



Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Fédération des sociétés canadiennes d'assistance aux animaux

The State of Spay-Neuter in Canada by the Numbers

2,000,000 – number of intact cats in homes in Canada

119,000 – low estimate of number of cats taken in by Canadian shelters in 2012

53,000 – low estimate of number of dogs taken in by Canadian shelters in 2012

100,000 – low estimate of the number of homeless cats living in the streets of Toronto

40,000 – low estimate of number of homeless cats in the Halifax Regional Municipality

\$547– cost of cat spay in Ontario in 2013 in Canadian dollars.

\$229 – cost of adoption of a cat or kitten at Guelph Humane Society in Canadian dollars
(includes sterilization, microchip identification implant, vaccinations, deworming, cardboard carrier, collar and identification tag, bath, 6 weeks Pet Insurance, taxes)

52 – percentage of Canadians that acquire cats as strays, from friends and relatives, as giveaways, or from their companion animal's offspring.

25 – percentage of Canadians that acquire cats from a humane society, SPCA or shelter.

19 – percentage of Canadians that acquire cats from a pet store or breeder

25 – number of kittens one unsterilized female cat can produce in one year

21 – number of puppies one unsterilized female dog can produce in one year

7 – percentage of dogs entering shelters that have already been spayed/neutered

6 – percentage of cats entering shelters that have already been spayed/neutered

Sources:

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Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, 2012

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