

National Federation of Humane Societies

Basic Data Matrix – Information Sheet

Introduction to the Basic Matrix:

This basic matrix was designed to serve as a tool for basic data collection. It is a simple matrix containing what many (including Asilomar, ASPCA, National Federation, American Humane, UC Davis, Maddies Fund, PetSmart Charities and HSUS) have agreed are the minimum data points (along with definitions) an organization should gather. Whether organizations already gather a great deal of data or have only gathered the basics, this matrix should facilitate the roll up or merging of data at the local, regional or national level by providing a common framework. This matrix does not reflect any preference in data analysis or the calculation of rates but is rather simply a tool for data collection.

Defining Owner Requested Euthanasia:

Some shelters offer pet euthanasia to the public as a service whose cost may be subsidized and therefore more affordable than local veterinary clinics, thus ensuring access to this service. Defining when euthanasia should be recorded as “at the request of the owner”, or not, is the subject of much discussion.

For the purposes of this document, we are choosing to define owner INTENDED euthanasia as the euthanasia of a pet whose owner brought the pet to the shelter for that service. In other words, the owner brought the pet in specifically for that service – it was their intent before arriving.

Any other definition of “owner requested” euthanasia leaves much up to interpretation and therefore a great deal of variation among organizations and their reporting. We believe the simplicity of this definition helps to ensure consistent application and record keeping.

Where are the "Others"?

This basic data matrix focuses on canines and felines. Many organizations also provide extraordinary services for other pets (pocket pets, rabbits, ferrets) and animals (wildlife), and that good work is not captured here.

Why a Basic Matrix?

This basic matrix was designed to serve as a tool for data collection. It is a simple matrix containing what many have agreed are the minimum data points an organization should consider gathering. By agreeing to this basic matrix - we hope organizations will gather AT LEAST this data, or if an organization all ready gathers a great deal of data, that they will consider rolling up their data into this format to help facilitate (if individual agencies are interested) data collection at a local, regional or national level, which would allow participating agencies to benchmark their work against similar agencies around their region or the nation. This matrix does not reflect any preference for the variety of live release rates used in animal sheltering and welfare. Most rates, other than full Asilomar which requires a conditions matrix, should be able to be calculated from the data points included.

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Species		Canine		Feline		Total	Age at Intake
		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months		
By Age		Adult	Up to 5 months	Adult	Up to 5 months		
A	Beginning Animal Count (date: 11/01/2107)	68	9	33	60	170	Should include animals in shelter and animals admitted but currently in foster care or other offsite facility.
Intake							
B	Stray/At Large	216	23	28	47	314	Admitted through animal control/stated to be unowned or freeroaming
C	Relinquished by Owner	59	4	27	33	123	Admitted by owner
D	Owner Requested Euthanasia	23	1	35	7	66	Limited to this definition: Admission of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
E	Transferred in from Agency	1	0	1	9	11	An admission from another agency - for adoption, large scale seizure support, etc.
F	Other Intakes	16	0	2	0	18	Impounds for cruelty cases & protective custody. Also, pets born while in care, and others types of admission not captured above.
G	TOTAL INTAKE	315	28	93	96	532	Sum of B, C, D, E and F
Outcomes							
H	Adoption	126	15	36	83	260	Final adoptions only, having permanently left the Agency's possession. For example, it does not include animals placed in foster care or on overnight 'trial' stays.
I	Returned to Owner	110	1	4	0	115	Stray or Owner Relinquished animal returned to their owner
J	Transferred to another Agency	35	0	16	17	68	Transferred out of the Agency's possession to another entity
K	Other Live Outcome	1	0	0	0	1	Returning cats to the field, barn cat programs, etc
L	TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES	272	16	56	100	444	Sum of H, I, J and K
M	Died in Care	0	0	1	0	1	Animals who die while sheltered
N	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	0	0	0	0	0	Animals whose outcome is unknown (may have escaped the shelter, outcome was not recorded and unknown)
O	Shelter Euthanasia	33	0	8	13	54	All euthanasia other than that performed by the definition below as Owner Requested Euthanasia.
P	Owner Requested Euthanasia	17	1	43	4	65	Limited to this definition: Euthanasia of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
R	TOTAL OUTCOMES	322	17	108	117	564	Sum of L, M, N, O and P
Q	Ending Shelter Count (date: 11/30/17)	61	14	21	42	138	Should include animals in shelter and animals belonging to the shelter but in foster

SAVE RATE:	88.93%	100.00%	82.00%	85.87%	88.22%
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Metro Animal Care and Control

Trailing 12 Month - Data Report

		Trailing 12 Month Average	
		Nov-17	Ending Nov. 30st, 2017
A	Intake Total	541	623
B	Stray	317	322
C	Owner Surrender	155	225
D	Owner Req. Euth	66	73
E	Wildlife	3	13
F	Other	6	23
G	Adopted	260	221
H	Transfer	68	134
I	RTO	115	101
J	ORE Euthanized	65	35
K	Wildlife Euthanized	3	7
L	Euth Total	123	113
M	Euth %	10%	12

Data Report Key

Intakes

Outcomes

