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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 1
Friday, 6 December 2024
Question No. 21

MS CLAY: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

1. What is the current capacity of ACT animal shelters, broken down into number of cats, dogs and other domestic animals.
2. What is the current capacity of ACT animal shelters for wildlife.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member’s questions are as follows:

1. The current capacity of Domestic Animal Services (DAS) and the RSPCA ACT Animal Shelter are represented in the table below:

Organisation	Total capacity	Dog capacity	Cat capacity	Other capacity
DAS	77	74	3	0
RSPCA ACT	86	40	30	16 (small animals)
Total	163	114	33	16

2. The RSPCA ACT Animal Shelter has three aviaries for large birds.

ACT Wildlife and Wombat Rescue are two prominent wildlife volunteer carer groups in the ACT.

RSPCA ACT has advised that they had 198 wildlife animals come into their Shelter in 2023-24, and 174 in 2022-23.

Injured wildlife brought to the RSPCA by the public are checked by RSPCA veterinarians, treated where possible, and either released (if they are healthy), sent to ACT Wildlife or nursed back to health at the RSPCA. Injured wildlife that cannot be treated are euthanised on welfare grounds. The space available for the care of wildlife is species dependent.

The RSPCA also has three enclosures available to Wombat Rescue for wombats suffering from mange or displaced wombats. This is a collaboration between RSPCA ACT and Wombat Rescue.

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