

Animal Services Spay Neuter Program

*Making sense & saving cents in
Orange County!*



Animal Services

February 2017



Targeted Spay & Neuter: The Theory

Targeted Spay / Neuter:

[Spay/Neuter that would
otherwise not be done]

Fewer litters; fewer
“surplus pets”

Lowered animal
admissions

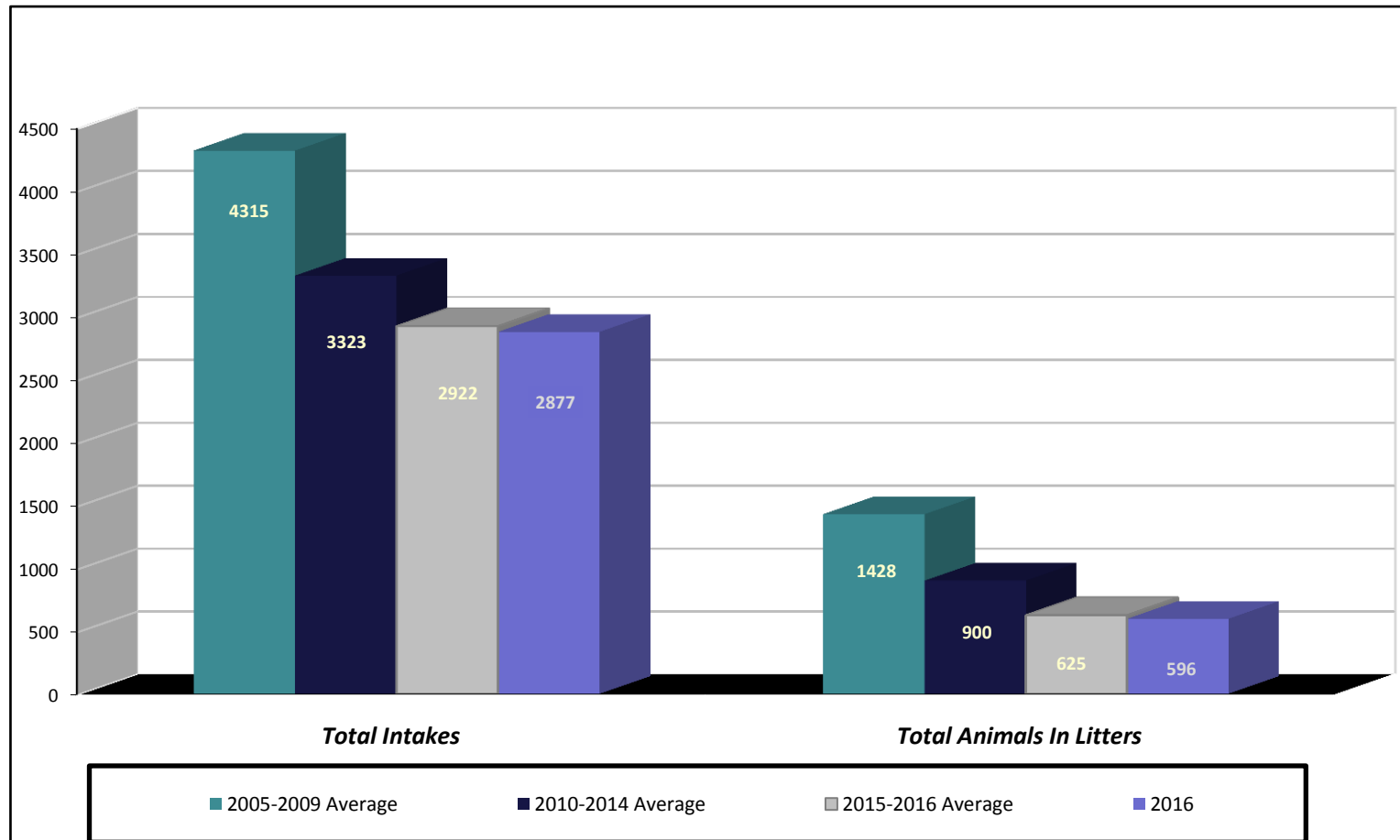
Less euthanasia

Controlling costs of
animal services



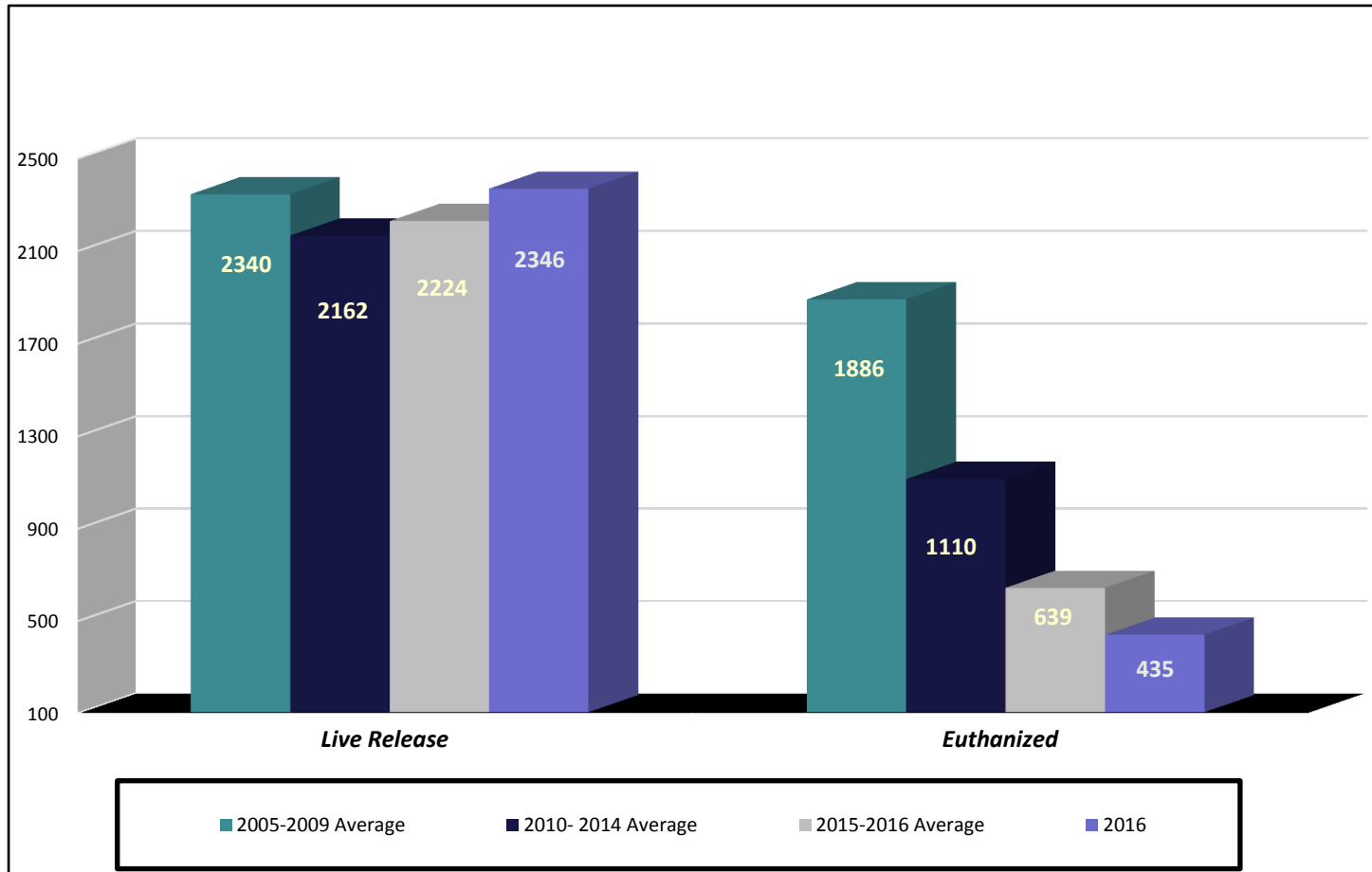
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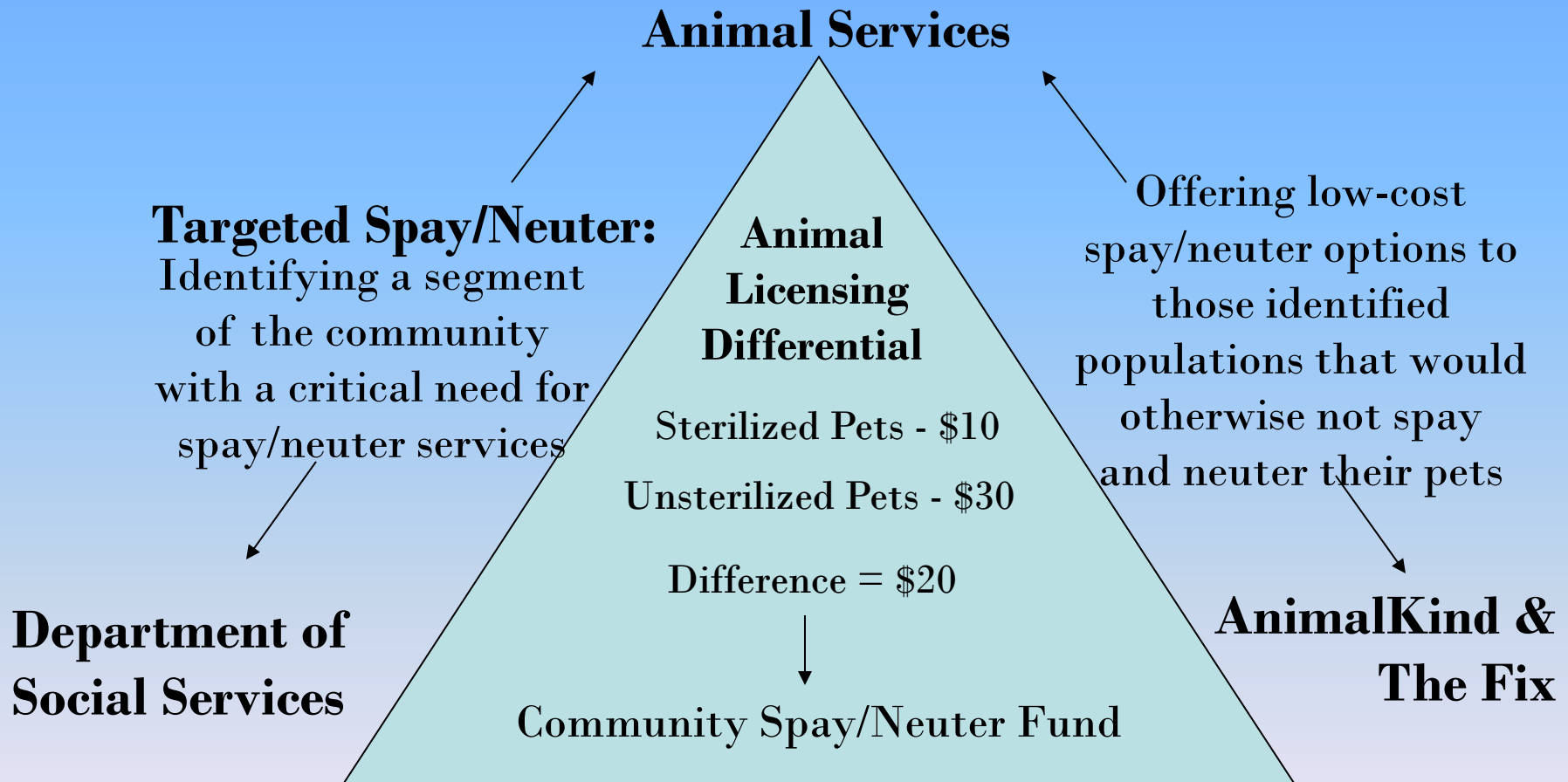
Animal Outcomes 2005-2016

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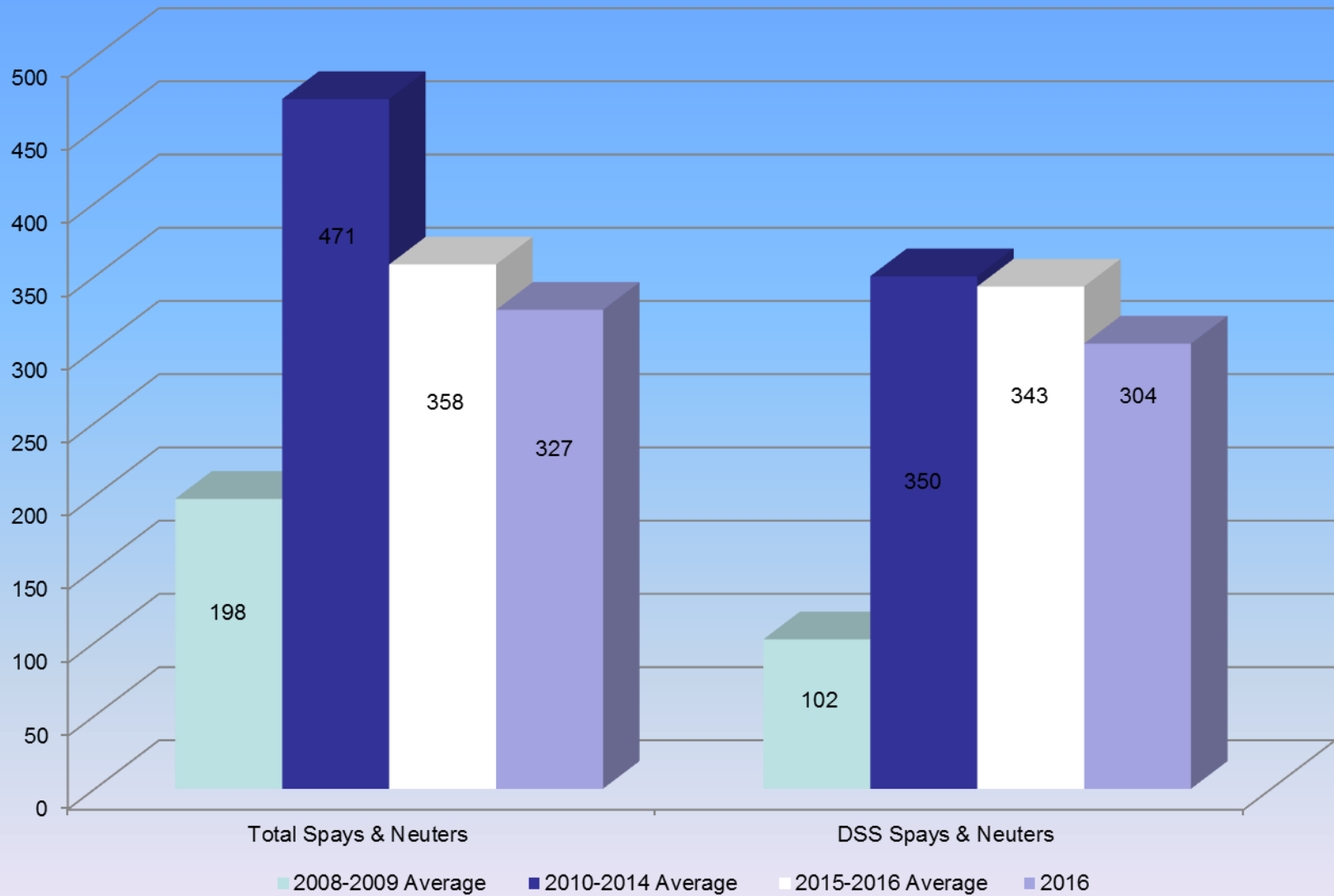
"Live Release" animals include animals that were recovered by their owner, adopted, or transferred to a placement partner organization (rescue group)

Animal Services Spay Neuter What It Is & How It Works



(NC Reimbursement Program)

Targeted Spays and Neuters 2008-2016



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Initiatives & Successes

- Four Spay/Neuter Day events held in partnership with SNAP-NC
 - Incentive program started to encourage participation.
- Waived the pet licensing fee for sterilized pets owned by Orange County DSS clients and encouraged the towns within the county to do the same.
- Continued the reduction of animals admitted to Orange County Animal Services
 - Under 3,000 admitted for the past 3 years
 - 2016 showed the lowest intake yet at 2,877



Opportunities & Challenges

- Increasing the number of sterilized dogs and cats to 450
- Continuing to find new ways to reach our targeted population to increase the number of participants in our program.
- Overcoming challenges presented by changes in the eligibility criteria of the NC Spay Neuter Reimbursement Program
 - Our program kept a lower income requirement and waived copays



Benefits & Observations

- **Improves Animal Services Operations**
 - Control costs
 - Make staffing numbers work
- **Brings People Together**
 - Partnerships
 - Common ground
 - Community Effort!
- **Models Public Policy**
 - Self-funded program
 - Demonstrable results
 - NCACC 2010 Program Award
- **Promotes Responsible Pet Ownership**

