	155	6%	124	5%
North Western	129	5%	34	1%	12	0%	23	1%
Richmond Tweed	279	17%	325	18%	268	16%	227	13%
South Eastern	84	3%	186	8%	135	6%	174	7%
Western	178	3%	223	7%	160	5%	141	4%
Sydney North	6	1%	55	6%	39	5%	56	5%
Sydney South	396	10%	354	18%	381	18%	346	21%
Sydney Inner	82	77%	143	37%	144	32%	161	32%
Sydney West	1,261	7%	878	10%	1,156	12%	1,182	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,532</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>11%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Figure 21 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 23 and figure 21 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

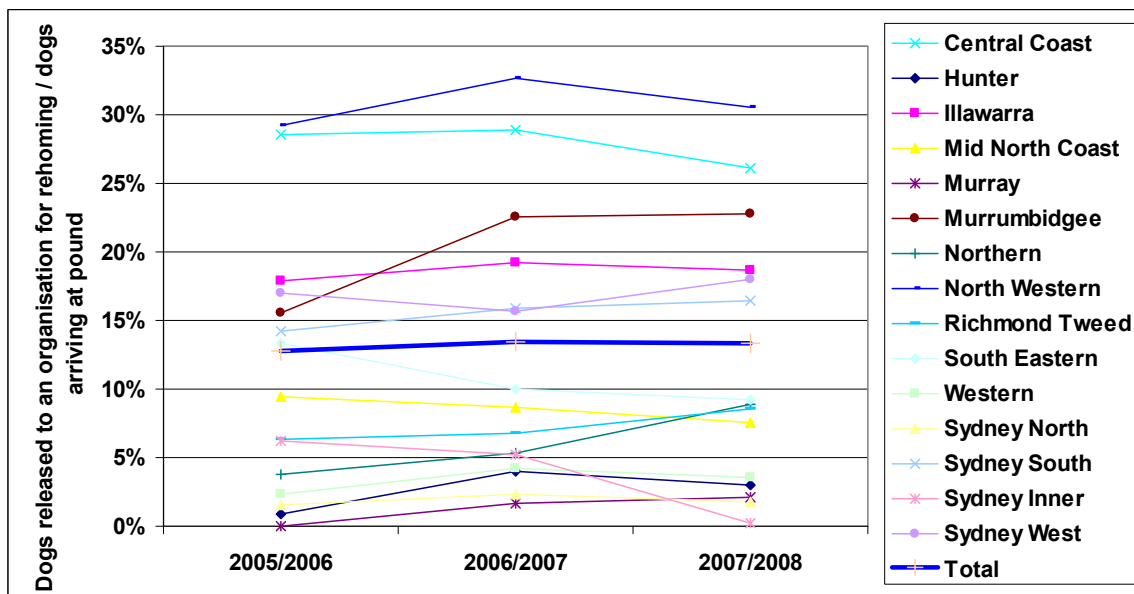
- for NSW as a whole, the number of dogs sold rose by 597 (16%)
- the number of dogs sold increased in eight regions and fell in seven regions
- the percentage of dogs sold increased slightly from 10% to 11%. Eight regions recorded an increase in the percentage of dogs sold.

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	38	1%	656	29%	606	29%	541	26%
Hunter	71	1%	28	1%	159	4%	126	3%
Illawarra	1	0%	510	18%	560	19%	608	19%
Mid North Coast	285	8%	291	9%	226	9%	234	8%
Murray	1	0%	0	0%	22	2%	26	2%
Murrumbidgee	17	1%	239	16%	375	23%	387	23%
Northern	8	0%	111	4%	147	5%	228	9%
North Western	0	0%	895	29%	997	33%	894	31%
Richmond Tweed	100	6%	112	6%	115	7%	150	9%
South Eastern	30	1%	313	13%	244	10%	227	9%
Western	422	8%	80	2%	129	4%	115	4%
Sydney North	13	2%	14	2%	19	2%	19	2%
Sydney South	121	3%	277	14%	336	16%	275	16%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	24	6%	24	5%	1	0%
Sydney West	1,388	8%	1,484	17%	1,539	16%	1,531	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,362</b>	<b>13%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Figure 22 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region



<sup>1</sup> Calculated from total number of dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 24 and figure 22 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing rose by 328 (7%)
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing increased in nine regions
- the percentage of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing remained largely unchanged at 13%. Eleven regions recorded an increase in the percentage of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing.

Table 25 Breakdown of outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound

Outcome	2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>
Returned to owner	13,848	35%	14,572	36%	15,519	39%
Euthanased	15,833	40%	15,554	38%	14,235	35%
Sold	3,785	10%	4,149	10%	4,382	11%
Rel. to org. for re-homing	5,034	13%	5,034	12%	5,034	13%
<b>Total arrived at pound</b>	<b>39,520</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>40,761</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>40,255</b>	<b>98%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of total dogs arriving at a pound (see table 17)

Table 25 shows that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were returned to their owner increased from 35% to 39%
- this increase was accounted for by a fall in the percentage of dogs that were euthanased which dropped from 40% to 35%
- the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold and released to an organisation for re-homing remained at about 10% for both
- the most likely outcome for dogs arriving at a pound was euthanased in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 and returned to their owner in 2008/2009. The next most likely outcome was returned to their owner in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 and euthanased in 2007/2008. This suggests that councils may be putting greater effort into reuniting dogs with their owner.



Table 26 Changes from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 in number and percentage of outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound by region

Region	Returned to owner		Euthanased		Sold		Released to organisation for re-homing	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	-111	-1%	-9	3%	52	3%	-115	-2%
Hunter	552	1%	242	-7%	422	6%	98	2%
Illawarra	594	12%	-213	-10%	-83	-4%	98	1%
Mid North Coast	44	1%	-9	-1%	41	1%	-57	-2%
Murray	-112	-8%	-45	-3%	54	5%	26	2%
Murrumbidgee	76	1%	-80	-9%	16	1%	148	7%
Northern	-86	0%	-324	-3%	-17	0%	117	5%
North Western	130	5%	-211	-5%	-11	0%	-1	1%
Richmond Tweed	62	4%	-18	-1%	-98	-5%	38	2%
South Eastern	178	6%	-3	-1%	-12	-1%	-86	-4%
Western	73	3%	-195	-2%	-82	-2%	35	1%
Sydney North	142	4%	-20	-4%	1	-1%	5	0%
Sydney South	-314	-10%	22	4%	-8	3%	-2	2%
Sydney Inner	129	15%	-12	-5%	18	-5%	-23	-6%
Sydney West	314	4%	-723	-8%	304	4%	47	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-1,598</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1%</b>

Table 26 shows that the regions where large changes have occurred between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 in outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound are:

- Hunter region – a reduction of 10 percentage points in the number of dogs euthanased made up largely by a rise of 12 percentage points in the number of dogs returned to their owner
- Sydney South region – a decrease of 10 percentage points in the number of dogs returned to their owner, distributed fairly equally by rises in the percentage for the other three outcomes
- Sydney Inner region – an increase of 15 percentage points in the number of dogs returned to their owner, distributed fairly equally by rises in the percentage for the other three outcomes.

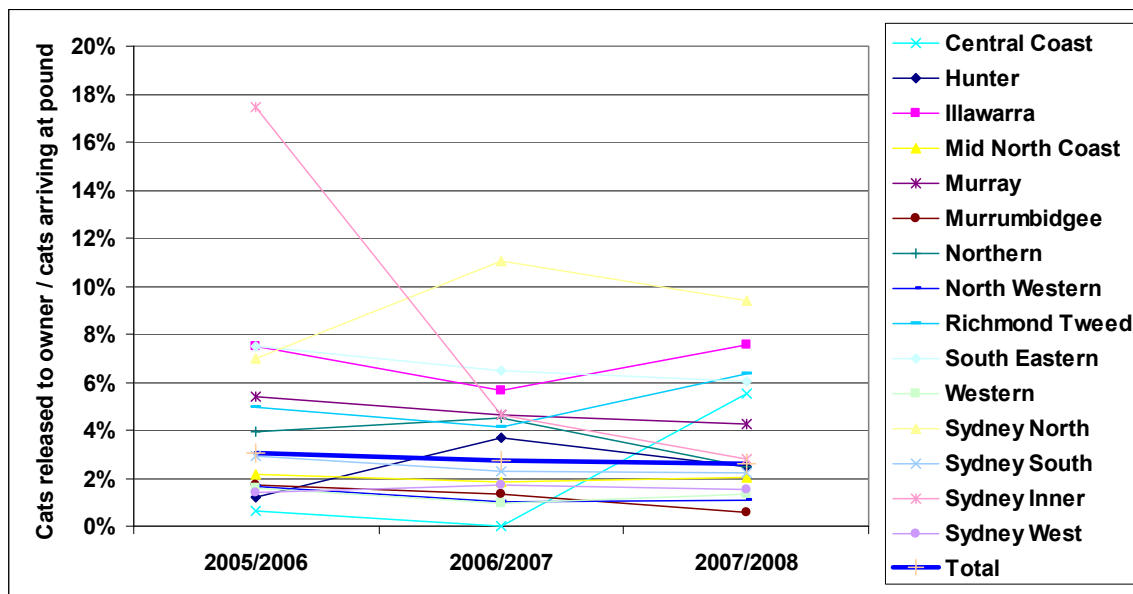
## 5.2 Cats

Table 27 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats returned to owner by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	8	13%	1	1%	0	0%	1	6%
Hunter	16	4%	5	1%	17	4%	22	2%
Illawarra	17	1%	71	8%	64	6%	82	8%
Mid North Coast								
Coast	28	4%	24	2%	16	2%	24	2%
Murray	24	5%	18	5%	16	5%	19	4%
Murrumbidgee	10	2%	11	2%	6	1%	4	1%
Northern	4	1%	30	4%	30	5%	25	2%
North Western	7	1%	14	2%	10	1%	14	1%
Richmond Tweed								
Tweed	9	4%	20	5%	15	4%	33	6%
South Eastern	13	4%	34	8%	30	6%	37	6%
Western	9	1%	12	2%	9	1%	15	1%
Sydney North	11	41%	14	7%	24	11%	31	9%
Sydney South	27	2%	58	3%	54	2%	46	2%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	26	17%	7	5%	6	3%
Sydney West	56	2%	47	1%	71	2%	80	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Figure 23 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats returned to owner by region



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

Table 27 and figure 23 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

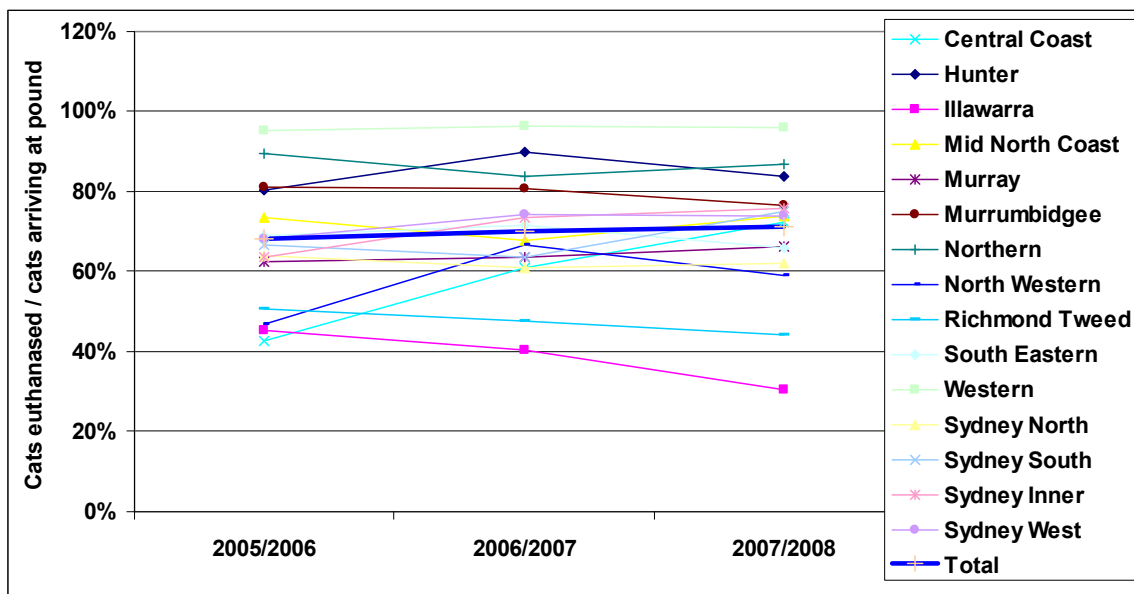
- for NSW as a whole, the number of cats returned to their owner increased by 54 (14%)
- the number of cats returned to their owner increased in eight regions and remained unchanged in three regions
- there was no change in the statewide results when the number of cats returned to their owner is expressed as a percentage of the number of cats leaving a pound. Rises in this percentage were recorded in six regions.

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	47	78%	68	43%	62	61%	13	72%
Hunter	323	90%	334	80%	415	90%	743	84%
Illawarra	986	87%	427	45%	459	40%	330	30%
Mid North Coast	558	71%	810	73%	600	68%	873	74%
Murray	239	55%	208	62%	219	63%	297	66%
Murrumbidgee	462	93%	511	81%	369	81%	524	77%
Northern	500	98%	681	89%	556	84%	870	87%
North Western	554	87%	403	47%	645	67%	785	59%
Richmond Tweed	197	83%	205	51%	174	48%	229	44%
South Eastern	305	88%	311	69%	331	72%	403	66%
Western	1,042	86%	728	95%	934	96%	1,061	96%
Sydney North	15	56%	128	64%	132	61%	205	62%
Sydney South	1,082	80%	1,331	67%	1,489	64%	1,556	75%
Sydney Inner	29	153%	95	64%	111	74%	162	76%
Sydney West	2,305	65%	2,276	68%	3,034	74%	3,908	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>9,530</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>11,959</b>	<b>71%</b>

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

Figure 24 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region



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

Table 28 and figure 24 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of cats euthanased rose considerably by 3,443 (40%)
- almost half of the statewide increase was accounted for by the Sydney West region where the number of cats euthanased increased by 1,632 or 72%, though the largest percentage increases were reported in the Hunter and North Western regions
- increases in the number of cats euthanased occurred in all regions except for the Illawarra and Central Coast regions

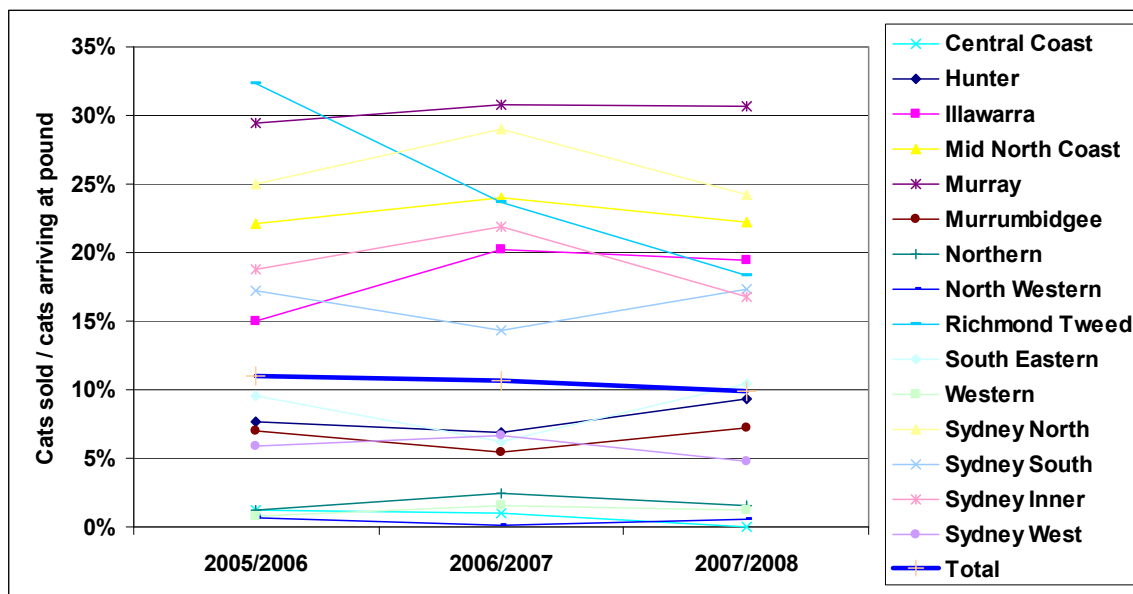
- the percentage of cats leaving a pound that were euthanased, for the state as a whole, increased from 68% to 71%. The percentage of cats euthanased rose in nine regions.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Hunter	23	6%	32	8%	32	7%	83	9%
Illawarra	59	5%	142	15%	230	20%	212	19%
Mid North Coast	130	17%	244	22%	212	24%	262	22%
Murray	171	39%	98	29%	106	31%	137	31%
Murrumbidgee	18	4%	44	7%	25	5%	49	7%
Northern	8	2%	9	1%	16	2%	16	2%
North Western	29	5%	6	1%	1	0%	8	1%
Richmond Tweed	15	6%	131	32%	86	24%	95	18%
South Eastern	15	4%	43	10%	29	6%	64	10%
Western	6	0%	6	1%	15	2%	14	1%
Sydney North	1	4%	50	25%	63	29%	80	24%
Sydney South	65	5%	344	17%	336	14%	359	17%
Sydney Inner	19	100%	28	19%	33	22%	36	17%
Sydney West	185	5%	198	6%	273	7%	250	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>10%</b>

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

Figure 25 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region



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

Table 29 and figure 25 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

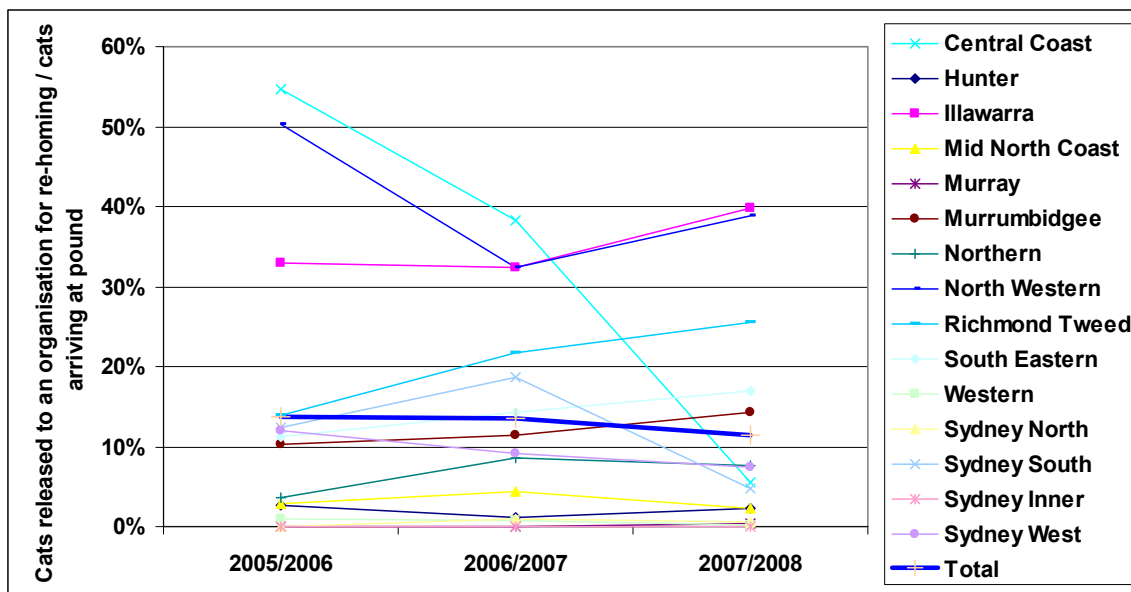
- for NSW as a whole, the number of cats sold rose by 288 (21%)
- the number of cats sold increased in all regions except Central Coast and Richmond Tweed regions
- the percentage of cats sold fell slightly from 11% to 10%. There were relatively small increases in the percentage of cats sold in nine regions.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region

Region	2000/2001		2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	5	8%	87	55%	39	38%	1	6%
Hunter	25	7%	11	3%	5	1%	20	2%
Illawarra	9	1%	311	33%	369	32%	433	40%
Mid North Coast	64	8%	31	3%	38	4%	26	2%
Murray	170	39%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Murrumbidgee	7	1%	65	10%	52	11%	97	14%
Northern	0	0%	27	4%	57	9%	76	8%
North Western	0	0%	433	50%	313	32%	516	39%
Richmond								
Tweed	15	6%	56	14%	79	22%	132	25%
South Eastern	8	2%	51	11%	66	14%	104	17%
Western	143	12%	8	1%	7	1%	3	0%
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
Sydney South	45	3%	246	12%	435	19%	97	5%
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sydney West	942	26%	398	12%	374	9%	392	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>11%</b>

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

Figure 26 Percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region



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

Table 30 and figure 26 show that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- for NSW as a whole, the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing increased by 177 (10%)
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing rose in nine regions
- the percentage of cats released to an organisation for re-homing fell from 14% to 11%. Seven regions recorded relatively small increases in the percentage of cats released to an organisation.

Table 31 Breakdown of outcomes for cats arriving at a pound

Outcome	2005/2006		2006/2007		2007/2008	
	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>	Number	Percent <sup>1</sup>
Returned to owner	385	3%	369	3%	439	3%
Euthanased	8,516	68%	9,530	70%	11,959	71%
Sold	1,377	11%	1,458	11%	1,665	10%
Rel. to org. for re-homing	1,724	14%	1,836	13%	1,901	11%
<b>Total arrived at pound</b>	<b>12,506</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>13,611</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>16,769</b>	<b>95%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of total cats arriving at a pound (see table 19)

Table 31 shows that between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008:

- the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were returned to their owner remained unchanged at 3%
- the percentage of cats that were euthanased rose slightly from 68% to 71%
- this increase was accounted for by a fall in the percentage of cats that were released to an organisation for re-homing from 14% to 11%.



Table 32 Changes from 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 in number and percentage of outcomes for cats arriving at a pound by region

Region	Returned to owner		Euthanased		Sold		Released to organisation for re-homing	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Central Coast	0	5%	-55	29%	-2	-1%	-86	-49%
Hunter	17	1%	409	3%	51	2%	9	0%
Illawarra	11	0%	-97	-15%	70	4%	122	7%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	63	1%	18	0%	-5	-1%
Murray	1	-1%	89	4%	39	1%	2	0%
Murrumbidgee	-7	-1%	13	-4%	5	0%	32	4%
Northern	-5	-1%	189	-2%	7	0%	49	4%
North Western	0	-1%	382	12%	2	0%	83	-11%
Richmond Tweed	13	1%	24	-6%	-36	-14%	76	12%
South Eastern	3	-1%	92	-3%	21	1%	53	6%
Western	3	0%	333	1%	8	0%	-5	-1%
Sydney North	17	2%	77	-2%	30	-1%	2	1%
Sydney South	-12	-1%	225	8%	15	0%	-149	-8%
Sydney Inner	-20	-15%	67	12%	8	-2%	0	0%
Sydney West	33	0%	1,632	6%	52	-1%	-6	-5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-2%</b>

Table 32 shows that the regions where large changes have occurred between 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 in outcomes for cats arriving at a pound are:

- Central Coast region – while the percentage changes are substantial, the numbers are too small to draw any conclusions
- Illawarra region – a reduction of 15 percentage points in the number of cats euthanased, largely made up by rises in the percentage of cats sold and cats released to an organisation for re-homing
- North Western region – an increase of 12 percentage points in the number of cats euthanased accounted for by a corresponding decrease in the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing
- Richmond Tweed region – a reduction of 14 percentage points in the number of cats sold largely accounted for by a rise of 12 percentage points in the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing
- Sydney Inner region – an increase of 12 percentage points in the number of cats euthanased largely at the expense of a fall of 15 percentage points in the number of cats returned to their owner.

## Attachment 1 Number of identified animals on NSW Companion Animals Register (on 30 June of each year)

*Note: The number of identified animals in the table are for those councils that responded to the survey of animal pound data in 2005/2006 (council names in bold type in appendix 1).*

Table A2.1 Number of dogs on the companion animals register at 30 June

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Central Coast	19,676	58,108	64,680	71,370
Hunter	27,203	78,035	87,177	96,412
Illawarra	26,226	80,442	89,553	98,178
Mid North Coast	21,937	62,806	69,518	77,211
Murray	5,655	19,475	21,626	24,278
Murrumbidgee	6,956	24,948	27,874	31,097
Northern	13,857	38,280	42,561	47,461
North Western	7,013	22,607	25,882	29,284
Richmond Tweed	11,016	37,358	41,832	46,542
South Eastern	11,621	36,217	40,598	45,452
Western	8,749	30,290	34,074	37,966
Sydney North	22,384	57,375	62,731	67,828
Sydney South	28,102	82,155	90,443	98,883
Sydney Inner	8,591	27,199	30,655	33,876
Sydney West	63,882	179,950	199,685	219,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>282,868</b>	<b>835,245</b>	<b>928,889</b>	<b>1,025,538</b>

Table A2.2 Number of cats on the companion animals register at 30 June

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Central Coast	2,948	14,706	16,935	19,305
Hunter	4,926	17,188	20,012	23,004
Illawarra	5,332	18,044	20,948	23,762
Mid North Coast	3,331	12,005	13,938	16,148
Murray	1,227	4,057	4,629	5,336
Murrumbidgee	1,075	4,325	5,118	5,972
Northern	1,901	6,289	7,325	8,468
North Western	784	2,699	3,251	3,909
Richmond Tweed	1,503	7,421	8,812	10,489
South Eastern	1,541	5,997	6,956	8,248
Western	1,252	5,127	6,020	7,078
Sydney North	6,383	21,820	24,727	27,824
Sydney South	8,008	31,287	36,031	40,815
Sydney Inner	5,027	19,096	22,003	24,932
Sydney West	11,639	43,697	50,555	58,073
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,877</b>	<b>213,758</b>	<b>247,260</b>	<b>283,363</b>

# **Chapter 6**

## **Analysis of 2008/2009 Data**

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## Summary

This chapter reports on the analysis of data collected by NSW local councils regarding seized dogs and cats, and dogs and cats taken to a pound for the period from July 2008 to June 2009. The response rate for the data survey was 100%:

There are some striking features in the pound data collected by councils in 2008/2009.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (39,806) was more than three times the number of cats seized (12,087). The number of dogs surrendered (6,649) was also well in excess of twice the number of cats surrendered (2,689).

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 39% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 33% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 68% of cats. The remaining animals arriving at a pound, 25% of dogs and 20% of cats, were roughly equally divided between sold and released to another organisation for re-homing.

The percentage of animals arriving at a pound that were sold and released for re-homing, the two categories that councils would appear to have the greatest influence over, show substantial variation across regions. In the case of dogs, eight regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 10% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion of dogs sold was 20% in the Sydney South region. In five regions, the proportion of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 28% achieved by the Central Coast. There was little correspondence between the regions that achieved high (or low) results for selling dogs or releasing for re-homing, which suggests that individual councils may allocate resources to one or the other, rather than both.

A similar pattern is observed for cats in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold or released for re-homing. The percentage of cats sold was 10% or less in eight regions, compared to a maximum of 30% in the Murray region. In seven regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 10% or less, with a maximum of 52% 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 animals) is largely removed, but some significant differences remain across regions.

In 2008/2009, 33 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW, and of these 28 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 43 per thousand identified dogs.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 14 to 72 per thousand and in the case of

dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 13 to 102 per thousand. In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2008/2009, 33 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW, and of these 0.3 were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 68 per thousand identified cats.

The rate per thousand identified cats varied considerably across regions: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from none to 211 per thousand and in the case of cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 10 to 303 per thousand.

In general, there appear to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized cats and high rates for cats arriving at a pound, and also between high rates for cats seized and high rates for dogs seized.

Since 2007/2008 the number of dogs arriving at a pound has remained pretty well constant but the number of cats arriving at a pound has increased by 11%. Large changes have occurred in the reasons for dogs and cats arriving at a pound. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were seized has fallen from 71% to 65%. The proportion of dogs reported to be dumped at a pound has increased from 13% to 22% though some of this rise (as with cats as well) is suspected to be the result of clarifying the definitions of 'surrendered' and 'dumped'. The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were seized has fallen from 60% to 49%. Even more dramatic is the change for dumped cats arriving at a pound where the proportion has more than doubled from 19% to 40%.

Since 2007/2008 improvements have been achieved in the outcomes for dogs and cats arriving at a pound. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has fallen from 37% to 33%. For dogs sold and released to an organisation for re-homing combined, the proportion has increased slightly from 24% to 26%. The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has fallen from 74% to 68%. For cats sold and released to an organisation for re-homing combined, the proportion has increased from 20% to 24%. For both dogs and cats, there has actually been a fall in the number of animals sold even though the combined proportion has grown.



# 1. Seized animals

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2008/2009

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	125	109	94	141	110	120	103	103	103	89	125	122	<b>1,344</b>
Hunter	360	289	333	346	293	252	305	302	305	352	281	323	<b>3,741</b>
Illawarra	308	271	237	265	292	284	334	245	279	228	282	260	<b>3,285</b>
Mid North Coast	185	196	251	199	183	211	239	207	213	267	214	257	<b>2,622</b>
Murray	137	153	164	116	161	140	145	123	139	183	149	120	<b>1,730</b>
Murrumbidgee	183	206	198	171	170	138	195	211	191	172	163	161	<b>2,159</b>
Northern	228	199	231	177	200	219	226	245	234	240	215	200	<b>2,614</b>
North Western	211	166	156	180	195	179	183	218	208	200	280	248	<b>2,424</b>
Richmond Tweed	138	118	104	105	121	109	131	119	122	110	136	111	<b>1,424</b>
South Eastern	175	166	168	182	155	177	180	165	183	178	140	174	<b>2,043</b>
Western	248	238	285	224	201	259	233	278	259	243	276	257	<b>3,001</b>
Sydney North	139	163	138	135	145	102	144	102	121	133	136	119	<b>1,577</b>
Sydney South	303	256	282	229	237	268	322	264	251	253	250	236	<b>3,151</b>
Sydney Inner	62	60	45	35	54	54	57	35	46	50	55	46	<b>599</b>
Sydney West	787	704	712	672	616	681	632	676	681	686	537	708	<b>8,092</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>3,294</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>39,806</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized in 2008/2009 was 39,806
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 599 in the Sydney Inner region to 8,092 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month varied somewhat, with the highest number seized occurring in July at 3,589 and the lowest number in October at 3,177
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent
- there has been an 8% decrease from the 43,236 dogs seized in 2007/2008.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,344	20
Hunter	3,741	24
Illawarra	3,285	36
Mid North Coast	2,622	37
Murray	1,730	60
Murrumbidgee	2,159	54
Northern	2,614	51
North Western	2,424	72
Richmond Tweed	1,424	32
South Eastern	2,043	38
Western	3,001	55
Sydney North	1,577	16
Sydney South	3,151	31
Sydney Inner	599	14
Sydney West	8,092	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,806</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Table 2 shows that:

- 33 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 14 in the Sydney Inner region to 72 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western and Western) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than more densely populated regions (such as Sydney Inner and Sydney North)
- there has been little change in the number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs since 2007/2008 when it was 33.

Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2008/2009

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	124	99%	108	99%	91	97%	120	85%	100	91%	112	93%	94	91%	92	89%	97	94%	87	98%	113	90%	110	90%	<b>1,248</b>	<b>93%</b>
Hunter	335	93%	261	90%	292	88%	316	91%	259	88%	216	86%	262	86%	267	88%	276	90%	282	80%	248	88%	287	89%	<b>3,301</b>	<b>88%</b>
Illawarra	235	76%	196	72%	178	75%	195	74%	220	75%	227	80%	246	74%	189	77%	218	78%	178	78%	227	80%	208	80%	<b>2,517</b>	<b>77%</b>
Mid North Coast	167	90%	164	84%	216	86%	170	85%	153	84%	175	83%	203	85%	185	89%	192	90%	235	88%	179	84%	229	89%	<b>2,268</b>	<b>86%</b>
Murray	114	83%	127	83%	125	76%	96	83%	117	73%	109	78%	109	75%	81	66%	109	78%	138	75%	110	74%	91	76%	<b>1,326</b>	<b>77%</b>
Murrumbidgee	162	89%	186	90%	175	88%	154	90%	151	89%	121	88%	163	84%	185	88%	180	94%	158	92%	135	83%	134	83%	<b>1,904</b>	<b>88%</b>
Northern	213	93%	178	89%	224	97%	168	95%	184	92%	215	98%	207	92%	224	91%	218	93%	226	94%	201	93%	188	94%	<b>2,446</b>	<b>94%</b>
North Western	188	89%	154	93%	136	87%	161	89%	163	84%	161	90%	169	92%	189	87%	181	87%	179	90%	256	91%	228	92%	<b>2,165</b>	<b>89%</b>
Richmond Tweed	131	95%	112	95%	96	92%	100	95%	119	98%	104	95%	126	96%	116	97%	116	95%	110	100%	134	99%	104	94%	<b>1,368</b>	<b>96%</b>
South Eastern	154	88%	146	88%	140	83%	163	90%	141	91%	152	86%	156	87%	149	90%	163	89%	156	88%	123	88%	151	87%	<b>1,794</b>	<b>88%</b>
Western	239	96%	225	95%	271	95%	209	93%	189	94%	243	94%	213	91%	262	94%	244	94%	236	97%	265	96%	237	92%	<b>2,833</b>	<b>94%</b>
Sydney North	95	68%	109	67%	102	74%	107	79%	102	70%	69	68%	105	73%	73	72%	89	74%	94	71%	98	72%	81	68%	<b>1,124</b>	<b>71%</b>
Sydney South	220	73%	173	68%	200	71%	174	76%	164	69%	196	73%	207	64%	190	72%	190	76%	174	69%	187	75%	162	69%	<b>2,237</b>	<b>71%</b>
Sydney Inner	46	74%	49	82%	35	78%	23	66%	27	50%	34	63%	39	68%	23	66%	33	72%	31	62%	38	69%	31	67%	<b>409</b>	<b>68%</b>
Sydney West	674	86%	616	88%	608	85%	569	85%	527	86%	591	87%	551	87%	590	87%	570	84%	614	90%	447	83%	589	83%	<b>6,946</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>85%</b>

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

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 33,886, which represented 85% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of dogs seized, ranging from 409 in the Sydney Inner region to 6,946 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 68% in the Sydney Inner region to 96% in the Richmond Tweed region
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was quite constant over the year, ranging from 83% in November and January to 86% in four months
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent
- there has been a 7% decrease from the 37,095 seized dogs taken to the pound in 2007/2008, but the percentage of all seized dogs taken to the pound has remained unchanged.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,248	18
Hunter	3,301	21
Illawarra	2,517	28
Mid North Coast	2,268	32
Murray	1,326	46
Murrumbidgee	1,904	48
Northern	2,446	48
North Western	2,165	64
Richmond Tweed	1,368	30
South Eastern	1,794	33
Western	2,833	52
Sydney North	1,124	12
Sydney South	2,237	22
Sydney Inner	409	10
Sydney West	6,946	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>28</b>

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

Table 4 shows that:

- 28 seized dogs for every thousand identified dogs were taken to the pound
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 10 in the Sydney Inner region to 64 in the North Western region
- the general pattern in table 4 follows that in table 3 (though the rates were lower for each region) due to the high percentage of seized dogs that were taken to the pound
- there has been no change in the number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs since 2007/2008 when it was 28.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2008/2009

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	1%	1	1%	3	3%	21	15%	10	9%	8	7%	9	9%	11	11%	6	6%	2	2%	12	10%	12	10%	<b>96</b>	<b>7%</b>
Hunter	25	7%	28	10%	41	12%	30	9%	34	12%	36	14%	43	14%	35	12%	29	10%	70	20%	33	12%	36	11%	<b>440</b>	<b>12%</b>
Illawarra	73	24%	75	28%	59	25%	70	26%	72	25%	57	20%	88	26%	56	23%	61	22%	50	22%	55	20%	52	20%	<b>768</b>	<b>23%</b>
Mid North Coast	18	10%	32	16%	35	14%	29	15%	30	16%	36	17%	36	15%	22	11%	21	10%	32	12%	35	16%	28	11%	<b>354</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murray	23	17%	26	17%	39	24%	20	17%	44	27%	31	22%	36	25%	42	34%	30	22%	45	25%	39	26%	29	24%	<b>404</b>	<b>23%</b>
Murrumbidgee	21	11%	20	10%	23	12%	17	10%	19	11%	17	12%	32	16%	26	12%	11	6%	14	8%	28	17%	27	17%	<b>255</b>	<b>12%</b>
Northern	15	7%	21	11%	7	3%	9	5%	16	8%	4	2%	19	8%	21	9%	16	7%	14	6%	14	7%	12	6%	<b>168</b>	<b>6%</b>
North Western	23	11%	12	7%	20	13%	19	11%	32	16%	18	10%	14	8%	29	13%	27	13%	21	11%	24	9%	20	8%	<b>259</b>	<b>11%</b>
Richmond Tweed	7	5%	6	5%	8	8%	5	5%	2	2%	5	5%	5	4%	3	3%	6	5%	0	0%	2	1%	7	6%	<b>56</b>	<b>4%</b>
South Eastern	21	12%	20	12%	28	17%	19	10%	14	9%	25	14%	24	13%	16	10%	20	11%	22	12%	17	12%	23	13%	<b>249</b>	<b>12%</b>
Western	9	4%	13	5%	14	5%	15	7%	12	6%	16	6%	20	9%	16	6%	15	6%	7	3%	11	4%	20	8%	<b>168</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney North	44	32%	54	33%	36	26%	28	21%	43	30%	33	32%	39	27%	29	28%	32	26%	39	29%	38	28%	38	32%	<b>453</b>	<b>29%</b>
Sydney South	83	27%	83	32%	82	29%	55	24%	73	31%	72	27%	115	36%	74	28%	61	24%	79	31%	63	25%	74	31%	<b>914</b>	<b>29%</b>
Sydney Inner	16	26%	11	18%	10	22%	12	34%	27	50%	20	37%	18	32%	12	34%	13	28%	19	38%	17	31%	15	33%	<b>190</b>	<b>32%</b>
Sydney West	113	14%	88	13%	104	15%	103	15%	89	14%	90	13%	81	13%	86	13%	111	16%	72	10%	90	17%	119	17%	<b>1,146</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>15%</b>

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

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to the owner was 5,920, which represented 15% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to the owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 56 in the Richmond Tweed region to 1,146 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to the owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 4% in the Richmond Tweed region to 32% in the Sydney Inner region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to the owner for all regions each month was quite constant through the year, varying from 14% in four months distributed throughout the year to 17% in November and January
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentage of seized dogs returned to owner for individual regions but no patterns are apparent
- there has been little change in the number of seized dogs returned to the owner from 2007/2008 (6,141 dogs), and the percentage of all dogs seized returned to the owner has remained little changed (14% in 2007/2008).

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	96	1.4
Hunter	440	2.8
Illawarra	768	8.5
Mid North Coast	354	5.0
Murray	404	14.1
Murrumbidgee	255	6.4
Northern	168	3.3
North Western	259	7.6
Richmond Tweed	56	1.2
South Eastern	249	4.6
Western	168	3.1
Sydney North	453	4.7
Sydney South	914	8.9
Sydney Inner	190	4.5
Sydney West	1,146	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>4.8</b>

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

Table 6 shows that:

- 4.8 seized dogs for every thousand dogs were returned to their owner
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 1.2 in the Richmond Tweed region to 14.1 in the Murray region
- in general, the numbers are too small to be able to identify any other patterns
- there has been little change in the number of seized dogs not taken to the pound and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs since 2007/2008 when it was 5.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2008/2009

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,248	93%	96	7%	1,344
Hunter	3,301	88%	440	12%	3,741
Illawarra	2,517	77%	768	23%	3,285
Mid North Coast	2,268	86%	354	14%	2,622
Murray	1,326	77%	404	23%	1,730
Murrumbidgee	1,904	88%	255	12%	2,159
Northern	2,446	94%	168	6%	2,614
North Western	2,165	89%	259	11%	2,424
Richmond Tweed	1,368	96%	56	4%	1,424
South Eastern	1,794	88%	249	12%	2,043
Western	2,833	94%	168	6%	3,001
Sydney North	1,124	71%	453	29%	1,577
Sydney South	2,237	71%	914	29%	3,151
Sydney Inner	409	68%	190	32%	599
Sydney West	6,946	86%	1,146	14%	8,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>39,806</b>

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

In 2007/2008, the ratio of seized dogs taken to the pound in relation to seized dogs returned to their owner was greater than six.

## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2008/2009

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	<b>6</b>
Hunter	48	55	115	91	115	132	75	99	163	148	97	79	<b>1,217</b>
Illawarra	38	20	34	41	43	48	36	38	58	30	27	62	<b>475</b>
Mid North Coast	116	20	30	20	60	123	50	89	52	79	82	41	<b>762</b>
Murray	37	46	57	49	27	42	56	29	28	15	44	50	<b>480</b>
Murrumbidgee	30	47	9	34	43	26	34	14	46	40	66	45	<b>434</b>
Northern	49	18	27	24	42	35	49	67	50	34	40	38	<b>473</b>
North Western	77	100	52	72	94	72	101	86	92	63	83	64	<b>956</b>
Richmond Tweed	30	27	29	24	41	43	41	48	22	28	32	36	<b>401</b>
South Eastern	27	55	33	20	40	67	39	44	39	36	48	53	<b>501</b>
Western	60	65	44	52	89	75	54	78	73	69	73	63	<b>795</b>
Sydney North	12	8	7	7	10	33	14	13	8	10	12	13	<b>147</b>
Sydney South	175	145	121	219	182	221	241	304	317	278	189	165	<b>2,557</b>
Sydney Inner	15	24	15	3	37	25	15	27	21	11	22	23	<b>238</b>
Sydney West	114	166	104	162	217	297	214	292	354	292	269	164	<b>2,645</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>12,087</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 12,087
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the Central Coast region followed by 147 in the Sydney North region, to 2,645 in the Sydney West region and 2,557 in the Sydney South region
- there was considerable variation in the overall rate (all regions) at which cats were seized during the year; from June to October the monthly average was approximately 800 cats seized while in the period December through May the average was 1,150 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized was most apparent in six regions where the monthly average in December-May was at least 1.5 times the monthly average in the remainder of the year, and in particular the Sydney West region for which the ratio was 1.9
- there has been a 10% decrease from the 13,452 cats seized in 2007/2008, and the number of cats seized in the Sydney West region has fallen by one-third from 3,995 cats which accounts for most of the overall decrease.



Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	6	0
Hunter	1,217	30
Illawarra	475	20
Mid North Coast	762	49
Murray	480	80
Murrumbidgee	434	59
Northern	473	50
North Western	956	211
Richmond Tweed	401	37
South Eastern	501	52
Western	795	72
Sydney North	147	3
Sydney South	2,557	55
Sydney Inner	238	8
Sydney West	2,645	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,087</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Table 9 shows that:

- 33 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats
- there is an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from none (rounded) in the Central Coast region to 211 in the North Western region
- the rates for 11 of the 15 regions lie in the range 20 to 80 seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats
- the number of cats seized per thousand identified cats has decreased from 37 in 2007/2008.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2008/2009

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	1	100%	0	NC	2	100%	0	NC	0	NC	1	100%	0	NC	0	NC	1	100%	1	100%	6	100%
Hunter	48	100%	55	100%	115	100%	91	100%	115	100%	131	99%	75	100%	99	100%	156	96%	146	99%	97	100%	79	100%	1,207	99%
Illawarra	38	100%	20	100%	34	100%	41	100%	42	98%	47	98%	35	97%	34	89%	57	98%	29	97%	27	100%	62	100%	466	98%
Mid North Coast	115	99%	20	100%	30	100%	20	100%	60	100%	123	100%	50	100%	89	100%	52	100%	79	100%	82	100%	41	100%	761	100%
Murray	37	100%	46	100%	57	100%	49	100%	25	93%	42	100%	56	100%	28	97%	28	100%	15	100%	43	98%	50	100%	476	99%
Murrumbidgee	30	100%	46	98%	9	100%	34	100%	42	98%	26	100%	34	100%	14	100%	44	96%	40	100%	66	100%	45	100%	430	99%
Northern	49	100%	18	100%	27	100%	24	100%	42	100%	35	100%	49	100%	67	100%	50	100%	34	100%	40	100%	38	100%	473	100%
North Western	77	100%	99	99%	52	100%	72	100%	94	100%	72	100%	99	98%	86	100%	90	98%	63	100%	83	100%	63	98%	950	99%
Richmond Tweed	30	100%	27	100%	29	100%	24	100%	41	100%	43	100%	41	100%	48	100%	22	100%	28	100%	32	100%	36	100%	401	100%
South Eastern	27	100%	54	98%	31	94%	20	100%	40	100%	66	99%	38	97%	43	98%	39	100%	36	100%	48	100%	53	100%	495	99%
Western	60	100%	62	95%	44	100%	52	100%	89	100%	75	100%	53	98%	78	100%	73	100%	68	99%	73	100%	63	100%	790	99%
Sydney North	12	100%	7	88%	6	86%	6	86%	10	100%	33	100%	12	86%	13	100%	8	100%	10	100%	12	100%	13	100%	142	97%
Sydney South	174	99%	145	100%	117	97%	215	98%	181	99%	219	99%	237	98%	299	98%	314	99%	275	99%	188	99%	161	98%	2,525	99%
Sydney Inner	14	93%	23	96%	15	100%	3	100%	37	100%	24	96%	15	100%	27	100%	21	100%	11	100%	21	95%	23	100%	234	98%
Sydney West	111	97%	166	100%	104	100%	160	99%	216	100%	296	100%	213	100%	291	100%	354	100%	291	100%	268	100%	163	99%	2,633	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>11,989</b>	<b>99%</b>

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

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

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 11,989, which represented 99% 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 6 in the Central Coast region to 2,633 in the Sydney West region
- the variation in the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound was relatively low, ranging from 97% in the Sydney North region to 100% (rounded) in five regions
- there has been a 10% decrease from the 13,317 seized cats taken to the pound in 2007/2008, but the proportion of all seized cats taken to the pound has remained unchanged.

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	6	0
Hunter	1,207	30
Illawarra	466	20
Mid North Coast	761	49
Murray	476	80
Murrumbidgee	430	59
Northern	473	50
North Western	950	209
Richmond Tweed	401	37
South Eastern	495	51
Western	790	71
Sydney North	142	3
Sydney South	2,525	55
Sydney Inner	234	8
Sydney West	2,633	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,989</b>	<b>33</b>

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

Table 11 shows that:

- 33 seized cats for every thousand identified were taken to the pound
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from none (rounded) in the Central Coast region to 209 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 37 in 2007/2008.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2008/2009

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hunter	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	7	4%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10	1%
Illawarra	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	1	3%	4	11%	1	2%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9	2%
Mid North Coast	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	1%
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
North Western	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	6	1%
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
South Eastern	0	0%	1	2%	2	6%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	3%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
Western	0	0%	3	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%
Sydney North	0	0%	1	13%	1	14%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	2	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	3%
Sydney South	1	1%	0	0%	4	3%	4	2%	1	1%	2	1%	4	2%	5	2%	3	1%	3	1%	1	1%	4	2%	4	2%	32	1%
Sydney Inner	1	7%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	4	2%
Sydney West	3	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	1%	1	1%	12	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1%</b>		

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

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

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 98 or 1% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- approximately one-third of seized cats returned to the owner (32) occurred in the Sydney South region
- the small numbers mean that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to their owner 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 decreased by one-third since 2007/2008 from 135, and the proportion of cats seized and returned to their owner has decreased slightly from 1.0% to 0.8%.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	10	0.3
Illawarra	9	0.4
Mid North Coast	1	0.1
Murray	4	0.7
Murrumbidgee	4	0.5
Northern	0	0.0
North Western	6	1.3
Richmond Tweed	0	0.0
South Eastern	6	0.6
Western	5	0.5
Sydney North	5	0.1
Sydney South	32	0.7
Sydney Inner	4	0.1
Sydney West	12	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0.3</b>

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

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.3 seized cats for every thousand identified cats were returned to their owner
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns
- the number of seized cats not taken to the pound and returned to their owner per thousand identified cats has decreased slightly from 0.4 in 2007/2008.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2008/2009

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	6	100%	0	0%	6
Hunter	1,207	99%	10	1%	1,217
Illawarra	466	98%	9	2%	475
Mid North Coast	761	100%	1	0%	762
Murray	476	99%	4	1%	480
Murrumbidgee	430	99%	4	1%	434
Northern	473	100%	0	0%	473
North Western	950	99%	6	1%	956
Richmond Tweed	401	100%	0	0%	401
South Eastern	495	99%	6	1%	501
Western	790	99%	5	1%	795
Sydney North	142	97%	5	3%	147
Sydney South	2,525	99%	32	1%	2,557
Sydney Inner	234	98%	4	2%	238
Sydney West	2,633	100%	12	0%	2,645
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,989</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12,087</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that far more seized cats were taken to the pound than were returned to their owner (by a factor well in excess of 100).

There has been little change in what happens to seized cats since 2007/2008.

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

### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2008/2009

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	33	17%	12	7%	27	16%	29	13%	20	10%	23	11%	25	12%	12	7%	27	14%	19	12%	17	9%	26	14%	<b>270</b>	<b>12%</b>
Hunter	53	10%	50	12%	51	12%	44	8%	32	8%	41	10%	39	8%	61	13%	39	8%	56	11%	33	8%	45	10%	<b>544</b>	<b>10%</b>
Illawarra	4	1%	6	3%	16	7%	4	2%	3	1%	1	0%	3	1%	14	6%	1	0%	8	4%	6	2%	5	2%	<b>71</b>	<b>2%</b>
Mid North Coast	14	7%	31	15%	19	8%	26	12%	20	11%	42	17%	78	24%	33	14%	26	11%	30	10%	53	21%	61	21%	<b>433</b>	<b>15%</b>
Murray	6	5%	3	2%	9	7%	9	8%	5	4%	4	4%	3	3%	3	4%	5	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>47</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	8	3%	24	8%	19	7%	21	8%	13	6%	11	5%	14	5%	21	7%	27	9%	12	4%	16	5%	17	6%	<b>203</b>	<b>6%</b>
Northern	40	13%	45	18%	50	16%	40	16%	42	16%	37	12%	42	14%	34	12%	50	16%	38	13%	40	15%	37	15%	<b>495</b>	<b>14%</b>
North Western	97	32%	79	29%	61	27%	61	24%	58	22%	88	29%	80	26%	58	21%	77	24%	79	28%	73	21%	54	18%	<b>865</b>	<b>25%</b>
Richmond Tweed	21	14%	15	12%	12	11%	17	13%	25	17%	12	10%	10	7%	14	10%	20	14%	28	20%	12	8%	9	8%	<b>195</b>	<b>12%</b>
South Eastern	41	18%	29	14%	33	16%	30	13%	33	16%	43	20%	26	12%	36	18%	40	17%	40	19%	38	20%	47	20%	<b>436</b>	<b>17%</b>
Western	28	8%	30	9%	29	7%	28	9%	24	8%	30	8%	31	9%	25	6%	28	7%	57	15%	34	9%	38	11%	<b>382</b>	<b>9%</b>
Sydney North	7	6%	11	8%	6	5%	8	6%	3	2%	3	3%	8	5%	4	4%	9	8%	6	5%	7	6%	3	3%	<b>75</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney South	1	0%	1	1%	2	1%	1	1%	3	2%	4	2%	5	2%	7	4%	3	2%	2	1%	4	2%	2	1%	<b>35</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	5%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	249	20%	184	16%	212	19%	232	20%	204	19%	183	16%	212	17%	188	16%	231	19%	247	21%	212	19%	240	21%	<b>2,594</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6,649</b>	<b>13%</b>

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

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 6,649, which represented 13% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 4 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,594 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 25% in the North Western region; the percentage exceeded 10% in six other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month was quite constant varying between 12% and 14%

- there has been an 18% decrease in the number of dogs surrendered from the 8,077 dogs surrendered in 2007/2008, and the proportion of dogs that were surrendered has decreased from 15%.



## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2008/2009

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	2	6%	1	2%	5	9%	21	33%	4	5%	4	6%	2	4%	1	6%	3	9%	<b>43</b>	<b>9%</b>
Hunter	14	16%	9	11%	7	5%	13	9%	26	16%	18	10%	20	18%	28	16%	32	14%	39	18%	26	14%	32	24%	<b>264</b>	<b>14%</b>
Illawarra	0	0%	1	2%	2	3%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	3	4%	1	1%	<b>15</b>	<b>1%</b>
Mid North Coast	0	0%	1	3%	4	8%	8	17%	14	11%	5	2%	16	14%	16	12%	7	6%	7	5%	14	11%	29	34%	<b>121</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	1	3%	1	2%	0	0%	7	13%	2	7%	13	24%	3	5%	3	10%	4	13%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>35</b>	<b>7%</b>
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	<b>7</b>	<b>0%</b>
Northern	11	12%	16	36%	9	20%	11	21%	12	18%	23	25%	30	29%	37	28%	33	31%	25	30%	17	24%	14	25%	<b>238</b>	<b>25%</b>
North Western	17	17%	24	18%	15	20%	0	0%	20	15%	31	22%	15	11%	17	15%	36	26%	25	21%	14	12%	11	12%	<b>225</b>	<b>16%</b>
Richmond Tweed	1	3%	1	4%	6	17%	0	0%	9	18%	15	25%	4	9%	10	17%	5	18%	2	7%	8	19%	0	0%	<b>61</b>	<b>13%</b>
South Eastern	2	6%	5	8%	5	14%	19	48%	8	12%	4	5%	24	34%	10	16%	17	24%	12	23%	19	28%	23	29%	<b>148</b>	<b>20%</b>
Western	9	9%	10	11%	9	13%	8	9%	7	4%	9	7%	6	7%	9	7%	17	14%	4	3%	26	21%	15	17%	<b>129</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney North	4	12%	18	56%	8	40%	3	16%	11	27%	16	24%	3	8%	3	9%	7	16%	18	32%	1	3%	3	9%	<b>95</b>	<b>21%</b>
Sydney South	3	2%	1	1%	4	3%	0	0%	8	4%	29	12%	10	4%	53	13%	30	8%	6	2%	23	10%	8	5%	<b>175</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	58	14%	27	5%	41	10%	74	13%	88	9%	106	11%	61	8%	114	11%	132	12%	236	20%	144	16%	52	9%	<b>1,133</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>11%</b>

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

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 2,689, which represented 11% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 1,133 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats that were surrendered, ranging from none in the Sydney Inner region to 25% in the Northern region; the percentage exceeded 10% in six other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month reached a peak of 14% in April-May and a trough of 8% in July-August
- there has been a 34% decrease in the number of cats surrendered from the 4,100 cats surrendered in 2007/2008, and the proportion of cats surrendered has decreased from 19%.

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

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2008/2009

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	35	18%	44	27%	56	32%	70	32%	76	39%	70	34%	87	42%	73	41%	76	38%	58	35%	60	32%	50	27%	<b>755</b>	<b>33%</b>
Hunter	117	23%	122	28%	97	22%	168	32%	131	31%	163	39%	161	35%	139	30%	158	33%	177	34%	148	34%	121	27%	<b>1,702</b>	<b>31%</b>
Illawarra	35	13%	31	13%	28	13%	34	15%	24	10%	43	16%	67	21%	30	13%	29	12%	37	17%	28	11%	31	13%	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>
Mid North Coast	17	9%	15	7%	18	7%	23	11%	15	8%	28	11%	38	12%	19	8%	18	8%	23	8%	16	6%	7	2%	<b>237</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murray	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	6	5%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	<b>16</b>	<b>1%</b>
Murrumbidgee	113	40%	105	33%	97	33%	80	31%	62	27%	106	45%	113	39%	86	29%	97	32%	117	41%	145	49%	157	51%	<b>1,278</b>	<b>38%</b>
Northern	44	15%	31	12%	33	11%	41	16%	43	16%	63	20%	51	17%	36	12%	54	17%	37	12%	33	12%	29	11%	<b>495</b>	<b>14%</b>
North Western	21	7%	35	13%	32	14%	35	14%	37	14%	51	17%	55	18%	33	12%	62	19%	27	9%	21	6%	21	7%	<b>430</b>	<b>12%</b>
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	9	7%	0	0%	5	4%	0	0%	5	4%	7	5%	1	1%	4	3%	0	0%	<b>33</b>	<b>2%</b>
South Eastern	35	15%	28	14%	28	14%	34	15%	29	14%	25	11%	31	15%	19	9%	35	15%	18	8%	27	14%	39	16%	<b>348</b>	<b>13%</b>
Western	100	27%	90	26%	100	25%	67	22%	80	27%	93	25%	98	29%	109	28%	104	28%	79	21%	95	24%	84	23%	<b>1,099</b>	<b>25%</b>
Sydney North	13	11%	12	9%	10	8%	15	12%	18	15%	27	27%	33	23%	13	14%	13	12%	32	24%	14	12%	19	18%	<b>219</b>	<b>15%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	6	3%	7	3%	5	3%	4	2%	2	1%	3	1%	2	1%	0	0%	5	3%	15	7%	1	1%	<b>50</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney Inner	10	17%	8	14%	8	19%	8	26%	25	48%	11	24%	16	29%	13	36%	9	21%	15	33%	14	27%	6	16%	<b>143</b>	<b>26%</b>
Sydney West	295	24%	344	30%	311	27%	382	32%	332	31%	375	33%	464	38%	402	34%	412	34%	331	28%	466	41%	315	28%	<b>4,429</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>11,651</b>	<b>22%</b>

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

Table 17 shows that:

- the total number of dogs dumped was 11,651, which represented 22% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 16 in the Murray region to 4,429 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 1% in the Murray region to 38% in the Murrumbidgee region; the percentage exceeded 10% 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 26% in January and the lowest point of 18% in July

- there has been a 64% increase in the number of dogs dumped from the 7,107 dogs dumped in 2007/2008, and the proportion of dogs that were dumped has increased from 14%.

### 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2008/2009

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	100%	0	NC	12	92%	32	94%	55	95%	50	91%	43	67%	72	94%	60	94%	43	96%	15	88%	30	88%	<b>413</b>	<b>89%</b>
Hunter	25	29%	20	24%	22	15%	34	25%	21	13%	27	15%	15	14%	50	28%	43	19%	35	16%	61	33%	24	18%	<b>377</b>	<b>20%</b>
Illawarra	24	39%	24	53%	28	44%	44	51%	73	63%	82	64%	40	51%	46	58%	57	49%	58	67%	44	59%	40	39%	<b>560</b>	<b>54%</b>
Mid North Coast	15	12%	16	43%	19	36%	20	42%	53	42%	83	39%	47	42%	32	23%	62	51%	59	41%	30	24%	16	19%	<b>452</b>	<b>34%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	69	70%	76	62%	43	81%	76	69%	144	77%	106	80%	127	78%	134	90%	126	73%	118	75%	67	50%	47	51%	<b>1,133</b>	<b>72%</b>
Northern	30	33%	11	24%	8	18%	18	34%	13	19%	35	38%	25	24%	29	22%	23	22%	24	29%	14	20%	4	7%	<b>234</b>	<b>25%</b>
North Western	9	9%	9	7%	9	12%	4	5%	22	16%	35	25%	27	19%	10	9%	12	9%	30	25%	16	14%	16	18%	<b>199</b>	<b>14%</b>
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	3	5%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	3	7%	0	0%	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>
South Eastern	7	19%	2	3%	1	3%	1	3%	19	28%	14	17%	8	11%	11	17%	15	21%	5	9%	2	3%	3	4%	<b>88</b>	<b>12%</b>
Western	26	27%	15	17%	19	26%	25	29%	68	41%	51	38%	31	34%	49	36%	32	26%	50	41%	22	18%	12	13%	<b>400</b>	<b>30%</b>
Sydney North	17	52%	7	22%	6	30%	10	53%	20	49%	17	26%	25	63%	19	54%	28	65%	29	51%	20	61%	17	52%	<b>215</b>	<b>48%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	4	2%	1	1%	1	0%	10	4%	44	11%	12	3%	16	5%	11	5%	0	0%	<b>100</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney Inner	3	18%	12	34%	16	52%	14	82%	13	26%	11	31%	3	17%	13	33%	10	32%	6	35%	14	40%	2	8%	<b>117</b>	<b>33%</b>
Sydney West	249	60%	312	62%	251	63%	328	58%	643	68%	549	58%	537	66%	597	60%	629	56%	659	56%	494	55%	364	63%	<b>5,612</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>9,908</b>	<b>40%</b>

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

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 9,908, which represented 40% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from none in the Murray region to 5,612 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial regional variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from none in the Murray region to 89% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 20% in nine regions (including the Hunter region with 20.4%)
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped in each month reached the highest level of 48% in November and the lowest point of 34% in July

- the number of cats dumped has more than doubled from the 4,716 cats dumped in 2007/2008, and the proportion of cats arriving that were dumped has increased from 21%.

4. Animals arriving at a pound (ie. 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 2008/2009

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	192	164	174	219	196	205	206	177	200	164	190	186	<b>2,273</b>
Hunter	505	433	440	528	422	420	462	467	473	515	429	453	<b>5,547</b>
Illawarra	274	233	222	233	247	271	316	233	248	223	261	244	<b>3,005</b>
Mid North Coast	198	210	253	219	188	245	319	237	236	288	248	297	<b>2,938</b>
Murray	122	130	134	111	123	114	114	84	116	138	112	91	<b>1,389</b>
Murrumbidgee	283	315	291	255	226	238	290	292	304	287	296	308	<b>3,385</b>
Northern	297	254	307	249	269	315	300	294	322	301	274	254	<b>3,436</b>
North Western	306	268	229	257	258	300	304	280	320	285	350	303	<b>3,460</b>
Richmond Tweed	152	128	109	126	144	121	136	135	143	139	150	113	<b>1,596</b>
South Eastern	230	203	201	227	203	220	213	204	238	214	188	237	<b>2,578</b>
Western	367	345	400	304	293	366	342	396	376	372	394	359	<b>4,314</b>
Sydney North	115	132	118	130	123	99	146	90	111	132	119	103	<b>1,418</b>
Sydney South	221	180	209	180	171	202	215	199	193	181	206	165	<b>2,322</b>
Sydney Inner	59	58	43	31	52	45	55	36	42	46	52	37	<b>556</b>
Sydney West	1,218	1,144	1,131	1,183	1,063	1,149	1,227	1,180	1,213	1,192	1,125	1,144	<b>13,969</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,539</b>	<b>4,197</b>	<b>4,261</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>4,310</b>	<b>4,645</b>	<b>4,304</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>4,477</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>52,186</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 52,186
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 556 in the Sydney Inner region to 13,969 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs reported to be arriving at a pound in total (all regions) ranged from 3,978 in November to 4,645 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 slightly from 52,279 dogs in 2007/2008.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	2,273	34
Hunter	5,547	35
Illawarra	3,005	33
Mid North Coast	2,938	41
Murray	1,389	48
Murrumbidgee	3,385	85
Northern	3,436	67
North Western	3,460	102
Richmond Tweed	1,596	35
South Eastern	2,578	48
Western	4,314	80
Sydney North	1,418	15
Sydney South	2,322	23
Sydney Inner	556	13
Sydney West	13,969	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,186</b>	<b>43</b>

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

Table 20 shows that:

- 43 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 13 in the Sydney Inner region to 102 in the North Western region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs has increased from 40 in 2007/2008.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2008/2009

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	1	0	13	34	58	55	64	77	64	45	17	34	<b>462</b>
Hunter	87	84	144	138	162	176	110	177	231	220	184	135	<b>1,848</b>
Illawarra	62	45	64	87	115	129	78	80	117	87	74	103	<b>1,041</b>
Mid North Coast	130	37	53	48	127	211	113	137	121	145	126	86	<b>1,334</b>
Murray	38	47	57	56	27	55	59	31	32	16	43	50	<b>511</b>
Murrumbidgee	99	122	53	110	187	132	162	149	172	158	133	93	<b>1,570</b>
Northern	90	45	44	53	67	93	104	133	106	83	71	56	<b>945</b>
North Western	103	132	76	76	136	138	141	113	138	118	113	90	<b>1,374</b>
Richmond Tweed	31	28	35	25	50	61	45	58	28	30	43	36	<b>470</b>
South Eastern	36	61	37	40	67	84	70	64	71	53	69	79	<b>731</b>
Western	95	87	72	85	164	135	90	136	122	122	121	90	<b>1,319</b>
Sydney North	33	32	20	19	41	66	40	35	43	57	33	33	<b>452</b>
Sydney South	177	146	122	219	190	249	257	396	356	297	222	169	<b>2,800</b>
Sydney Inner	17	35	31	17	50	35	18	40	31	17	35	25	<b>351</b>
Sydney West	418	505	396	562	947	951	811	1,002	1,115	1,186	906	579	<b>9,378</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>24,586</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 24,586
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 351 in the Sydney Inner region to 9,378 in the Sydney West region
- the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) in each of the months November through May exceeded 2,000 while the number of cats arriving at a pound in the remaining months was below 1,700
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats arriving at a pound has increased by 11% from 22,133 cats in 2007/2008.



Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2008/2009

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	462	23
Hunter	1,848	46
Illawarra	1,041	45
Mid North Coast	1,334	85
Murray	511	85
Murrumbidgee	1,570	214
Northern	945	101
North Western	1,374	303
Richmond Tweed	470	43
South Eastern	731	75
Western	1,319	119
Sydney North	452	10
Sydney South	2,800	61
Sydney Inner	351	12
Sydney West	9,378	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,586</b>	<b>68</b>

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

Table 22 shows that:

- 68 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 10 in the Sydney North region to 303 in the North Western region
- five regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 100
- the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats has increased from 61 in 2007/2008.

## 5. Animals leaving a pound

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2008/2009

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	83	43%	76	46%	64	37%	104	47%	117	60%	91	44%	115	56%	90	51%	99	50%	81	49%	97	51%	89	48%	<b>1,106</b>	<b>49%</b>
Hunter	216	43%	178	41%	195	44%	246	47%	168	40%	199	47%	206	45%	194	42%	189	40%	220	43%	184	43%	183	40%	<b>2,378</b>	<b>43%</b>
Illawarra	179	65%	147	63%	127	57%	140	60%	134	54%	149	55%	179	57%	138	59%	155	63%	142	64%	169	65%	132	54%	<b>1,791</b>	<b>60%</b>
Mid North Coast	85	43%	71	34%	102	40%	76	35%	59	31%	86	35%	103	32%	86	36%	97	41%	106	37%	80	32%	109	37%	<b>1,060</b>	<b>36%</b>
Murray	34	28%	54	42%	62	46%	37	33%	75	61%	43	38%	48	42%	36	43%	61	53%	65	47%	60	54%	48	53%	<b>623</b>	<b>45%</b>
Murrumbidgee	74	26%	68	22%	78	27%	75	29%	67	30%	37	16%	71	24%	58	20%	67	22%	69	24%	93	31%	102	33%	<b>859</b>	<b>25%</b>
Northern	78	26%	56	22%	67	22%	63	25%	47	17%	59	19%	59	20%	67	23%	75	23%	77	26%	66	24%	71	28%	<b>785</b>	<b>23%</b>
North Western	83	27%	63	24%	49	21%	85	33%	59	23%	81	27%	77	25%	75	27%	75	23%	79	28%	119	34%	110	36%	<b>955</b>	<b>28%</b>
Richmond Tweed	68	45%	60	47%	61	56%	55	44%	67	47%	62	51%	67	49%	59	44%	83	58%	69	50%	93	62%	59	52%	<b>803</b>	<b>50%</b>
South Eastern	112	49%	94	46%	95	47%	134	59%	107	53%	125	57%	112	53%	102	50%	124	52%	106	50%	87	46%	116	49%	<b>1,314</b>	<b>51%</b>
Western	83	23%	80	23%	96	24%	75	25%	89	30%	108	30%	94	27%	83	21%	128	34%	104	28%	109	28%	117	33%	<b>1,166</b>	<b>27%</b>
Sydney North	103	90%	114	86%	99	84%	110	85%	110	89%	84	85%	111	76%	82	91%	82	74%	112	85%	94	79%	84	82%	<b>1,185</b>	<b>84%</b>
Sydney South	121	55%	99	55%	102	49%	106	59%	100	58%	117	58%	125	58%	104	52%	119	62%	84	46%	92	45%	91	55%	<b>1,260</b>	<b>54%</b>
Sydney Inner	23	39%	35	60%	22	51%	21	68%	18	35%	23	51%	27	49%	13	36%	22	52%	28	61%	19	37%	15	41%	<b>266</b>	<b>48%</b>
Sydney West	401	33%	420	37%	377	33%	408	34%	330	31%	432	38%	447	36%	390	33%	400	33%	402	34%	358	32%	322	28%	<b>4,687</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>20,238</b>	<b>39%</b>

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

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 20,238, which represented 39% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 266 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,687 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 23% in the Northern region to 84% in the Sydney North region; only five regions released more than half the dogs arriving at a pound to their owner (including the Richmond Tweed region with 50.3%)

- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant: the percentages ranged from 37% in September and February to 41% in October
- 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 the owner has increased by 4% from 19,522 In 2007/2008, and the proportion of all dogs released to their owner has increased slightly from 37%.

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2008/2009

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	48	25%	20	12%	10	6%	12	5%	10	5%	15	7%	25	12%	11	6%	26	13%	11	7%	14	7%	16	9%	<b>218</b>	<b>10%</b>
Hunter	136	27%	139	32%	143	33%	139	26%	131	31%	131	31%	110	24%	135	29%	151	32%	151	29%	136	32%	126	28%	<b>1,628</b>	<b>29%</b>
Illawarra	31	11%	30	13%	19	9%	25	11%	21	9%	32	12%	24	8%	28	12%	24	10%	12	5%	20	8%	23	9%	<b>289</b>	<b>10%</b>
Mid North Coast	64	32%	65	31%	77	30%	86	39%	60	32%	106	43%	128	40%	98	41%	74	31%	106	37%	123	50%	111	37%	<b>1,098</b>	<b>37%</b>
Murray	54	44%	47	36%	41	31%	38	34%	23	19%	26	23%	33	29%	26	31%	39	34%	30	22%	28	25%	33	36%	<b>418</b>	<b>30%</b>
Murrumbidgee	110	39%	153	49%	149	51%	140	55%	97	43%	117	49%	158	54%	141	48%	139	46%	147	51%	108	36%	121	39%	<b>1,580</b>	<b>47%</b>
Northern	171	58%	161	63%	199	65%	154	62%	168	62%	223	71%	196	65%	209	71%	184	57%	191	63%	155	57%	176	69%	<b>2,187</b>	<b>64%</b>
North Western	154	50%	132	49%	106	46%	113	44%	119	46%	148	49%	141	46%	136	49%	131	41%	139	49%	149	43%	153	50%	<b>1,621</b>	<b>47%</b>
Richmond Tweed	32	21%	47	37%	23	21%	46	37%	37	26%	29	24%	24	18%	35	26%	29	20%	35	25%	24	16%	33	29%	<b>394</b>	<b>25%</b>
South Eastern	58	25%	93	46%	69	34%	57	25%	64	32%	70	32%	56	26%	72	35%	77	32%	71	33%	57	30%	73	31%	<b>817</b>	<b>32%</b>
Western	261	71%	222	64%	275	69%	207	68%	180	61%	238	65%	226	66%	269	68%	224	60%	220	59%	256	65%	202	56%	<b>2,780</b>	<b>64%</b>
Sydney North	12	10%	8	6%	4	3%	11	8%	4	3%	7	7%	9	6%	15	17%	12	11%	12	9%	7	6%	11	11%	<b>112</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney South	35	16%	22	12%	25	12%	21	12%	21	12%	23	11%	16	7%	24	12%	11	6%	22	12%	21	10%	16	10%	<b>257</b>	<b>11%</b>
Sydney Inner	7	12%	8	14%	3	7%	5	16%	10	19%	10	22%	6	11%	2	6%	4	10%	2	4%	0	0%	5	14%	<b>62</b>	<b>11%</b>
Sydney West	373	31%	307	27%	339	30%	339	29%	283	27%	340	30%	291	24%	263	22%	277	23%	354	30%	257	23%	310	27%	<b>3,733</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>17,194</b>	<b>33%</b>

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

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 17,194, which represented 33% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 62 in the Sydney Inner region to 3,733 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 8% in the Sydney North region to 64% in the Northern and Western regions; no other regions euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant: the percentages ranged from 31% in four months to 35% in three months
- 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 10% from 19,098 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all dogs that were euthanased has decreased from 37%.

Data on the reason for euthanasia was collected for the first time in 2008/2009. This data shows that:

- 14,210 dogs were euthanased due to inability to re-home and this represented 83% of all dogs euthanased
- a further 1,556 (9%) dogs were euthanased at their owner's request.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2008/2009

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	9	5%	18	11%	27	16%	33	15%	21	11%	22	11%	24	12%	26	15%	15	8%	24	15%	26	14%	16	9%	<b>261</b>	<b>11%</b>
Hunter	95	19%	82	19%	34	8%	27	5%	31	7%	31	7%	32	7%	42	9%	41	9%	46	9%	33	8%	54	12%	<b>548</b>	<b>10%</b>
Illawarra	12	4%	14	6%	21	9%	27	12%	17	7%	22	8%	16	5%	23	10%	22	9%	15	7%	16	6%	7	3%	<b>212</b>	<b>7%</b>
Mid North Coast	18	9%	24	11%	23	9%	19	9%	13	7%	24	10%	25	8%	19	8%	17	7%	20	7%	23	9%	26	9%	<b>251</b>	<b>9%</b>
Murray	26	21%	29	22%	21	16%	23	21%	20	16%	20	18%	29	25%	9	11%	17	15%	26	19%	23	21%	10	11%	<b>253</b>	<b>18%</b>
Murrumbidgee	27	10%	11	3%	9	3%	19	7%	13	6%	13	5%	19	7%	16	5%	20	7%	26	9%	22	7%	15	5%	<b>210</b>	<b>6%</b>
Northern	17	6%	12	5%	22	7%	8	3%	7	3%	8	3%	16	5%	6	2%	19	6%	11	4%	12	4%	8	3%	<b>146</b>	<b>4%</b>
North Western	5	2%	4	1%	3	1%	2	1%	9	3%	2	1%	4	1%	7	3%	8	3%	7	2%	7	2%	2	1%	<b>60</b>	<b>2%</b>
Richmond Tweed	28	18%	19	15%	21	19%	10	8%	14	10%	28	23%	19	14%	17	13%	25	17%	22	16%	16	11%	16	14%	<b>235</b>	<b>15%</b>
South Eastern	15	7%	14	7%	21	10%	19	8%	15	7%	10	5%	19	9%	14	7%	23	10%	21	10%	13	7%	27	11%	<b>211</b>	<b>8%</b>
Western	7	2%	14	4%	14	4%	13	4%	12	4%	12	3%	13	4%	14	4%	23	6%	18	5%	11	3%	17	5%	<b>168</b>	<b>4%</b>
Sydney North	4	3%	2	2%	3	3%	6	5%	8	7%	5	5%	12	8%	2	2%	5	5%	10	8%	11	9%	1	1%	<b>69</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney South	59	27%	36	20%	48	23%	39	22%	26	15%	40	20%	44	20%	44	22%	35	18%	34	19%	38	18%	30	18%	<b>473</b>	<b>20%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	3	5%	9	21%	5	16%	6	12%	5	11%	5	9%	12	33%	8	19%	5	11%	11	21%	11	30%	<b>80</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney West	240	20%	195	17%	220	19%	224	19%	182	17%	178	15%	214	17%	214	18%	231	19%	219	18%	218	19%	229	20%	<b>2,564</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5,741</b>	<b>11%</b>

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

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 5,741, which represented 11% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 60 in the North Western region to 2,564 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold, ranging from 2% in the North Western region to 20% in the Sydney South region; in eight regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month remained quite constant over the year, ranging from 10% to 12%
- 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 8% from 6,244 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all dogs that were sold has decreased by 12%.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2008/2009

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	65	34%	40	24%	60	34%	58	26%	49	25%	59	29%	58	28%	44	25%	55	28%	41	25%	43	23%	59	32%	<b>631</b>	<b>28%</b>
Hunter	20	4%	22	5%	52	12%	57	11%	96	23%	49	12%	91	20%	75	16%	71	15%	72	14%	82	19%	66	15%	<b>753</b>	<b>14%</b>
Illawarra	57	21%	44	19%	55	25%	39	17%	62	25%	54	20%	72	23%	80	34%	47	19%	54	24%	59	23%	69	28%	<b>692</b>	<b>23%</b>
Mid North Coast	38	19%	43	20%	47	19%	48	22%	38	20%	35	14%	49	15%	34	14%	48	20%	50	17%	32	13%	38	13%	<b>500</b>	<b>17%</b>
Murray	3	2%	15	12%	8	6%	8	7%	8	7%	15	13%	12	11%	10	12%	8	7%	7	5%	11	10%	5	5%	<b>110</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murrumbidgee	54	19%	69	22%	52	18%	41	16%	43	19%	57	24%	30	10%	60	21%	59	19%	57	20%	51	17%	52	17%	<b>625</b>	<b>18%</b>
Northern	29	10%	16	6%	24	8%	21	8%	25	9%	21	7%	27	9%	12	4%	32	10%	23	8%	29	11%	18	7%	<b>277</b>	<b>8%</b>
North Western	59	19%	63	24%	76	33%	72	28%	48	19%	75	25%	76	25%	60	21%	84	26%	71	25%	84	24%	47	16%	<b>815</b>	<b>24%</b>
Richmond Tweed	14	9%	14	11%	8	7%	18	14%	9	6%	15	12%	12	9%	16	12%	8	6%	15	11%	13	9%	12	11%	<b>154</b>	<b>10%</b>
South Eastern	22	10%	28	14%	19	9%	10	4%	19	9%	24	11%	18	8%	19	9%	19	8%	17	8%	19	10%	18	8%	<b>232</b>	<b>9%</b>
Western	10	3%	7	2%	13	3%	4	1%	0	0%	1	0%	6	2%	21	5%	21	6%	15	4%	10	3%	16	4%	<b>124</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney North	0	0%	3	2%	4	3%	7	5%	3	2%	3	3%	3	2%	2	2%	5	5%	4	3%	2	2%	4	4%	<b>40</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney South	19	9%	21	12%	21	10%	20	11%	16	9%	19	9%	21	10%	25	13%	26	13%	27	15%	33	16%	34	21%	<b>282</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney Inner	20	34%	7	12%	7	16%	4	13%	5	10%	9	20%	12	22%	11	31%	7	17%	9	20%	13	25%	8	22%	<b>112</b>	<b>20%</b>
Sydney West	167	14%	166	15%	161	14%	170	14%	176	17%	184	16%	189	15%	202	17%	217	18%	171	14%	199	18%	180	16%	<b>2,182</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7,529</b>	<b>14%</b>

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

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 7,529, which represented 14% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 40 in the Sydney North region to 2,182 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 3% in the Western and Sydney North regions to 28% in the Central Coast region; in five regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month remained relatively constant over the year, varying from 13% in July-August to 16% in February-March
- 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 20% from 6,249 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all dogs that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased slightly from 12%.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2008/2009

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Returned to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	218	10%	631	28%	261	11%	1,106	49%
Hunter	1,628	29%	753	14%	548	10%	2,378	43%
Illawarra	289	10%	692	23%	212	7%	1,791	60%
Mid North Coast	1,098	37%	500	17%	251	9%	1,060	36%
Murray	418	30%	110	8%	253	18%	623	45%
Murrumbidgee	1,580	47%	625	18%	210	6%	859	25%
Northern	2,187	64%	277	8%	146	4%	785	23%
North Western	1,621	47%	815	24%	60	2%	955	28%
Richmond Tweed	394	25%	154	10%	235	15%	803	50%
South Eastern	817	32%	232	9%	211	8%	1,314	51%
Western	2,780	64%	124	3%	168	4%	1,166	27%
Sydney North	112	8%	40	3%	69	5%	1,185	84%
Sydney South	257	11%	282	12%	473	20%	1,260	54%
Sydney Inner	62	11%	112	20%	80	14%	266	48%
Sydney West	3,733	27%	2,182	16%	2,564	18%	4,687	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,194</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7,529</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5,741</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20,238</b>	<b>39%</b>

Table 27 summarises tables 23-26. It shows that dogs arriving at a pound were most commonly returned to their owner followed by euthanased. There were somewhat more dogs released to an organisation for re-homing than sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-quarter of all dogs arriving at a pound. The most common ordering of outcomes within each region was released to owner followed by euthanasia (six regions). This ordering was reversed in five regions. The ordering of outcomes in the remaining four regions was released to owner followed by either released to an organization for re-homing or sold.

In 2007/2008, euthanased and released to owner each accounted for 37% of the dogs arriving at a pound, and sold and released to an organisation for re-homing were equally represented with 12%. Therefore there has been a change in the ordering of outcomes.



## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2008/2009

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	0%	0	NC	2	15%	1	3%	2	3%	2	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	1	2%	0	0%	1	3%	<b>12</b>	<b>3%</b>
Hunter	3	3%	5	6%	8	6%	4	3%	5	3%	12	7%	7	6%	1	1%	13	6%	8	4%	2	1%	4	3%	<b>72</b>	<b>4%</b>
Illawarra	10	16%	4	9%	3	5%	0	0%	2	2%	4	3%	6	8%	3	4%	1	1%	2	2%	7	9%	5	5%	<b>47</b>	<b>5%</b>
Mid North Coast	2	2%	4	11%	7	13%	0	0%	2	2%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%	3	2%	1	1%	4	3%	3	3%	<b>28</b>	<b>2%</b>
Murray	6	16%	2	4%	3	5%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%	3	9%	1	6%	1	2%	5	10%	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>
Murrumbidgee	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>
Northern	0	0%	3	7%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	4	4%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	4	6%	1	2%	<b>17</b>	<b>2%</b>
North Western	2	2%	6	5%	2	3%	5	7%	5	4%	0	0%	3	2%	3	3%	2	1%	3	3%	1	1%	5	6%	<b>37</b>	<b>3%</b>
Richmond Tweed	2	6%	0	0%	2	6%	4	16%	2	4%	1	2%	1	2%	3	5%	4	14%	0	0%	3	7%	2	6%	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	0	0%	4	7%	15	41%	1	3%	4	6%	2	2%	1	1%	1	2%	4	6%	1	2%	3	4%	7	9%	<b>43</b>	<b>6%</b>
Western	1	1%	1	1%	2	3%	2	2%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	2%	3	2%	2	2%	<b>18</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	2	6%	6	19%	3	15%	4	21%	1	2%	3	5%	3	8%	4	11%	2	5%	3	5%	0	0%	7	21%	<b>38</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney South	16	9%	12	8%	10	8%	7	3%	23	12%	18	7%	6	2%	7	2%	5	1%	11	4%	13	6%	5	3%	<b>133</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	6%	1	3%	0	0%	2	12%	1	2%	0	0%	2	11%	1	3%	1	3%	0	0%	2	6%	0	0%	<b>11</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney West	13	3%	13	3%	8	2%	9	2%	17	2%	34	4%	31	4%	9	1%	17	2%	16	1%	15	2%	16	3%	<b>198</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 710, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 8 in the Murrumbidgee region to 198 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner varied somewhat between regions, ranging from 1% in the Murrumbidgee region to 8% in the Sydney North region
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year: the monthly variations observed are likely to be driven in the main by random changes on the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent

- the number of cats released to their owner has increased by 7% from 666 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained stable at 3%.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2008/2009

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	0%	0	NC	1	8%	1	3%	6	10%	7	13%	25	39%	25	32%	43	67%	12	27%	0	0%	25	74%	<b>145</b>	<b>31%</b>
Hunter	55	63%	61	73%	87	60%	79	57%	96	59%	129	73%	73	66%	103	58%	177	77%	133	60%	132	72%	99	73%	<b>1,224</b>	<b>66%</b>
Illawarra	12	19%	8	18%	7	11%	8	9%	49	43%	38	29%	13	17%	12	15%	20	17%	23	26%	10	14%	33	32%	<b>233</b>	<b>22%</b>
Mid North Coast	100	77%	20	54%	26	49%	21	44%	64	50%	156	74%	58	51%	97	71%	70	58%	85	59%	72	57%	83	97%	<b>852</b>	<b>64%</b>
Murray	19	50%	29	62%	44	77%	28	50%	18	67%	25	45%	37	63%	21	68%	14	44%	11	69%	29	67%	38	76%	<b>313</b>	<b>61%</b>
Murrumbidgee	82	83%	115	94%	45	85%	72	65%	115	61%	113	86%	119	73%	130	87%	150	87%	119	75%	105	79%	84	90%	<b>1,249</b>	<b>80%</b>
Northern	79	88%	44	98%	42	95%	39	74%	65	97%	85	91%	86	83%	117	88%	105	99%	68	82%	60	85%	47	84%	<b>837</b>	<b>89%</b>
North Western	74	72%	102	77%	46	61%	34	45%	76	56%	109	79%	66	47%	55	49%	106	77%	80	68%	82	73%	59	66%	<b>889</b>	<b>65%</b>
Richmond Tweed	6	19%	15	54%	21	60%	18	72%	23	46%	30	49%	19	42%	35	60%	13	46%	14	47%	23	53%	14	39%	<b>231</b>	<b>49%</b>
South Eastern	14	39%	36	59%	12	32%	33	83%	25	37%	59	70%	34	49%	26	41%	44	62%	23	43%	43	62%	48	61%	<b>397</b>	<b>54%</b>
Western	94	99%	73	84%	77	107%	75	88%	140	85%	139	103%	101	112%	126	93%	121	99%	111	91%	112	93%	76	84%	<b>1,245</b>	<b>94%</b>
Sydney North	22	67%	25	78%	13	65%	14	74%	17	41%	44	67%	37	93%	14	40%	29	67%	42	74%	16	48%	14	42%	<b>287</b>	<b>63%</b>
Sydney South	115	65%	85	58%	62	51%	133	61%	135	71%	197	79%	164	64%	281	71%	286	80%	175	59%	171	77%	139	82%	<b>1,943</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney Inner	12	71%	34	97%	23	74%	11	65%	44	88%	36	103%	12	67%	31	78%	26	84%	12	71%	26	74%	15	60%	<b>282</b>	<b>80%</b>
Sydney West	303	72%	316	63%	279	70%	287	51%	674	71%	739	78%	555	68%	755	75%	824	74%	773	65%	596	66%	377	65%	<b>6,478</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>16,605</b>	<b>68%</b>

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

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 16,605, which represented 68% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 145 in the Central Coast region to 6,478 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 22% in the Illawarra region to 94% in the Western region; in all but four of the regions more than 60% of the cats that arrived at a pound were euthanased
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month remained relatively constant over the year, reaching a trough of 54% in October and a maximum of 74% in December and March
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats euthanased has increased by 2% from 16,271 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all cats that were euthanased has decreased from 74%.

Data on the reason for euthanasia was collected for the first time in 2008/2009. This data shows that:

- 14,612 cats were euthanased due to inability to re-home and this represented 88% of all cats euthanased
- a further 522 (3%) cats were euthanased at their owner's request.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2008/2009

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	2	6%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	3	4%	5	8%	2	4%	6	35%	6	18%	<b>26</b>	<b>6%</b>
Hunter	14	16%	10	12%	13	9%	2	1%	7	4%	12	7%	3	3%	14	8%	22	10%	20	9%	14	8%	12	9%	<b>143</b>	<b>8%</b>
Illawarra	12	19%	12	27%	13	20%	4	5%	10	9%	29	22%	26	33%	9	11%	22	19%	20	23%	25	34%	12	12%	<b>194</b>	<b>19%</b>
Mid North Coast	7	5%	1	3%	8	15%	9	19%	10	8%	16	8%	11	10%	18	13%	15	12%	12	8%	18	14%	2	2%	<b>127</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murray	9	24%	11	23%	15	26%	26	46%	10	37%	23	42%	22	37%	6	19%	9	28%	3	19%	13	30%	8	16%	<b>155</b>	<b>30%</b>
Murrumbidgee	4	4%	4	3%	3	6%	5	5%	4	2%	5	4%	17	10%	6	4%	7	4%	6	4%	4	3%	3	3%	<b>68</b>	<b>4%</b>
Northern	0	0%	0	0%	3	7%	1	2%	2	3%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>
North Western	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	<b>6</b>	<b>0%</b>
Richmond Tweed	11	35%	8	29%	2	6%	8	32%	1	2%	7	11%	11	24%	7	12%	13	46%	5	17%	5	12%	6	17%	<b>84</b>	<b>18%</b>
South Eastern	11	31%	9	15%	7	19%	3	8%	12	18%	10	12%	13	19%	14	22%	14	20%	15	28%	10	14%	6	8%	<b>124</b>	<b>17%</b>
Western	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	3	3%	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	5	15%	3	9%	1	5%	2	11%	5	12%	7	11%	10	25%	11	31%	12	28%	8	14%	13	39%	4	12%	<b>81</b>	<b>18%</b>
Sydney South	33	19%	43	29%	34	28%	34	16%	34	18%	38	15%	46	18%	59	15%	49	14%	35	12%	26	12%	34	20%	<b>465</b>	<b>17%</b>
Sydney Inner	4	24%	0	0%	1	3%	2	12%	1	2%	1	3%	1	6%	3	8%	0	0%	2	12%	0	0%	1	4%	<b>16</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney West	41	10%	51	10%	38	10%	32	6%	60	6%	70	7%	67	8%	62	6%	81	7%	76	6%	91	10%	53	9%	<b>722</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>9%</b>

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

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 2,233, which represented 9% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the North Western region to 722 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 less than 1% in the North Western region to 30% in the Murray region; in eight regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied somewhat over the year: the percentage ranged from 7% in November to 12% in September
- 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 remained virtually the same as 2007/2008 (2,223), and the proportion of all cats that were sold has decreased slightly from 10%.

Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2008/2009

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	100%	0	NC	2	15%	27	79%	27	47%	35	64%	39	61%	19	25%	15	23%	27	60%	18	106%	5	15%	<b>215</b>	<b>47%</b>
Hunter	3	3%	7	8%	19	13%	46	33%	27	17%	21	12%	17	15%	36	20%	20	9%	32	15%	31	17%	23	17%	<b>282</b>	<b>15%</b>
Illawarra	29	47%	35	78%	38	59%	46	53%	41	36%	66	51%	44	56%	46	58%	60	51%	59	68%	30	41%	46	45%	<b>540</b>	<b>52%</b>
Mid North Coast	17	13%	14	38%	20	38%	10	21%	38	30%	45	21%	31	27%	26	19%	40	33%	39	27%	28	22%	12	14%	<b>320</b>	<b>24%</b>
Murray	2	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	1	2%	3	5%	1	3%	4	13%	1	6%	0	0%	1	2%	<b>15</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	3	3%	1	1%	7	13%	11	10%	39	21%	36	27%	25	15%	19	13%	21	12%	28	18%	24	18%	6	6%	<b>220</b>	<b>14%</b>
Northern	1	1%	4	9%	2	5%	9	17%	4	6%	2	2%	12	12%	15	11%	2	2%	10	12%	11	15%	5	9%	<b>77</b>	<b>8%</b>
North Western	21	20%	24	18%	22	29%	33	43%	31	23%	47	34%	88	62%	41	36%	29	21%	35	30%	29	26%	33	37%	<b>433</b>	<b>32%</b>
Richmond Tweed	11	35%	8	29%	4	11%	8	32%	9	18%	23	38%	19	42%	3	5%	5	18%	10	33%	14	33%	16	44%	<b>130</b>	<b>28%</b>
South Eastern	8	22%	5	8%	8	22%	3	8%	10	15%	24	29%	23	33%	20	31%	8	11%	11	21%	16	23%	12	15%	<b>148</b>	<b>20%</b>
Western	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	9	7%	0	0%	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney North	0	0%	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	0	0%	3	5%	0	0%	2	6%	1	2%	7	12%	10	30%	1	3%	<b>25</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney South	11	6%	6	4%	5	4%	24	11%	14	7%	9	4%	12	5%	15	4%	5	1%	23	8%	20	9%	12	7%	<b>156</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney Inner	2	12%	0	0%	4	13%	1	6%	3	6%	0	0%	1	6%	2	5%	5	16%	1	6%	1	3%	0	0%	<b>20</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney West	31	7%	36	7%	43	11%	96	17%	114	12%	54	6%	72	9%	34	3%	54	5%	48	4%	80	9%	57	10%	<b>719</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>13%</b>

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

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 3,310, which represented 13% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 10 in the Western region to 719 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 1% in the Western region to 52% in the Illawarra region; in seven regions the percentage released to an organisation for re-homing was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the number and percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing each month varied somewhat over the year: the percentage varied from a minimum of 10% in July-August and March to a maximum of 20% in October
- the monthly variation in cats released to an organisation for re-homing was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent

- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing increased by 62% from 2,037 in 2007/2008, and the proportion of all cats that were released to an organisation for re-homing increased from 9%.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2008/2009

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Returned to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	145	31%	215	47%	26	6%	12	3%
Hunter	1,224	66%	282	15%	143	8%	72	4%
Illawarra	233	22%	540	52%	194	19%	47	5%
Mid North Coast	852	64%	320	24%	127	10%	28	2%
Murray	313	61%	15	3%	155	30%	24	5%
Murrumbidgee	1,249	80%	220	14%	68	4%	8	1%
Northern	837	89%	77	8%	10	1%	17	2%
North Western	889	65%	433	32%	6	0%	37	3%
Richmond Tweed	231	49%	130	28%	84	18%	24	5%
South Eastern	397	54%	148	20%	124	17%	43	6%
Western	1,245	94%	10	1%	12	1%	18	1%
Sydney North	287	63%	25	6%	81	18%	38	8%
Sydney South	1,943	69%	156	6%	465	17%	133	5%
Sydney Inner	282	80%	20	6%	16	5%	11	3%
Sydney West	6,478	69%	719	8%	722	8%	198	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,605</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>3%</b>

Table 32 summarises tables 28-31. It shows that most cats arriving at a pound were euthanased. There were somewhat more cats released to an organisation for re-homing than sold, and these two categories account for approximately one-fifth of all cats arriving at a pound. Only 3% of cats arriving at a pound were returned to their owner. This ordering of outcomes occurred in eleven regions. Euthanasia was the most common outcome in all but two of the other regions.

Since 2007/2008, the proportion of cats euthanased has fallen from 74%, accounted for mainly by a rise from 9% in the proportion of cats released to an organisation for re-homing.



## Attachment 1 Number of identified animals as at 30 June 2009 – allocated to council areas

<b>Region</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Dogs</b>
Central Coast	20,481	67,704
Hunter	39,944	157,262
Illawarra	23,219	90,016
Mid North Coast	15,605	71,143
Murray	5,979	28,739
Murrumbidgee	7,347	39,907
Northern	9,397	51,230
North Western	4,538	33,873
Richmond Tweed	10,913	45,200
South Eastern	9,712	53,720
Western	11,072	54,189
Sydney North	45,818	96,387
Sydney South	46,162	102,561
Sydney Inner	29,553	42,055
Sydney West	81,580	287,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>361,320</b>	<b>1,221,310</b>

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

### Observations

- the Sydney West region had approximately 23% of all identified dogs and of all identified cats
- over the state of NSW, the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 3.4 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.4 to 1 and in the North Western region the ratio was 7.5 to 1.
- the number of identified cats has increased very slightly from 360,378 at 30 June 2008 and the number of identified dogs has decreased by 7% from 1,309,461.

# **Chapter 7**

## **Analysis of 2009/10 Data**

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## SUMMARY

This chapter reports on 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 2009 to June 2010. The response rate for the survey was 100%.

There are some striking features in the pound data collected by councils in 2009/2010.

Overall for all regions, the number of dogs seized by councils under the authority of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (36,731) was more than three times the number of cats seized (11,553). The number of dogs surrendered (6,401) was also well in excess of twice the number of cats surrendered (2,593).

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 39% for dogs. At the other end of the scale in terms of outcomes, 31% of dogs arriving at a pound were euthanased compared with 67% of cats. Of the remaining animals arriving at a pound, approximately twice as many cats were released to an organisation for re-homing than were sold, while the corresponding ratio for dogs was closer to 1.5 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, eight regions (out of fifteen) sold no more than 10% of dogs arriving at a pound, while the highest proportion of dogs sold was 24% in the Sydney Inner region. In five regions, the proportion of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 10% or less, well below the maximum of 24% achieved by the North West 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 31% in the Central Coast region. In four regions, the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were released for re-homing was 10% or less, with a maximum of 40% in the Illawarra region.

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

In 2009/2010, 28 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW (down from 33 in 2008/2009), and of these 24 were taken to the pound and the remainder were returned to their owner. The overall rate of dogs arriving at a pound was 38 per thousand identified dogs, and this is a decrease of 12% since 2008/2009.

The rates per thousand identified dogs varied considerably between regions: in the case of seized dogs the rate ranged from 13 to 67 per thousand and in the case of dogs arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 10 to 91 per thousand. In general, there appears to be corresponding trends across regions with high rates for seized dogs and high rates for dogs arriving at a pound.

In 2009/2010, 29 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW (down from 33 in 2008/2009), and of these 0.2 per thousand were returned to their owner with the remainder taken to the pound. The overall rate of cats arriving at a pound was 68 per thousand identified cats and this is a decrease of 5% since 2008/2009.

The rate per thousand identified cats varied considerably across regions: in the case of seized cats the rate ranged from 1 to 185 per thousand and in the case of cats arriving at a pound the rate ranged from 5 to 279 per thousand.

There have been decreases since 2008/2009 in the numbers of cats and dogs seized when expressed as a ratio per thousand identified animals, and these decreases have been in the range of 10% to 15%. The numbers of cats and dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified animals have also decreased by 12% and 5% respectively.

Changes have occurred since 2008/2009 in the reasons for dogs and cats arriving at a pound, and these follow trends observed in the previous 12 months but of smaller magnitudes. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were seized has fallen from 65% to 62%. The proportion of dogs reported to be dumped at a pound has increased from 22% to 25%. The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were seized has fallen from 49% to 44%. For dumped cats arriving at a pound the proportion has increased from 40% to 46%.

Since 2008/2009 the proportion of dogs and cats (separately) arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained unchanged. 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. The proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has fallen from 33% to 31%. This may be accounted for by a corresponding increase in the proportion of dogs sold and released to an organisation for re-homing combined from 25% to 27%. The proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has fallen slightly from 68% to 67%, accounted for by a corresponding increase in the proportion of cats sold and released to an organisation for re-homing combined.

In comparing the results in 2009/2010 with earlier years, particularly since 2008/2009, it is evident that there have been improvements in the quality of data entered, 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 are presented on a regional basis. The councils which comprise each region are listed in Appendix 1.



# 1. SEIZED ANIMALS

## 1.1 Dogs

Table 1 Number of dogs seized by region and month for 2009/2010

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	119	79	115	95	95	110	132	100	95	92	103	94	<b>1,229</b>
Hunter	309	254	268	263	243	226	293	287	283	281	285	252	<b>3,244</b>
Illawarra	165	164	166	175	158	151	235	172	185	197	169	160	<b>2,097</b>
Mid North Coast	181	167	186	204	176	191	212	194	225	189	188	183	<b>2,296</b>
Murray	142	141	136	117	135	123	141	160	169	122	143	138	<b>1,667</b>
Murrumbidgee	157	170	144	143	142	134	130	144	162	167	208	196	<b>1,897</b>
Northern	188	209	182	180	224	242	225	217	236	185	223	185	<b>2,496</b>
North Western	199	210	173	186	223	223	246	227	219	197	188	202	<b>2,493</b>
Richmond Tweed	114	103	91	96	115	110	111	108	102	104	113	101	<b>1,268</b>
South Eastern	190	180	184	189	200	161	214	214	174	198	202	182	<b>2,288</b>
Western	282	285	311	279	289	288	292	266	342	381	279	251	<b>3,545</b>
Sydney North	158	113	134	132	122	149	145	113	109	131	150	122	<b>1,578</b>
Sydney South	171	198	192	229	276	167	236	207	169	185	206	183	<b>2,419</b>
Sydney Inner	43	62	49	50	46	53	56	41	46	41	55	43	<b>585</b>
Sydney West	663	622	588	662	616	620	743	731	672	594	613	505	<b>7,629</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>3,411</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>2,797</b>	<b>36,731</b>

Table 1 shows that:

- the total number of dogs seized in 2009/2010 was 36,731
- the number of dogs seized varied considerably across regions, ranging from 585 in the Sydney Inner region to 7,629 in the Sydney West region
- the total number of dogs seized in each month varied somewhat, with the highest number seized occurring in January at 3,411, and the lowest number in June at 2,797
- the monthly numbers varied more in relative terms within each region, but no patterns are apparent
- there has been an 8% decrease from the 39,806 dogs seized in 2008/2009.

Table 2 Number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,229	17
Hunter	3,244	19
Illawarra	2,097	22
Mid North Coast	2,296	30
Murray	1,667	54
Murrumbidgee	1,897	43
Northern	2,496	44
North Western	2,493	67
Richmond Tweed	1,268	25
South Eastern	2,288	39
Western	3,545	59
Sydney North	1,578	15
Sydney South	2,419	22
Sydney Inner	585	13
Sydney West	7,629	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,731</b>	<b>28</b>

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

Table 2 shows that:

- 28 dogs were seized for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 13 in the Sydney Inner region to 67 in the North Western region
- there is a suggestion that the less densely populated regions (such as North Western and Western) exhibit higher rates of seized dogs per thousand identified dogs than more densely populated regions (such as Sydney Inner and Sydney North)
- the number of dogs seized per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 33 since 2008/2009.

Table 3 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs taken to the pound by region and month for 2009/2010

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	106	89%	74	94%	106	92%	84	88%	88	93%	95	86%	117	89%	95	95%	86	91%	80	87%	86	83%	80	85%	<b>1,097</b>	<b>89%</b>
Hunter	285	92%	233	92%	241	90%	227	86%	219	90%	213	94%	261	89%	259	90%	243	86%	259	92%	260	91%	225	89%	<b>2,925</b>	<b>90%</b>
Illawarra	135	82%	124	76%	134	81%	137	78%	115	73%	124	82%	175	74%	138	80%	147	79%	128	65%	116	69%	117	73%	<b>1,590</b>	<b>76%</b>
Mid North Coast	157	87%	143	86%	163	88%	176	86%	148	84%	153	80%	191	90%	167	86%	200	89%	163	86%	165	88%	163	89%	<b>1,989</b>	<b>87%</b>
Murray	118	83%	99	70%	102	75%	95	81%	107	79%	102	83%	115	82%	124	78%	124	73%	93	76%	117	82%	113	82%	<b>1,309</b>	<b>79%</b>
Murrumbidgee	152	97%	165	97%	130	90%	129	90%	128	90%	115	86%	118	91%	123	85%	156	96%	161	96%	201	97%	184	94%	<b>1,762</b>	<b>93%</b>
Northern	159	85%	179	86%	162	89%	162	90%	195	87%	209	86%	205	91%	202	93%	209	89%	169	91%	200	90%	166	90%	<b>2,217</b>	<b>89%</b>
North Western	168	84%	171	81%	143	83%	136	73%	174	78%	190	85%	218	89%	184	81%	178	81%	162	82%	167	89%	168	83%	<b>2,059</b>	<b>83%</b>
Richmond Tweed	104	91%	95	92%	87	96%	89	93%	105	91%	100	91%	93	84%	106	98%	87	85%	93	89%	103	91%	95	94%	<b>1,157</b>	<b>91%</b>
South Eastern	160	84%	161	89%	163	89%	159	84%	182	91%	150	93%	190	89%	188	88%	156	90%	177	89%	181	90%	171	94%	<b>2,038</b>	<b>89%</b>
Western	270	96%	270	95%	284	91%	262	94%	278	96%	268	93%	269	92%	253	95%	327	96%	340	89%	253	91%	235	94%	<b>3,309</b>	<b>93%</b>
Sydney North	117	74%	84	74%	102	76%	92	70%	85	70%	110	74%	116	80%	86	76%	78	72%	95	73%	110	73%	95	78%	<b>1,170</b>	<b>74%</b>
Sydney South	135	79%	146	74%	141	73%	160	70%	206	75%	126	75%	169	72%	166	80%	128	76%	129	70%	151	73%	135	74%	<b>1,792</b>	<b>74%</b>
Sydney Inner	31	72%	43	69%	39	80%	35	70%	38	83%	34	64%	34	61%	31	76%	33	72%	27	66%	31	56%	26	60%	<b>402</b>	<b>69%</b>
Sydney West	577	87%	508	82%	493	84%	547	83%	493	80%	511	82%	604	81%	616	84%	563	84%	486	82%	503	82%	447	89%	<b>6,348</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>31,164</b>	<b>85%</b>

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

Table 3 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs taken to the pound was 31,164, which represented 85% of all dogs seized
- there was considerable variation across regions in the number of seized dogs taken to the pound from 402 in the Sydney Inner region to 6,348 in the Sydney West region
- there was considerable variation across regions in the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound, ranging from 69% in the Sydney Inner region to 93% in the Murrumbidgee and Western regions
- the percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound for all regions each month was quite constant over the year, ranging from 83% in October to 87% in June and July
- there was considerably more variation in the monthly percentages for individual regions but no patterns are apparent
- there has been an 8% decrease from the 33,886 seized dogs taken to the pound in 2008/2009, but the percentage of all seized dogs taken to the pound has remained unchanged.

Table 4 Number of seized dogs taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	1,097	15
Hunter	2,925	17
Illawarra	1,590	16
Mid North Coast	1,989	26
Murray	1,309	42
Murrumbidgee	1,762	40
Northern	2,217	39
North Western	2,059	55
Richmond Tweed	1,157	23
South Eastern	2,038	35
Western	3,309	55
Sydney North	1,170	11
Sydney South	1,792	16
Sydney Inner	402	9
Sydney West	6,348	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,164</b>	<b>24</b>

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

Table 4 shows that:

- 24 seized dogs were taken to the pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized dogs were taken to the pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 9 in the Sydney Inner region to 55 in the North Western and Western regions
- 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 28 since 2008/2009.

Table 5 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized dogs returned to owner by region and month for 2009/2010

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	13	11%	5	6%	9	8%	11	12%	7	7%	15	14%	15	11%	5	5%	9	9%	12	13%	17	17%	14	15%	<b>132</b>	<b>11%</b>
Hunter	24	8%	21	8%	27	10%	36	14%	24	10%	13	6%	32	11%	28	10%	40	14%	22	8%	25	9%	27	11%	<b>319</b>	<b>10%</b>
Illawarra	30	18%	40	24%	32	19%	38	22%	43	27%	27	18%	60	26%	34	20%	38	21%	69	35%	53	31%	43	27%	<b>507</b>	<b>24%</b>
Mid North Coast	24	13%	24	14%	23	12%	28	14%	28	16%	38	20%	21	10%	27	14%	25	11%	26	14%	23	12%	20	11%	<b>307</b>	<b>13%</b>
Murray	24	17%	42	30%	34	25%	22	19%	28	21%	21	17%	26	18%	36	23%	45	27%	29	24%	26	18%	25	18%	<b>358</b>	<b>21%</b>
Murrumbidgee	5	3%	5	3%	14	10%	14	10%	14	10%	19	14%	12	9%	21	15%	6	4%	6	4%	7	3%	12	6%	<b>135</b>	<b>7%</b>
Northern	31	16%	31	15%	25	14%	18	10%	29	13%	33	14%	23	10%	17	8%	27	11%	21	11%	22	10%	21	11%	<b>298</b>	<b>12%</b>
North Western	28	14%	29	14%	24	14%	35	19%	39	17%	32	14%	28	11%	37	16%	24	11%	21	11%	18	10%	30	15%	<b>345</b>	<b>14%</b>
Richmond Tweed	10	9%	8	8%	4	4%	7	7%	10	9%	10	9%	18	16%	2	2%	15	15%	11	11%	10	9%	6	6%	<b>111</b>	<b>9%</b>
South Eastern	30	16%	19	11%	21	11%	30	16%	18	9%	11	7%	25	12%	26	12%	18	10%	21	11%	21	10%	11	6%	<b>251</b>	<b>11%</b>
Western	12	4%	15	5%	27	9%	17	6%	11	4%	20	7%	23	8%	13	5%	15	4%	41	11%	26	9%	16	6%	<b>236</b>	<b>7%</b>
Sydney North	41	26%	29	26%	32	24%	40	30%	37	30%	39	26%	29	20%	27	24%	31	28%	36	27%	40	27%	27	22%	<b>408</b>	<b>26%</b>
Sydney South	36	21%	52	26%	51	27%	69	30%	70	25%	41	25%	67	28%	41	20%	41	24%	56	30%	55	27%	48	26%	<b>627</b>	<b>26%</b>
Sydney Inner	12	28%	19	31%	10	20%	15	30%	8	17%	19	36%	22	39%	10	24%	13	28%	14	34%	24	44%	17	40%	<b>183</b>	<b>31%</b>
Sydney West	86	13%	114	18%	95	16%	115	17%	123	20%	109	18%	139	19%	115	16%	109	16%	108	18%	110	18%	58	11%	<b>1,281</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>15%</b>

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

Table 5 shows that:

- the total number of seized dogs returned to their owner was 5,498, which represented 15% of all seized dogs
- the number of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from a low of 111 in the Richmond Tweed region to a high of 1,281 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner varied substantially between regions from 7% in the Richmond Tweed and Western regions to 31% in the Sydney Inner region
- the percentage of seized dogs returned to their owner for all regions each month was quite constant through the year, varying from 13% in June and July to 17% in October
- 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 7% decrease from the 5,920 seized dogs returned to their owner in 2008/2009, but the percentage of all seized dogs returned to their owner has remained unchanged.

Table 6 Number of seized dogs not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	132	1.8
Hunter	319	1.9
Illawarra	507	5.2
Mid North Coast	307	4.0
Murray	358	11.5
Murrumbidgee	135	3.1
Northern	298	5.2
North Western	345	9.2
Richmond Tweed	111	2.2
South Eastern	251	4.3
Western	236	3.9
Sydney North	408	3.9
Sydney South	627	5.7
Sydney Inner	183	4.0
Sydney West	1,281	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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

Table 6 shows that:

- 4.1 seized dogs were returned to their owner for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate dogs were seized and returned to their owner per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 1.8 in the Central Coast region to 11.5 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 decreased from 4.8 since 2008/2009.

Table 7 Number and percentage of seized dogs taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2009/2010

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	1,097	89%	132	11%	1,229
Hunter	2,925	90%	319	10%	3,244
Illawarra	1,590	76%	507	24%	2,097
Mid North Coast	1,989	87%	307	13%	2,296
Murray	1,309	79%	358	21%	1,667
Murrumbidgee	1,762	93%	135	7%	1,897
Northern	2,217	89%	298	12%	2,496
North Western	2,059	83%	345	14%	2,493
Richmond Tweed	1,157	91%	111	9%	1,268
South Eastern	2,038	89%	251	11%	2,288
Western	3,309	93%	236	7%	3,545
Sydney North	1,170	74%	408	26%	1,578
Sydney South	1,792	74%	627	26%	2,419
Sydney Inner	402	69%	183	31%	585
Sydney West	6,348	83%	1,281	17%	7,629
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,164</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>36,731</b>

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

There has been little change in the ratio of seized dogs taken to the pound in relation to seized dogs returned to their owner since 2008/2009.

## 1.2 Cats

Table 8 Number of cats seized by region and month for 2009/2010

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	1	0	2	0	9	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	<b>20</b>
Hunter	101	54	66	67	65	74	102	65	111	86	83	74	<b>948</b>
Illawarra	7	7	9	13	13	27	40	16	26	9	13	18	<b>198</b>
Mid North Coast	40	27	24	24	34	34	31	61	112	58	53	50	<b>548</b>
Murray	34	51	43	90	48	60	43	43	65	44	47	40	<b>608</b>
Murrumbidgee	36	26	25	56	62	45	64	54	57	45	53	34	<b>557</b>
Northern	38	29	32	19	31	24	40	24	32	28	27	23	<b>347</b>
North Western	62	66	42	45	113	87	76	68	134	101	73	86	<b>953</b>
Richmond Tweed	16	28	20	18	27	33	30	15	25	46	29	31	<b>318</b>
South Eastern	46	19	24	27	23	29	56	43	42	37	39	32	<b>417</b>
Western	58	57	46	43	92	46	39	58	101	74	48	86	<b>748</b>
Sydney North	8	7	14	8	18	20	16	16	37	9	14	12	<b>179</b>
Sydney South	173	167	156	226	296	291	307	270	263	258	240	184	<b>2,831</b>
Sydney Inner	22	17	11	34	35	24	55	59	59	32	20	12	<b>380</b>
Sydney West	121	108	135	170	255	228	282	274	324	277	212	115	<b>2,501</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>11,553</b>

Table 8 shows that:

- the total number of cats seized was 11,553
- the number of cats seized varied substantially across regions, ranging from 20 in the Central Coast region to 2,831 in the Sydney South region
- there was considerable variation in the number of cats seized during the year; from June to October the monthly average was a little below 750 cats seized while in the period November through May the average was 1,120 cats seized
- the over-representation of the warmer months in the number of cats seized occurred in all regions, and the monthly average in December-May was at least twice the monthly average in the remainder of the year in the Central Coast, Sydney Inner and Sydney West regions
- there has been a 4% decrease from the 12,087 cats seized in 2008/2009.



Table 9 Number of cats seized per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	20	1
Hunter	948	22
Illawarra	198	8
Mid North Coast	548	32
Murray	608	92
Murrumbidgee	557	67
Northern	347	33
North Western	953	185
Richmond Tweed	318	26
South Eastern	417	38
Western	748	59
Sydney North	179	4
Sydney South	2,831	56
Sydney Inner	380	12
Sydney West	2,501	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,553</b>	<b>29</b>

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

Table 9 shows that:

- 29 cats were seized for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there is an extremely substantial variation across regions in the rate cats were seized per thousand identified cats, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 185 in the North Western region
- the rates for 10 of the 15 regions lie in the range 20 to 80 seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats
- the number of cats seized per thousand identified cats has decreased from 33 in 2008/2009.

Table 10 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats taken to the pound by region and month for 2009/2010

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	100%	0	NC	2	100%	0	NC	9	100%	4	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%	0	NC	1	100%	0	NC	20	100%
Hunter	101	100%	54	100%	66	100%	66	99%	65	100%	74	100%	102	100%	64	98%	110	99%	86	100%	83	100%	74	100%	945	100%
Illawarra	6	86%	7	100%	9	100%	13	100%	13	100%	27	100%	40	100%	16	100%	26	100%	6	67%	13	100%	18	100%	194	98%
Mid North Coast	40	100%	27	100%	24	100%	23	96%	34	100%	34	100%	31	100%	61	100%	112	100%	58	100%	53	100%	50	100%	547	100%
Murray	32	94%	50	98%	42	98%	90	100%	48	100%	59	98%	42	98%	42	98%	64	98%	44	100%	45	96%	39	98%	597	98%
Murrumbidgee	36	100%	24	92%	25	100%	56	100%	62	100%	45	100%	64	100%	53	98%	55	96%	44	98%	52	98%	32	94%	548	98%
Northern	37	97%	29	100%	32	100%	19	100%	31	100%	24	100%	40	100%	23	96%	32	100%	28	100%	25	93%	23	100%	343	99%
North Western	59	95%	61	92%	39	93%	42	93%	110	97%	87	100%	75	99%	67	99%	132	99%	100	99%	71	97%	79	92%	922	97%
Richmond Tweed	16	100%	28	100%	20	100%	18	100%	27	100%	32	97%	30	100%	14	93%	25	100%	45	98%	29	100%	31	100%	315	99%
South Eastern	44	96%	19	100%	23	96%	27	100%	23	100%	29	100%	56	100%	43	100%	42	100%	37	100%	39	100%	39	122%	421	101%
Western	58	100%	57	100%	46	100%	43	100%	91	99%	46	100%	39	100%	58	100%	101	100%	74	100%	48	100%	85	99%	746	100%
Sydney North	8	100%	5	71%	14	100%	8	100%	15	83%	19	95%	14	88%	16	100%	37	100%	9	100%	12	86%	12	100%	169	94%
Sydney South	170	98%	167	100%	155	99%	225	100%	293	99%	290	100%	307	100%	268	99%	262	100%	256	99%	235	98%	183	99%	2,811	99%
Sydney Inner	22	100%	16	94%	11	100%	34	100%	34	97%	24	100%	54	98%	59	100%	59	100%	32	100%	20	100%	12	100%	377	99%
Sydney West	120	99%	107	99%	133	99%	167	98%	254	100%	228	100%	280	99%	274	100%	322	99%	276	100%	210	99%	115	100%	2,486	99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>99%</b>

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

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

Table 10 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats taken to the pound was 11,441, which represented 99% 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 20 in the Central Coast region to 2,811 in the Sydney South region
- there was little variation in the percentage of seized cats taken to the pound, ranging from 94% in the Sydney North region to 100% (rounded) in five regions: note that the anomaly in the reported percentage for June (over 100%) for the South Eastern region is due to data entry errors
- there has been a 5% decrease from the 11,989 seized cats taken to the pound in 2008/2009, but the proportion of all seized cats taken to the pound has remained unchanged.

Table 11 Number of seized cats taken to the pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	20	1
Hunter	945	21
Illawarra	194	8
Mid North Coast	547	32
Murray	597	91
Murrumbidgee	548	66
Northern	343	33
North Western	922	179
Richmond Tweed	315	26
South Eastern	421	39
Western	746	59
Sydney North	169	3
Sydney South	2,811	56
Sydney Inner	377	12
Sydney West	2,486	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>29</b>

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

Table 11 shows that:

- 29 seized cats were taken to the pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate seized cats were taken to the pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 1 in the Central Coast region to 179 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 33 in 2008/2009.

Table 12 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of seized cats returned to owner by region and month for 2009/2010

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	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%	0	NC	0	0%		
Hunter	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Illawarra	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	33%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	2%
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Murray	2	6%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	2	4%	1	3%	11	2%		
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	2	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	2	4%	1	2%	1	2%	2	6%	9	2%		
Northern	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	2	7%	0	0%	4	1%		
North Western	2	3%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	7	1%		
Richmond Tweed	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	1	7%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%		
South Eastern	2	4%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%		
Western	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	0%		
Sydney North	0	0%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	3	17%	1	5%	2	13%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	14%	0	0%	10	6%		
Sydney South	3	2%	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	5	2%	1	1%	20	1%		
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%		
Sydney West	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%	3	2%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	15	1%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0.8%</b>		

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

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

Table 12 shows that:

- the total number of seized cats returned to their owner was very low: only 95 or less than 1% of seized cats were returned to their owner
- approximately one-fifth of seized cats returned to their owner (20) occurred in the Sydney South region
- the small numbers mean that the variability across regions in the percentage of seized cats returned to owners is likely to have a large random component
- similar comments can be made about the variation over the year: even for all of NSW, the monthly numbers are too small for patterns to be apparent
- the number of seized cats returned to their owner has decreased by 3 since 2008/2009 from 98 but the proportion of seized cats that were returned to their owner has not changed.

Table 13 Number of seized cats not taken to pound and returned to owner per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	0	0.0
Hunter	3	0.1
Illawarra	4	0.2
Mid North Coast	1	0.1
Murray	11	1.7
Murrumbidgee	9	1.1
Northern	4	0.4
North Western	7	1.4
Richmond Tweed	3	0.2
South Eastern	3	0.3
Western	2	0.2
Sydney North	10	0.2
Sydney South	20	0.4
Sydney Inner	3	0.1
Sydney West	15	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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

Table 13 shows that:

- 0.2 seized cats were returned to their owner for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- in general, the numbers are small and it is not possible to identify any patterns
- the number of seized cats returned to their owner per thousand identified cats has decreased slightly from 0.3 in 2008/2009.

Table 14 Number and percentage of seized cats taken to the pound and returned to owner by region for 2009/2010

Region	Total taken to pound		Total returned to owner		Total seized
	No.	%	No.	%	
Central Coast	20	100%	0	0%	20
Hunter	945	100%	3	0%	948
Illawarra	194	98%	4	2%	198
Mid North Coast	547	100%	1	0%	548
Murray	597	98%	11	2%	608
Murrumbidgee	548	98%	9	2%	557
Northern	343	99%	4	1%	347
North Western	922	97%	7	1%	953
Richmond Tweed	315	99%	3	1%	318
South Eastern	421	101%	3	1%	417
Western	746	100%	2	0%	748
Sydney North	169	94%	10	6%	179
Sydney South	2,811	99%	20	1%	2,831
Sydney Inner	377	99%	3	1%	380
Sydney West	2,486	99%	15	1%	2,501
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,441</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>11,553</b>

Table 14 summarises tables 10 and 12. It shows that the overwhelming majority of seized cats were taken to the pound rather than returned to their owner (by a factor well in excess of 100).

There has been little change in what happens to seized cats since 2008/2009.

## 2. SURRENDERED ANIMALS (IE: ANIMALS SURRENDERED TO A COUNCIL POUND BY THEIR OWNER(S)).

### 2.1 Dogs

Table 15 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered dogs by region and month for 2009/2010

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	11	6%	15	10%	17	8%	14	8%	16	8%	9	4%	18	7%	20	10%	9	6%	10	6%	14	8%	10	6%	<b>163</b>	<b>7%</b>
Hunter	20	5%	18	6%	30	8%	13	4%	24	7%	34	9%	16	4%	21	6%	26	8%	19	5%	24	6%	26	8%	<b>271</b>	<b>6%</b>
Illawarra	4	2%	7	3%	5	2%	12	4%	4	2%	13	5%	4	1%	8	3%	4	2%	13	5%	10	4%	13	6%	<b>97</b>	<b>3%</b>
Mid North Coast	13	7%	11	6%	7	4%	10	5%	5	3%	15	8%	11	5%	16	8%	43	17%	11	6%	19	10%	32	15%	<b>193</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murray	3	2%	9	8%	11	10%	1	1%	10	9%	4	4%	9	7%	12	9%	11	8%	7	7%	14	11%	16	12%	<b>107</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murrumbidgee	18	6%	16	5%	17	7%	12	4%	21	8%	23	9%	14	5%	18	7%	29	9%	22	7%	27	8%	28	10%	<b>245</b>	<b>7%</b>
Northern	53	21%	45	18%	60	25%	41	18%	33	13%	48	15%	61	19%	44	16%	66	21%	41	17%	47	17%	37	16%	<b>576</b>	<b>18%</b>
North Western	70	25%	73	26%	72	28%	42	20%	68	23%	62	20%	88	24%	73	23%	63	22%	38	15%	40	17%	58	21%	<b>747</b>	<b>22%</b>
Richmond Tweed	18	13%	22	19%	16	15%	20	18%	28	20%	26	20%	17	15%	12	10%	19	15%	7	7%	19	15%	19	16%	<b>223</b>	<b>15%</b>
South Eastern	28	13%	44	19%	22	10%	25	12%	31	13%	18	10%	37	15%	50	19%	36	16%	24	10%	27	12%	37	16%	<b>379</b>	<b>14%</b>
Western	95	19%	64	14%	69	16%	60	15%	56	14%	59	14%	57	13%	70	16%	81	16%	109	19%	38	8%	32	8%	<b>790</b>	<b>14%</b>
Sydney North	4	3%	5	5%	7	5%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	3	3%	1	1%	<b>27</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney South	0	0%	3	2%	5	3%	5	3%	3	1%	21	13%	5	3%	5	3%	6	4%	6	4%	3	2%	3	2%	<b>65</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>
Sydney West	221	18%	260	23%	177	17%	189	18%	189	18%	229	20%	196	15%	254	20%	222	20%	198	20%	193	19%	187	21%	<b>2,515</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>6,401</b>	<b>13%</b>

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

Table 15 shows that:

- the total number of dogs surrendered was 6,401, which represented 13% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 3 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,515 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 North Western region; the percentage exceeded 10% in five other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were surrendered in each month ranged from 11% in October and January to 15% in August

- there has been a 4% decrease in the number of dogs surrendered from the 6,649 dogs surrendered in 2008/2009, but the proportion of dogs that were surrendered has remained unchanged.



## 2.2 Cats

Table 16 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of surrendered cats by region and month for 2009/2010

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	0%	1	4%	3	11%	3	9%	2	2%	4	7%	0	0%	20	27%	1	2%	3	5%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>37</b>	<b>6%</b>
Hunter	2	2%	3	4%	2	3%	1	1%	5	5%	15	12%	4	3%	10	9%	6	4%	2	2%	9	8%	15	14%	<b>74</b>	<b>6%</b>
Illawarra	1	2%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	<b>7</b>	<b>0%</b>
Mid North Coast	0	0%	0	0%	8	15%	3	5%	0	0%	24	24%	7	7%	7	8%	12	7%	2	2%	8	7%	3	4%	<b>74</b>	<b>7%</b>
Murray	0	0%	6	11%	1	2%	6	6%	4	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	40	19%	8	4%	8	4%	3	2%	4	2%	4	3%	6	5%	0	0%	<b>76</b>	<b>5%</b>
Northern	10	13%	17	27%	14	26%	21	38%	19	25%	27	32%	34	40%	32	39%	57	56%	35	47%	14	33%	19	32%	<b>299</b>	<b>35%</b>
North Western	10	12%	18	20%	1	2%	2	4%	21	15%	38	22%	19	13%	26	22%	14	9%	24	14%	16	12%	12	9%	<b>201</b>	<b>14%</b>
Richmond Tweed	10	29%	7	18%	4	14%	2	10%	10	21%	9	21%	2	5%	2	10%	12	31%	1	1%	5	15%	3	7%	<b>67</b>	<b>15%</b>
South Eastern	19	30%	10	32%	16	38%	14	33%	3	7%	32	36%	19	20%	16	22%	9	15%	18	30%	29	39%	3	5%	<b>188</b>	<b>26%</b>
Western	7	9%	14	17%	13	17%	6	11%	6	6%	19	23%	46	44%	19	19%	9	7%	9	8%	38	36%	15	13%	<b>201</b>	<b>18%</b>
Sydney North	3	14%	2	11%	0	0%	2	14%	0	0%	0	0%	2	9%	0	0%	1	2%	1	8%	6	29%	3	14%	<b>20</b>	<b>7%</b>
Sydney South	5	2%	8	4%	4	3%	5	2%	30	8%	8	2%	41	10%	49	12%	41	11%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	<b>192</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	2	11%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sydney West	55	10%	41	9%	63	12%	68	9%	140	12%	129	12%	108	10%	181	18%	111	10%	109	10%	84	10%	48	9%	<b>1,137</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>10%</b>

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

Table 16 shows that:

- the total number of cats surrendered was 2,593, which represented 10% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of surrendered cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Sydney Inner region to 1,137 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of cats that were surrendered, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the Sydney Inner and Illawarra regions to 35% in the Northern region; the percentage exceeded 10% in five other regions
- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered each month ranged from 7% in June and October to 14% in February
- there has been a 4% decrease in the number of cats surrendered from the 2,689 cats surrendered in 2008/2009, and the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were surrendered has decreased from 11%.

### 3. DUMPED ANIMALS (IE: ANIMALS DUMPED AT A COUNCIL POUND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OTHER THAN THEIR OWNER(S)).

#### 3.1 Dogs

Table 17 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped dogs by region and month for 2009/2010

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	63	35%	68	43%	79	39%	75	43%	92	47%	109	51%	120	47%	89	44%	58	38%	78	46%	72	42%	86	49%	<b>989</b>	<b>44%</b>
Hunter	62	17%	53	17%	92	25%	71	23%	108	31%	117	32%	146	35%	74	21%	73	21%	83	23%	86	23%	91	27%	<b>1,056</b>	<b>25%</b>
Illawarra	111	44%	92	41%	99	42%	136	48%	97	45%	129	48%	143	44%	125	46%	93	38%	108	43%	127	50%	106	45%	<b>1,366</b>	<b>45%</b>
Mid North Coast	21	11%	34	18%	17	9%	28	13%	26	15%	15	8%	24	11%	17	9%	16	6%	8	4%	14	7%	21	10%	<b>241</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	<b>5</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	109	39%	132	42%	114	44%	130	48%	116	44%	111	45%	130	50%	125	47%	142	43%	127	41%	125	35%	75	26%	<b>1,436</b>	<b>42%</b>
Northern	41	16%	23	9%	20	8%	31	13%	26	10%	62	19%	47	15%	29	11%	45	14%	33	14%	22	8%	29	13%	<b>408</b>	<b>13%</b>
North Western	40	14%	33	12%	39	15%	27	13%	48	17%	59	19%	56	15%	59	19%	50	17%	49	20%	28	12%	45	17%	<b>533</b>	<b>16%</b>
Richmond Tweed	17	12%	1	1%	5	5%	2	2%	4	3%	2	2%	3	3%	0	0%	21	17%	4	4%	3	2%	3	3%	<b>65</b>	<b>4%</b>
South Eastern	22	10%	23	10%	26	12%	25	12%	33	13%	20	11%	18	7%	30	11%	30	14%	36	15%	22	10%	24	10%	<b>309</b>	<b>11%</b>
Western	126	26%	115	26%	92	21%	76	19%	79	19%	97	23%	109	25%	124	28%	114	22%	118	21%	160	35%	152	36%	<b>1,362</b>	<b>25%</b>
Sydney North	14	10%	16	15%	35	24%	7	7%	4	4%	7	6%	5	4%	4	4%	2	2%	3	3%	6	5%	6	6%	<b>109</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney South	14	9%	6	4%	6	4%	9	5%	14	6%	11	7%	18	9%	13	7%	9	6%	7	5%	6	4%	1	1%	<b>114</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney Inner	2	6%	5	10%	2	5%	4	10%	1	3%	3	8%	9	21%	7	18%	5	13%	3	10%	7	18%	5	16%	<b>53</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney West	414	34%	357	32%	347	34%	323	31%	377	36%	428	37%	504	39%	377	30%	327	29%	330	33%	299	30%	264	29%	<b>4,347</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>12,393</b>	<b>25%</b>

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

Table 17 shows that:

- the total number of dogs dumped was 12,393, which represented 25% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped dogs varied substantially across regions, ranging from 5 in the Murray region to 4,347 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation in the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the Murray region to 45% in the Illawarra region; the percentage exceeded 10% in all but five regions

- for NSW as a whole, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped each month reached the highest level of 28% in December-January and the lowest point of 23% in March; all other months recorded 24% or 25%
- there has been a 6% increase in the number of dogs dumped from the 11,651 dogs dumped in 2008/2009, and the proportion of dogs arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 22% in 2008/2009.

### 3.2 Cats

Table 18 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dumped cats by region and month for 2009/2010

Region	Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	23	96%	27	96%	23	82%	32	91%	72	87%	53	87%	61	98%	54	72%	46	96%	52	95%	45	98%	57	100%	<b>545</b>	<b>91%</b>
Hunter	19	16%	13	19%	6	8%	10	13%	21	23%	37	29%	45	30%	38	34%	27	19%	21	19%	23	20%	15	14%	<b>275</b>	<b>21%</b>
Illawarra	50	88%	49	88%	61	86%	123	90%	135	91%	170	86%	155	79%	191	92%	136	83%	157	96%	106	89%	106	85%	<b>1,439</b>	<b>88%</b>
Mid North Coast	35	47%	28	51%	23	42%	38	59%	36	51%	44	43%	59	61%	22	24%	40	24%	32	35%	46	43%	28	35%	<b>431</b>	<b>41%</b>
Murray	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	<b>2</b>	<b>0%</b>
Murrumbidgee	60	61%	54	69%	42	63%	64	53%	106	51%	129	71%	142	66%	93	62%	127	68%	91	65%	65	53%	65	67%	<b>1,038</b>	<b>62%</b>
Northern	28	37%	17	27%	8	15%	15	27%	27	35%	34	40%	10	12%	28	34%	12	12%	12	16%	4	9%	17	29%	<b>212</b>	<b>25%</b>
North Western	12	15%	9	10%	12	23%	7	14%	10	7%	51	29%	52	36%	23	20%	7	5%	44	26%	44	34%	41	31%	<b>312</b>	<b>22%</b>
Richmond Tweed	8	24%	5	13%	4	14%	0	0%	11	23%	1	2%	6	16%	4	20%	2	5%	28	38%	0	0%	7	17%	<b>76</b>	<b>17%</b>
South Eastern	1	2%	2	6%	3	7%	2	5%	19	42%	27	31%	20	21%	15	20%	8	14%	5	8%	6	8%	13	24%	<b>121</b>	<b>17%</b>
Western	11	14%	10	12%	19	24%	8	14%	11	10%	17	21%	20	19%	24	24%	14	11%	26	24%	21	20%	16	14%	<b>197</b>	<b>17%</b>
Sydney North	10	48%	11	61%	8	36%	4	29%	1	6%	9	32%	6	27%	11	41%	6	14%	2	17%	3	14%	7	32%	<b>78</b>	<b>29%</b>
Sydney South	32	15%	27	13%	0	0%	39	14%	72	18%	76	20%	70	17%	86	21%	70	19%	73	22%	58	20%	52	22%	<b>655</b>	<b>18%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	8%	1	3%	2	8%	2	4%	1	2%	2	3%	4	11%	4	17%	4	25%	<b>23</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney West	355	67%	291	66%	317	62%	516	69%	815	67%	759	68%	683	64%	574	56%	648	60%	658	63%	563	66%	365	69%	<b>6,544</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>11,948</b>	<b>46%</b>

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

Table 18 shows that:

- the total number of cats dumped was 11,948, which represented 46% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of dumped cats varied substantially across regions, ranging from 2 in the Murray region to 6,544 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial regional variation in the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped, ranging from 0% (rounded) in the Murray region to 91% in the Central Coast region; the percentage exceeded 20% in nine 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 51% in December and the lowest point of 41% in August, September and March
- the number of cats dumped has increased by 21% from the 9,908 cats dumped in 2008/2009, and the proportion of cats arriving at a pound that were dumped has increased from 40%.

## 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 2009/2010

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	180	157	202	173	196	213	255	204	153	168	172	176	<b>2,249</b>
Hunter	367	304	363	311	351	364	423	354	342	361	370	342	<b>4,252</b>
Illawarra	250	223	238	285	216	266	322	271	244	249	253	236	<b>3,053</b>
Mid North Coast	191	188	187	214	179	183	226	200	259	182	198	216	<b>2,423</b>
Murray	121	108	115	96	117	107	124	136	136	100	132	129	<b>1,421</b>
Murrumbidgee	279	313	261	271	265	249	262	266	327	310	353	287	<b>3,443</b>
Northern	253	247	242	234	254	319	313	275	320	243	269	232	<b>3,201</b>
North Western	278	277	254	205	290	311	362	316	291	249	235	271	<b>3,339</b>
Richmond Tweed	139	118	108	111	137	128	113	118	127	104	125	117	<b>1,445</b>
South Eastern	210	228	211	209	246	188	245	268	222	237	230	232	<b>2,726</b>
Western	491	449	445	398	413	424	435	447	522	567	451	419	<b>5,461</b>
Sydney North	135	105	144	100	89	118	122	91	82	99	119	102	<b>1,306</b>
Sydney South	149	155	152	174	223	158	192	184	143	142	160	139	<b>1,971</b>
Sydney Inner	33	49	41	40	39	37	43	38	38	30	39	31	<b>458</b>
Sydney West	1,212	1,125	1,017	1,059	1,059	1,168	1,304	1,247	1,112	1,014	995	898	<b>13,210</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>4,074</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>49,958</b>

Table 19 shows that:

- the total number of dogs arriving at a pound was 49,958
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 458 in the Sydney Inner region to 13,210 in the Sydney West region
- the number of dogs reported to be arriving at a pound in total (all regions) each month ranged from 3,827 in June to 4,741 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 52,186 dogs recorded in 2008/2009.

Table 20 Number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified dogs</b>
Central Coast	2,249	31
Hunter	4,252	25
Illawarra	3,053	31
Mid North Coast	2,423	31
Murray	1,421	46
Murrumbidgee	3,443	79
Northern	3,201	56
North Western	3,339	89
Richmond Tweed	1,445	29
South Eastern	2,726	47
Western	5,461	91
Sydney North	1,306	13
Sydney South	1,971	18
Sydney Inner	458	10
Sydney West	13,210	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,958</b>	<b>38</b>

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

Table 20 shows that:

- 38 dogs arrived at a pound for every thousand identified dogs in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that dogs arrived at a pound per thousand identified dogs, ranging from 10 in the Sydney Inner region to 91 in the Western region
- the number of dogs arriving at a pound per thousand identified dogs has decreased from 43 in 2008/2009.

## 4.2 Cats

Table 21 Number of cats arriving at a pound by region and month for 2009/2010

Region	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Central Coast	24	28	28	35	83	61	62	75	48	55	46	57	<b>602</b>
Hunter	122	70	74	77	91	126	151	112	143	109	115	104	<b>1,294</b>
Illawarra	57	56	71	137	148	197	196	208	163	163	119	125	<b>1,640</b>
Mid North Coast	75	55	55	64	70	102	97	90	164	92	107	81	<b>1,052</b>
Murray	32	56	43	96	52	59	42	42	64	44	47	40	<b>617</b>
Murrumbidgee	98	78	67	121	208	182	214	149	186	139	123	97	<b>1,662</b>
Northern	75	63	54	55	77	85	84	83	101	75	43	59	<b>854</b>
North Western	81	88	52	51	141	176	146	116	153	168	131	132	<b>1,435</b>
Richmond Tweed	34	40	28	20	48	42	38	20	39	74	34	41	<b>458</b>
South Eastern	64	31	42	43	45	88	95	74	59	60	74	55	<b>730</b>
Western	76	81	78	57	108	82	105	101	124	109	107	116	<b>1,144</b>
Sydney North	21	18	22	14	16	28	22	27	44	12	21	22	<b>267</b>
Sydney South	207	202	159	269	395	374	418	403	373	329	294	235	<b>3,658</b>
Sydney Inner	22	18	11	37	35	26	56	60	61	36	24	16	<b>402</b>
Sydney West	530	439	513	751	1,209	1,116	1,071	1,029	1,081	1,043	857	528	<b>10,167</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>2,744</b>	<b>2,797</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>25,982</b>

Table 21 shows that:

- the total number of cats arriving at a pound was 25,982
- the number of cats arriving at a pound varied substantially across regions, ranging from 267 in the Sydney North region to 10,167 in the Sydney West region
- the number of cats arriving at a pound in total (all regions) in each of the months November through April exceeded 2,500 with the maximum of 2,803 occurring in March. The number of cats arriving at a pound in the remaining months was below 2,200 with a minimum of 1,297 in September
- the monthly variation was greater for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats arriving at a pound has increased by 6% from the 24,586 cats reported in 2008/2009.

Table 22 Number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats<sup>1</sup> by region for 2009/2010

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate/'000 identified cats</b>
Central Coast	602	26
Hunter	1,294	29
Illawarra	1,640	64
Mid North Coast	1,052	61
Murray	617	94
Murrumbidgee	1,662	201
Northern	854	81
North Western	1,435	279
Richmond Tweed	458	37
South Eastern	730	67
Western	1,144	90
Sydney North	267	5
Sydney South	3,658	73
Sydney Inner	402	12
Sydney West	10,167	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,982</b>	<b>65</b>

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

Table 22 shows that:

- 65 cats arrived at a pound for every thousand identified cats in NSW
- there was substantial variation across regions in the rate that cats arrived at a pound per thousand identified cats, ranging from 5 in the Sydney North region to 279 in the North Western region
- six regions have rates of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats in excess of 80
- the number of cats arriving at a pound per thousand identified cats has decreased from 68 in 2008/2009.



## 5. ANIMALS LEAVING A POUND

### 5.1 Dogs

Table 23 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to owner by region and month for 2009/2010

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	96	53%	87	55%	122	60%	94	54%	98	50%	98	46%	147	58%	106	52%	69	45%	86	51%	91	53%	105	60%	<b>1,199</b>	<b>53%</b>
Hunter	144	39%	145	48%	170	47%	161	52%	133	38%	126	35%	186	44%	149	42%	138	40%	133	37%	152	41%	141	41%	<b>1,778</b>	<b>42%</b>
Illawarra	131	52%	110	49%	132	55%	146	51%	126	58%	147	55%	190	59%	165	61%	121	50%	122	49%	110	43%	126	53%	<b>1,626</b>	<b>53%</b>
Mid North Coast	74	39%	70	37%	82	44%	88	41%	93	52%	76	42%	107	47%	78	39%	77	30%	82	45%	68	34%	86	40%	<b>981</b>	<b>40%</b>
Murray	48	40%	34	31%	61	53%	65	68%	63	54%	43	40%	40	32%	73	54%	67	49%	50	50%	56	42%	56	43%	<b>656</b>	<b>46%</b>
Murrumbidgee	94	34%	92	29%	93	36%	76	28%	96	36%	60	24%	86	33%	90	34%	128	39%	109	35%	111	31%	95	33%	<b>1,130</b>	<b>33%</b>
Northern	59	23%	63	26%	46	19%	46	20%	45	18%	53	17%	70	22%	59	21%	90	28%	66	27%	87	32%	50	22%	<b>734</b>	<b>23%</b>
North Western	81	29%	67	24%	55	22%	75	37%	73	25%	104	33%	92	25%	80	25%	76	26%	69	28%	73	31%	75	28%	<b>920</b>	<b>28%</b>
Richmond Tweed	70	50%	57	48%	48	44%	44	40%	56	41%	52	41%	51	45%	60	51%	54	43%	63	61%	67	54%	61	52%	<b>683</b>	<b>47%</b>
South Eastern	113	54%	122	54%	120	57%	112	54%	132	54%	99	53%	130	53%	131	49%	101	45%	116	49%	113	49%	119	51%	<b>1,408</b>	<b>52%</b>
Western	116	24%	142	32%	154	35%	132	33%	142	34%	129	30%	164	38%	136	30%	133	25%	183	32%	109	24%	105	25%	<b>1,645</b>	<b>30%</b>
Sydney North	111	82%	89	85%	102	71%	82	82%	75	84%	97	82%	100	82%	70	77%	70	85%	86	87%	92	77%	94	92%	<b>1,068</b>	<b>82%</b>
Sydney South	99	66%	89	57%	77	51%	91	52%	106	48%	71	45%	97	51%	101	55%	82	57%	68	48%	80	50%	82	59%	<b>1,043</b>	<b>53%</b>
Sydney Inner	21	64%	21	43%	19	46%	22	55%	21	54%	14	38%	18	42%	21	55%	17	45%	18	60%	18	46%	20	65%	<b>230</b>	<b>50%</b>
Sydney West	367	30%	382	34%	364	36%	387	37%	364	34%	349	30%	496	38%	369	30%	352	32%	339	33%	352	35%	290	32%	<b>4,411</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>19,512</b>	<b>39%</b>

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

Table 23 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to their owner was 19,512, which represented 39% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 230 in the Sydney Inner region to 4,411 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 23% in the Northern region to 82% in the Sydney North region; only six 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 36% in December and March to 42% in October and 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 decreased by 4% from the 20,238 dogs reported in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound released to their owner has remained unchanged

Table 24 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs euthanased by region and month for 2009/2010

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	15	8%	11	7%	15	7%	14	8%	16	8%	19	9%	27	11%	8	4%	25	16%	20	12%	7	4%	13	7%	<b>190</b>	<b>8%</b>
Hunter	93	25%	75	25%	67	18%	66	21%	106	30%	97	27%	108	26%	95	27%	94	27%	103	29%	94	25%	110	32%	<b>1,108</b>	<b>26%</b>
Illawarra	43	17%	37	17%	32	13%	38	13%	32	15%	25	9%	42	13%	52	19%	38	16%	43	17%	52	21%	53	22%	<b>487</b>	<b>16%</b>
Mid North Coast	93	49%	69	37%	74	40%	64	30%	40	22%	87	48%	86	38%	71	36%	146	56%	65	36%	84	42%	112	52%	<b>991</b>	<b>41%</b>
Murray	29	24%	34	31%	36	31%	22	23%	25	21%	33	31%	43	35%	29	21%	41	30%	33	33%	40	30%	28	22%	<b>393</b>	<b>28%</b>
Murrumbidgee	125	45%	97	31%	99	38%	92	34%	70	26%	104	42%	113	43%	101	38%	143	44%	145	47%	167	47%	104	36%	<b>1,360</b>	<b>40%</b>
Northern	156	62%	148	60%	178	74%	148	63%	160	63%	227	71%	205	65%	184	67%	207	65%	140	58%	146	54%	159	69%	<b>2,058</b>	<b>64%</b>
North Western	155	56%	136	49%	120	47%	100	49%	135	47%	149	48%	188	52%	136	43%	155	53%	121	49%	81	34%	110	41%	<b>1,586</b>	<b>47%</b>
Richmond Tweed	20	14%	33	28%	17	16%	34	31%	30	22%	34	27%	35	31%	30	25%	36	28%	12	12%	29	23%	20	17%	<b>330</b>	<b>23%</b>
South Eastern	49	23%	48	21%	63	30%	51	24%	66	27%	62	33%	70	29%	86	32%	65	29%	91	38%	77	33%	86	37%	<b>814</b>	<b>30%</b>
Western	273	56%	194	43%	208	47%	209	53%	197	48%	204	48%	188	43%	202	45%	278	53%	303	53%	218	48%	206	49%	<b>2,680</b>	<b>49%</b>
Sydney North	4	3%	5	5%	7	5%	5	5%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%	4	4%	2	2%	1	1%	2	2%	4	4%	<b>37</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney South	7	5%	6	4%	16	11%	23	13%	35	16%	19	12%	20	10%	18	10%	21	15%	28	20%	18	11%	25	18%	<b>236</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	3%	4	8%	11	27%	4	10%	7	18%	4	11%	6	14%	4	11%	2	5%	5	17%	4	10%	4	13%	<b>56</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney West	313	26%	236	21%	172	17%	193	18%	222	21%	294	25%	268	21%	388	31%	272	24%	291	29%	228	23%	258	29%	<b>3,135</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>15,461</b>	<b>31%</b>

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

Table 24 shows that:

- the total number of dogs euthanased was 15,461, which represented 31% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 37 in the Sydney North region to 3,135 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 64% in the Northern region; no other region euthanased more than half the dogs that arrived at a pound
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased each month ranged from 27% in October to 35% in March and April
- 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 10% from the 17,194 dogs reported in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 33%.

**Additional comments:**

- 11,832 dogs were euthanased due to inability to re-home and this represented 77% of all dogs euthanased; a further 1,998 dogs were euthanased at their owner's request
- There has been a decrease of 17% from the 14,210 dogs in 2008/2009 that were euthanased due to inability to re-home and the percentage of all dogs euthanased has decreased from 83%. However, the number of dogs euthanased at their owner's request has increased from 1,556 in 2008/2009.

Table 25 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs sold by region and month for 2009/2010

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	25	14%	20	13%	19	9%	26	15%	22	11%	18	8%	29	11%	35	17%	27	18%	22	13%	19	11%	19	11%	<b>281</b>	<b>12%</b>
Hunter	41	11%	24	8%	37	10%	35	11%	44	13%	39	11%	54	13%	41	12%	59	17%	47	13%	37	10%	42	12%	<b>500</b>	<b>12%</b>
Illawarra	9	4%	23	10%	21	9%	12	4%	10	5%	10	4%	14	4%	3	1%	13	5%	11	4%	8	3%	11	5%	<b>145</b>	<b>5%</b>
Mid North Coast	14	7%	15	8%	17	9%	20	9%	18	10%	20	11%	14	6%	20	10%	12	5%	16	9%	17	9%	6	3%	<b>189</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murray	21	17%	21	19%	11	10%	8	8%	9	8%	26	24%	22	18%	20	15%	17	13%	9	9%	17	13%	18	14%	<b>199</b>	<b>14%</b>
Murrumbidgee	10	4%	21	7%	19	7%	17	6%	17	6%	19	8%	21	8%	14	5%	11	3%	11	4%	11	3%	20	7%	<b>191</b>	<b>6%</b>
Northern	14	6%	12	5%	9	4%	17	7%	16	6%	10	3%	11	4%	4	1%	11	3%	9	4%	14	5%	8	3%	<b>135</b>	<b>4%</b>
North Western	5	2%	5	2%	1	0%	3	1%	4	1%	4	1%	1	0%	11	3%	5	2%	3	1%	6	3%	9	3%	<b>57</b>	<b>2%</b>
Richmond Tweed	22	16%	25	21%	15	14%	15	14%	19	14%	26	20%	27	24%	13	11%	15	12%	12	12%	14	11%	18	15%	<b>221</b>	<b>15%</b>
South Eastern	22	10%	12	5%	18	9%	10	5%	17	7%	13	7%	15	6%	24	9%	30	14%	18	8%	12	5%	12	5%	<b>203</b>	<b>7%</b>
Western	9	2%	19	4%	12	3%	8	2%	17	4%	27	6%	9	2%	12	3%	18	3%	10	2%	10	2%	15	4%	<b>166</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney North	10	7%	8	8%	13	9%	5	5%	3	3%	3	3%	4	3%	3	3%	8	10%	8	8%	5	4%	4	4%	<b>74</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney South	23	15%	26	17%	35	23%	28	16%	32	14%	17	11%	47	24%	25	14%	22	15%	14	10%	33	21%	26	19%	<b>328</b>	<b>17%</b>
Sydney Inner	11	33%	9	18%	13	32%	7	18%	10	26%	10	27%	10	23%	7	18%	11	29%	6	20%	12	31%	6	19%	<b>112</b>	<b>24%</b>
Sydney West	248	20%	286	25%	199	20%	246	23%	183	17%	215	18%	221	17%	181	15%	176	16%	195	19%	203	20%	142	16%	<b>2,495</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5,296</b>	<b>11%</b>

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

Table 25 shows that:

- the total number of dogs sold was 5,296, which represented 11% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 57 in the North Western region to 2,495 in the Sydney West region
- there was substantial variation across regions in the percentage of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold, ranging from 2% in the North Western region to 24% in the Sydney Inner region; in eight regions the percentage sold was less than 10%
- for all regions in total, the percentage of dogs arriving at a pound that were sold each month ranged from 9% in February and June to 13% in August
- 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 8% from 5,741 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were sold has remained unchanged.

Table 26 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of dogs released to an organisation by region and month for 2009/2010

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	45	25%	36	23%	33	16%	31	18%	46	23%	40	19%	53	21%	47	23%	35	23%	44	26%	40	23%	47	27%	<b>497</b>	<b>22%</b>
Hunter	91	25%	53	17%	85	23%	45	14%	54	15%	61	17%	80	19%	56	16%	43	13%	54	15%	73	20%	58	17%	<b>753</b>	<b>18%</b>
Illawarra	52	21%	58	26%	63	26%	65	23%	61	28%	70	26%	68	21%	67	25%	56	23%	76	31%	64	25%	66	28%	<b>766</b>	<b>25%</b>
Mid North Coast	19	10%	27	14%	23	12%	25	12%	18	10%	28	15%	17	8%	17	9%	25	10%	20	11%	19	10%	11	5%	<b>249</b>	<b>10%</b>
Murray	9	7%	11	10%	11	10%	4	4%	5	4%	6	6%	8	6%	11	8%	9	7%	9	9%	16	12%	21	16%	<b>120</b>	<b>8%</b>
Murrumbidgee	50	18%	75	24%	66	25%	82	30%	62	23%	65	26%	46	18%	50	19%	59	18%	48	15%	45	13%	57	20%	<b>705</b>	<b>20%</b>
Northern	25	10%	33	13%	18	7%	20	9%	14	6%	10	3%	26	8%	20	7%	25	8%	25	10%	27	10%	22	9%	<b>265</b>	<b>8%</b>
North Western	75	27%	69	25%	60	24%	34	17%	69	24%	42	14%	73	20%	76	24%	71	24%	81	33%	59	25%	89	33%	<b>798</b>	<b>24%</b>
Richmond Tweed	15	11%	22	19%	13	12%	23	21%	20	15%	13	10%	14	12%	11	9%	29	23%	14	13%	11	9%	14	12%	<b>199</b>	<b>14%</b>
South Eastern	15	7%	36	16%	22	10%	21	10%	23	9%	24	13%	16	7%	20	7%	21	9%	29	12%	13	6%	15	6%	<b>255</b>	<b>9%</b>
Western	73	15%	60	13%	54	12%	56	14%	26	6%	36	8%	60	14%	67	15%	68	13%	43	8%	77	17%	88	21%	<b>708</b>	<b>13%</b>
Sydney North	4	3%	3	3%	10	7%	3	3%	6	7%	5	4%	8	7%	6	7%	3	4%	3	3%	6	5%	4	4%	<b>61</b>	<b>5%</b>
Sydney South	29	19%	29	19%	17	11%	23	13%	46	21%	36	23%	32	17%	32	17%	25	17%	21	15%	34	21%	11	8%	<b>335</b>	<b>17%</b>
Sydney Inner	1	3%	7	14%	0	0%	2	5%	2	5%	3	8%	6	14%	7	18%	2	5%	4	13%	0	0%	4	13%	<b>38</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sydney West	197	16%	193	17%	164	16%	179	17%	200	19%	226	19%	213	16%	245	20%	182	16%	174	17%	171	17%	159	18%	<b>2,303</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>8,052</b>	<b>16%</b>

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

Table 26 shows that:

- the total number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing was 8,052, which represented 16% of all dogs arriving at a pound
- the number of dogs released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 38 in the Sydney Inner region to 2,303 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 region to 25% in the Illawarra region; in five 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 15% in January and March to 18% in August
- 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 7% from 7,529 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all dogs arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing has increased from 14%.

Table 27 Number and percentage of dogs in each leaving pound category by region for 2009/2010

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	190	8%	497	22%	281	12%	1,199	53%
Hunter	1,108	26%	753	18%	500	12%	1,778	42%
Illawarra	487	16%	766	25%	145	5%	1,626	53%
Mid North Coast	991	41%	249	10%	189	8%	981	40%
Murray	393	28%	120	8%	199	14%	656	46%
Murrumbidgee	1,360	40%	705	20%	191	6%	1,130	33%
Northern	2,058	64%	265	8%	135	4%	734	23%
North Western	1,586	47%	798	24%	57	2%	920	28%
Richmond Tweed	330	23%	199	14%	221	15%	683	47%
South Eastern	814	30%	255	9%	203	7%	1,408	52%
Western	2,680	49%	708	13%	166	3%	1,645	30%
Sydney North	37	3%	61	5%	74	6%	1,068	82%
Sydney South	236	12%	335	17%	328	17%	1,043	53%
Sydney Inner	56	12%	38	8%	112	24%	230	50%
Sydney West	3,135	24%	2,303	17%	2,495	19%	4,411	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,461</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>8,052</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>5,296</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>19,512</b>	<b>39%</b>

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

In ten regions, released to their owner was the most common outcome, followed by euthanased (in six regions) and released to an organisation for re-homing (in three regions). The most common outcome in the remaining five regions was euthanased.

The percentages for the different outcomes for dogs arriving at a pound are unchanged from 2008/2009 except that an additional 2% of all dogs arriving at a pound were released to an organisation for re-homing at the expense of the euthanased category.

## 5.2 Cats

Table 28 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to owner by region and month for 2009/2010

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	13%	6	21%	2	7%	4	11%	1	1%	2	3%	4	6%	0	0%	3	6%	4	7%	2	4%	4	7%	<b>35</b>	<b>6%</b>
Hunter	1	1%	6	9%	6	8%	6	8%	1	1%	2	2%	7	5%	1	1%	3	2%	2	2%	1	1%	4	4%	<b>40</b>	<b>3%</b>
Illawarra	4	7%	7	13%	3	4%	4	3%	5	3%	8	4%	5	3%	10	5%	11	7%	1	1%	2	2%	10	8%	<b>70</b>	<b>4%</b>
Mid North Coast	3	4%	2	4%	1	2%	4	6%	1	1%	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%	0	0%	4	4%	5	5%	6	7%	<b>31</b>	<b>3%</b>
Murray	1	3%	2	4%	1	2%	1	1%	1	2%	5	8%	2	5%	5	12%	1	2%	3	7%	3	6%	3	8%	<b>28</b>	<b>5%</b>
Murrumbidgee	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	3	2%	3	3%	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>
Northern	1	1%	1	2%	2	4%	2	4%	2	3%	1	1%	3	4%	4	5%	3	3%	5	7%	2	5%	1	2%	<b>27</b>	<b>3%</b>
North Western	4	5%	1	1%	0	0%	1	2%	2	1%	4	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	3	2%	2	2%	3	2%	<b>21</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Tweed	1	3%	1	3%	2	7%	2	10%	4	8%	0	0%	0	0%	4	20%	3	8%	3	4%	2	6%	1	2%	<b>23</b>	<b>5%</b>
South Eastern	6	9%	0	0%	4	10%	1	2%	1	2%	1	1%	8	8%	0	0%	2	3%	2	3%	2	3%	7	13%	<b>34</b>	<b>5%</b>
Western	0	0%	1	1%	2	3%	2	4%	2	2%	3	4%	2	2%	0	0%	5	4%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	<b>18</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney North	2	10%	2	11%	3	14%	1	7%	5	31%	6	21%	5	23%	1	4%	2	5%	1	8%	3	14%	2	9%	<b>33</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney South	17	8%	8	4%	9	6%	6	2%	14	4%	5	1%	15	4%	11	3%	9	2%	10	3%	7	2%	7	3%	<b>118</b>	<b>3%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	6%	1	9%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	1	3%	0	0%	1	6%	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney West	9	2%	20	5%	16	3%	13	2%	9	1%	10	1%	14	1%	7	1%	15	1%	16	2%	12	1%	13	2%	<b>154</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Table 28 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to their owner was 653, which represented 3% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to their owner varied substantially between regions, ranging from 8 in the Sydney Inner region to 154 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner ranged from 1% in the Murrumbidgee and North Western regions to 12% in the Sydney North region
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner each month remained relatively constant over the year. The monthly variations observed appear to be driven by random changes on the relatively small numbers
- the monthly variation in cats released to their owner was higher in relative terms for individual regions but no clear patterns are apparent



- the number of cats released to their owner has decreased by 8% from 710 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to their owner has remained unchanged.

Table 29 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats euthanased by region and month for 2009/2010

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	9	38%	6	21%	15	54%	0	0%	17	20%	45	74%	7	11%	25	33%	14	29%	7	13%	5	11%	18	32%	<b>168</b>	<b>28%</b>
Hunter	87	71%	43	61%	36	49%	36	47%	54	59%	101	80%	91	60%	65	58%	111	78%	79	72%	83	72%	59	57%	<b>845</b>	<b>65%</b>
Illawarra	15	26%	27	48%	30	42%	58	42%	81	55%	97	49%	94	48%	80	38%	80	49%	72	44%	62	52%	60	48%	<b>756</b>	<b>46%</b>
Mid North Coast	45	60%	48	87%	51	93%	45	70%	51	73%	88	86%	70	72%	72	80%	132	80%	70	76%	77	72%	67	83%	<b>816</b>	<b>78%</b>
Murray	32	100%	42	75%	27	63%	81	84%	30	58%	36	61%	26	62%	24	57%	56	88%	29	66%	27	57%	26	65%	<b>436</b>	<b>71%</b>
Murrumbidgee	81	83%	61	78%	55	82%	101	83%	136	65%	132	73%	117	55%	106	71%	176	95%	97	70%	89	72%	78	80%	<b>1,229</b>	<b>74%</b>
Northern	66	88%	59	94%	33	61%	56	102%	69	90%	77	91%	72	86%	76	92%	91	90%	55	73%	54	126%	50	85%	<b>758</b>	<b>89%</b>
North Western	58	72%	54	61%	28	54%	40	78%	97	69%	138	78%	129	88%	73	63%	115	75%	110	65%	60	46%	85	64%	<b>987</b>	<b>69%</b>
Richmond Tweed	8	24%	23	58%	14	50%	6	30%	9	19%	26	62%	20	53%	6	30%	6	15%	12	16%	16	47%	14	34%	<b>160</b>	<b>35%</b>
South Eastern	50	78%	23	74%	28	67%	29	67%	25	56%	52	59%	66	69%	54	73%	37	63%	46	77%	53	72%	37	67%	<b>500</b>	<b>68%</b>
Western	64	84%	76	94%	74	95%	45	79%	93	86%	78	95%	98	93%	99	98%	116	94%	95	87%	103	96%	81	70%	<b>1,022</b>	<b>89%</b>
Sydney North	21	100%	7	39%	12	55%	5	36%	5	31%	9	32%	10	45%	10	37%	23	52%	7	58%	6	29%	6	27%	<b>121</b>	<b>45%</b>
Sydney South	152	73%	126	62%	90	57%	157	58%	285	72%	264	71%	338	81%	301	75%	300	80%	262	80%	231	79%	184	78%	<b>2,690</b>	<b>74%</b>
Sydney Inner	14	64%	11	61%	12	109%	23	62%	28	80%	19	73%	40	71%	50	83%	49	80%	36	100%	17	71%	15	94%	<b>314</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sydney West	332	63%	270	62%	253	49%	483	64%	751	62%	876	78%	687	64%	637	62%	673	62%	756	72%	525	61%	362	69%	<b>6,605</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>17,407</b>	<b>67%</b>

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

Table 29 shows that:

- the total number of cats euthanased was 17,407, which represented 67% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 121 in the Sydney North region to 6,605 in the Sydney West region
- the percentage of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased varied substantially between regions, ranging from 28% in the Central Coast region to 89% in the Northern and Western regions; in all but four 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 58% in September to 74% in December
- the monthly variation in cats euthanased was higher for individual regions (relative to overall monthly totals) but no clear patterns are apparent
- the number of cats euthanased has increased by 5% from 16,605 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were euthanased has decreased from 68%.

**Additional comments:**

- 14,813 cats were euthanased due to inability to re-home and this represented 85% of all cats euthanased; a further 925 cats were euthanased at their owner's request
- There has been a decrease of 11% from the 16,605 cats in 2008/2009 that were euthanased due to inability to re-home and the percentage of all cats euthanased has decreased from 88%. The number of cats euthanased at their owner's request has increased from 522 in 2008/2009.

Table 30 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats sold by region and month for 2009/2010

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	11	46%	14	50%	9	32%	4	11%	10	12%	23	38%	13	21%	10	13%	11	23%	33	60%	20	43%	29	51%	187	31%
Hunter	14	11%	6	9%	17	23%	10	13%	5	5%	11	9%	15	10%	11	10%	10	7%	7	6%	9	8%	16	15%	131	10%
Illawarra	16	28%	13	23%	3	4%	4	3%	2	1%	12	6%	23	12%	8	4%	8	5%	22	13%	22	18%	14	11%	147	9%
Mid North Coast	11	15%	3	5%	3	5%	4	6%	7	10%	3	3%	13	13%	7	8%	16	10%	6	7%	13	12%	2	2%	88	8%
Murray	1	3%	4	7%	16	37%	16	17%	2	4%	24	41%	12	29%	14	33%	11	17%	3	7%	14	30%	9	23%	126	20%
Murrumbidgee	2	2%	2	3%	0	0%	3	2%	1	0%	3	2%	5	2%	7	5%	3	2%	1	1%	3	2%	6	6%	36	2%
Northern	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	6	1%
North Western	4	5%	5	6%	0	0%	2	4%	5	4%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	3	2%	2	2%	2	2%	27	2%
Richmond Tweed	15	44%	7	18%	3	11%	6	30%	3	6%	14	33%	9	24%	7	35%	6	15%	5	7%	17	50%	7	17%	99	22%
South Eastern	8	13%	3	10%	0	0%	5	12%	4	9%	7	8%	5	5%	3	4%	9	15%	5	8%	3	4%	4	7%	56	8%
Western	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	3	3%	8	1%
Sydney North	4	19%	4	22%	4	18%	1	7%	2	13%	1	4%	4	18%	5	19%	6	14%	2	17%	8	38%	5	23%	46	17%
Sydney South	40	19%	36	18%	29	18%	31	12%	38	10%	30	8%	40	10%	28	7%	25	7%	37	11%	32	11%	22	9%	388	11%
Sydney Inner	1	5%	3	17%	2	18%	1	3%	2	6%	0	0%	4	7%	1	2%	1	2%	2	6%	0	0%	2	13%	19	5%
Sydney West	66	12%	46	10%	41	8%	55	7%	82	7%	56	5%	62	6%	60	6%	53	5%	66	6%	70	8%	65	12%	722	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>8%</b>

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

Table 30 shows that:

- the total number of cats sold was 2,086, which represented 8% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats sold varied substantially across regions, ranging from 6 in the Northern region to 722 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 Northern and Western regions to 31% in the Central Coast region; in ten regions the percentage sold was 10% or less
- for all regions in total, the percentage of cats arriving at a pound that were sold each month varied over the year from 6-7% in November-March to a maximum of 13% in July
- 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 decreased by 7% from 2,233 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were sold has decreased slightly from 9%.

Table 31 Number and percentage<sup>1</sup> of cats released to an organisation by region and month for 2009/2010

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	13%	1	4%	3	11%	0	0%	6	7%	16	26%	20	32%	21	28%	19	40%	2	4%	3	7%	2	4%	<b>96</b>	<b>16%</b>
Hunter	6	5%	7	10%	11	15%	15	19%	19	21%	12	10%	14	9%	13	12%	20	14%	17	16%	20	17%	18	17%	<b>172</b>	<b>13%</b>
Illawarra	26	46%	17	30%	36	51%	60	44%	46	31%	77	39%	79	40%	68	33%	77	47%	54	33%	68	57%	40	32%	<b>648</b>	<b>40%</b>
Mid North Coast	3	4%	9	16%	2	4%	4	6%	8	11%	14	14%	10	10%	11	12%	11	7%	14	15%	14	13%	13	16%	<b>113</b>	<b>11%</b>
Murray	2	6%	0	0%	2	5%	0	0%	5	10%	5	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	9%	2	4%	3	8%	<b>23</b>	<b>4%</b>
Murrumbidgee	14	14%	13	17%	11	16%	19	16%	47	23%	39	21%	82	38%	39	26%	24	13%	38	27%	29	24%	9	9%	<b>364</b>	<b>22%</b>
Northern	3	4%	5	8%	7	13%	8	15%	3	4%	5	6%	6	7%	7	8%	7	7%	7	9%	10	23%	3	5%	<b>71</b>	<b>8%</b>
North Western	18	22%	29	33%	22	42%	15	29%	31	22%	8	5%	37	25%	37	32%	40	26%	59	35%	49	37%	47	36%	<b>392</b>	<b>27%</b>
Richmond Tweed	10	29%	3	8%	13	46%	7	35%	15	31%	10	24%	13	34%	6	30%	9	23%	27	36%	30	88%	10	24%	<b>153</b>	<b>33%</b>
South Eastern	6	9%	4	13%	12	29%	4	9%	5	11%	18	20%	21	22%	15	20%	13	22%	13	22%	9	12%	6	11%	<b>126</b>	<b>17%</b>
Western	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	2	4%	5	5%	1	1%	5	5%	0	0%	2	2%	7	6%	0	0%	1	1%	<b>24</b>	<b>2%</b>
Sydney North	4	19%	0	0%	1	5%	4	29%	5	31%	2	7%	5	23%	2	7%	5	11%	2	17%	1	5%	1	5%	<b>32</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sydney South	12	6%	30	15%	19	12%	36	13%	55	14%	29	8%	26	6%	48	12%	37	10%	36	11%	20	7%	27	11%	<b>375</b>	<b>10%</b>
Sydney Inner	0	0%	1	6%	1	9%	1	3%	3	9%	1	4%	2	4%	5	8%	2	3%	2	6%	4	17%	2	13%	<b>24</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sydney West	67	13%	61	14%	106	21%	44	6%	139	11%	85	8%	103	10%	130	13%	178	16%	98	9%	117	14%	89	17%	<b>1,217</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>15%</b>

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

Table 31 shows that:

- the total number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing was 3,830, which represented 15% of all cats arriving at a pound
- the number of cats released to an organisation for re-homing varied substantially between regions, ranging from 23 in the Murray region to 1,217 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 2% in the Western region to 40% in the Illawarra region; in five 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 11% in July to a maximum of 19% in September
- 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 16% from 3,310 in 2008/2009, and the proportion of all cats arriving at a pound that were released to an organisation for re-homing increased from 13%.

Table 32 Number and percentage of cats in each leaving pound category by region for 2009/2010

Region	Euthanased		Released to organisation for re-homing		Sold		Released to owner	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Central Coast	168	28%	96	16%	187	31%	35	6%
Hunter	845	65%	172	13%	131	10%	40	3%
Illawarra	756	46%	648	40%	147	9%	70	4%
Mid North Coast	816	78%	113	11%	88	8%	31	3%
Murray	436	71%	23	4%	126	20%	28	5%
Murrumbidgee	1,229	74%	364	22%	36	2%	13	1%
Northern	758	89%	71	8%	6	1%	27	3%
North Western	987	69%	392	27%	27	2%	21	1%
Richmond Tweed	160	35%	153	33%	99	22%	23	5%
South Eastern	500	68%	126	17%	56	8%	34	5%
Western	1,022	89%	24	2%	8	1%	18	2%
Sydney North	121	45%	32	12%	46	17%	33	12%
Sydney South	2,690	74%	375	10%	388	11%	118	3%
Sydney Inner	314	78%	24	6%	19	5%	8	2%
Sydney West	6,605	65%	1,217	12%	722	7%	154	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,407</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>3%</b>

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

Euthanased was the most common outcome in 14 regions, followed in 11 of these regions by released to an organisation for re-homing. In the 15<sup>th</sup> region (Central Coast region) the most common outcome was sold followed by euthanased.

The changes in the percentages for the different outcomes for cats arriving at a pound since 2008/2009 have been relatively small, the largest being an increase from 13% for released to organisation for re-homing. The category euthanased has decreased from 68%.

## ATTACHMENT 1 - NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED ANIMALS AS AT 30 JUNE 2010 – ALLOCATED TO COUNCIL AREAS

Region	Cats	Dogs
Central Coast	22,726	73,628
Hunter	43,977	169,544
Illawarra	25,800	97,354
Mid North Coast	17,189	77,671
Murray	6,582	31,117
Murrumbidgee	8,284	43,786
Northern	10,503	57,275
North Western	5,143	37,407
Richmond Tweed	12,295	49,744
South Eastern	10,931	58,130
Western	12,701	60,247
Sydney North	50,160	103,848
Sydney South	50,353	110,221
Sydney Inner	32,297	45,490
Sydney West	90,078	310,443
<b>Total used in analysis</b>	<b>399,019</b>	<b>1,325,905</b>

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

### Observations

- approximately 23% of all identified dogs and of all identified cats were located in the Sydney West region
- across NSW the ratio of identified dogs to identified cats was approximately 3.3 to 1, but for the Sydney Inner region the ratio was 1.4 to 1. In the North Western region the ratio was 7.3 to 1.
- the number of identified cats has increased by 10% from 361,320 at 30 June 2009 and the number of identified dogs has increased by 9% from 1,221,310.

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

*Note: councils in bold responded to the survey of animal pound data in 2005/2006. All councils responded in the following years.*

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



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, The Hills, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, Wollondilly**