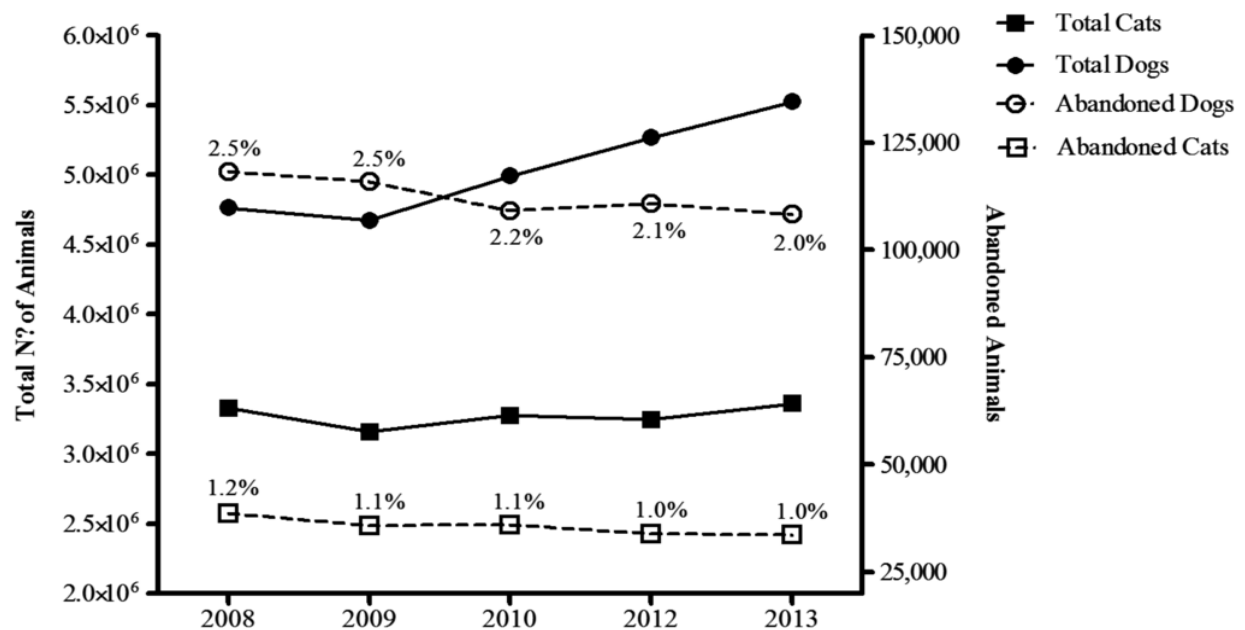


Feature article

Have you ever imagined that your parents gave up with you and abandoned you like abandoning a dog and there is no food, no water, no people to help you? What are you going to do at this situation?

Abandoned animals feel the same as you after they are abandoned by people. Dogs are the most common animal that are abandoned. Dogs are just like us. They should be treated in the same way. All animal deserves a better life. Why should animals be abandoned? Why don't people get abandoned instead of animals?



Why do people abandon animals?

People abandon animals because of different reasons. Usually, they abandon pets because the pets are starting to bite people. It could also let people abandon them when they eat too much food. However, people buy pets from the shop without thinking about the problems that pets could cause. Another reason that people abandon animals is that maybe pets aren't cute anymore for owners after a few years. On the other hand, some of the dogs are not healthy and they could have problems with their body. Like our dog, our dogs have leg problems, when he was born his leg has a problem, but we didn't discover it until it is arriving at our house. Our dog can only walk now.

Food supply for abandoned animals.

In the documentary Stray Urban dogs, it tells us that it will be very hard for abandoned animals to survive and find food. However, many abandoned dogs push down rubbish bins to find things to eat. According to the documentary, it supports that abandoned dogs could even kill people when they can't find any food to eat. The best

target was little children (can't run too fast, around 5 years old). Why do they choose little children as targets? Because it is easy to catch and easy to kill. They don't really run when danger is coming. Instead of choosing children as targets, why don't they kill full-grown men? Because a man is not very easy to kill. Unlike little children, they could run very fast and even kill the dog with things that are around them. **But**, sometimes abandoned dogs do kill men when they are lots of them. They can't kill the man in individual, but they can kill a man when they are teaming up.

Fighting and territory protect

Stray urban dogs always fight for food and territory. Sometimes they may fight desperately for their territory. **Furthermore**, many dogs mark their territory by their urinate. How did dogs know if it is their territory or other dog's? Dogs use their nose to smell the scent in the air to make sure if it is their territory.

Faye Carey is a volunteer in her local branch of Animal Control. She, a 16 years old teenager is very good at re-homing abandoned animals by putting pictures of the abandoned animal on the Facebook page which is set up by herself. She started a Facebook page, Animal Re-Home Waikato, where she advertised the pets at the shelter. People began to see and take interest in these pet's pictures, and eventually, adopt them. So far, Faye has managed to re-home over 60 pets.



A picture of a cute dog that Faye Carey put on the Facebook page.



One of the pictures that Faye Carey put on the Facebook page.

In addition, she spent three hours every night organizing people to view the pictures, setting up adoptions and replying to emails. She volunteered on Fridays to post pictures of abandoned animals. **As a result**, the Facebook page that she put pictures on got 300 likes! **Consequently**, Faye Carey began putting more pictures of abandoned animals on the Facebook page. Sixteen-year-old Faye Carey displays a teen activist's undeniable creativity. This teen used positive creativity to leave no animal abandoned and un-homed.

Faye Carey, a lover of all animals, took up a volunteer job at a shelter in New Zealand, and naturally fell in love with a puppy. But when the end of the week came, and the puppy still hadn't been adopted, Faye began to feel for the innocent canine. "I saw him there at the end of the week," Faye Carey says, "and I felt sorry for him." Never one to leave a problem unsolved, Faye decided to take action against leaving pets, dogs and cats alike, undomed in a shelter.



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There are many dogs outside the window freezing to death, only several of them receive the love from a volunteer: Faye Carey. We have to control the populations of abandoned animals. **Otherwise**, it will affect our livestock and cause more problems to our world. We can learn from Faye Carey; we can do the same as her. If we do the same as Faye Carey, the population of the abandoned animals would decrease and there will be less people got killed by **dogs**.