

Singapore's Trap-Neuter-Release/Rehome-Manage (TNRM) Programme

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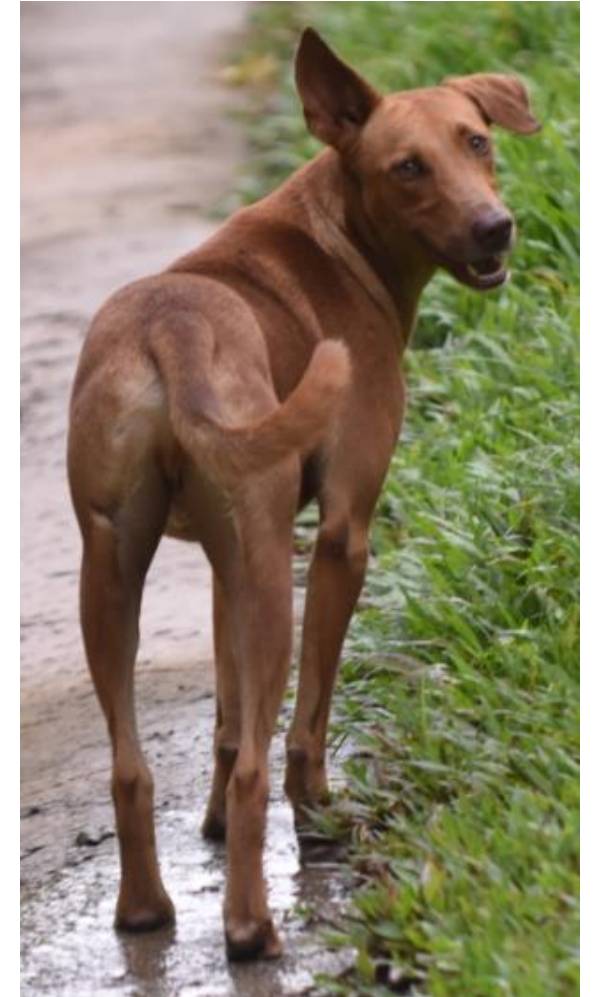
Rabies mitigation

- Singapore has been free from rabies since 1953.
- Multi-pronged approach to rabies prevention:
 - Import and quarantine policy
 - Dog population management
 - Vaccination of free-roaming dogs
 - Biosurveillance



Trap-Neuter-Rehome/Release-Manage (TNRM) Programme

- 5-year programme launched on 10 Nov 2018
- Aims to sterilise 70% of the free-roaming dog (FRD) population
- A humane, science-based approach to population management
- Collaboration between AVS, Animal Welfare Groups, veterinarians and the community



Components of TNRM



Trap

Humane capture of FRDs



Neuter

- Sterilise
- Vaccinate for Rabies
- Microchip
- Ear-tip



Release/ Rehome

- Rehome
- Shelter
- Foster
- Release
- Relocate



Manage

- Work with AWGs to manage concerns
- Education & outreach

Trap



Humane capture of an FRD



TNRM signage for trapping operations



TNRM armband

Neuter



Identification of a sterilised dog by its left ear tip.



Recovery of a dog after sterilisation

Rehome/ Release

- Health and behaviour assessment
- Rehomed where possible
- Released to live out their lives naturally



Rehabilitation

- Socialisation
- Obedience training
- Behaviour modification

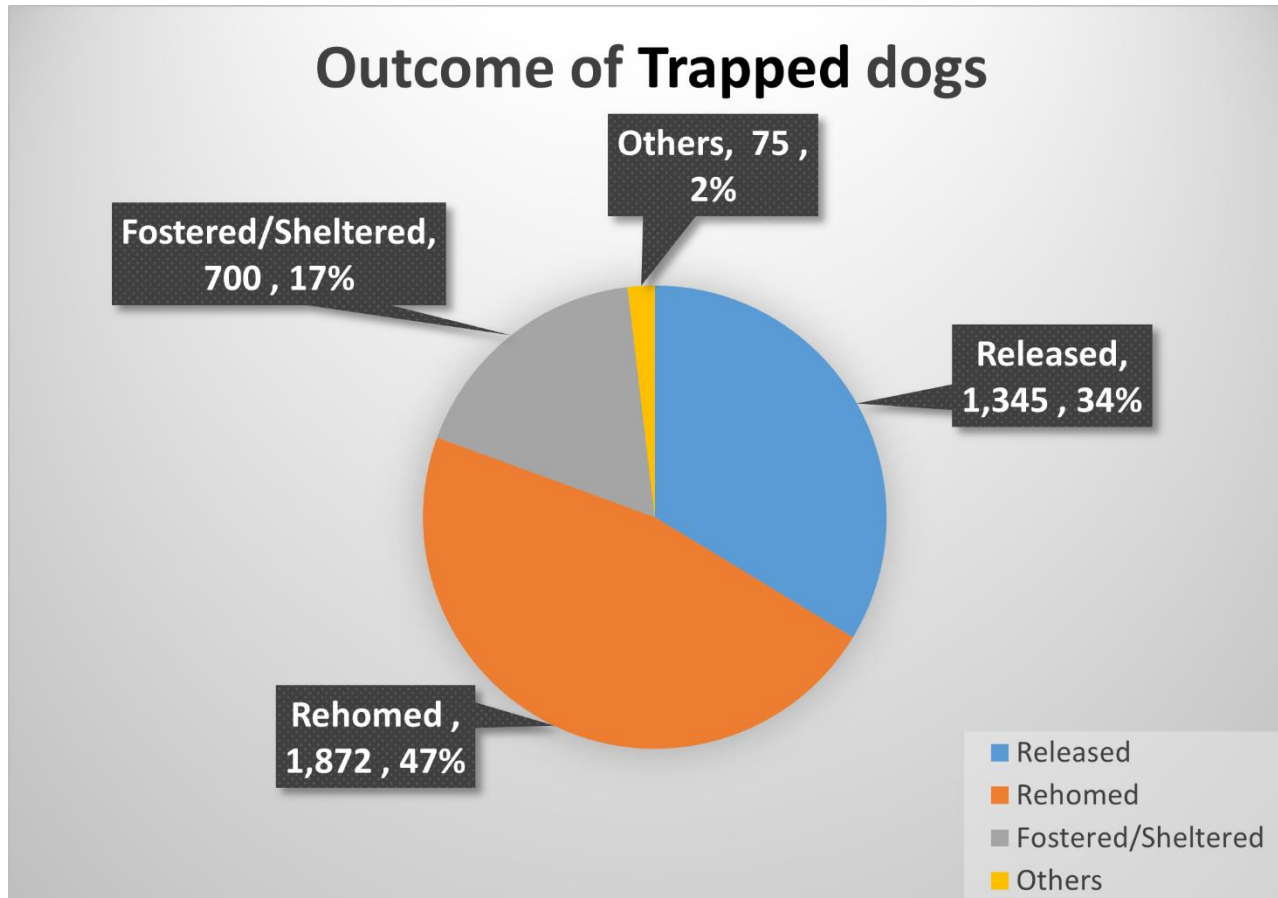


Manage

- Public education, outreach and engagement through community events, roadshows, talks and walkabouts in estates
- Feedback management
- Pets' Day Out: Pet adoption, promoting rehoming and education on TNRM
- Supporting AVS Animal Welfare Group Partners' adoption drives



Progress of TNRM - Outcome

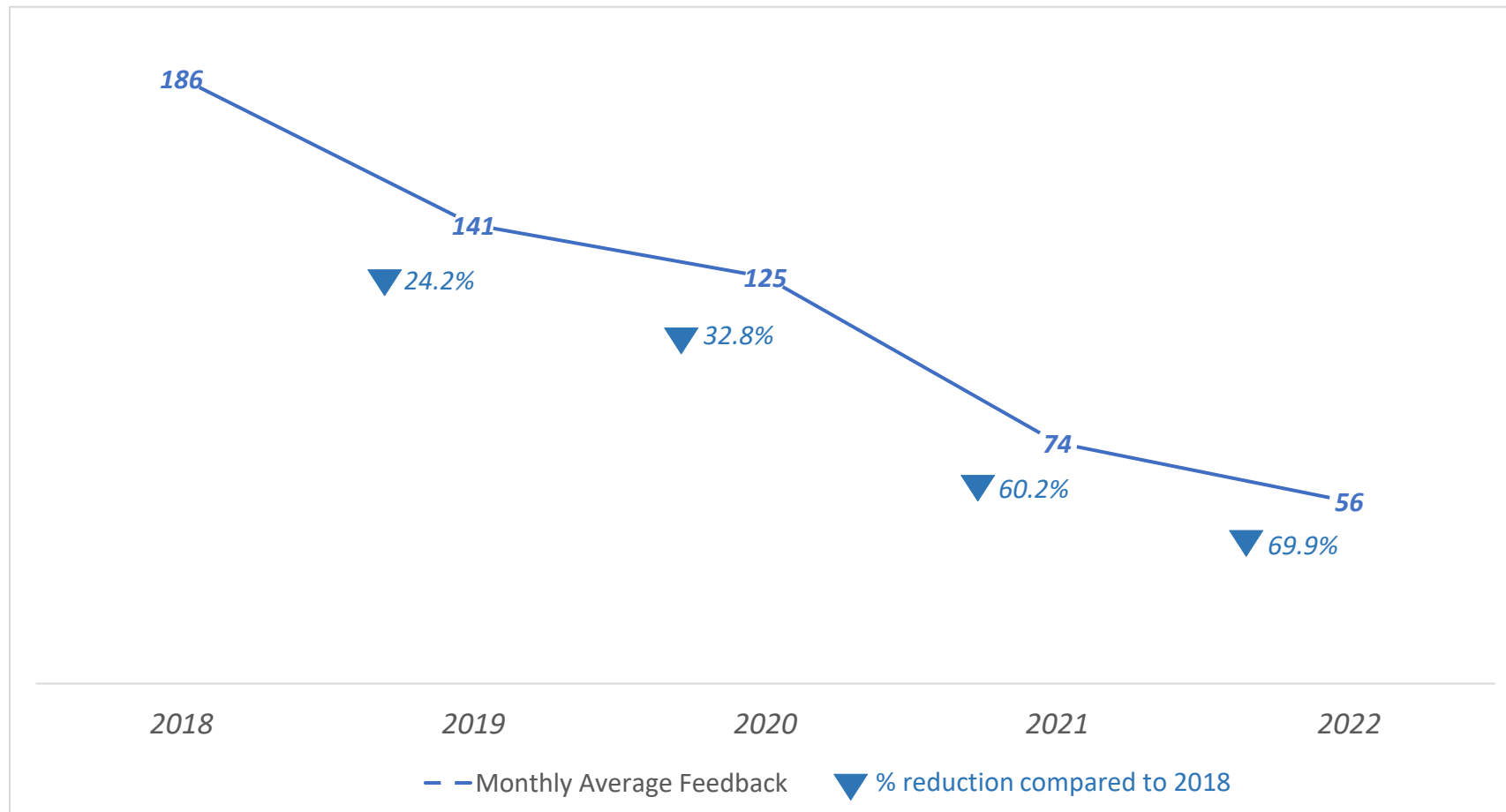


Since its launch in Nov 2018:

- Over 3,900 dogs trapped
- >60% rehomed/ fostered

Progress of TNRM – Feedback volume

- General downward trend in average monthly feedback from 2018 to 2022



A One Health Approach to Dog Population Management



Animal Welfare Groups and the community



Government Agencies



Industry professionals (veterinarians, dog trainers)



Thank you

