Pet Adoption Speed Analysis

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AGENDA



Business Problem

> ASPCA is studying the adoption trends for dogs and cats

Identify the pets that take the longest to get adopted

Avoid Euthanizations



DATA

Bloomington Open Data Portal

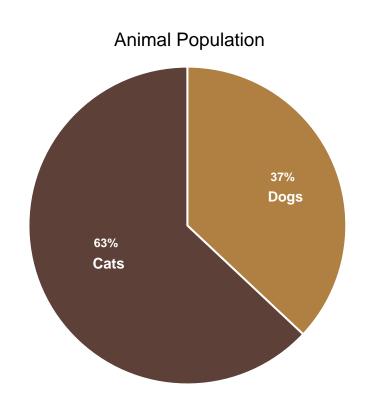
Over 18k Animals

23 features about each animal.
Age, Breed, Color, Outcomes

Adoption Speed Standards

- Dogs: Before 21 days

- Cats: Within a Month

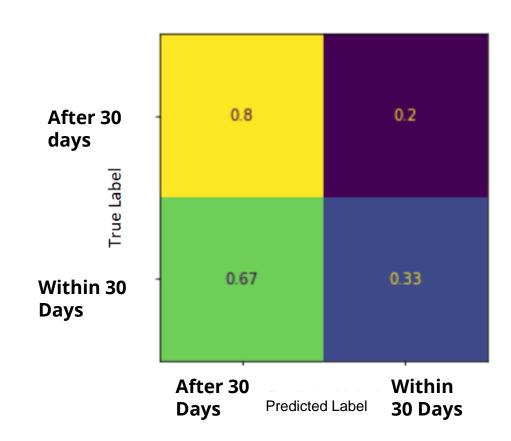


Model Evaluation: Cat Adoption Speed

Logistic Regression

Precision score = 59%

False Positive Rate = 20%

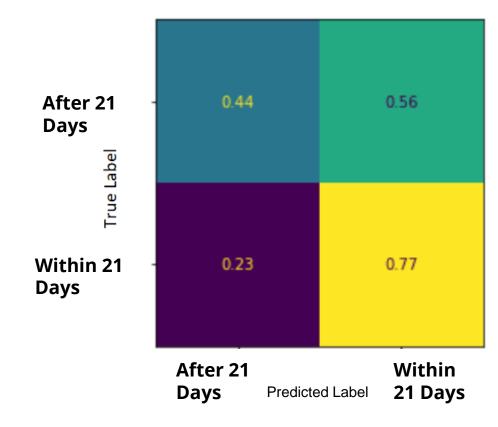


Model Evaluation: Dog Adoption Speed



Precision score = 64%

False Positive Rate = 56%



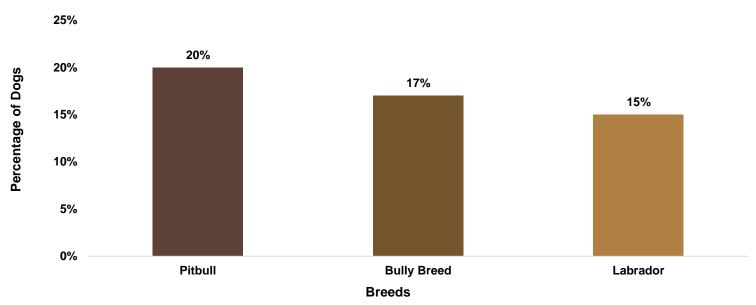
Feature Importance

Characteristics that the model finds Important when predicting that an animal will have trouble getting adopted.

Dogs	Cats
Mastiffs	Cats that were abandoned
Pitbulls	Female Cats
Bully Breeds	Brown and Black coats

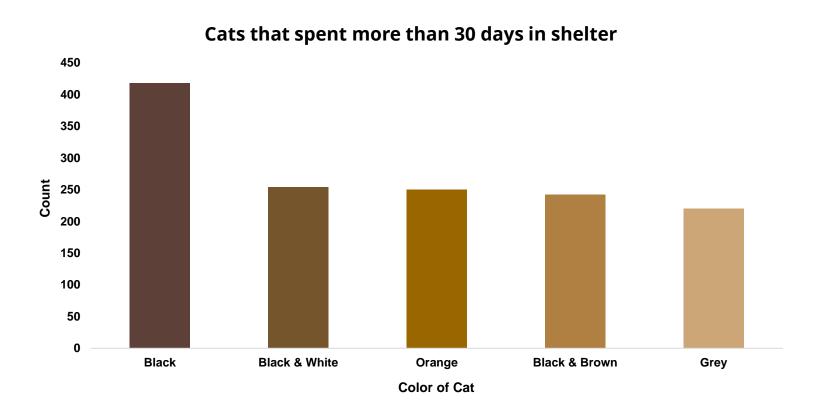
Exploring Important Features





Pitbulls only make up 5% of the dog population

Exploring Important Features



Recommendations

> Release more literature addressing the stigma about black cats

Use the media to portray Pit bulls in a more positive light

Strategically stage animals with unfavorable characteristics



Future Work

> Study how an animal's sociability affects adoption speed

> Analyze shelters in different regions and see if the trends are similar

Investigate how the time of year affects which animals get adopted



Questions

