

# Understanding the Asilomar Accords

# HISTORY

- November 2002
- March, 2004 How to move past the differences to relationship building.
- 2004 convened at the Asilomar Facility in Pacific Grove, California.

# Goals of the Group

- Build bridges across varying philosophies
- Develop relationships and create goals focused on significantly reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable companion animals in the U.S.
- Process: professionally facilitated lively discussion, hard work, and brainstorming.

# What the Accords Are What They Are Not

- **The Accords Are**

- A recommendation
- A guideline/ starting pt.
- A tool toward coalition building.
- A format for discussion
- An effort toward uniform collecting of data for better community assessment and goal setting

- **The Accords Are Not**

- A mandate
- A stringent structure
- A tool for further finger pointing
- Directive for management
- Aimed at comparing one to another through stats for negative means

# Structure of the Accords

- Preface (the why and the who)
- Guiding Principles
  - Critical points we could agree on and verbalize in an effort toward continuing dialogue and forward progress in the face of differing opinions, missions, programming, and cultures.
- Definitions: To facilitate the data collection process and assure consistent reporting.
- Statistics and Live Release Rate Formulas

# Asilomar Comments

“A job worth doing is worth doing together. That's the basic idea of a groundbreaking new document designed to impact communities and animals around the country. The Asilomar Accords symbolizes the end of suspicion and distrust between animal care and control organizations and sets forth a new agenda—one of collaboration.” Martha Armstrong, HSUS

# AHA Website Article

The Asilomar Accords recognizes that *all* stakeholders in the animal welfare community are dedicated to the same goal regardless of differing philosophies and approaches to the issue. The Accords encourages a sense of unity in the field, while respecting the differences inherent to various organizations, communities, and geographic regions.

# Where Do We Start?

- Within: your own terminology
  - Your staff training
  - Your statistics terminology and decision making matrices
- In your Community
  - Coalition Building

# Two Examples of Matrices

*(identifying by definition)*

- Metro Denver Alliance
- Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control
- Definitions do not determine outcome.
  - Unhealthy untreatable may certainly be a live release.
- The “reasonable man” (person) standard. Varies by community

# Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control: Asilomar Mapping

H Healthy	TR Treatable Rehabilitatable	TM Treatable Manageable	UU Unhealthy & Untreatable
Space	Feral < 12 wks Heartworm Injured Kennel Cough Mange (age, AI) Pregnant Ringworm Too young URI	Allergy Breed Dysplasia Repeat escape Fearful FL-UTD Geriatric Fearful House soiling Separation anxiety Medical: moderate Heart murmur Physically impaired Seizures	Aggression Auto Immune Cancer Canine Distemper Exotics Feral > 12 wks FeLv FIP FIV High arousal Hybrids Infant Medical emergency Medical severe Parvo Panleukopenia