

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES**  
**BASIC ANIMAL STATS MATRIX**  
**(vrs 9-2012)**

**IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE BASIC DATA MATRIX**

**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.

**Tracking by Species and Age:**

The risks associated with being an adult dog, puppy, adult cat or kitten (or neonate of any kind) in a shelter environment will vary a great deal. To help shelters assess and understand the differing risks for these populations of animals, this basic animal stats matrix includes a break out by species and age. If tracking statistics broken out by species and age is beyond the capacity of an agency, simply tracking statistics by species would be a place to begin. This document defines puppy and kitten as under 5 months of age (see below: Determining Age). Again – given the differing level of risk – breaking age down further to include a neonate category for both dogs and cats can also be very informative.

**Determining Age:**

This basic matrix utilizes 5 months as the break point between puppy/kitten and adult. At or near 5 months of age there are changes in the teeth which can help guide trained staff regarding proper categorization of the animal. For cats, at 4-5 months of age permanent canines, premolars and molars are coming in (all in by 6 months of age). For dogs, at 5-7 months of age permanent canines, premolars and molars are coming in (all in by 7 months of age). Source: "How to . . . series" from Animal Sheltering, [http://www.animalsheltering.org/resources/magazine/may\\_jun\\_1996/how-to-determine-a-dog-or.pdf](http://www.animalsheltering.org/resources/magazine/may_jun_1996/how-to-determine-a-dog-or.pdf) or contact the National Federation of Humane Societies for a copy of the document.

**Beginning and Ending Shelter Counts:**

These numbers help frame the population of the animals sheltered and cared for by the organization. We are recommending that a shelter do a walk through – physically counting the animals sheltered within the organization, and not forgetting to count those animals who have been admitted but who are not currently within the shelter (foster care, in the care of a veterinary hospital, etc).

**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.

**Live Admissions Only**

For the purposes of this matrix we are tracking LIVE admissions only, i.e. animals who are alive when they come into an agency's possession. Animals who are dead when taken in to an agency's possession may be a data point to track, but that information is not tracked by this matrix.

**What is Possession?**

"Adoption" and "Transferred to another Agency" both make reference to possession. The primary concept here is one of ownership. For example, in foster care, the agency still has possession or ownership. If adopted or transferred to another Agency, possession is now with the new owner, or with another Agency.

**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 By Age		Canine		Feline		Total	
		Adult	Up to 5	Adult	Up to 5		
<b>A</b>	<b>Beginning Animal Count (date: 12/01/2017)</b>	60	15	16	25	116	Age at Intake Should include animals in shelter and animals admitted but currently in foster care or other offsite facility.
<b>Intake</b>							
<b>B</b>	Stray/At Large	207	29	42	30	308	Admitted through animal control/stated to be unowned or freeroaming
<b>C</b>	Relinquished by Owner	45	8	14	3	70	Admitted by owner
<b>D</b>	Owner Requested Euthanasia	14	2	6	4	26	Limited to this definition: Admission of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
<b>E</b>	Transferred in from Agency	0	0	0	0	0	An admission from another agency - for adoption, large scale seizure support, etc.
<b>F</b>	Other Intakes	10	3	2	0	15	Impounds for cruelty cases & protective custody. Also, pets born while in care, and others types of admission not captured above.
<b>G</b>	<b>TOTAL INTAKE</b>	276	42	64	37	419	<b>Sum of B, C, D, E and F</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>							
<b>H</b>	Adoption	110	15	33	58	216	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.
<b>I</b>	Returned to Owner	80	1	3	0	84	Stray or Owner Relinquished animal returned to their owner
<b>J</b>	Transferred to another Agency	20	22	19	4	65	Transferred out of the Agency's possession to another entity
<b>K</b>	Other Live Outcome	1	0	0	0	1	Returning cats to the field, barn cat programs, etc
<b>L</b>	<b>TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES</b>	211	38	55	62	366	<b>Sum of H, I, J and K</b>
<b>M</b>	Died in Care	0	0	0	0	0	Animals who die while sheltered
<b>N</b>	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)
<b>O</b>	Shelter Euthanasia	28	1	7	2	38	All euthanasia other than that performed by the definition below as Owner Requested Euthanasia.
<b>P</b>	Owner Requested Euthanasia	13	2	2	2	19	Limited to this definition: Euthanasia of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
<b>R</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTCOMES</b>	252	41	64	66	423	<b>Sum of L, M, N, O and P</b>
<b>Q</b>	<b>Ending Shelter Count (date: 12/31/17)</b>	89	7	27	13	136	Should include animals in shelter and animals belonging to the shelter but in foster

<b>SAVE RATE:</b>	<b>89.35%</b>	<b>97.50%</b>	<b>88.71%</b>	<b>94.29%</b>	<b>90.50%</b>
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<b>A</b>	<b>Beginning Animal Count (date: CY 2017)</b>	63	22	22	18	125	Age at Intake Should include animals in shelter and animals admitted but currently in foster care or other offsite facility.
<b>Intake</b>							
<b>B</b>	Stray/At Large	2304	321	414	694	3733	Admitted through animal control/stated to be unowned or freeroaming
<b>C</b>	Relinquished by Owner	1018	247	444	344	2053	Admitted by owner
<b>D</b>	Owner Requested Euthanasia	283	14	109	19	425	Limited to this definition: Admission of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
<b>E</b>	Transferred in from Agency	18	16	6	13	53	An admission from another agency - for adoption, large scale seizure support, etc.
<b>F</b>	Other Intakes	172	40	34	0	246	Impounds for cruelty cases & protective custody. Also, pets born while in care, and others types of admission not captured above.
<b>G</b>	<b>TOTAL INTAKE</b>	<b>3795</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>6510</b>	<b>Sum of B, C, D, E and F</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>							
<b>H</b>	Adoption	1406	246	412	585	2649	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.
<b>I</b>	Returned to Owner	1113	49	42	3	1207	Stray or Owner Relinquished animal returned to their owner
<b>J</b>	Transferred to another Agency	503	277	300	282	1362	Transferred out of the Agency's possession to another entity
<b>K</b>	Other Live Outcome	0	0	0	0	0	Returning cats to the field, barn cat programs, etc
<b>L</b>	<b>TOTAL LIVE OUTCOMES</b>	<b>3022</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>5218</b>	<b>Sum of H, I, J and K</b>
<b>M</b>	Died in Care	17	3	23	23	66	Animals who die while sheltered
<b>N</b>	Lost in Care (Physical Inventory Adjustments)	1	0	0	0	1	Animals whose outcome is unknown (may have escaped the shelter, outcome was not recorded and unknown)
<b>O</b>	Shelter Euthanasia	536	16	141	125	818	All euthanasia other than that performed by the definition below as Owner Requested Euthanasia.
<b>P</b>	Owner Requested Euthanasia	247	8	121	27	403	Limited to this definition: Euthanasia of pets whose owner brought the pet to the shelter with the INTENT of requesting euthanasia
<b>R</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTCOMES</b>	<b>3823</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1039</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>6506</b>	<b>Sum of L, M, N, O and P</b>
<b>Q</b>	<b>Ending Shelter Count (date: 12/31/2017)</b>	85	3	26	5	119	Should include animals in shelter and animals belonging to the shelter but in foster
<b>SAVE RATE:</b>		<b>84.39%</b>	<b>96.98%</b>	<b>81.49%</b>	<b>85.81%</b>	<b>85.51%</b>	

# METRO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

## Trailing 12 Month – Data Report

			Trailing 12 Month Average
		Dec-17	Ending Dec. 31st, 2017
A	Intake Total	431	616
B	Stray	309	348
C	Owner Surrender	73	213
D	Owner Req. Euth	26	72
E	Wildlife	6	13
F	Other	17	23
G	Adopted	219	220
H	Transfer	435	164
I	RTO	87	102
J	ORE Euthanized	19	34
K	Wildlife Euthanized	1	7
L	Euth Total	59	111
M	Euth %	9%	12

### Data Report Key

Intakes

Outcomes