



Lifesaving Statistics

Intake and Outcomes: January - December 2023

	Canines	Felines	Total Canines & Felines	Other Species	Totals
Intake	3,454	6,181	9,635	135	9,770
Live Outcomes	2,897	5,675	8,572	118	8,690
Euthanasia Outcomes	568	409	977	12	989
Other Outcomes	14	108	122	3	125

Live release rates, save rates, and euthanasia rates provide a narrow view of shelter performance and do not consider other important welfare indicators, such as the length of stay for animals, the provision of veterinary care, behavioral enrichment programs, and efforts to reunite lost animals with their owners. These factors along with the definitions of the Asilomar Accords are crucial in assessing the overall welfare of animals in shelters. Although these rates are often used as a metric in animal shelters, they are all arbitrary and may not fully capture the complexities of lifesaving efforts.

Instead of using a specific number to determine what makes a No Kill Community, Charleston Animal Society uses the Asilomar Accords definitions for “Healthy and Treatable” to guide the outcome decisions for shelter animals.

Canine and Feline Live Release/Save Rates: 2023

Asilomar Live Release Rate	89%
Live Outcomes [8,572] divided by (All Outcomes [9,671] minus unhealthy/untreatable owner requested euthanasia [0])	
Asilomar LITE Live Release Rate	89%
Live Outcomes [8,572] divided by All Outcomes [9,671]	
ASPCA Live Release Rate	89%
Live Outcomes [8,572] divided by Live Intake [9,635]	
Save Rate	89%
(Live Intake [9,635] minus Euthanasia, Died, Lost in Care Outcomes [1,099]) divided by Live Intake [9,635]	