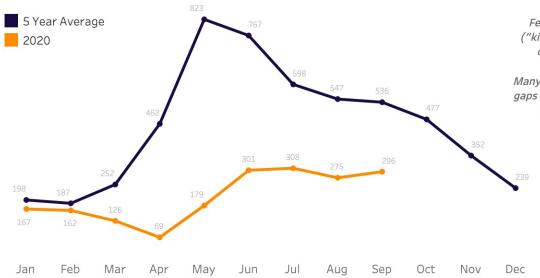
COVID Crashes Kitten Season



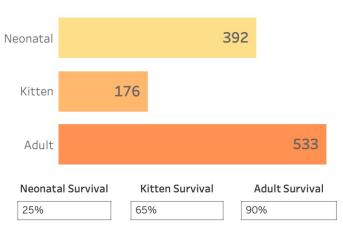
Monthly Cat Intake



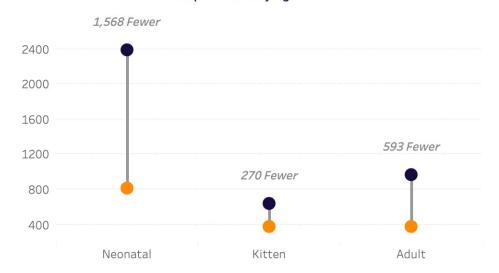
Feline reproduction ramps up in April and goes strong through October ("kitten season"). Stay-at-home orders, beginning in March, dramatically curtailed Austin Animal Center's typical cat intake at a critical time.

Many of the youngest cats likely did not survive and this is where the biggest gaps occurred. Reduction in intake also prevented spay/neuter efforts which have been integral to gains in animal lifesaving for three decades.

Estimated Number of Surviving Cats



Gap in Intake by Age



1,101

Additional Unsterilized Cats Roaming Austin

The good news is that plans are forming for large-scale spay/neuter events once restrictions are eased.