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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ANNOUNCES ANIMAL SERVICES AS NUMBER ONE PUBLIC ANIMAL ADOPTION AGENCY IN U.S.

For the first time in LA history, LA's animal shelters have saved and adopted out more animals than euthanized and cut the number of animals euthanized by half, in just five years.

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Villaraigosa, joined by Animal Services General Manager Ed Boks, today announced that Los Angeles Animal Services was the number one public animal adoption agency in the country and for the first time in LA's history, animal shelters have saved and adopted out more animals than euthanized.

"Angelenos have risen to the call to adopt," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "Los Angeles Animal Services is the number one public animal adoption agency in America. And for the first time in LA history, our shelters saved and adopted out more animals than they euthanized. Together we have made unprecedented progress to ensuring all animals in Los Angeles find a loving home."

In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, Animal Services adopted out 25,270 animals through its six animal shelter facilities across the City. This represents 47% of all the animals coming into the system – the highest since the department began keeping records. This also marks the first time that Animal Services adopted out more animals than it euthanized.

"LA Animal Services has consistently reduced euthanasia over the past five years in the double digits and has cut the euthanasia rate in half since 2002. This is a great success story in our efforts to achieve no-kill," General Manager Ed Boks said.

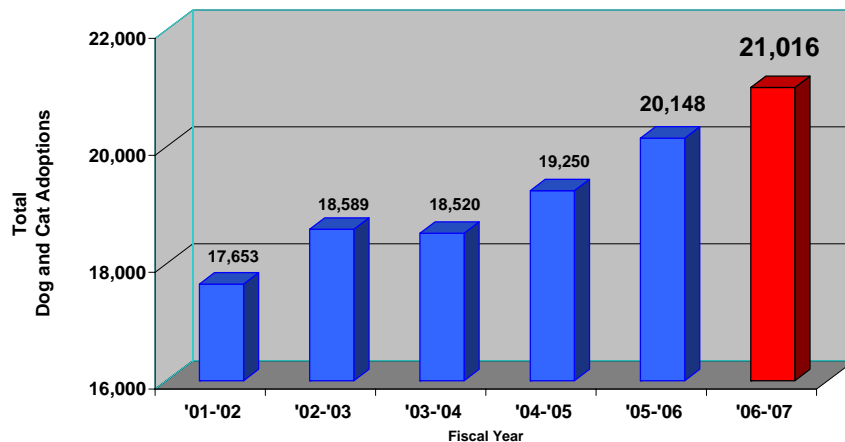
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In another milestone, Animal Services euthanized the fewest animals in its history last year, decreasing the rate for dogs and cats by 11.25% from the previous year, the fifth consecutive year of a double digit decline.

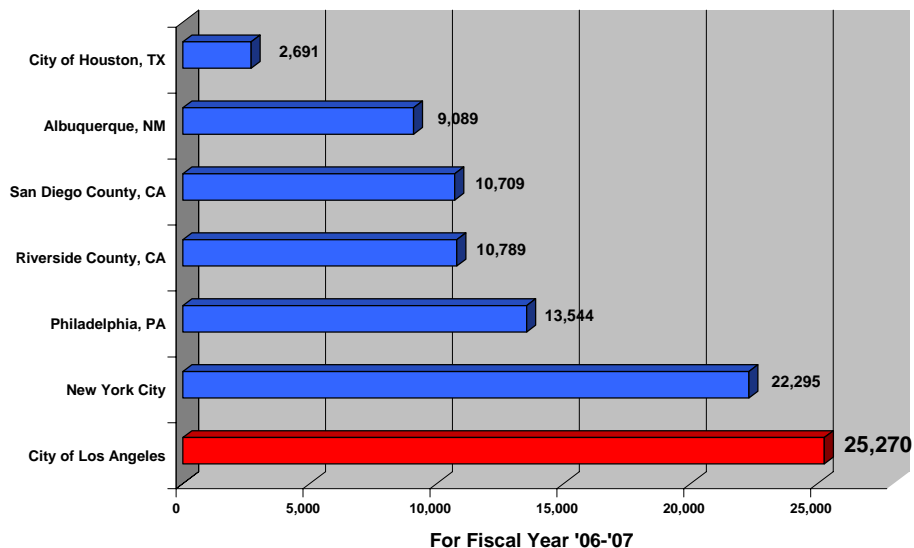
The department has cut in half the number of animals euthanized from just five years ago, dropping from 34,000 to 17,000.

In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, Animal Services took in more than 46,000 dogs and cats and was able to reunite nearly 16% to their grateful guardians.

Total Dog and Cat Adoptions in Los Angeles



Animal Adoption in Comparison with Other Major US Cities & Counties



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Today's announcement was accompanied by a mobile Pet Adoption Event on the south lawn of City Hall where Mayor Villaraigosa promoted Animal Services as the first place to go for pet adoptions.

"Angelenos are learning, if you want a pet, the first place to visit is the city shelter. And today that means coming down to the adoption fair at City Hall," Mayor Villaraigosa said.

Los Angeles Animal Services operates six care centers throughout the City, open to the public for animal adoptions:

North Central

3201 Lacy Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031

South Los Angeles

3612 11th Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90018

West Los Angeles

11950 Missouri Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025

East Valley

14409 Vanowen Street
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Harbor

735 Battery Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

West Valley

20655 Plummer Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311

The public can call 1-888-4LAPET1 and visit www.laAnimalServices.com for more information on how to adopt animals in City shelters.

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