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SPCA Save Rate Climbs to 85%

The Delaware SPCA continues to save the lives of the unwanted and homeless animals that come into our care. Many of these animals suffer from common afflictions like mange, fleas and ticks, or intestinal parasites, some have more serious ailments such as respiratory infections, or even life-threatening parvo virus. Some animals are simply neglected and starving. Whatever their circumstances, every animal is individually assessed and given the chance for the best possible outcome – a return to health and placement in a caring home.



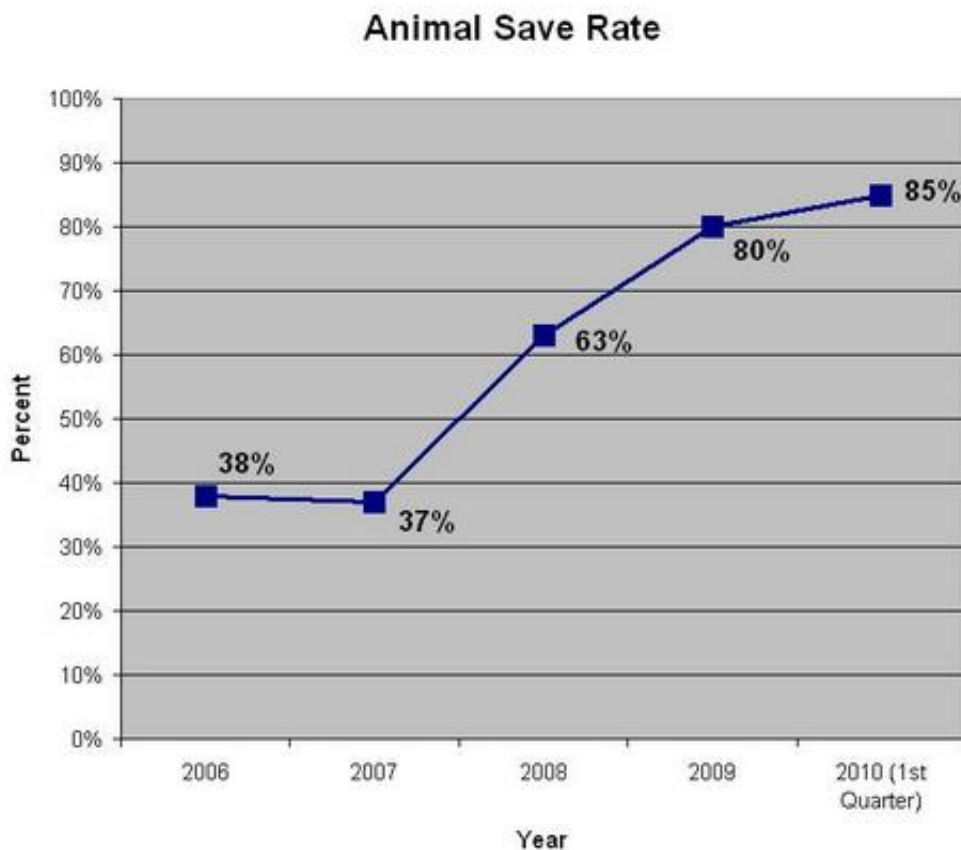
In the first quarter of 2010, the Delaware SPCA took in over 900 unwanted or stray dogs and cats. Over 200 of these animals were returned to their owner or transferred to an animal rescue organization, and 579 were adopted out to new homes. This means that the Delaware SPCA saved the lives of 85% of the animals that came into its care.

"As expected, our first quarter numbers show continued improvement in our save rate," said Executive Director Anne Cavanaugh. "Our overall save rate for cats jumped to 81%. And our Sussex County shelter is doing exceptionally well - in the first quarter 98% of the dogs and 88% of the cats at our Georgetown shelter went on to a better life in a new home." Overall, the Georgetown shelter had a 93% live release rate.

Cavanaugh also announced that the SPCA's spay/neuter numbers were on the rise - in just the first quarter of 2010, the organization neutered almost 2,000 animals. "Not long ago, we were neutering 2,000 animals a year, so I'm very pleased with the way our capacity for neutering has increased," said Cavanaugh.

The Delaware SPCA is a non-profit that receives no state or county funding, and it is not associated with any national organizations. *Our ability to care for Delaware's unwanted animals depends entirely on contributions from the public.*

We need your help to continue to save lives and end animal suffering. Join with us today - [Donate](#), [Adopt](#), [Spay or Neuter your Pet](#), [Volunteer](#). Thank you for your support of the Delaware SPCA!



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