

AMES ANIMAL SHELTER AND ANIMAL CONTROL

Live Release Rates

Year	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Rabbits	Small Pets	Wildlife [†]	Dogs & Cats Combined
2024	98.49%	98.00%	99.27%	100.00%	100.00%	95.12%	53.74%	98.67%
2023	99.17%	95.95%	98.38%	100.00%	100.00%	98.11%	47.62%	98.26%
2022	97.87%	98.91%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	96.49%	54.51%	98.92%
2021	97.79%	99.39%	99.12%	100.00%	100.00%	96.00%	60.94%	98.70%
2020	94.87%	98.44%	97.63%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	42.11%	96.67%
2019	96.98%	98.45%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.09%	71.11%	98.47%
2018	94.74%	95.87%	98.72%	100.00%	85.71%	100.00%	69.66%	96.57%
2017	95.65%	98.90%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	97.10%	73.33%	98.12%
2016	97.31%	93.44%	98.21%	100.00%	88.24%	100.00%	45.93%	96.87%
2015	95.61%	89.36%	98.89%	100.00%	100.00%	92.31%	66.47%	96.19%
2014	91.77%	95.00%	98.43%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	66.48%	94.90%
The Annual Live Release Rate is Live Outcomes Divided by Total Outcomes								

†The majority of wildlife animals that come into our care are picked up by our animal control officers and are severely sick or injured. The Ames Animal Shelter is committed to working with wildlife rescues and licensed rehabilitators to ensure all wildlife receives the appropriate care and educating citizens on when intervention with wildlife is necessary. Euthanasia for sick or injured wild animals at the Ames Animal Shelter is performed only to eliminate pain and irremediable suffering.

