

AMES ANIMAL SHELTER AND ANIMAL CONTROL

Average Length of Stay (in Days)

Our goal is always to ensure our furry friends do not have to stay in our shelter longer than absolutely necessary. Tools such as microchip scanners, a superior animal sheltering database, and online lost/found reporting and posting get lost pets home to their families as fast as possible. Adoptable animals are posted on our website within 30 minutes of becoming available for adoption. Our website also allows people to submit notification requests for certain species and breeds, and families can apply to adopt through our website. And progressive medical, volunteer, and fostering programs ensure our animals received the medical and socialization care they need to get healthy and ready for adoption!

Year	Cats	Kittens	Dogs	Puppies	Rabbits	Small Pets
2024	25	12	7	7	5	26
2023	39	16	8	13	18	21
2022	25	13	5	10	48	10
2021	25	12	4	9	27	16
2020	25	14	3	4	50	5
2019	24	9	5	7	36	14
2018	28	15	4	5	57	10
2017	28	20	4	2	47	15
2016	32	20	4	1	42	8
2015	36	18	3	5	30	4
2014	25	26	5	4	10	12

The average length of stay is calculated by dividing the number of days in the shelter by the total number of animals with an outcome in that year.

