

# Animal Control Town Hall

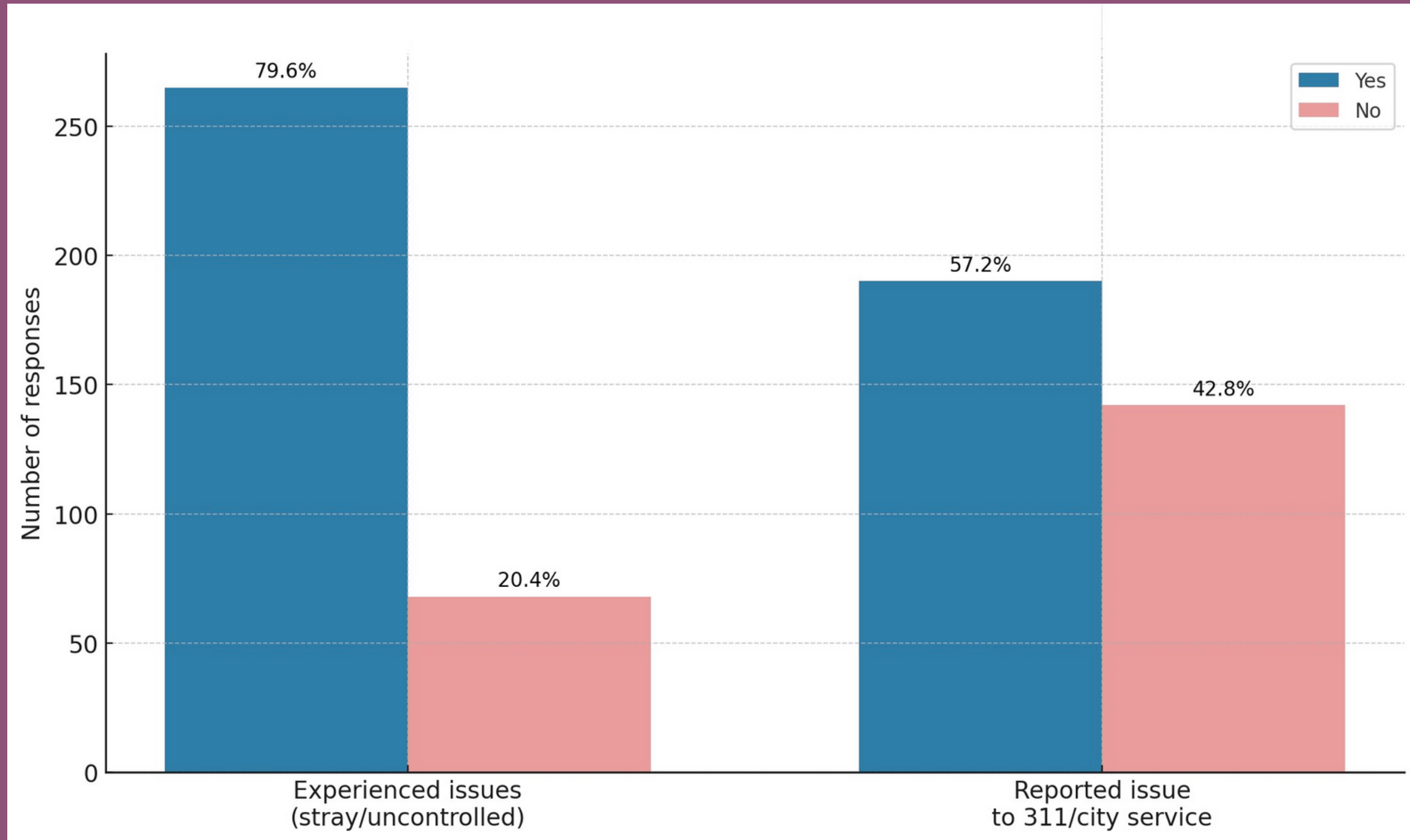


  
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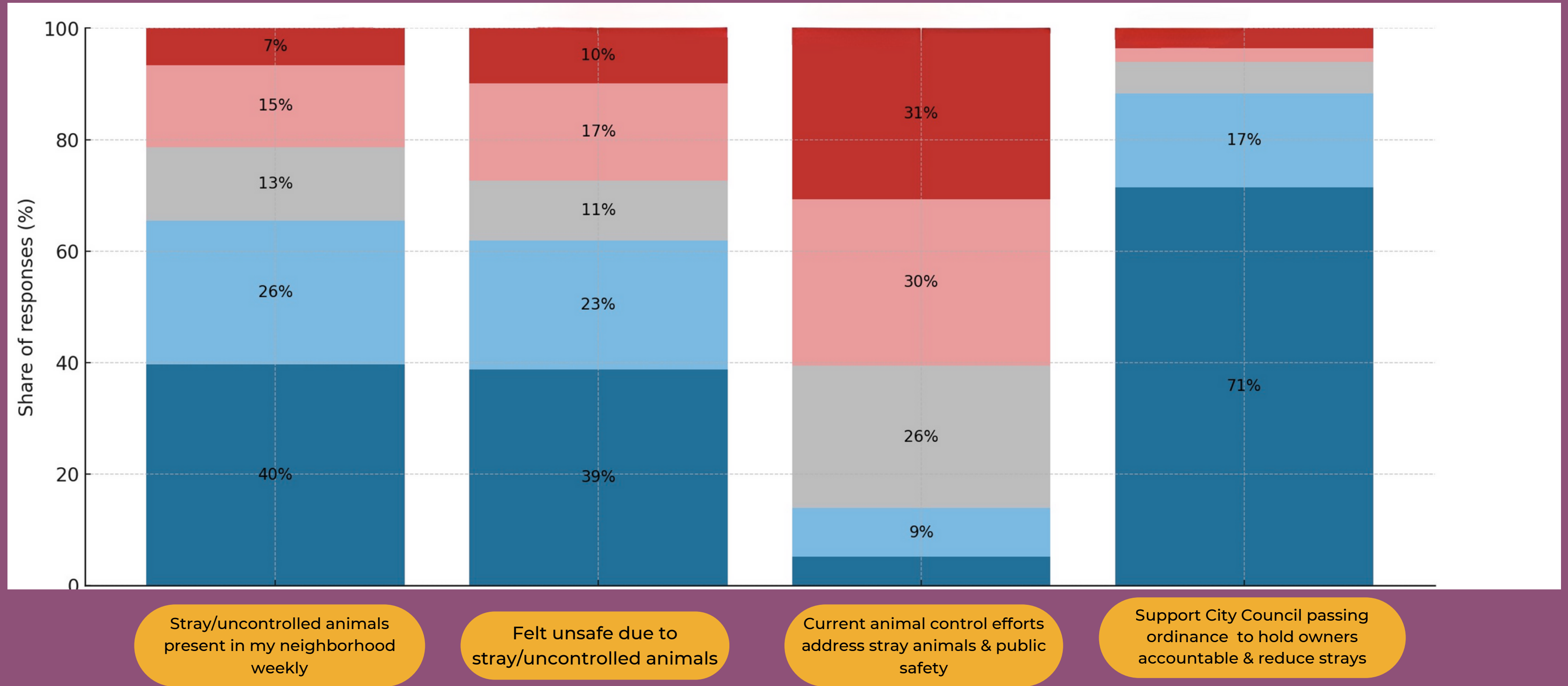
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**Parker High School!**

# Survey Results



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Strongly agree    Agree    Neither    Disagree    Strongly disagree

# Birmingham neighborhoods in fear as stories of stray dogs killing cats run wild

Updated: Jun. 04, 2022, 11:12 a.m. | Published: Jun. 04, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

## Woman dies after dog attack in Birmingham

by Jeff Wyatt, Valerie Bell | Mon, November 13th 2023 at 9:15 AM  
Updated Mon, November 13th 2023 at 5:20 PM

In The News

LOCAL NEWS

## Greater Birmingham Humane Society weighs in on stray dog concerns

by: Sidney Spencer  
Posted: Nov 17, 2023 / 06:05 AM CST  
Updated: Nov 17, 2023 / 06:05 AM CST



## GBHS pushing for Birmingham pet licensing program

Jun. 26, 2022

13 WVTM Dec 8, 2023

BREAKING NEWS

## Caught on camera: Jefferson County woman attacked by 13 dogs

**MARCH 7, 2024**



**COUNCILORS SITE VISIT TO GBHS**



# Framing the Issue

**Increase in Stray Animal Population**

**Public Safety & Public Health Impact**

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

“Animal Control” is the the #1 issue reported to 311 in 7 out of 9 districts in Birmingham.

# 311 data related to animal control

January 2023 - September 2025

TOTAL: 20,494

District 1: 1837

District 2: 1255

District 3: 568

District 4: 3139

District 5: 1990

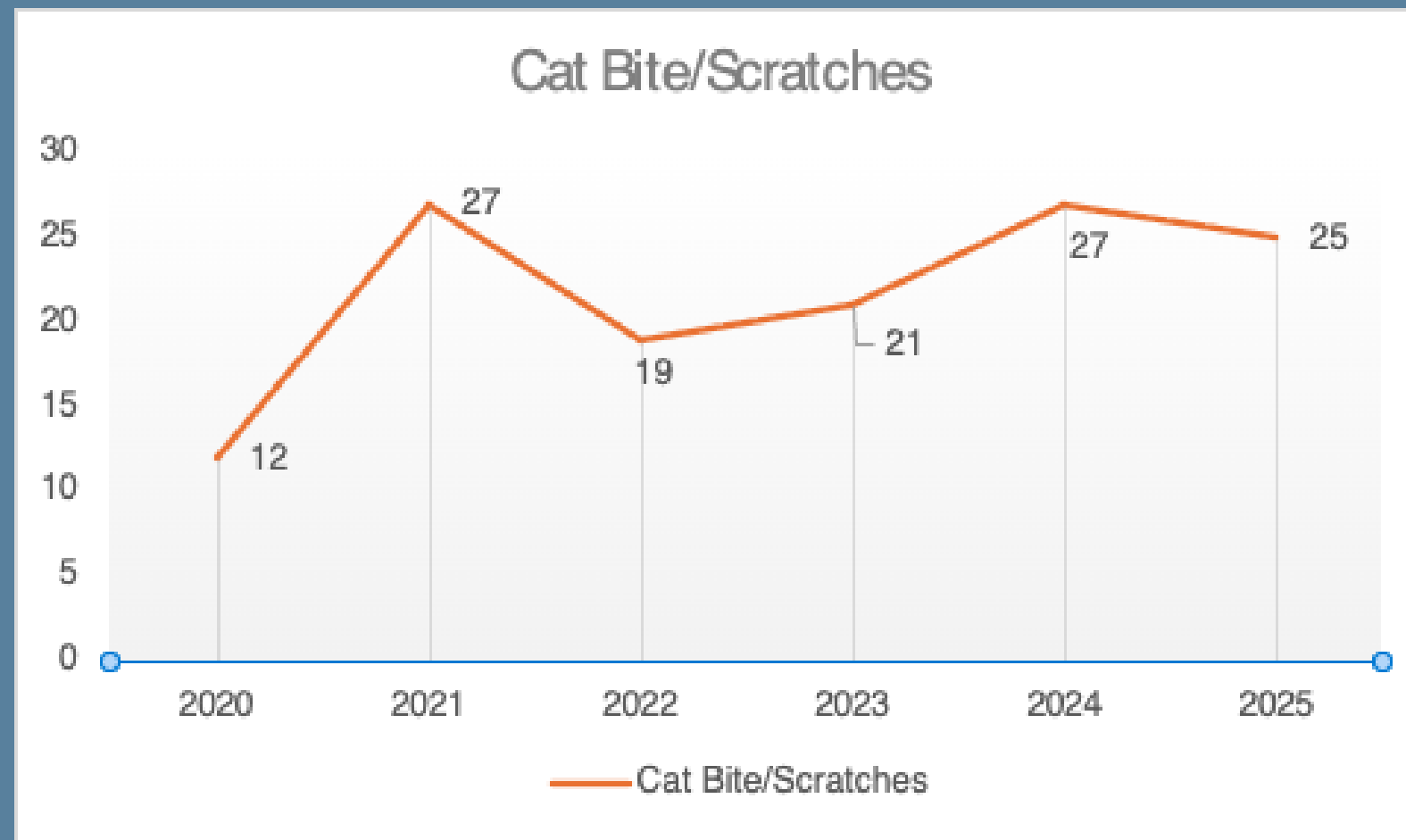
District 6: 2374

District 7: 2976

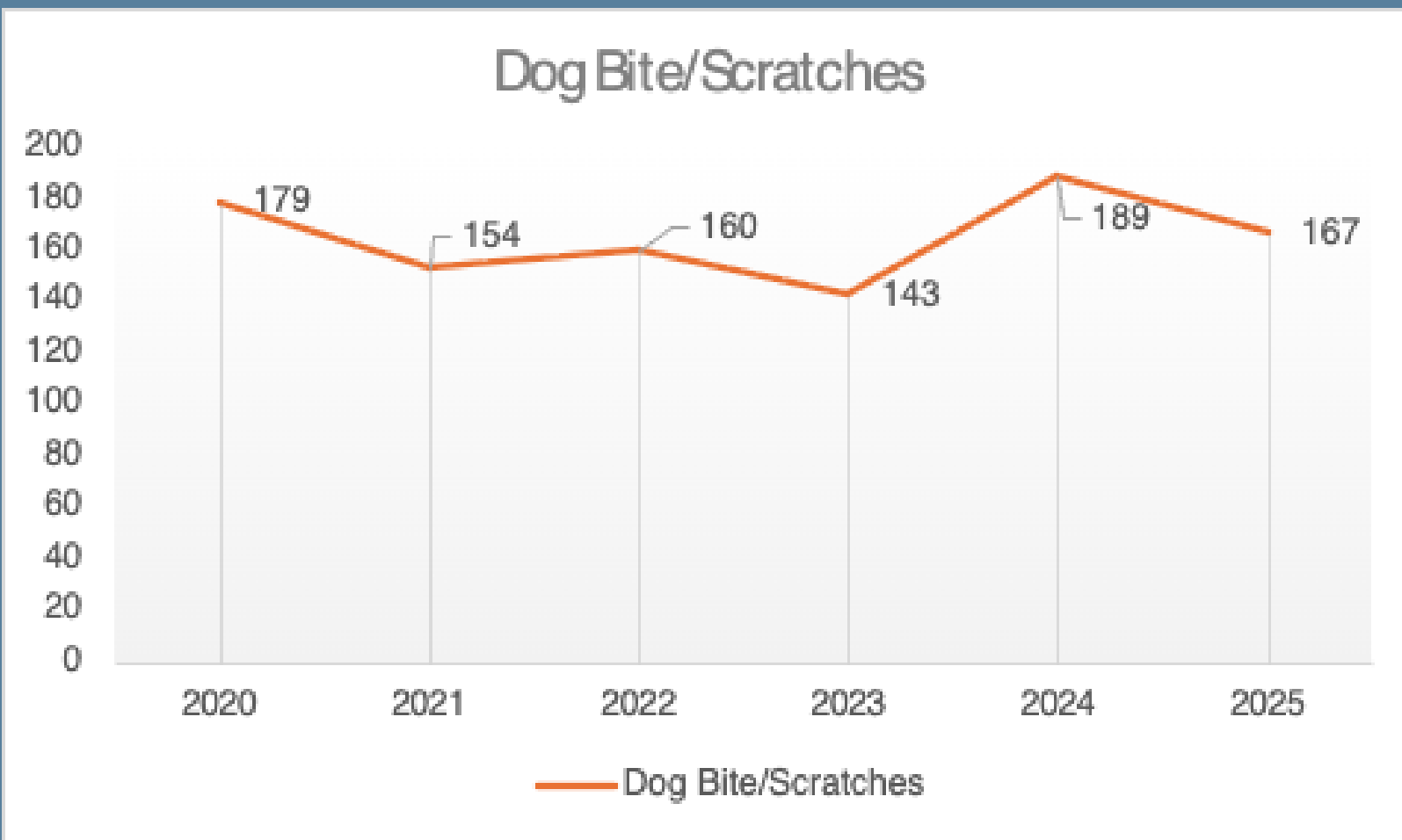
District 8: 3124

District 9: 3230

# Dog & Cat 2020 - 2025



| Year | Cat Bite/Scratches |
|------|--------------------|
| 2020 | 12                 |
| 2021 | 27                 |
| 2022 | 19                 |
| 2023 | 21                 |
| 2024 | 27                 |
| 2025 | 25                 |



| Year | Dog Bite/Scratches |
|------|--------------------|
| 2020 | 179                |
| 2021 | 154                |
| 2022 | 160                |
| 2023 | 143                |
| 2024 | 189                |
| 2025 | 167                |

# Current Policies

- Rabies: (Dogs & Cats  $\geq$  3 months)
- Rabies Control & Bite Quarantine
- Running at Large (Off Leash)
- Tethering/Humane Restraint (Dogs)
- Cruelty/Neglect (All Companion Animals)
- Impoundment (At-Large or Seized for Cause)
- Redemption/Disposition
- Seizure of Vicious/Dangerous Dogs
- Kennel/Commercial Activity (Dogs & Cats)

Alabama is ranked #49 out of 50 states concerning animal protection laws.

Animal Legal Defense Fund

## Potential Options for Amending City Code:

**Mandatory Spay and Neuter**

**Microchipping**

**Pet Registration**

**Amendments of Kennel License**

# Current cities & counties in AL have mandatory sterilization and/or microchipping

## Madison County

City law requires mandatory sterilization and microchipping for all animals impounded before release

## Montgomery

Montgomery has a citywide microchipping ordinance for dogs and cats.

# Current cities & counties in AL that require pet licensing

- Anniston
- Bay Minette
- Bessemer
- Chickasaw
- Florence
- Foley
- Gadsen City
- Huntsville
- Madison
- Mobile
- Montevallo City
- Muscle Shoals
- Pell City
- Sheffield
- Tuscumbia
- Valley

# Public Comments

- **Two minutes for each speaker.**
- **Individuals will be called up to speak.**
- **Stay on topic: keep comments to relevant issues**

