



Lifesaving Statistics

Intake and Outcomes: January - March 2025

	Canines	Felines	Total Canines & Felines	Other Species	Totals
Intake	599	1,164	1,763	11	1,774
Live Outcomes	567	1,105	1,672	17	1,689
Euthanasia Outcomes	64	40	104	2	106
Other Outcomes	0	8	8	0	8

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: April 2024 - March 2025

No Kill South Carolina Lifesaving Rate	92%
1 minus (Euthanasia [738] divide by Live Intakes [9,692])	
Asilomar Live Release Rate	91%
Live Outcomes [8,854] divided by (All Outcomes [9,709] minus unhealthy/untreatable owner requested euthanasia [0])	
ASPCA® Live Release Rate	91%
Live Outcomes [8,854] divided by Live Intake [9,692]	
Save Rate	91%
(Live Intake [9,692] minus Euthanasia, Died, Lost in Care Outcomes [855]) divided by Live Intake [9,692]	

