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PURPOSE

To implement the Asilomar Accords and our own Pet Matrix in order to promote positive outcomes to save more pets lives while factoring the individual needs of our shelter.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff responsible for incoming and examining our shelter pets.

POLICY

Staff will utilize the Asilomar Accords and Pet Matrix on all incoming pets according to and has defined by this document. Each shelter pet is evaluated as an individual; Conditions can change based on the current state of their health and behavior.

BACKGROUND


The Asilomar Accords was written by a group of animal welfare industry leaders from all over the nation. The purpose was to create goals focused on reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals. This document will define the following categories: **HEALTHY, TREATABLE, TREATABLE-MANAGEABLE and UNHEALTHY-UNTREATABLE.**

DEFINITIONS OF ASHILOMAR ACCORDS AND PET MATRIX

HEALTHY

The term “healthy” means and includes all dogs and cats eight weeks of age or older that at, or prior to becoming shelter possession, have no signs of a behavioral or temperamental attributes that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and have no signs of a health condition that adversely affects the well being of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal’s health in the future.

- Eight weeks of age or older
- No behavior issues
- No adverse health conditions

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TREATABLE


The term “treatable” means and includes all dogs and cats who can be treated to resolve its current condition. These are dogs and cats that could become healthy, well-adjusted pets, once its current condition has alleviated.

- Under 8 weeks of age
- Ringworm
- Sarcoptic Mange
- Broken limbs, pelvis, fractures- Non severe cases
- Parvo/Panleukopenia- Early detection (non-symptomatic)
- Diarrhea- Responsive
- Flea/Tick infestation
- Heartworm
- Hernia
- Canine Kennel Cough
- Pregnancy
- Superficial wounds/ Abscesses
- Benign tumors
- Intestinal parasites
- Feline Respiratory Complex
- Ear mites

TREATABLE-MANAGEABLE

The term “treatable-manageable” means and includes all dogs and cats whose current condition can be managed. These are dogs and cats that could become healthy, well-adjusted pets, if said condition is managed.

- Mild behavior problems- House soiling, chewing, digging, etc.
- Moderate behavior problems- Separation anxiety, etc.
- Blind, deaf
- Diabetes
- Dysplasia- Mild, moderate.
- Flea Allergies
- Seizures- Mild
- Abnormal gait

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- Bladder stones
- Demodectic Mange
- Arthritis
- Allergies
- Heart murmurs
- Feline urinary Syndrome
- Corneal Ulcers
- Cherry eye
- Dislocations
- Glaucoma
- Skin/Ear infections
- Conjunctivitis
- Ear Hematoma
- Entropion, Ectropion, Agenesis

UNHEALTHY-UNTREATABLE

The term “unhealthy-untreatable” means and includes all dogs and cats that at, or prior to becoming shelter possession, have signs of behavioral or temperamental attributes that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, or have signs of a health condition that adversely affects the well-being of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal’s health in the future.

- Fighting dogs
- Aggressive towards humans
- Caused fatality of a human
- Caused fatality of another pet- Unprovoked
- Severe Kennel cough with Pneumonia- Unresponsive to medical plan
- Severe Feline Respiratory Complex- Unresponsive to medical plan
- Rabies
- Dysplasia- Severe
- FELV, FIP
- FIV (Cannot be cured but can still maintain a positive quality of life).
- Neonatal puppies and kittens
- Unsocialized- Severe

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- Distemper
- Parvo/Panleukopenia- Late stage (symptomatic)
- Severe trauma- Such as hit by a train
- Lymphoma
- Malignant Cancer

PROCEDURES

See **Asilomar Accords and Pet Matrix Data Entry SOP**.