

# Animal Services Spay Neuter Program

*Making sense & saving cents in  
Orange County!*



Animal Services

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# Targeted Spay & Neuter: The Theory

**Targeted Spay / Neuter:**

[Spay/Neuter that would  
otherwise not be done]

Fewer litters; fewer  
“surplus pets”

Lowered animal  
admissions

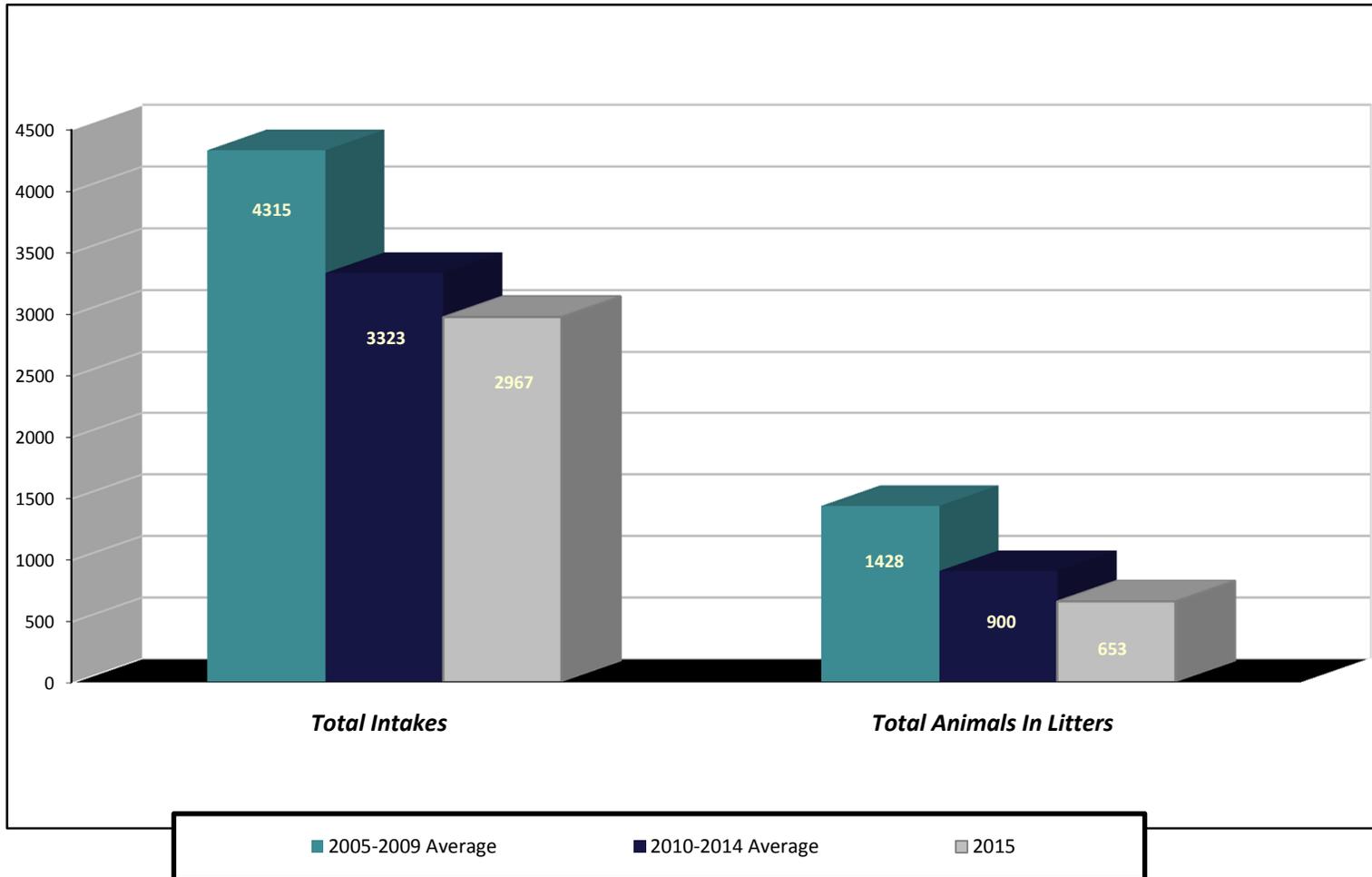
Less euthanasia

Controlling costs of  
animal services



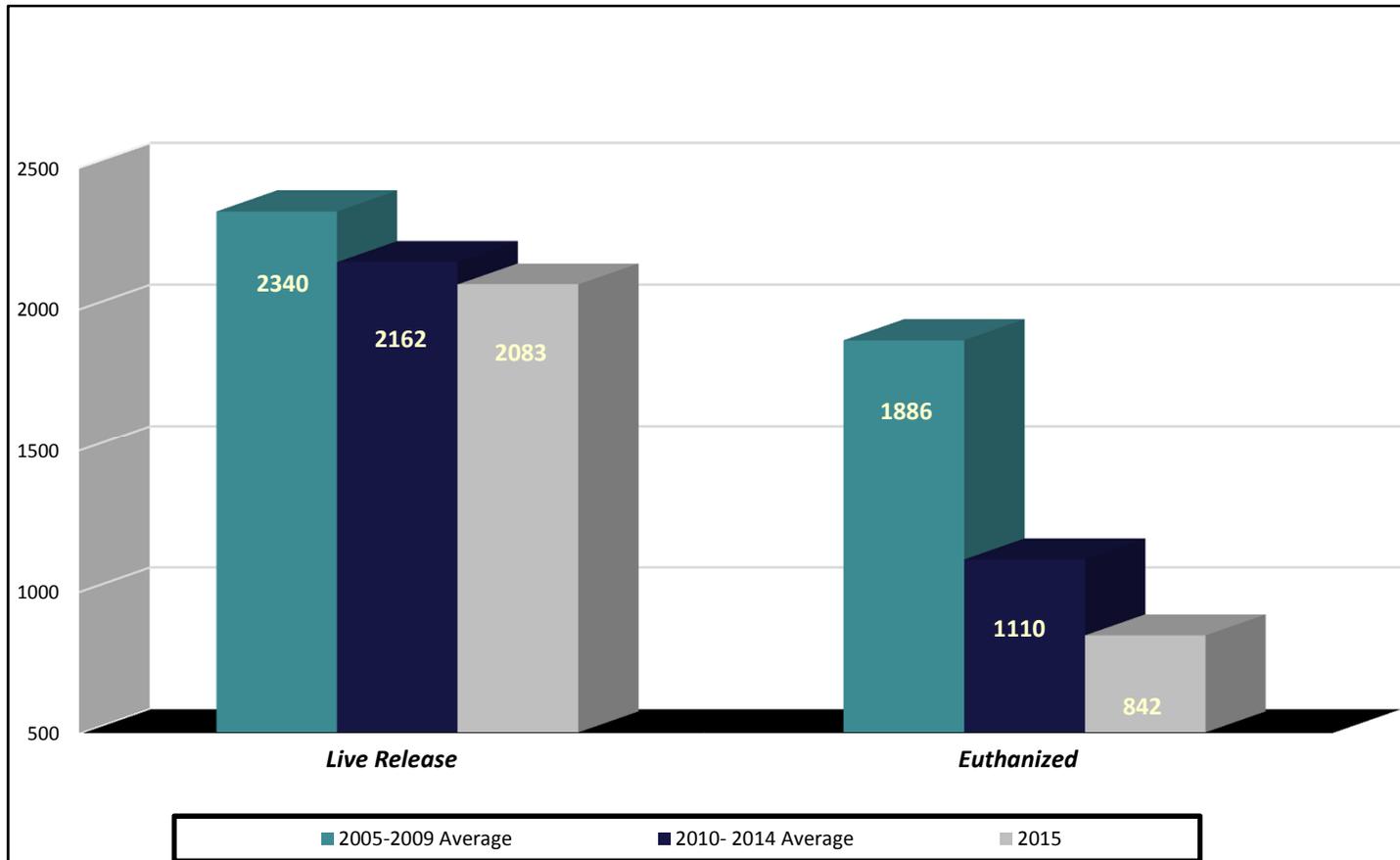
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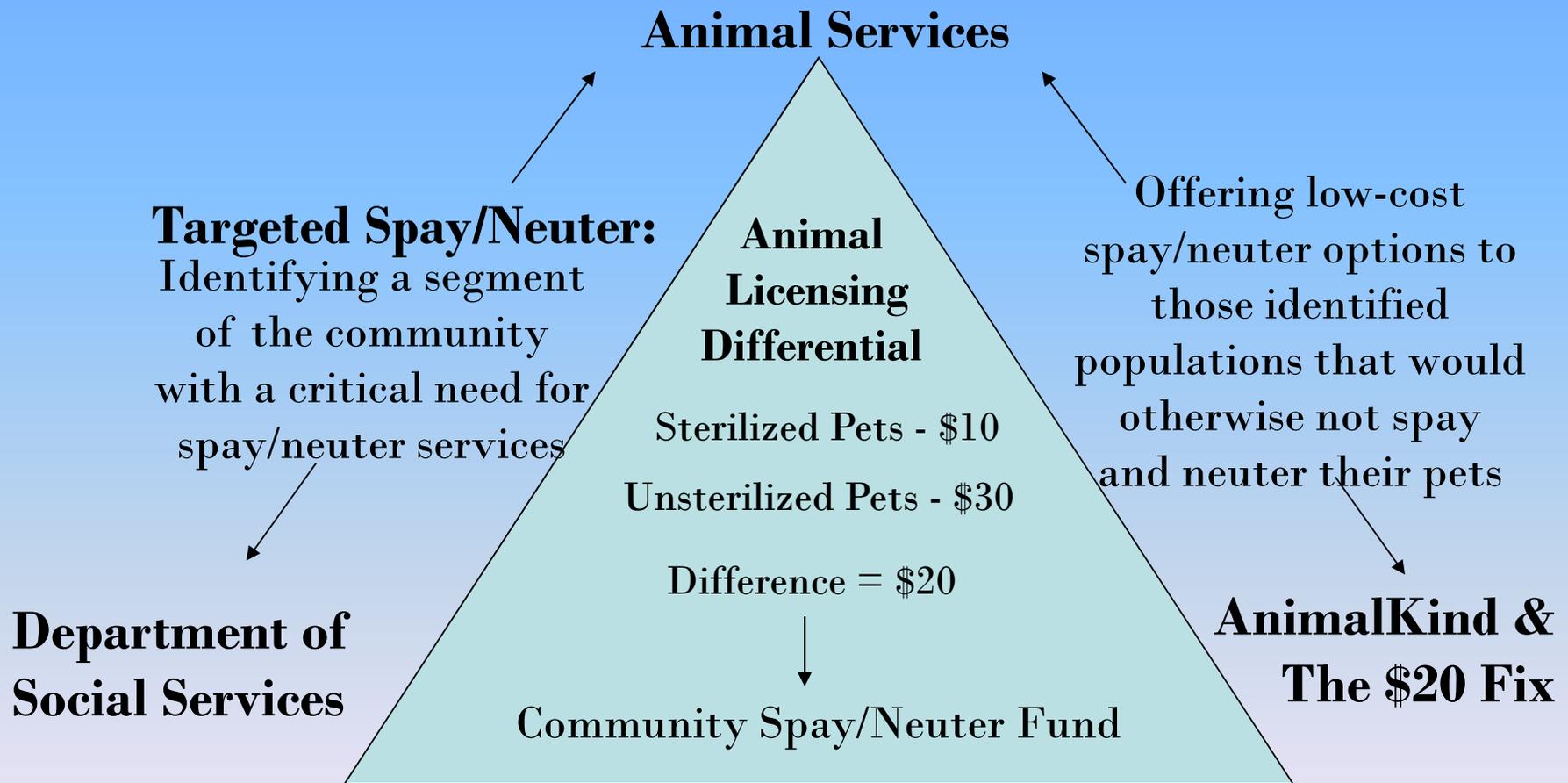
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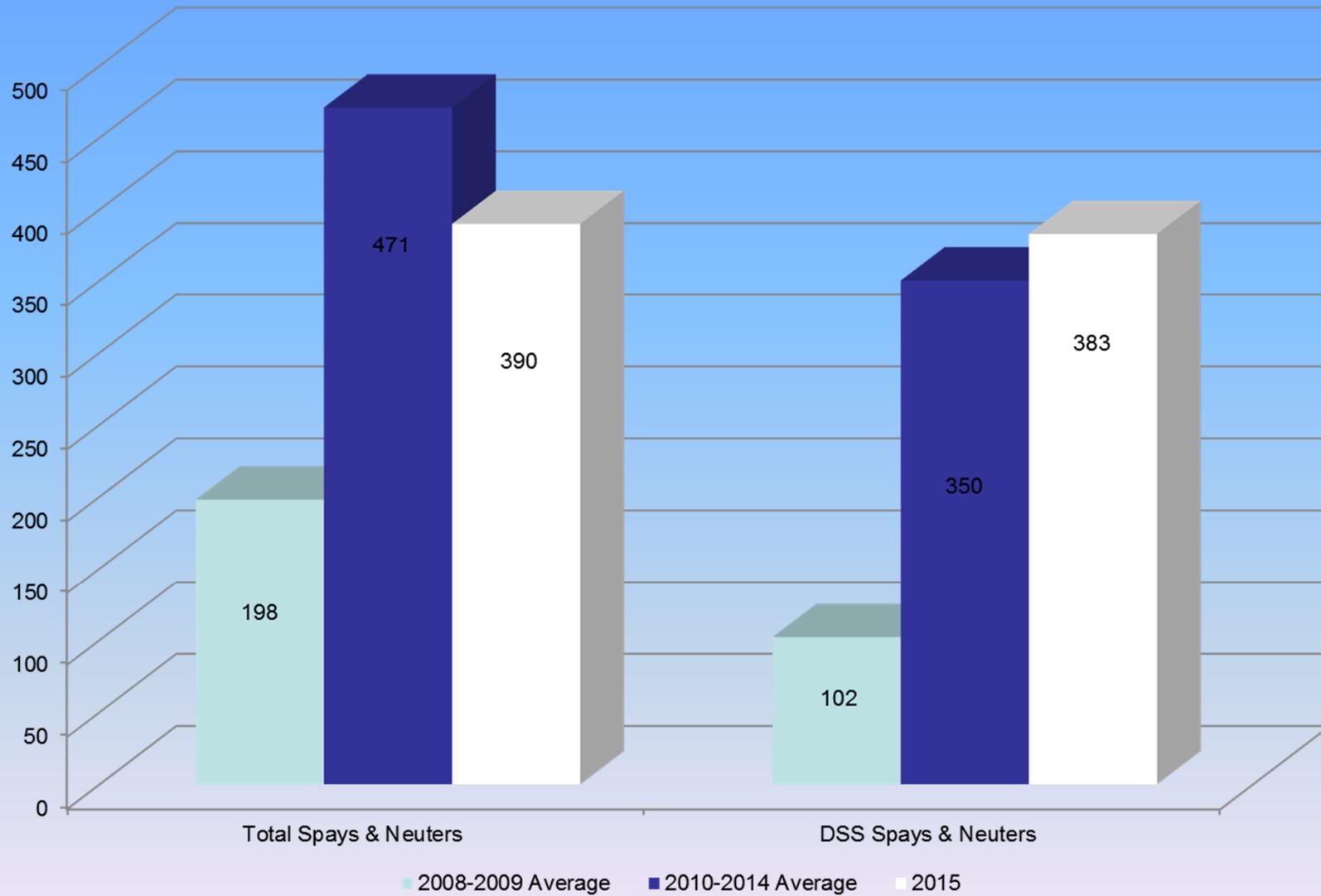
"Live Release" animals include animals that were recovered by their owner, adopted, or transferred to a placement partner organization (rescue group)

# Animal Services Spay Neuter What It Is & How It Works



(NC Reimbursement Program)

## Targeted Spays and Neuters 2008-2014



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## Initiatives & Successes

- Increased the number of Spay/Neuter Day from 3 to 4 special events.
- Waive the pet licensing fee for Orange County DSS clients who have their pets sterilized.
- Reduced the number of animals admitted to the Orange County Animal Services Center for the last two consecutive years, to under 3,000.



## Opportunities & Challenges

- Increasing the number of sterilized dogs and cats to 500-plus
- Growing the number of residents who participate on the basis of income rather than public assistance
- Changes in the NC Spay Neuter Reimbursement Program eligibility criteria; excluding public assistance and reducing the total household income.



# 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**

