



2021

Pet Owner Support

Department of Animal Care and Control

SUPPORTING PET OWNERS IN CRISIS

122 animals entered the shelter in 2021 when pet owners were temporarily unable to care for their animals- city residents navigating hospitalization, incarceration, loss of stable housing, are survivors of domestic violence, facing mental health and substance abuse challenges, or death of primary animal caretaker.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

After pausing rabies vaccination clinics in 2020, we expanded services to offer low-cost core vaccines for dogs and cats as well as free microchips at pop-up Saturday vaccine clinics across Boston.



PROVIDING SURGICAL SERVICES

We provided free and reduced cost spay or neuter services for 57 pets between May and December 2021. For animals in great need, we also provided dental extractions, mammary mass removals, and other quality of life procedures to preserve the bond between people and their pets.

PARTNERING TO EXPAND IMPACT

Animal Care and Control secured grant funding in 2021 to expand our community support programs for pets of Boston residents. We partnered with MSPCA-Angell, Street Dog Coalition, Banfield, BCYF, BHA, the MA Animal Coalition and MA Animal Fund to expand our reach even further.

CITY of BOSTON

122 ANIMALS Received safe housing while owners got back on their feet

371 DOGS & 171 CATS

Received vaccines and/or microchips at our fall community clinics

24% Of these animals had never seen a veterinarian before

57 ANIMALS owned by residents of Boston in need were spayed or neutered at reduced cost at our Roslindale shelter

We secured grants totaling over **\$22,880** to expand community programs

We collaborated with **7 ORGANIZATIONS** to expand our reach in 2021

FALL 2021 COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC SITES

