

# ASILOMAR ACCORDS OVERVIEW

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# Five Major Themes

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1. Promoting a Shared Mission
2. Living the Spirit of the Accords
3. Encouraging Community Coalitions
4. Adopting Standard Definitions and Sharing Statistics
5. Furthering the Accords



# Promoting a Shared Mission

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The mission of those involved in creating the Asilomar Accords is:

To work together to save the lives of all healthy and treatable companion animals.



# Living the Spirit of the Accords

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We recognize that all animal welfare stakeholders are dedicated to the mutual goal of saving animals' lives and agree to:

- Foster a mutual respect for one another
- Refrain from denigrating or speaking ill of one another
- Acknowledge the crucial role that all types of animal programs and services play



# Encouraging Community Coalitions

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We believe euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals is a community-wide problem requiring community based solutions.

Animal welfare organizations can be leaders in bringing about a change in social factors that result in euthanasia.

No one organization or type of organization can achieve the goal alone.



# Encouraging Community Coalitions

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To save the lives of healthy and treatable animals, we encourage communities to create local coalitions involving a variety of animal welfare organizations to:

- Find common ground
- Put aside differences
- Work collaboratively



# Adopting Standard Definitions

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The Accords encourage each community to adopt the standard definitions of:

- **Healthy**
- **Treatable**
  - **Rehabilitatable**
  - **Manageable**
- **Unhealthy & Untreatable**

Based on a level of care typically provided to pets by reasonable & caring pet owners/guardians in the community.

# Healthy

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- Dogs & cats 8 weeks of age or older
- No behavior problems
- No medical conditions to be treated
- Vaccinations OK



# Treatable

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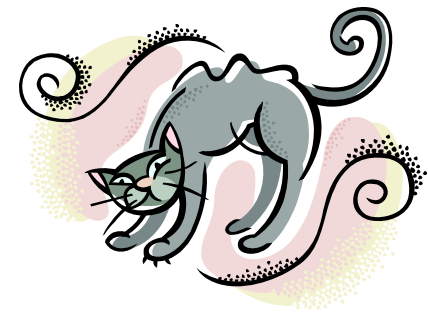
- All dogs and cats who are “rehabilitatable” and all dogs and cats who are “manageable”



# Treatable - Rehabilitatable

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- Could become healthy with medical, foster, behavioral or other care
- Acute & Curable Conditions
- Community Standard of Care





# Treatable - Manageable

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- Not likely to become healthy
- Satisfactory quality of life with medical, foster, behavioral or other care
- Chronic Conditions
- Community Standard of Care



# Unhealthy & Untreatable

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- Public health or safety risk
- Medical conditions adversely affecting animal's health & not likely to become healthy or treatable with reasonable care
- Community Standard of Care



# Reasonable and Caring Pet Guardians

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- What is a reasonable and caring pet guardian?
- How do we determine what a reasonable pet guardian would do with a companion animal if that animal was sick or had a behavior problem.
- How do shelter workers apply such concepts to their day to day operations?



# Pet Evaluation Matrix (PEM)

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- Work with your coalition and involve local practitioners
- Develop written guidelines
  - Apply the reasonable pet owner/guardian standard of care
  - Assign shelter medical and behavior conditions to most appropriate category (Healthy, Treatable-Rehabilitatable, Treatable-Manageable, Unhealthy & Untreatable)
- Share the information with the public – use their feedback to update and revise your PEM



# Share and Report

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- Adopt uniform definitions for collecting and reporting shelter statistics
- Be transparent – Openly share accurate, complete shelter statistics



# Animal Statistics Table

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- Intake
- Owner/Guardian Requested Euthanasia
- Adoptions
- Transfers
- Redemptions
- Euthanasia
  - Healthy
  - Treatable – Rehabilitatable
  - Treatable - Manageable
  - Unhealthy & Untreatable
- Died or Lost in Shelter/Care
- Shelter Counts (Beginning & Ending)

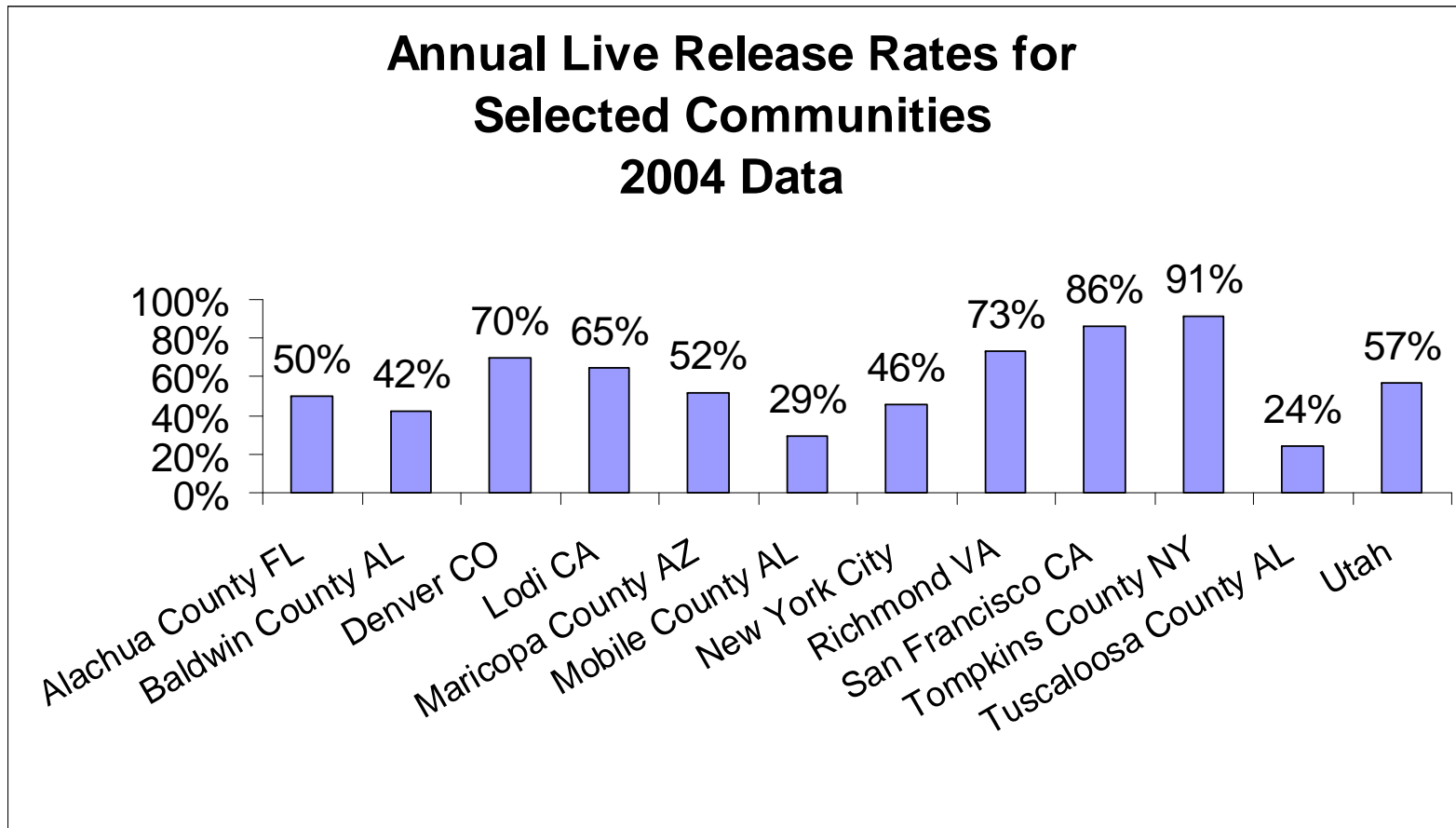


# Annual Live Release Rate

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- A Measurement Tool
- Track progress of individual shelters and communities
- $\text{Total Live Outcomes} \div \text{Total Outcomes}$

# Where Are We Today?



# Furthering the Asilomar Accords

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Find out what other groups are doing to implement the Accords in their communities . . .



Join some of the Accords founders for a Panel Discussion at 11 AM today