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Animal Care Services

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A close-up photograph of a dog's face, likely a pit bull mix, with its tongue out. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. Overlaid on the image is a diagram with a red box at the top containing the text 'ACS'. A white line descends from the bottom of this box and splits into five horizontal branches, each leading to a colored box containing a service name: 'Field' (blue), 'Education' (green), 'Clinic' (orange), 'Shelter' (purple), and 'Live Release' (pink).

ACS

Field

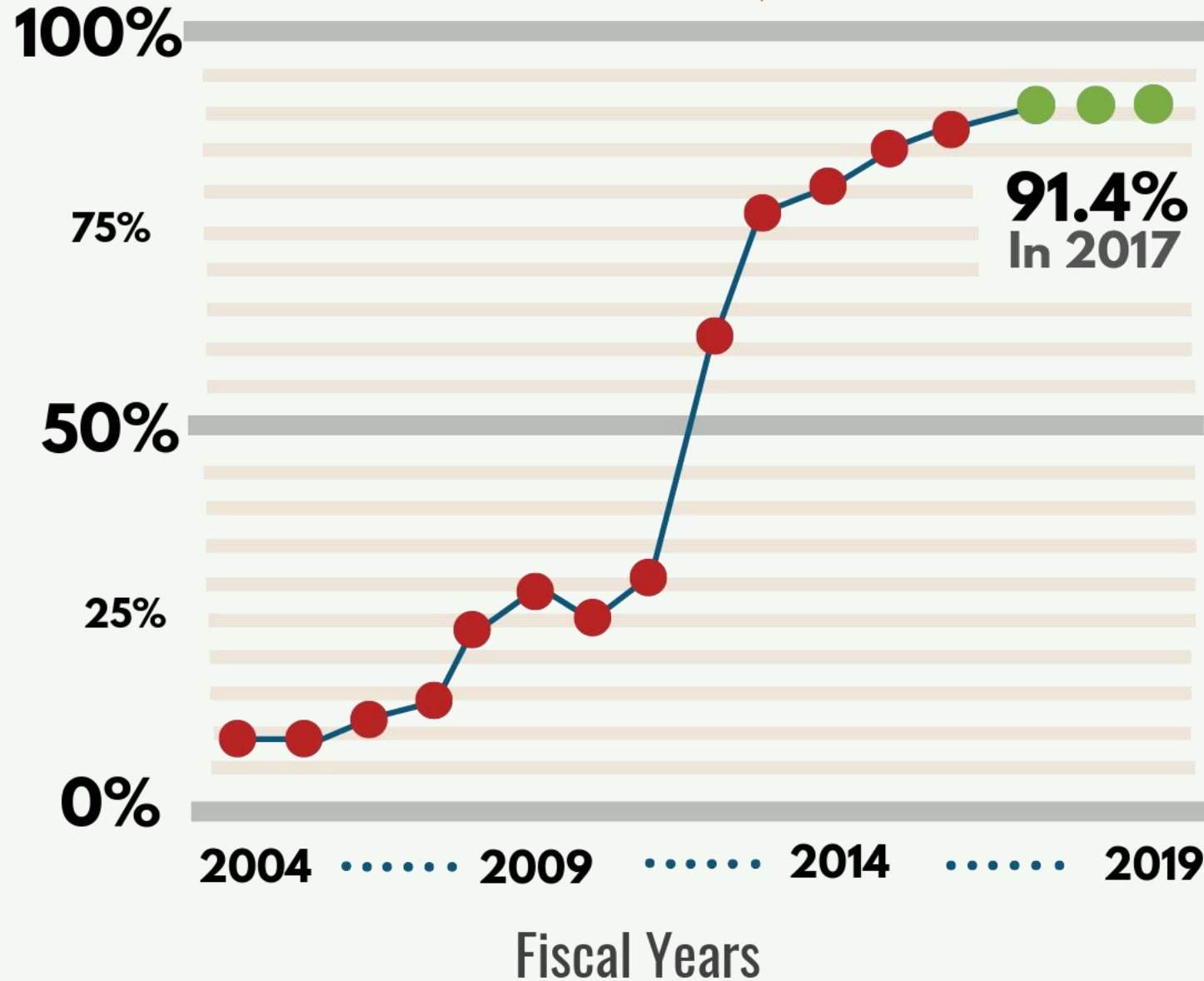
Education

Clinic

Shelter

Live
Release

Live Release Rate



From one of the **WORST** in the Nation

To one of the **BEST** in the Industry



The background of the slide features a photograph of a building with a sign that reads "ANIMAL CARE SERVICES". In the foreground, there is a large, abstract sculpture made of yellow and blue ribbons. The text "STRATEGIC PLAN" is overlaid on a red rectangular box on the left side of the image.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Enhance
Enforcement

Stray Pet
Population
Control

Increase
Live Release
Rate

Engaging &
Educating
Community

A background image showing two dogs, one brown and white and the other tan, playing with a red, white, and blue rope on a green lawn. The image is slightly blurred to emphasize the text overlays.

KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

200

RESCUE GROUPS

37%

OF THE LIVE
OUTCOMES

100,000

ANIMALS RESCUED



45,000
Doubled since 2011

30,000
Free Spay/Neuter
Annually

23
High-need
Zip Codes

Spay & Neuter Surgeries

Embedding Equity in ACS



FY 2019

- 🐾 Spay/Neuter in Targeted Areas
- 🐾 Outreach to Targeted Areas
- 🐾 Training of ACS Staff

FY 2020

- 🐾 Spay/Neuter for Targeted Populations
- 🐾 Outreach to Targeted Populations
- 🐾 Study Populations of Need

100,000
Microchips Implanted
since 2015

**More Pets Returned
to Owners**

6%
in 2011

25%
in 2019



120,000
SERVICE
REQUESTS

263
ILLEGAL PET SALES
INVESTIGATIONS

FASTER
RESPONSE
TIMES



FY 2011 vs FY 2019

32%

**+58%
Live Release**

18k ≈

**+27k ≈
S/N Surgeries**

6k ≈

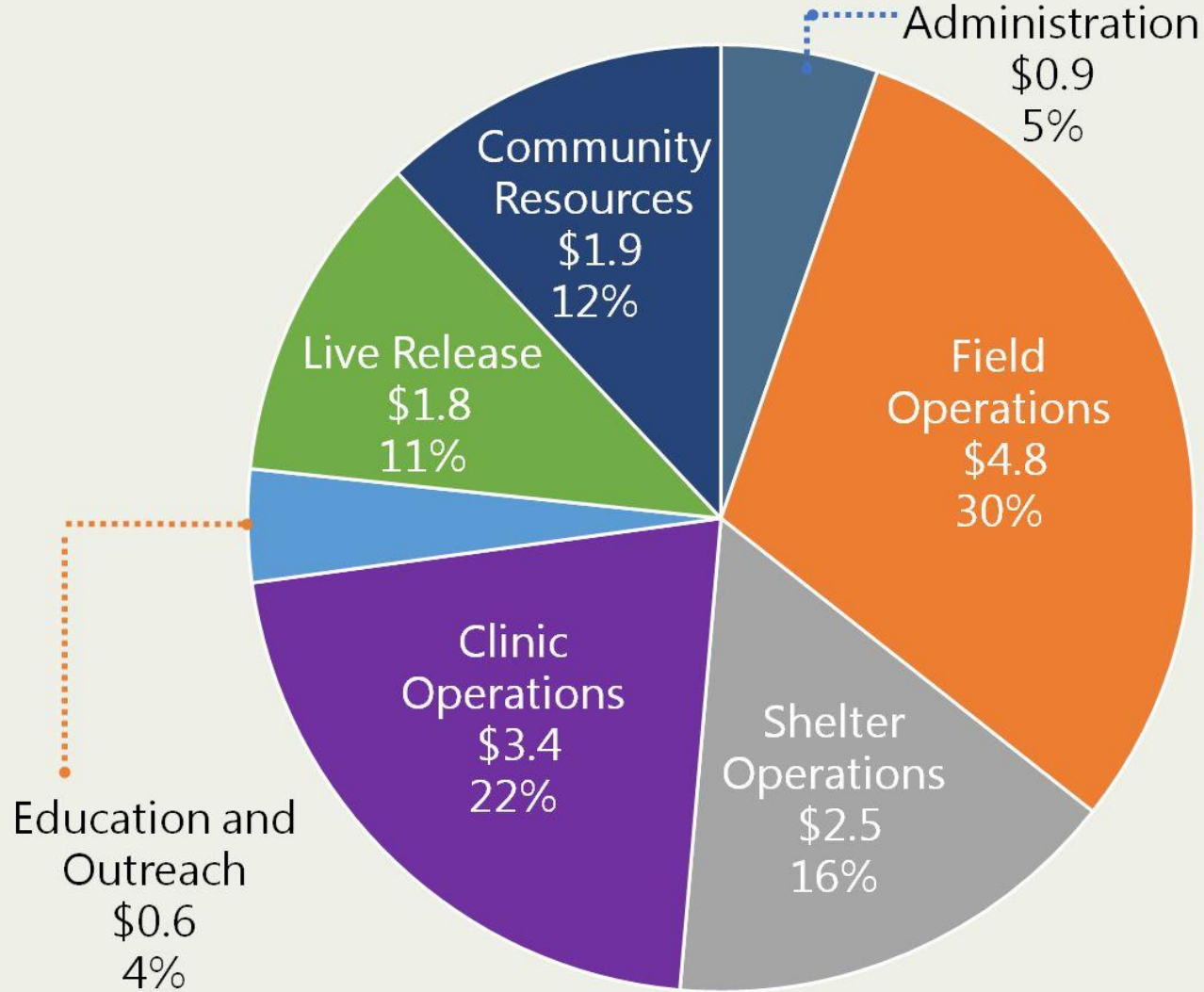
**+8,000
Citations**

 **Live release rate
drastically increased**

 **Spay/neuter surgeries
more than doubled**

 **Citations increased
by over 100%**

FY 2020 Proposed Budget \$15.9 Million



Funds	FY 2019	FY 2020	Change
General Fund	\$15.5	\$15.9	\$0.4
Positions	141	142	1

Keeping Pets Safe





**Stronger
relationships
and pro-social
behaviors**

**Owners are more
socially fulfilled
than those
who do not own pets**

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