Figure 1.
Increased Demands on Chicken Run Rescue for Placement of "Urban Farm" Animals

Rescues: animals taken into Chicken Run Rescue rescue program from Minneapolis Animal Care and Control, Animal Humane Society, private individuals (discontinued in 2008), wildlife rehab clinics.

Surrender Requests: animals Chicken Run Rescue was requested to take into rescue program from Minneapolis Animal Care and Control, Animal Humane Society, private individuals (discontinued in 2008), wildlife rehab clinics.

NOTE:
Surrender requests does not include birds being disposed of on local forums or Craig's List where it is common to dispose of birds in winter and get new ones in the spring to avoid having to provide winter shelter. The birds on these lists represent the overwhelming majority disposal activity.

2001-2008 CRR was able to meet demand and help every bird who needed it. 2008 rescues spiked due to large groups of birds taken in cockfighting seizures.

COMMON REASONS FOR SURRENDER*
- don't want anymore {most have had birds less than year} egg laying decline, no shelter, predators, too much work, cost, bred too many 189
- moving 143
- rescued or stray in yard/animal control can't catch 105
- seizures or neglect / abuse 105
- oops its a rooster 75
- school hatching project 37
- behavior 14
- health 6
- other unwanted gift, not allowed, tornado

*based on data compiled starting in 2009