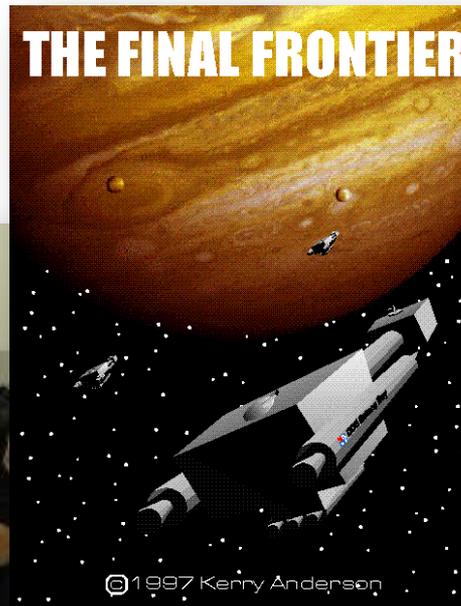
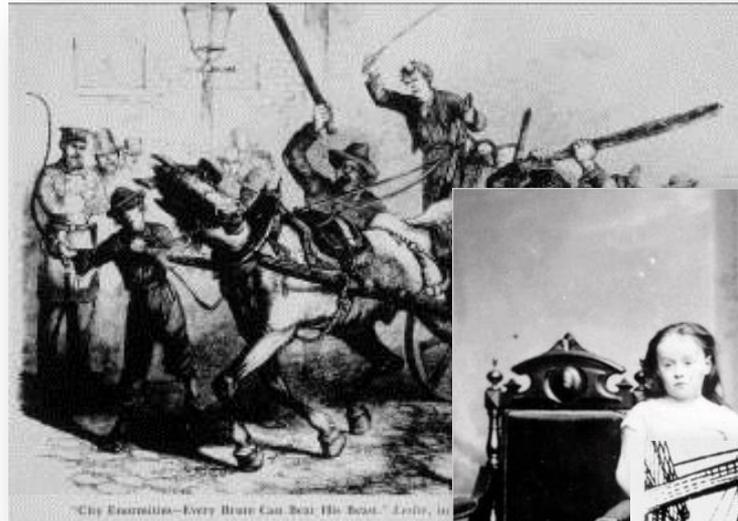


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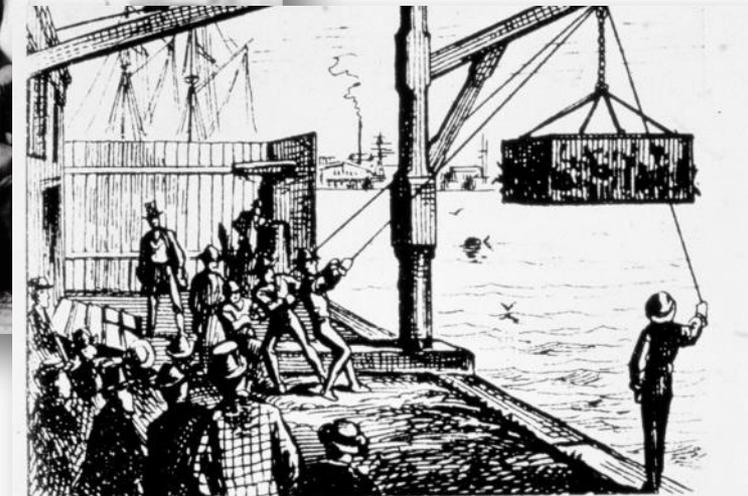
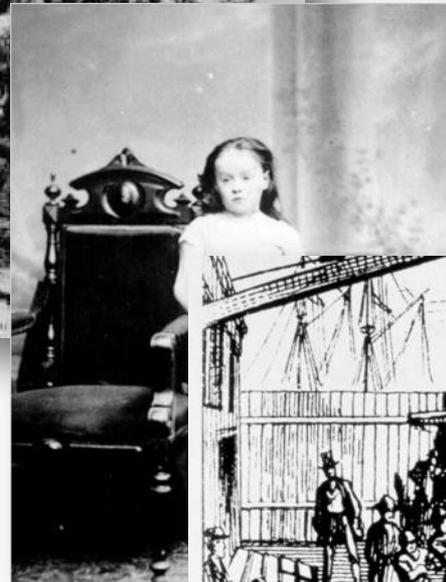


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1866: Birth of the U.S. Animal Welfare Movement

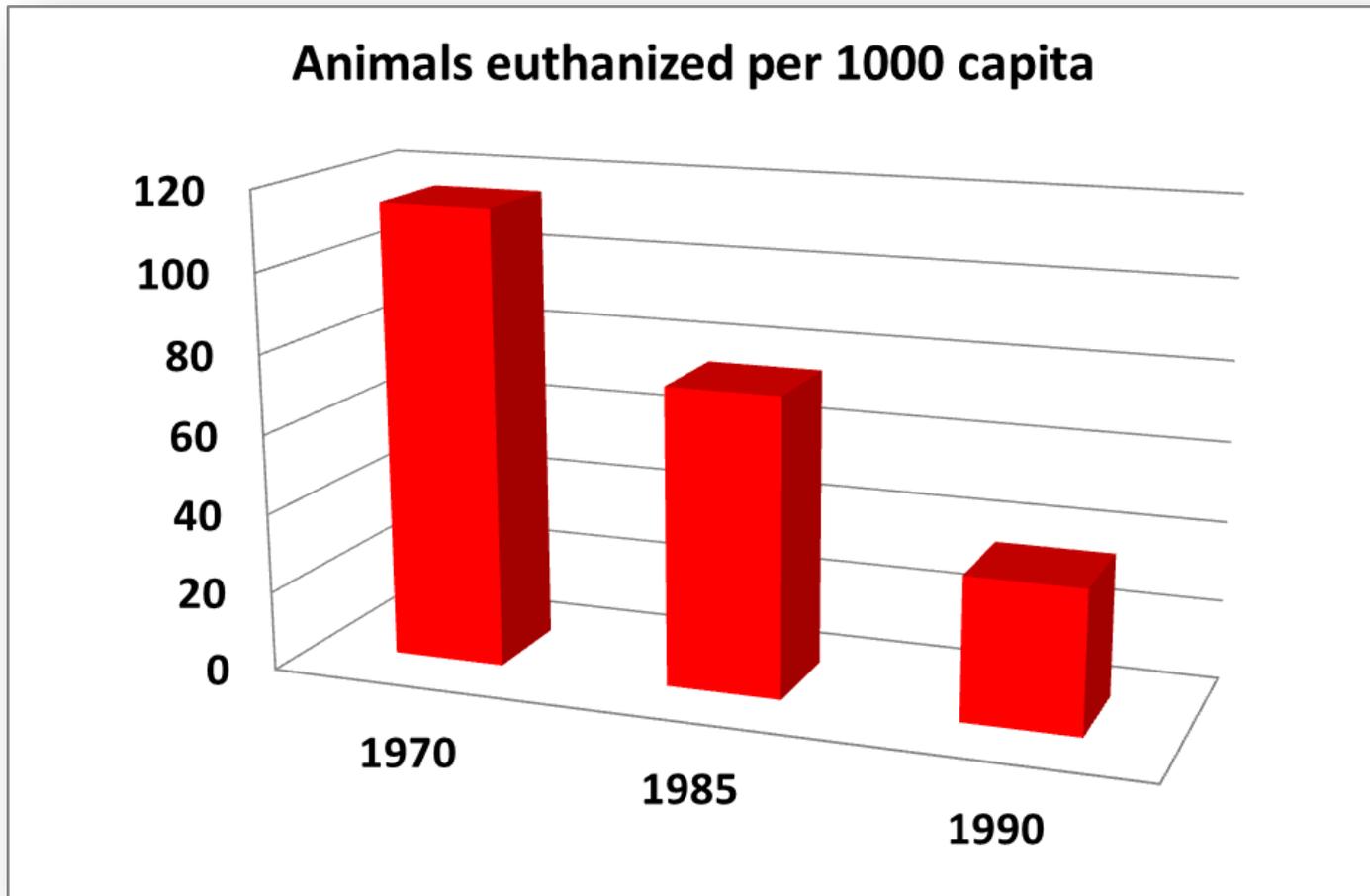


"City Encourages—Every Brave Can Bear His Beat." Leslie, 1866



Drowning strays at the New York City dog pound, 1877

Progress



Who's missing?



One day, one of her veterinary students asked Dr. Patricia Olson, "How would the veterinary community respond to a disease that resulted in the deaths each year of between one tenth and one quarter of the entire pet population?" Dr. Olson answered confidently, "We would respond with great fervor, similar to the way we did with parvovirus."

The student's next question jolted her. "Why is it, then, that for decades, millions of unwanted dogs and cats have died each year because of pet overpopulation?"

Our problem?



IN

At least 3 billion dollars

~ 7.5 million animals
(~ 3-5% of pets)

An analysis of per-capita donations can help shelters assess their effectiveness in raising funds and awareness in their communities

counting the contributions
Benchmarking for Your Organization and Your State

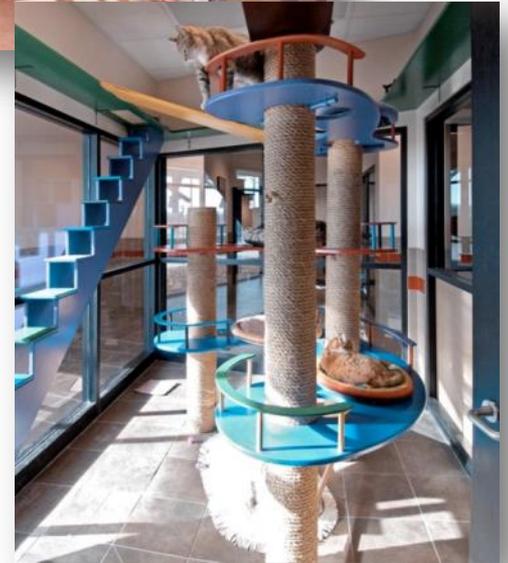
BY ANDREW ROWAN, Ph.D.

In the 20 years that I've been collecting data on shelter demographics, the animal welfare field has witnessed dramatic declines in the number of unsheltered pets. By now most shelter workers have noted the massive 13.5 million dogs and cats, or about 22 percent of those in U.S. homes, were euthanized in shelters in 1973, compared with 1 in 10 today—and less than 3 percent of the nation's household pet population—today. But despite the success in measuring the effectiveness of the "Three R's" (Respite, education, sterilization) approach to addressing animal homelessness, attempts to gather other basic data have lagged far behind. I continue to be amazed that no one (not even the National Council on the Population Study and Policy) has developed an accurate count of the number of animals in this country. To date, we still rely on the Census Bureau for American statistics and my own organization, the Humane Society of the United States. About three years ago former HUD's Vice President Martha Armstrong and I joined our colleagues at Duke University's Center for Animals and Public Policy—Cathy Berry and Bryan Cook—in developing a comprehensive shelter list. Thanks to their hard work, The APHIS now has a nationwide list of animal organizations, including shelters.

At least 340 million pounds

> 250,000 animals
(~ 1.25 % of pets)

IN



IN



OUT



~ 30% of pets!

OUT?

Virulent systemic feline calicivirus suspected in Indianapolis shelter

December 2, 2009
By: Jennifer Fiala
For The VIN News Service

Scramble At The Shelter As Distemper Threatens Dogs

March 26, 2011 11:14 PM

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MEDLEY – (CBS4) – There was a mad scramble Saturday to rescue dozens of dogs from sickness or euthanasia after a virus outbreak at Miami-Dade Animal Services in Medley put the entire dog population at risk.

the doc is IN

WORST CASE SCENARIO

Outbreak of Drug-Resistant Salmonella at an Animal Shelter

Emerging and re-emerging disease

OUT

~ 2.7 million animals euthanized
in U.S. shelters in 2012



> 22,000 animals euthanized in
U.K. shelters in 2010

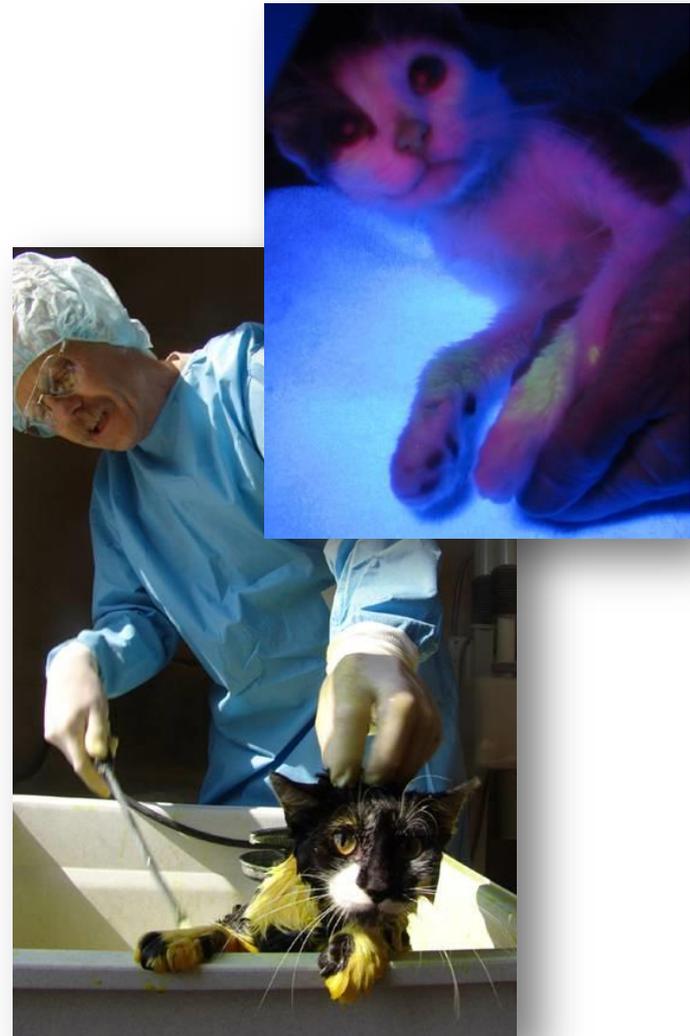
Our role

- Help animals before they become homeless
- Help animals become re-homed
- Help animals *while* they're homeless:
practice **shelter medicine** in shelters or in practice



What is shelter medicine?

- Individual patient care
 - With few or many resources
 - Improves staff and volunteer commitment
 - Facilitates compliance with disease recognition and response
 - Feels great



Cost effective ≠ ineffective

New Protocol Gives Parvo Puppies a Fighting Chance When Owners Can't Afford Hospitalization

Canine parvovirus is a serious and often fatal viral illness that most commonly affects puppies, though unvaccinated adult dogs can be infected as well. While treatment for parvovirus is available, it can be cost prohibitive for many families. Now, a new protocol developed at the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital may help save "parvo puppies" and give their families a chance to give their dogs a healthy life.

"Parvovirus is one of the most common and deadliest viruses that unvaccinated dogs tend to get," said Dr. Lauren Sullivan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Clinical Oncology and the Clinical Care Unit at the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital. "Without intensive supportive care, many puppies die before their owners can afford to pay for treatment."

"Intervention, while effective, requires inpatient care ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 – a cost some owners simply can't afford. Euthanasia often becomes the only other option for severely affected dogs.

CSU researchers are showing that there is another possibility – intensive at-home care at a fraction of the cost (\$200-\$300), but with similar outcomes when compared to the inpatient "gold standard" of care."

ptoms including vomiting and diarrhea, which can lead to dehydration and shock. Without intensive supportive care, many puppies die before their owners can afford to pay for treatment."

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Are we there yet?



What is shelter medicine?

- Infectious disease/outbreak management
 - Increases number of animals that survive to adoption
 - Decreases suffering in the shelter
 - Improves public perception
 - Feels great

Humane Society puts down 200 cats after mass outbreak

Jun 21, 2007
DVM Nextmagazine

Humane Society puts down 200 cats after mass outbreak Springfield, Mo. - 6/21/07 - Almost 200 cats were euthanized and the remainder quarantined at the Southwest Missouri Humane Society (SMHS) after a suspected outbreak of the

pped off at the shelter,
e shelter cat died,

Dogs euthanized, shelter closed after outbreak

Posted: Sep 21, 2013 12:47 PM PDT
Updated: Oct 05, 2013 12:47 PM PDT



by Tiffany Choquette
tchoquette@abc6.com

Shelter euthanized 69 infected animals

By TATIANA PROPHET / Staff Writer

HESPERIA — Animal control officials acknowledged Monday that the city euthanized 69 animals from its shelter that were infected with parvovirus and distemper.

On Friday, 46 dogs and 23 cats were put to sleep after an outbreak of the two viruses, which can be deadly among puppies and kittens. Parvo is spread through feces and distemper is airborne.



Eric Tom Staff Photographer

High stakes

- We had a litter of 7 puppies who seemed to have kennel cough...Two of the seven pups got pretty sick and depressed so our clinic sent out blood samples to the lab and it came back **barely positive (1:50) for distemper**. The pups were 9 weeks old at the test and had been given their first shots at 6 weeks of age, three weeks earlier. I took the other five puppies to my home 8 days ago. The test came back last Friday and we euthanized the two that were in the clinic, however, they were much better that day. Well, the 5 pups I have at home are now almost completely well from the "kennel cough", are **happy playful, eating well puppies**. Is this just a phase of distemper? **Should I just euthanize these pups now and be done with it or wait it out since they seem to be healthy (about 90% better)?**

New tools

IDEXX Reference Laboratories Introduces First Quantitative Real-time PCR Test for Canine Distemper Virus [Trade]

Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) Quant RealPCR™ Test differentiates between naturally infected and vaccinated dogs

WESTBROOK, Maine, October 11, 2011—IDEXX Reference Laboratories announces the availability of the Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) Quant RealPCR™ Test, a revolutionary new canine distemper virus (CDV) test that differentiates

infected dogs from those vaccinated for the disease. The test allows veterinarians to make a more accurate diagnosis of dogs with clinical signs of respiratory illness. The new test has been incorporated into existing canine respiratory disease panels at no additional cost. Results are available in 15 minutes.

Clinical signs of illness usually develop in dogs, particularly puppies and adolescents, in kennels, shelters or dog shows where they would have been recently vaccinated. Until now, this has been done with qualitative test results. The CDV Quant RealPCR Test provides a quantitative result that is typically exponentially higher during infection than what would be detected by a qualitative test.

Christian Leutenegger, DrVetMed, PhD, FVH, Regional Head of Molecular Diagnostics, IDEXX Reference Laboratories, in collaboration with veterinarians from the University of Florida. "IDEXX RealPCR provides unprecedented accuracy," said Dr. Leutenegger. "Innovative real-time PCR technology also provides information on the quantity of the virus. We run this test in a state-of-the-art facility with quality controls. Veterinarians can be confident in the results and in their diagnosis."

A stand-alone test is also available for quantitative distemper virus information from nasal secretions or mucosa. For more information about the CDV Quant RealPCR Test, panels and pricing, contact IDEXX Reference Laboratories internal medicine specialists at 1-888-433-9987, option 4, option 2.



<http://www.sheltermedicine.com/documents/parvo-outbreak-simulator-guide>

<http://maddiesfund.org/maddies-laboratory.htm>

Cheap thrills

We just wanted to thank you so much for helping to save our lives....the horrible case of distemper never got US but we and the staff are forever grateful for all your time and effort at helping us get a second chance at a happy life!



Are we there yet?



What is shelter medicine?

- Prevention
 - Vaccination
 - Sanitation
 - Parasite control
 - Stress reduction
 - Nutrition
 - Air quality
 - Facility design



Yet more cheap thrills

- “Hey Doc, Before attending your workshop many cats died. We were sick all the time. Sometimes dropping like flies. Since your workshop less than 10 cats/kittens a year. We **no longer move the cat** out of the cage everyday to clean. We **give them play things** that can be disinfected well. We have a much **better air exchange**. Our **hand sanitizer** is **at least 67% alcohol**. We **don't over handle** the cats. We have **no stress and contamination**. We are **not handling**. Etc. etc. etc.

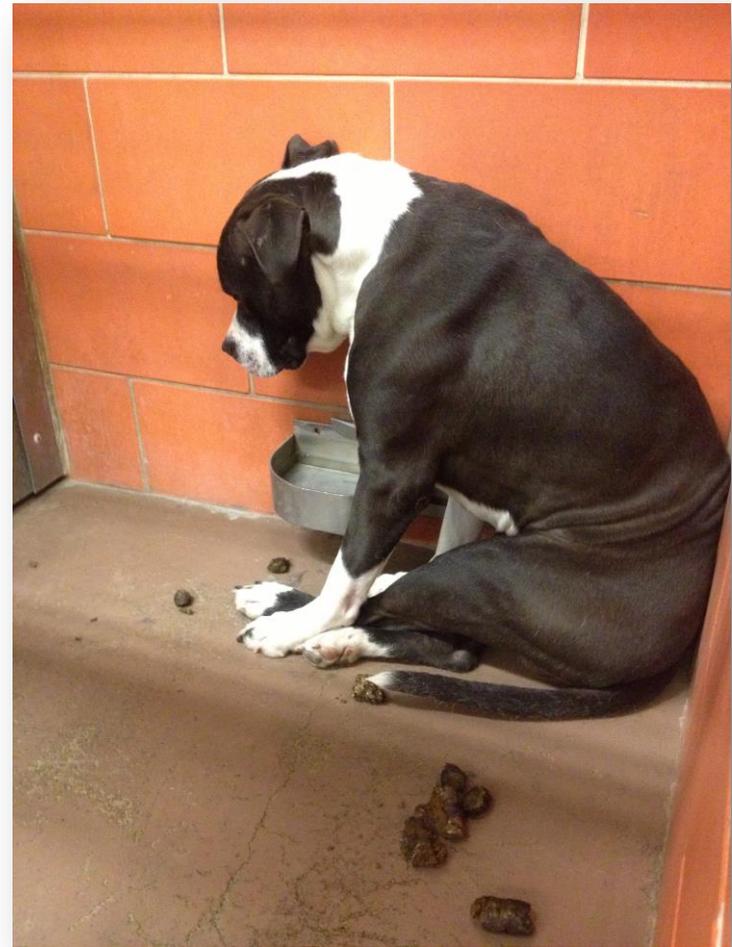
Are we there yet???



Not the end goal

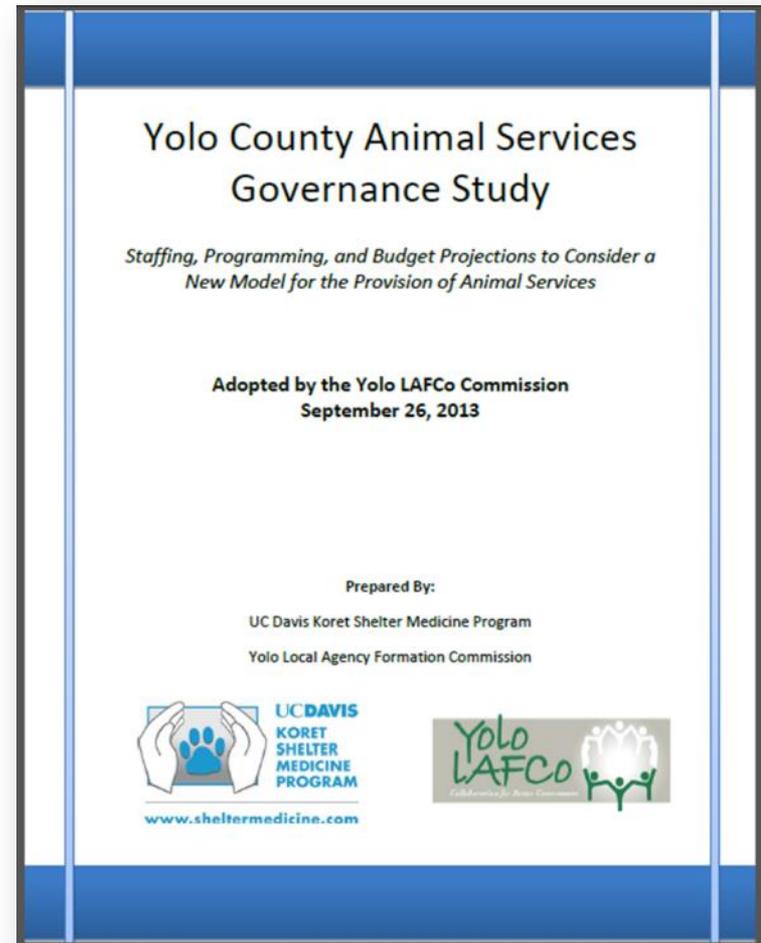


Not the end goal



What is shelter medicine?

- Shelter system analysis
 - Facility
 - Management
 - Staffing
 - Budget
 - Husbandry
 - Enrichment
 - Flow
- Development of standards of care and legislative policy



Also progress



More good news



**Ar we there yet?
Ar we there yet?**



**Ar we there yet?
Ar we there yet?
Ar we there yet?**

Study Finds Free-Roaming Cats Pose Threat from "Serious Public Health Diseases"

MEDIA RELEASE

Contact: Robert Johns, 202-234-7181 ext.210, [Email click here](#)

(Washington, D.C., September 18, 2012) A study published in the peer-reviewed public health journal, *Zoonoses and Public Health*, has found that free-roaming cats pose a threat from "serious public health diseases" to humans, domestic animals, and wildlife.

The paper was authored by R.W. Gerhold of the University of Tennessee's Center for Wildlife Health, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, and by D.A. Jaeger, retired from the California Department of



Stray cats are starving to death

The Thin Line Between Dog Rescuing and Dog Hoarding

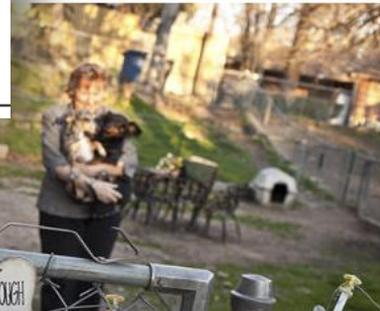
With the city overrun with strays, Dallas' animal rescuers want to save dogs from cruelty and neglect. But some need to be saved from themselves.

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Vets warn of killer virus outbreak infecting dogs

By BARBARA HOLLANDS on October 31, 2014 in Metro, News · 0 Comments

human rabies exposure among domestic animals, and are the source for one-third of rabies post-

Cat with American Coot by

Authorities: Man Charged With Animal Cruelty After Dog Forced From Car On Garden State Parkway

October 2, 2014 12:20 PM

Aggressive dogs a steady problem for south Modestans, police say

Being homeless with a pet compounds difficulties

By Nathan Bruttell / The Associated Press

Published Mar 20, 2015 at 12:02AM

What is our end goal?

- Healthy animal?
- Healthy population?
- Healthy shelter system?
- Or....



Healthy community



Shelter medicine is *production* medicine



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OUR PRODUCTS

- Humane, safe shelters
 - Facility design
 - Animal care
- Increased shelter adoptions
 - Animal health and public image
 - Management, programs and flow
- Decreased shelter intake
 - High quality, high volume spay/neuter
 - Behavioral intervention
 - Epidemiology of pet homelessness
- Humane, healthy communities
 - Protection of public health
 - Cruelty prevention and intervention
 - Increase access to care for all pets
 - Education for community members

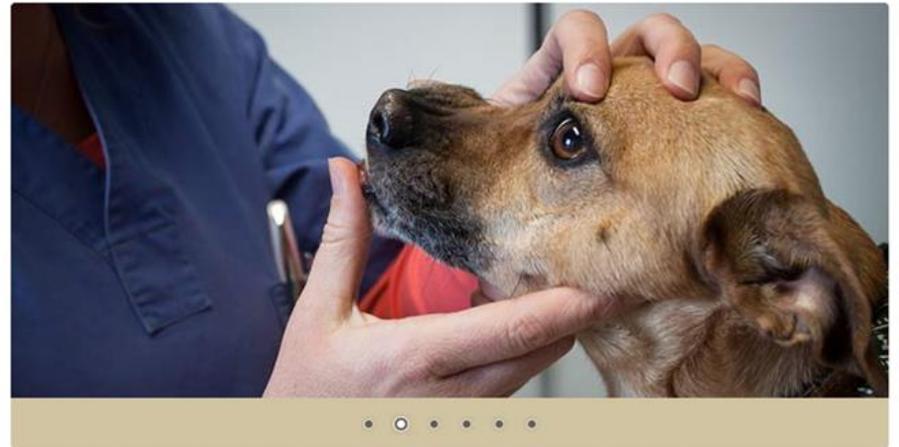


15 years of progress

- 1999: Class in shelter medicine taught at Cornell
- 2001: Shelter Medicine Program and residency at UC Davis
- 2001: Association of Shelter Veterinarians forms
- 2004: First shelter medicine textbook published
- 2005: Formal discussion of specialty begins
- 2006: Veterinary Task Force to Advance Spay/neuter formed
- 2007: Shelter medicine job task analysis performed
- 2008: Residency standards developed
- 2008: Spay/neuter guidelines published
- 2009: Shelter medicine organizing committee formed
- 2010: Guidelines for standards of care published
- 2014: Shelter Medicine Specialty approved by AVMA!

The Association of Shelter Veterinarians today

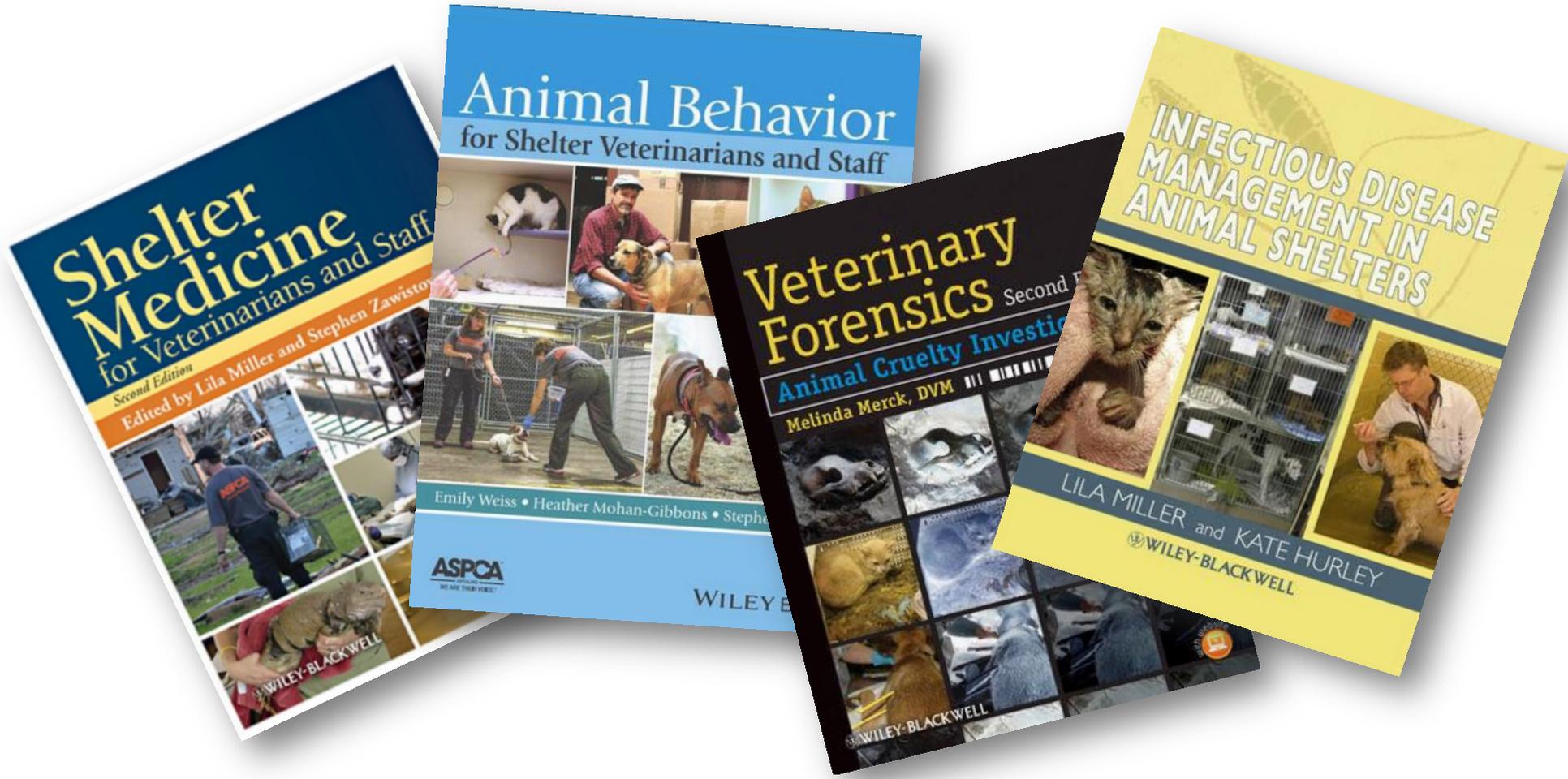
- 1500 members and 28 student chapters
- Guidelines
- Position statements
- Continuing education
- Board specialty
- Active email list serve
- Any vet can join!



The ASV is the professional organization for shelter veterinarians, consisting of over 1500 members and 28 student chapters from around the globe.

www.sheltervet.org

Textbooks



Online resources



www.humanealliance.org



www.aspcapro.org



<http://maddiesfund.org/maddies-institute.htm>



www.animalsheltering.org

Standards: canine vaccination

- American Animal Hospital Association: shelter dog vaccine guidelines
- Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association **47(5): 1-42.**
- Pages 24-28

Part II: Vaccination of Shelter-Housed Dogs

The AAHA Canine Vaccination Task Force developed vaccination guidelines to facilitate the efforts of individuals responsible for purchasing vaccines, administering vaccines, and/or developing vaccination policy for shelter-housed dogs. The objective of writing vaccination guidelines for shelter-housed dogs is to provide essential recommendations to reduce, or eliminate when possible, the risk of infectious disease outbreak or illness in shelter animals. The Task Force recognizes that unique staffing and cost constraints may preclude the ability of all animal shelters to implement these Guidelines fully. However, the guidance provided in this section is intended to provide a basis for developing and implementing a rational vaccination program for animal shelters because these dogs are at particularly high risk of exposure to infectious disease.

The time and effort dedicated to controlling infectious diseases among shelter-housed dogs is only one of many variables in the complex shelter medicine and husbandry equation. The recommendations provided here attempt to address shelter-unique issues as they pertain to rational selection and use of

https://www.aaha.org/professional/resources/canine_vaccine.aspx#gsc.tab=0

Standards: feline vaccination

- American Association of Feline Practitioners
- Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery, 15(9): 785-808.
- Shelter and TNR guidelines page 791-793

Recommendations for vaccination of shelter-housed cats

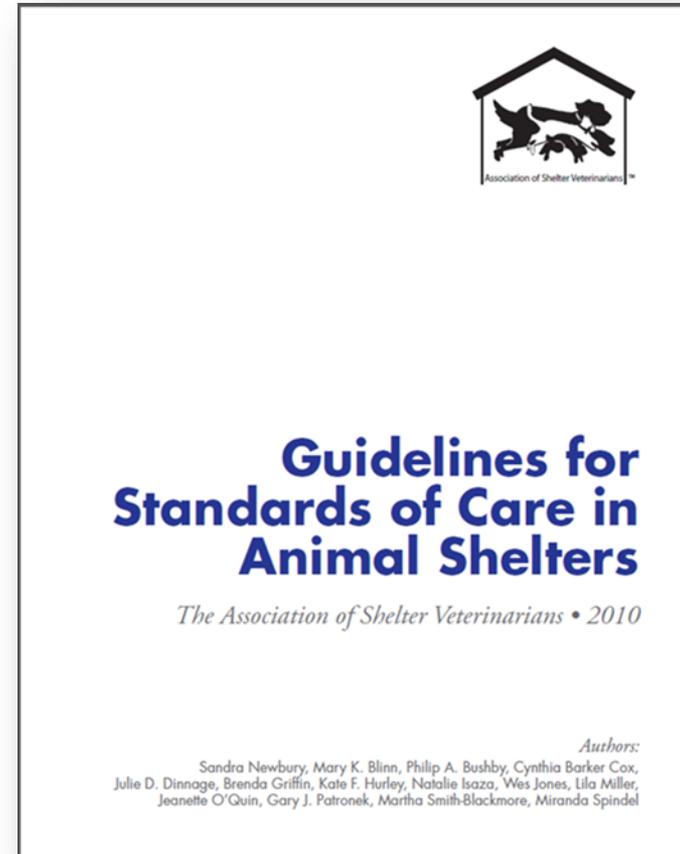
Generally, shelter-housed cats (Figure 3) can be considered to be at especially high risk of exposure to infectious disease. Endemic disease, high rates of turnover, stress and sustained exposure are contributing factors. Vaccination in shelters should be limited to those diseases that are likely to be transmitted within the shelter itself. For diseases of concern in shelters (notably FPV and upper respiratory infections), vaccines may be indicated at an earlier age, and be administered at shorter intervals compared with schedules for pet cats. Rapid onset of protection is critical; therefore, administration of FPV, FHV-1, FCV vaccines should be considered for all cats at the time of (or ideally, before) intake.

Table 3 summarizes vaccination recommendations for shelter-housed cats.

<http://www.catvets.com/guidelines/practice-guidelines/feline-vaccination-guidelines>

“The Shelter Standards”!

- Published by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians
- Based on the Five Freedoms
- Minimum to ideal
- For shelters, rescues, foster parents, sanctuaries



www.sheltervet.org

Background

- Review of existing standards for confined companion animals
 - Shelters, catteries, kennels, pet stores, puppy mills, veterinary hospitals, sanctuaries, laboratories
- Detailed review of scientific and professional literature
 - Sanitation, ventilation, vaccination, training, public health, etc. etc.

Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

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Unacceptable

- No sheltering organization, regardless of its circumstances, i.e., budget, size, etc., should engage in any practice that is deemed unacceptable.
- E.g. “It is an unacceptable practice to spray down kennels or cages while animals are inside them.”



Must

- Without adherence to this recommendation, the delivery of a minimum level of acceptable or humane care is not possible
- E.g. “A primary enclosure must allow animals to sit, sleep and eat away from areas of their enclosures where they defecate and urinate.”



Should (and should not)

- Use of the word “should” implies a strong recommendation.
- E.g. “Monitoring should take place during feeding time, so that appetite or conflicts around food may be observed”



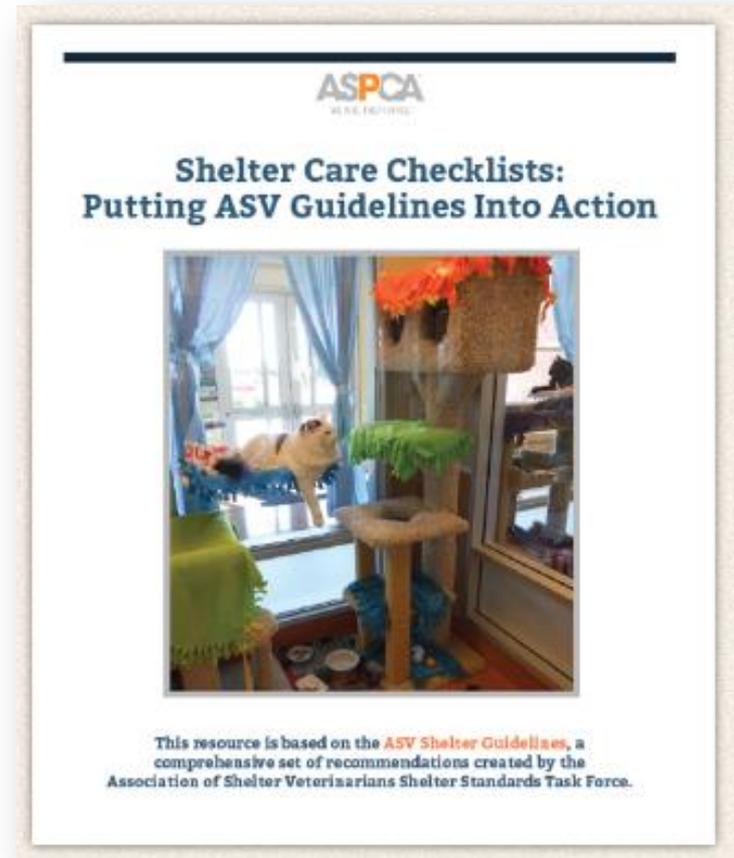
Ideally

- May not be possible in all circumstances but would certainly enhance care for animals.
- E.g. “Protected indoor-outdoor access is ideal for most species, especially when animals are held long term.”



Standards resources

- Published in multiple languages
 - Canadian, Belgian and Russian versions
- The “Mighty Excel Tool” at www.sheltermedicine.com
- Checklist guide at <http://www.aspcapro.org/checklist>
- Webinar series at www.ASPCApro.org



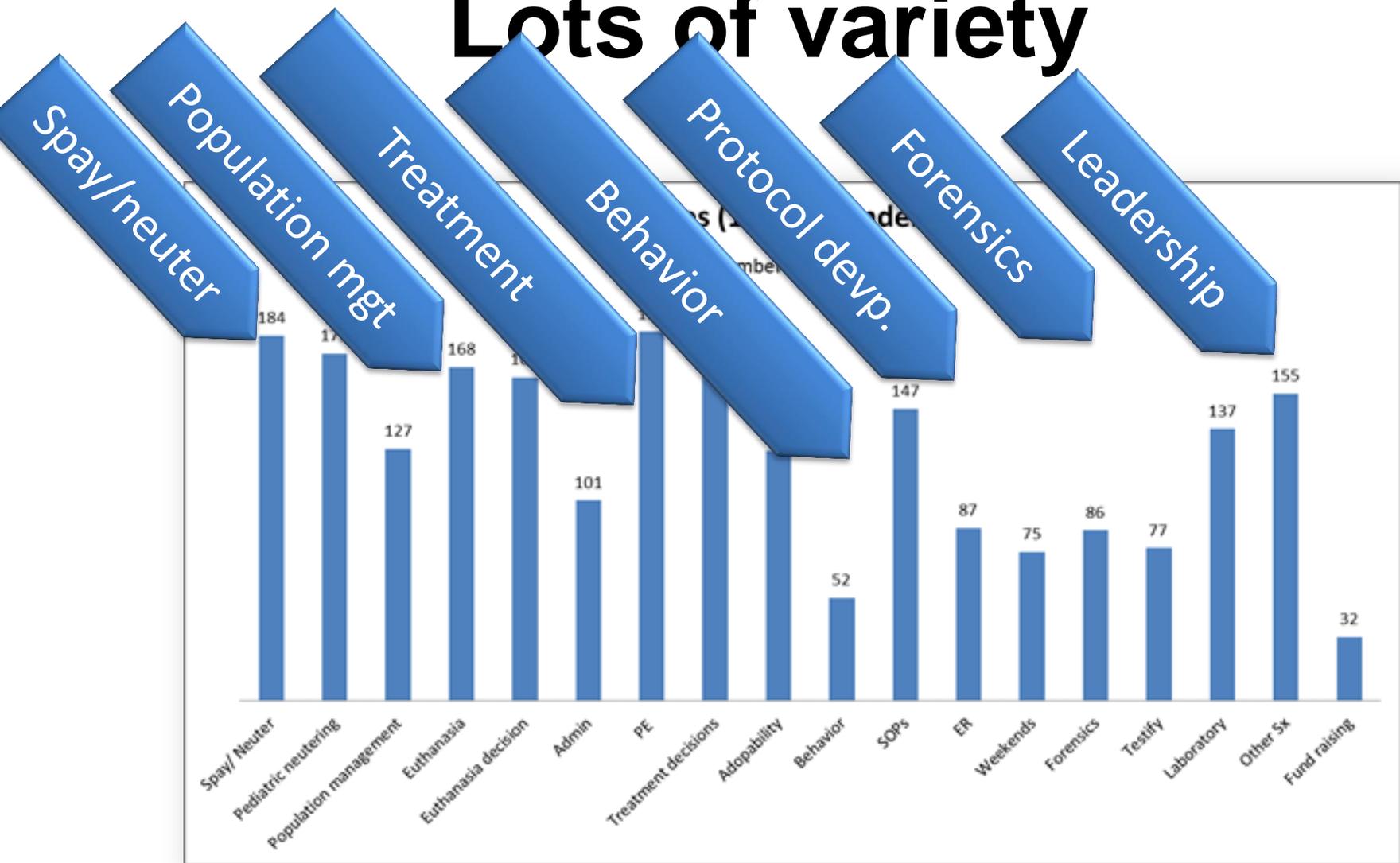
Veterinary roles

- Contract or career
- Shelter network services
- National welfare organizations
- Academic programs
- Board member/advisor
- Volunteer

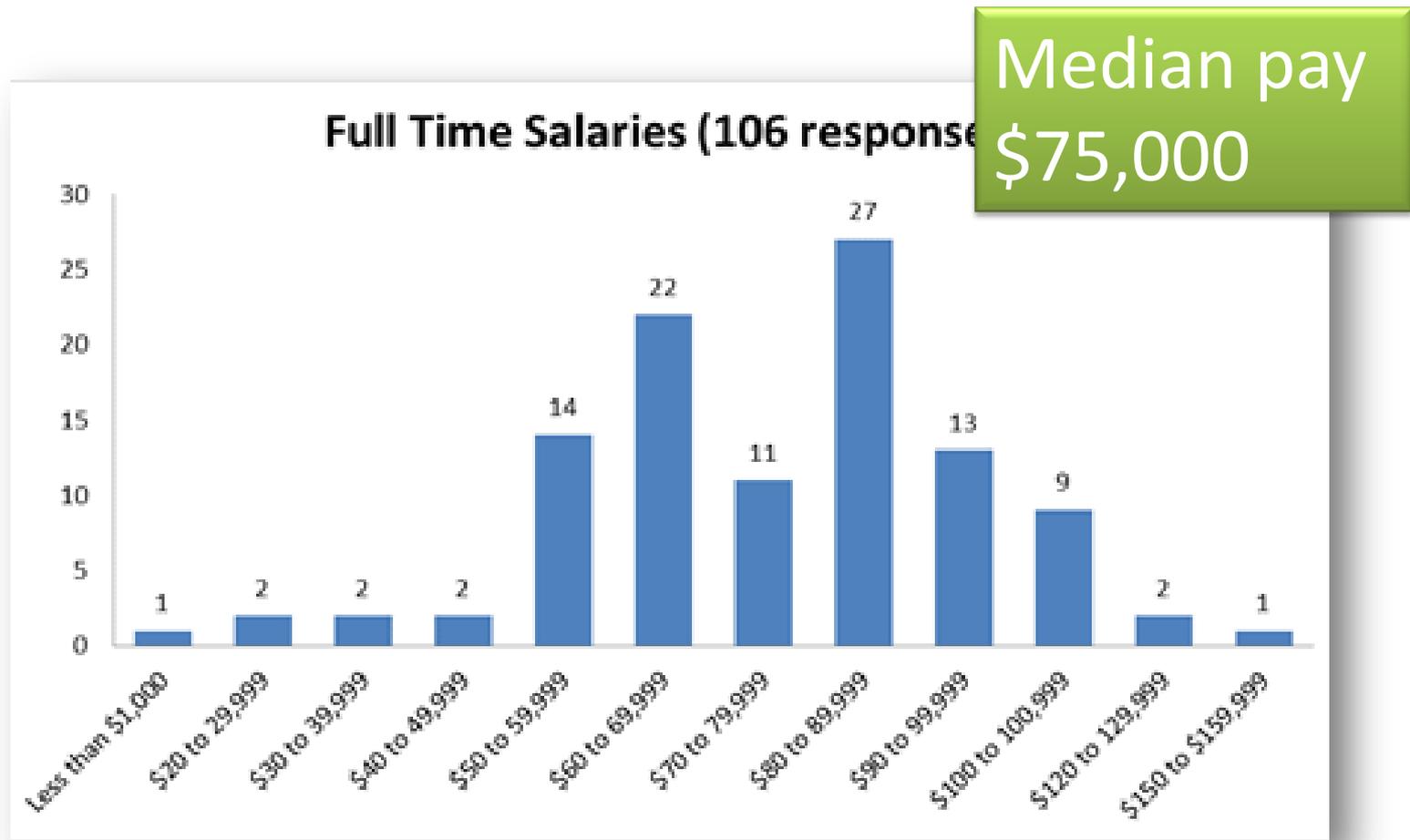


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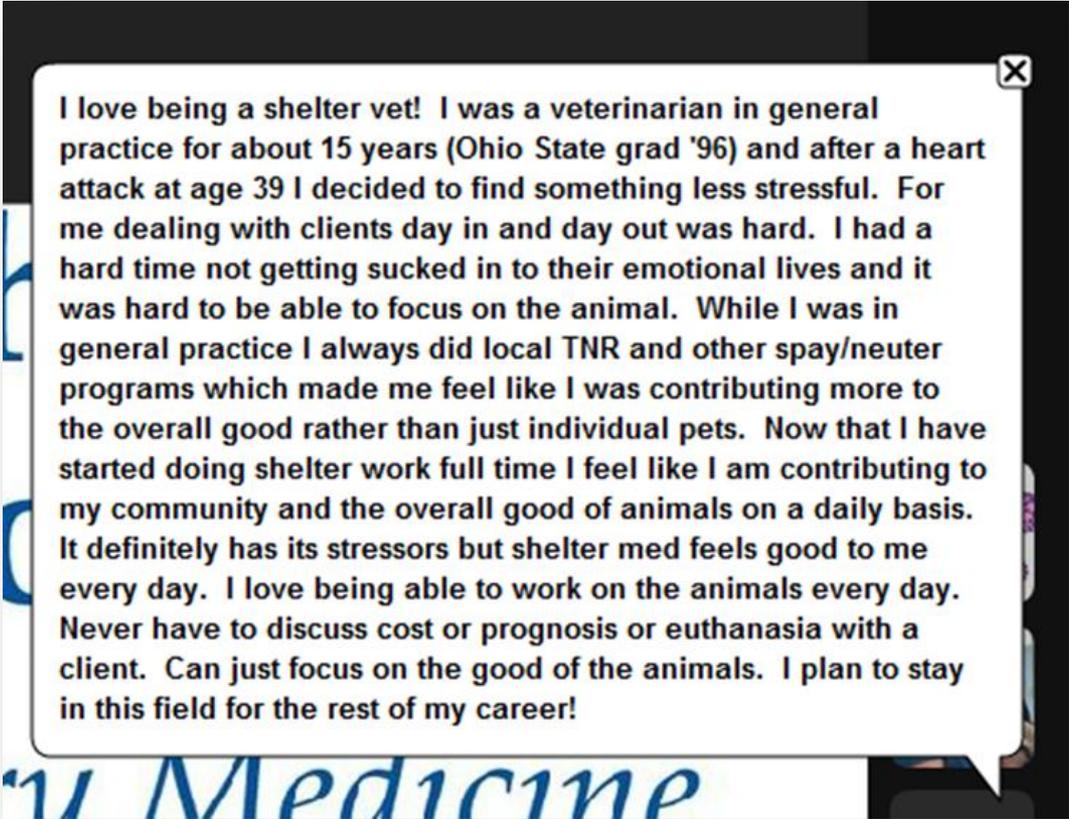
Lots of variety



Reasonable pay



We love our work!

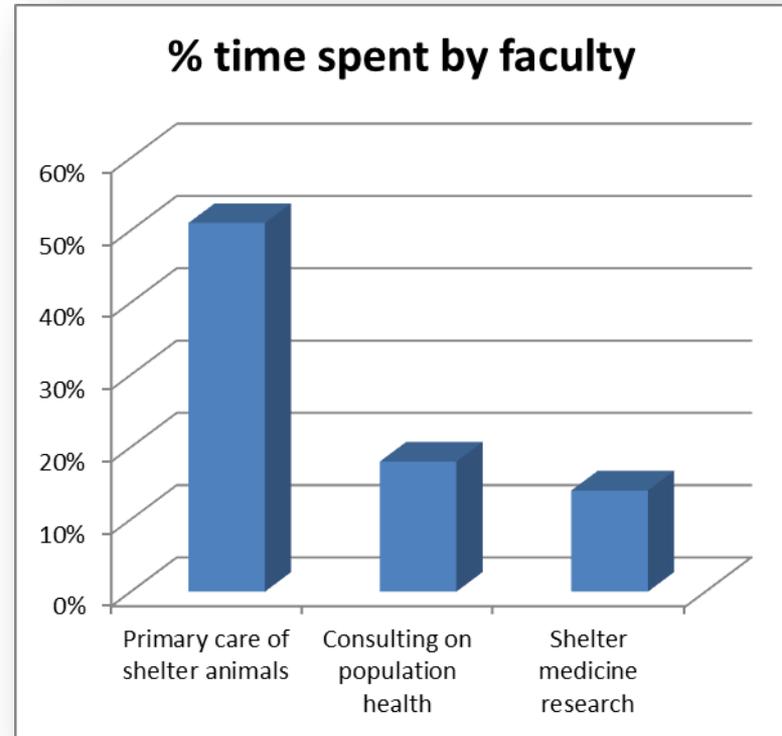


I love being a shelter vet! I was a veterinarian in general practice for about 15 years (Ohio State grad '96) and after a heart attack at age 39 I decided to find something less stressful. For me dealing with clients day in and day out was hard. I had a hard time not getting sucked in to their emotional lives and it was hard to be able to focus on the animal. While I was in general practice I always did local TNR and other spay/neuter programs which made me feel like I was contributing more to the overall good rather than just individual pets. Now that I have started doing shelter work full time I feel like I am contributing to my community and the overall good of animals on a daily basis. It definitely has its stressors but shelter med feels good to me every day. I love being able to work on the animals every day. Never have to discuss cost or prognosis or euthanasia with a client. Can just focus on the good of the animals. I plan to stay in this field for the rest of my career!

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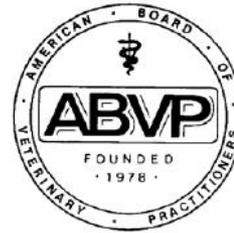
Shelter medicine training

- Taught at 80% of U.S. veterinary schools
 - Average 13 hours of course credits
- Fellowships
- Internships
- Residencies
- Faculty



www.vin.com – ASV veterinary wage survey

378 pages of detail



Petition
to the
American Board of Veterinary Specialties
for
Provisional Recognition
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under the
American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

<http://www.shelternet.org/board-specialty>

A specialty whose time has come

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A specialty whose time has come

Shelter medicine recognized as veterinary specialty

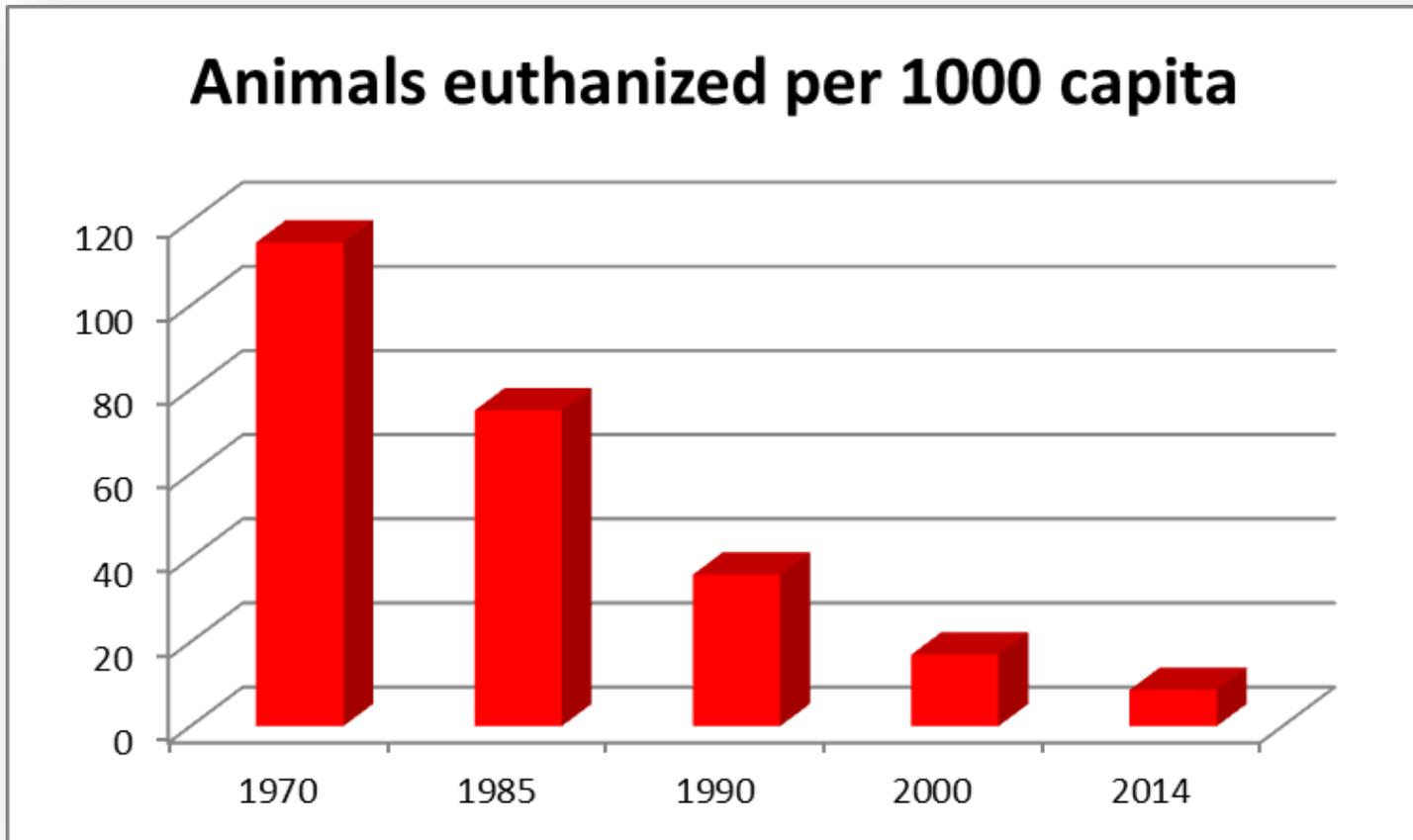
“Recognition as a specialty will help to enhance the status of shelter veterinarians, who not so long ago were thought of not as pioneers in an underserved area of animal husbandry, but as a weird sort of small animal vet. Recognition will help to promote science and good practice in shelter medicine, as new specialists are trained and new knowledge is generated and shared.”

Beyond the shelter

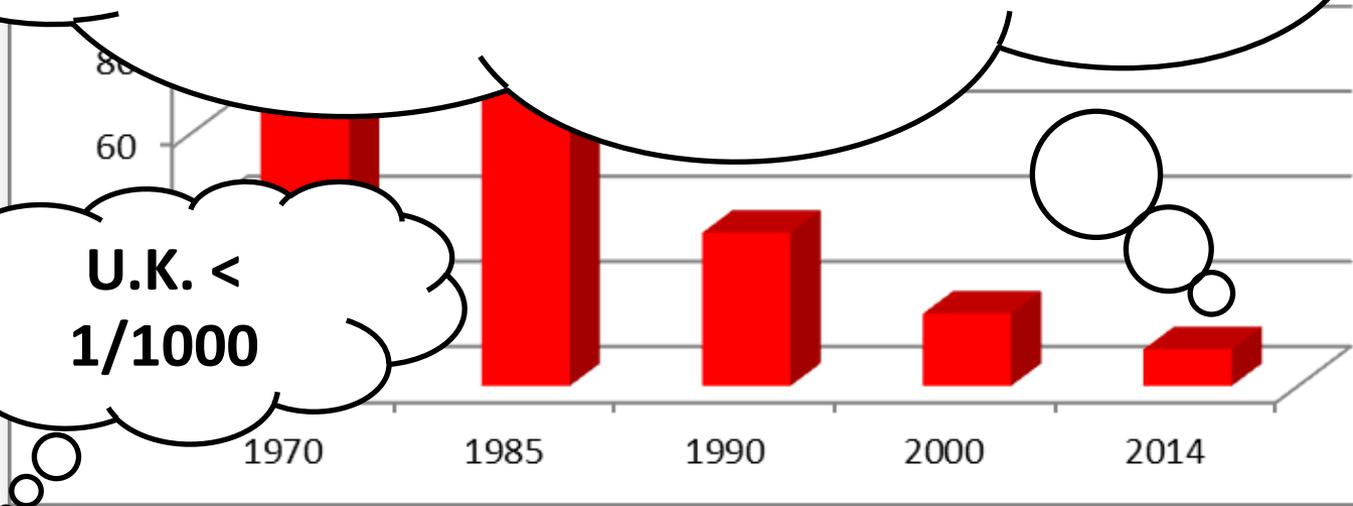


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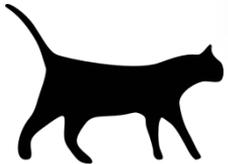
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U.S. animal shelters are now killing fewer cats and dogs than at any time in the past 60 years—nearly 300,000 fewer in the most recent fiscal year than just one year earlier, and just 8.6 per 1,000 Americans, the lowest ratio on record.



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Trying to catch up!

NOW IS THE TIME
ONE MILLION IS THE NUMBER.



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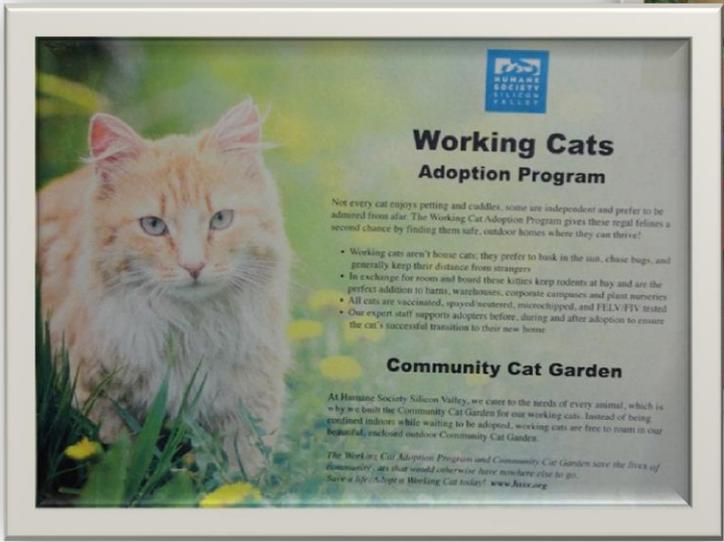


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Hi Kate, Is there any shelter yet that has met or exceeded all the standards? It's our FY16 goal to be at 90%, then at 100% for FY17. :)



Working Cats Adoption Program

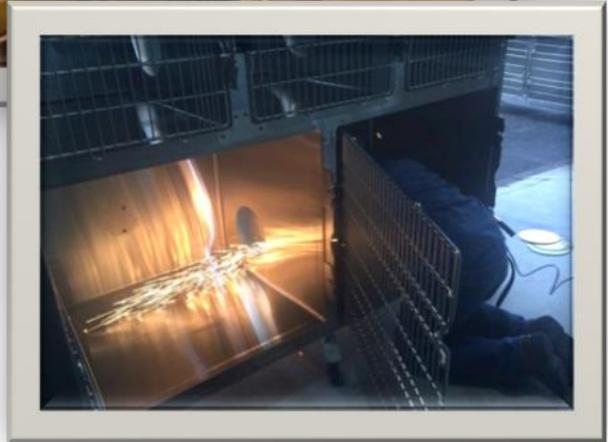
Not every cat enjoys petting and cuddles, some are independent and prefer to be admired from afar. The Working Cat Adoption Program gives these regal felines a second chance by finding them safe, outdoor homes where they can thrive!

- Working cats aren't house cats, they prefer to bask in the sun, chase bugs, and generally keep their distance from strangers.
- In exchange for room and board these kitties keep rodents at bay and are the perfect addition to barns, warehouses, corporate campuses and plant nurseries.
- All cats are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped, and FELV/FIV tested.
- Our expert staff supports adopters before, during and after adoption to ensure the cat's successful transition to their new home.

Community Cat Garden

At Humane Society Silicon Valley, we cater to the needs of every animal, which is why we built the Community Cat Garden for our working cats. Instead of being confined indoors while waiting to be adopted, working cats are free to roam in our beautiful, enclosed outdoor Community Cat Garden.

The Working Cat Adoption Program and Community Cat Garden save the lives of thousands of cats that would otherwise have nowhere else to go. Save a life. Adopt a Working Cat today! www.hsvv.org



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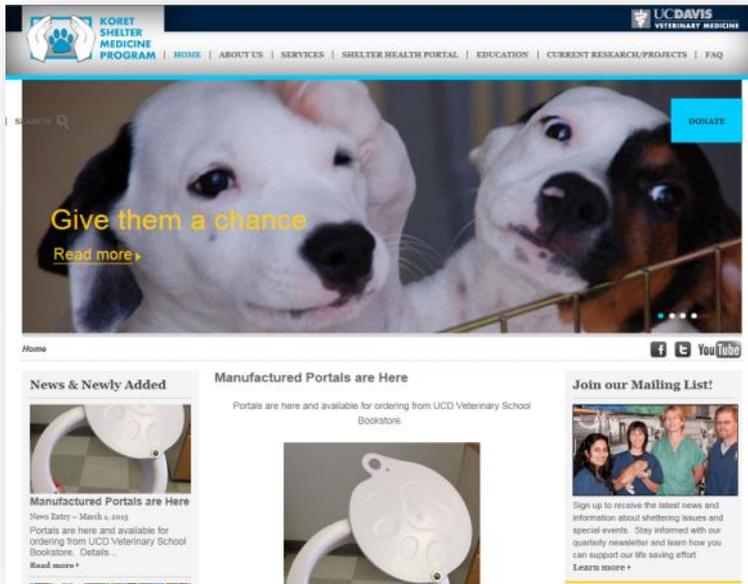
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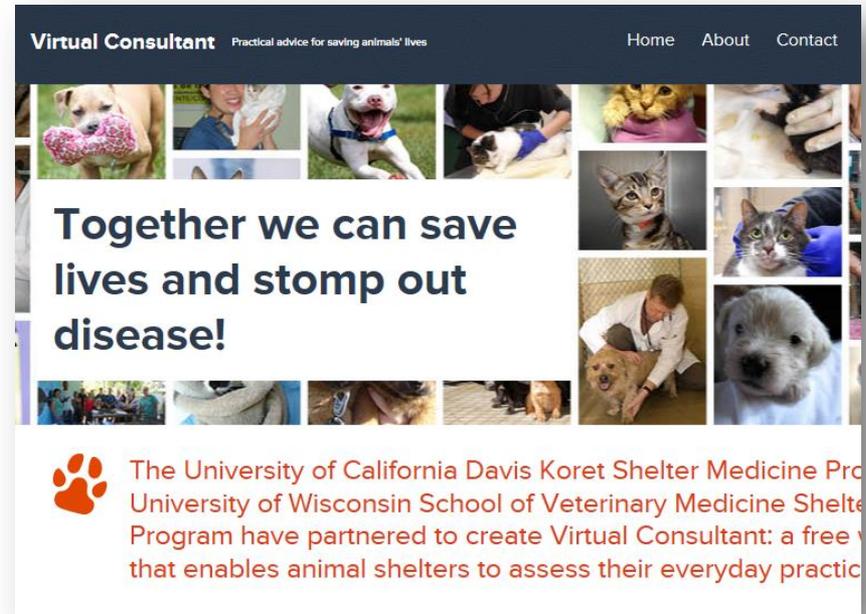
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