

# Teddy's Rescue, Inc. Euthanasia Policy

Teddy's Rescue, Inc. is a no-kill shelter. A "no-kill" shelter is an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety. A no-kill shelter is a shelter that saves healthy, treatable and rehabilitatable animals. A no-kill shelter uses many strategies to promote shelter animals; to expanding its resources using volunteers, excellent housing and medical protocols; and to work actively to lower the number of homeless animals entering the shelter system (Wikipedia). Such as spay/neuter programs, advertising, on and off site adoption programs such meet and greets at local pet stores companies like PetSmart and local business upon request.

Teddy's Rescue, Inc. is a no-kill shelter. We do not euthanize due to time constraints or due to an animal's breed or age.

Euthanasia is reserved for animals who pose a serious danger to themselves or others, who are terminally ill, or whose quality of life is in question.

Reasonable effort to avoid euthanasia is always put forth before the decision to euthanize is made.

Reasons for euthanasia may include, but not be limited to:

- Terminal illness for which there is not a reasonable treatment
- Illness or injury for which treatment would not substantially increase the quality of life of the animal
- Illness or injury for which treatment provides only a minimal chance of recovery/healing
- An animal who poses a threat to the safety to the animal and/or human members of our community

There are certain circumstances in which an animal will be euthanized without needing the previously mentioned recommendations. This is due to the fact that the animal is a risk to the safety of the community, and resources are not available at Teddy's Rescue, Inc. to house these animals, and for liability and ethical reasons, it is in the best interest of all involved for the animal to be humanely euthanized.

- An animal who has been deemed a dangerous or vicious dog by the dog warden pursuant to ORC955.11(1)(a)(i),(ii),(iii) or ORC955.11(6)(a) will automatically be humanely euthanized within 48 hours of receiving notification from the dog warden.

All euthanasia will be humanely performed by a licensed Veterinarian or a certified euthanasia technician.

Recommendation by one or more of the following will be required for euthanasia of an animal belonging to Teddy's Rescue, Inc. - a licensed Veterinarian, an Animal Welfare Specialist (i.e. dog warden, certified dog trainer, etc.), the Facility Director and Kennel Manager of Teddy's Rescue, Inc., or a quorum vote of the Board of Trustees of Teddy's Rescue, Inc. The recommendation should be given in writing. In the case of an urgent matter (i.e. an animal with severe injuries who

needs to be humanely euthanized immediately), the written recommendation can come after the fact. No animal should be made to suffer due to time-delaying paperwork.