

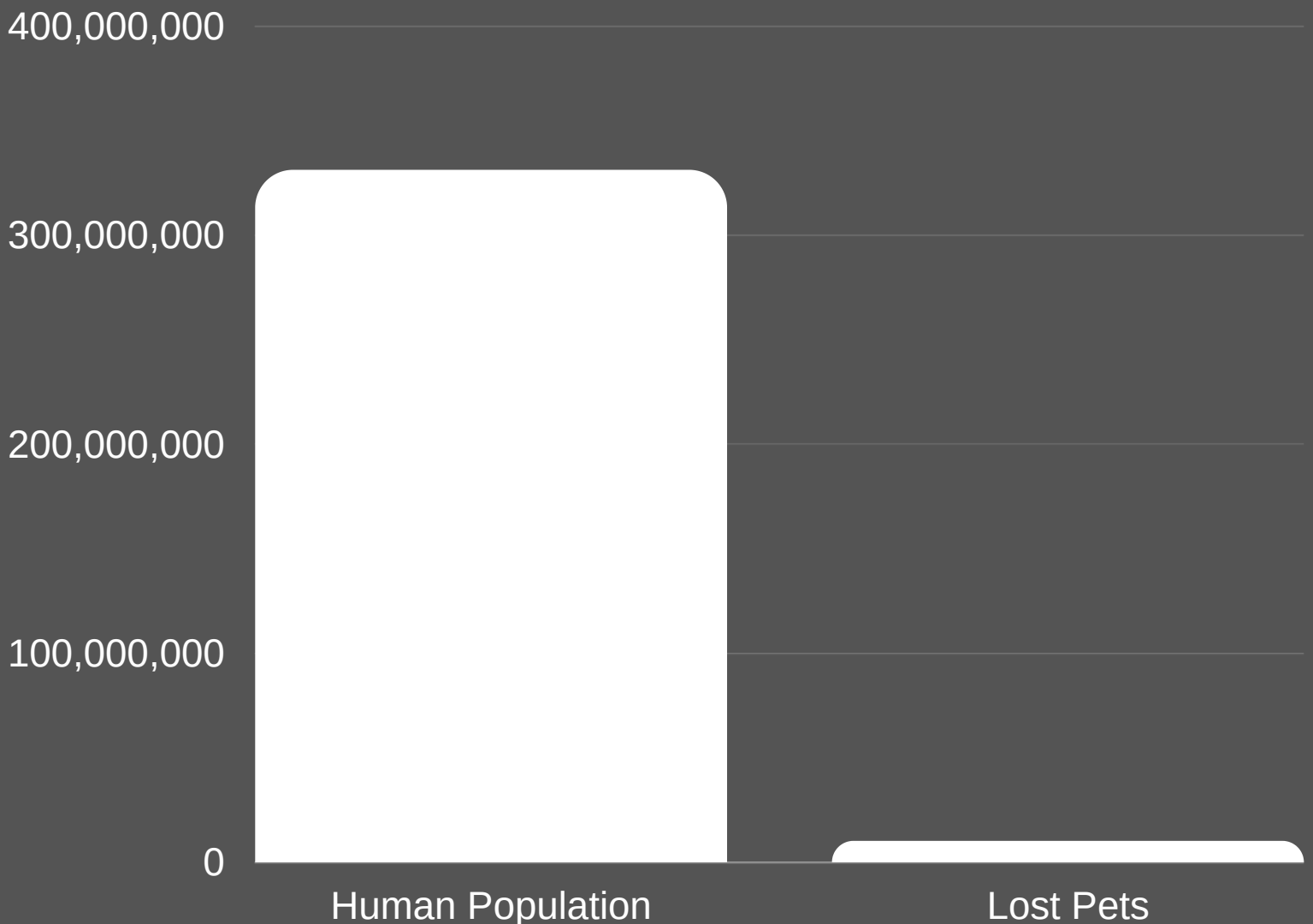
Animal Shelters in the United States

Fact Sheet

- About 3,500 animal shelters exist across the U.S.
- About 6.5 million animals enter the animal shelters annually
- About \$2 billion dollars needed every year to maintain these shelters

Inside Look

- About 3.3 million dogs enter the animal shelter annually
- About 3.2 million cats enter the animal shelter annually
- About 10 million pets are lost and may enter the animal shelter annually
 - That's about 3% of the total U.S. human population in 2020

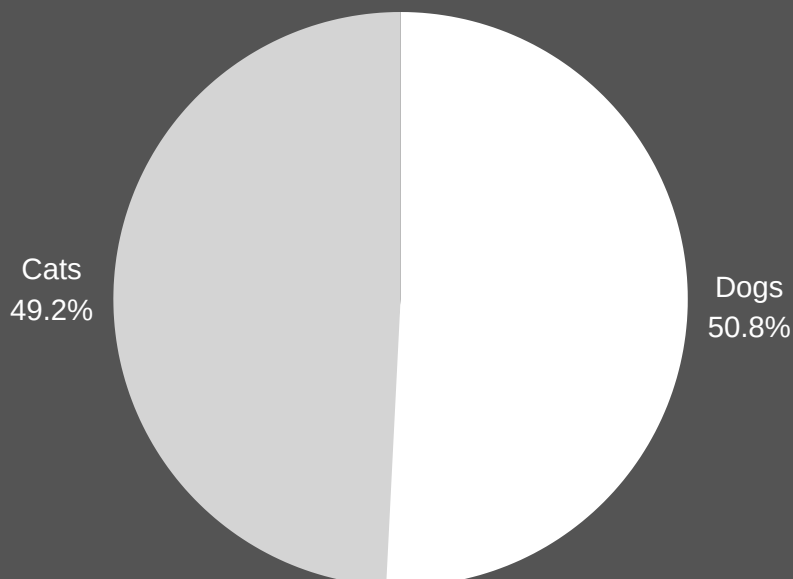


Animal Shelters and Lost Pets



- The purpose of an animal shelter is to provide protection and temporary home for stray animals such as dogs and cats.
- Animal shelters have been able to rehome or reconnect lost pets.
- With accordance to local laws and policies, an animal shelter may have to resort to euthanization.

- A common first step to finding a lost pet would be to contact a local animal shelter and file a missing pet report.
- Animal shelters are one of the best places for a lost pet as they are the safest and reliable.
- An animal shelter can be the last home for a lost pet.



- The general distribution of animals in an animal shelter would be cats and dogs.
- In 2020, the number of stray cats have begun to increase in animal shelters compared to stray dogs.
- In 2020, the number of dogs in animal shelters have begun to decrease as they are more likely to be adopted than cats.