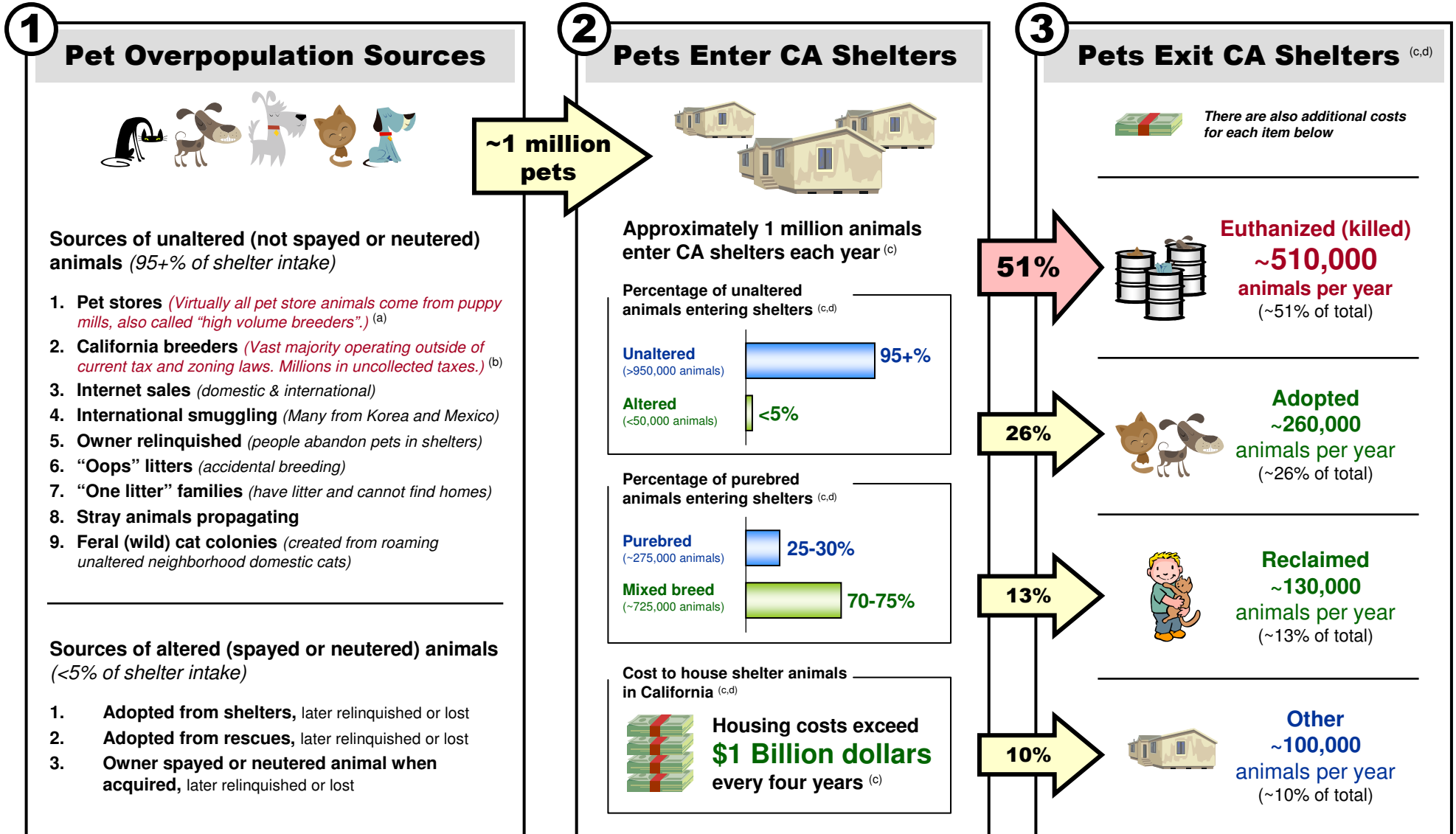


# California Animal Shelter Population Lifecycle

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**Sources:**

(a) In addition to California based puppy mills, pet stores also import approximately 75,000 animals annually from puppy mills in the midwest. Source: California Department of Public Health, *Review of incoming health certificates*

(b) California BOE estimates \$14 million in uncollected sales tax each year; with much more in uncollected income tax. Source: Apr 7, 2008 - BOE Press Release - "Sales of Dogs, Cats, and Other Animals are Taxable". As with puppy mill animals, "defective", unsold or aged breeding stock are brought to shelters.

(c) Population / percentages of animals incoming and exiting shelters, source: California Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Section, "Rabies Control Activities Reporting by Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ), California, 1995-2007, extrapolated to encompass incomplete data and private shelters.

(d) Shelter cost estimates provided by Los Angeles Animals Services and California Animal Control Directors Association