

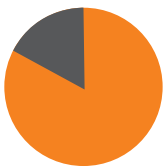


**4.8 MILLION MORE  
CATS AND DOGS SAVED**



From tiny kittens to senior pups, 4.8 million more cats and dogs have been saved since 2016, when Best Friends announced the bold goal to lead the nation to no-kill by 2025. That's enough pets to fill nearly 70 football stadiums — and that's all thanks to you.

**NUMBERS TO CELEBRATE IN 2021**



**83%**  
**NATIONAL  
SAVE RATE**



**52%**  
**OF U.S. SHELTERS  
ARE NO-KILL**



**77%**  
**REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER  
OF PETS KILLED SINCE 2016**

**2 STATES ARE NO-KILL, 3 MORE ARE ON THE CUSP**



Delaware



New  
Hampshire

**No-kill**



North Dakota



Rhode  
Island



Vermont

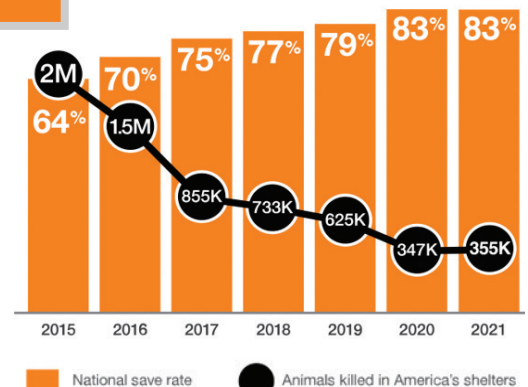
**Fewer than 100 cats and dogs  
left to save to reach no-kill**

**STILL, THE SITUATION IS URGENT FOR HOMELESS PETS**

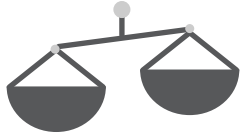
For the first time in five years, the number of pets killed in America's shelters increased slightly — from 347,000 in 2020 to **355,000** in 2021. More than two cats are killed for every dog.

However, the national save rate held steady at **83%** because shelter intake increased more in 2021 (8.1%) than the number of dogs and cats killed (+2.3%).

In 2021, **4.6 million** pets entered America's shelters.

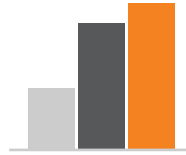


## YET WE'RE OPTIMISTIC. HERE'S WHY:



### MORE PETS WERE SAVED IN 2021 THAN 2020

The increase in the number of pets killed in shelters did not match the increase in intake. Of the 4.6 million cats and dogs who entered shelters in 2021, 3.83 million were saved, compared to 3.75 million in 2020.



### THE NUMBER OF NO-KILL SHELTERS IS HIGHER THAN EVER

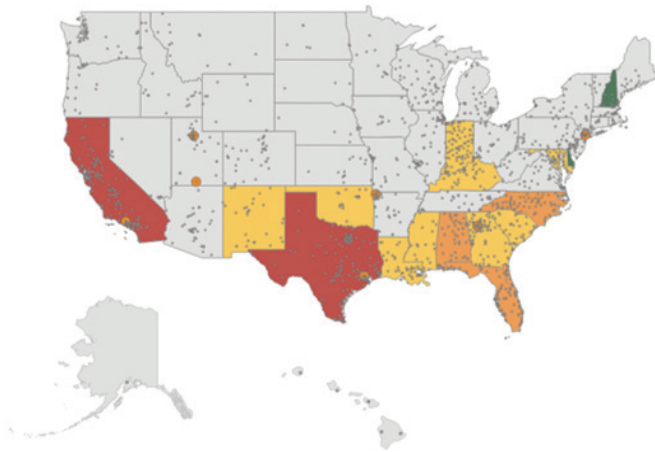
Of the 4,064 shelters in the United States, 52% of them are now no-kill. This is an increase from 48% in 2020 and just 24% in 2016, when we declared our national no-kill goal.



### NO-KILL IS SUSTAINABLE

No-kill is not only possible, it's sustainable. Nationwide, 93% of shelters that achieve no-kill (a save rate of 90% or higher) remain no-kill the following year.

## A NATIONAL INITIATIVE TO SAVE THEM ALL



### PARTNERS AND PLACES

Best Friends works with more than 3,700 shelter and rescue partners across all 50 states.

### CONCENTRATED IMPACT

We've collected data for 94% of pets in America's shelters, which tells us where help is needed most and which animals are most at risk.

### LIFESAVING SOLUTIONS

Since 2016, shelters that have engaged with Best Friends have had two times as much lifesaving improvement as unengaged shelters.

Number of cats and dogs who need to be saved to get to no-kill: ■ No-kill ■ <6,500 ■ 6,500-14,500 ■ 14,500-37,000 ■ 37,000+  
● Best Friends Lifesaving Center ● Shelter engagement programs spanning all 50 states

## THE ROAD MAP TO NO-KILL NATIONWIDE



### SAVING LIVES

Directly saving animals and modeling solutions to achieve no-kill nationwide



### SUPPORTING SHELTERS

Transforming animal sheltering systems in partnership with our national network of animal welfare organizations



### MOBILIZING THE PUBLIC

Inspiring and organizing community engagement for systemic changes and lifesaving success

While 2021 was a challenging year for our nation's shelters, we're so grateful for the progress we've made over the past six years. Thanks to you, we are still on track to achieve no-kill nationwide by 2025 — but only if we keep working hard toward our shared goal. Together, we will Save Them All.

