



Lifesaving Statistics

Intake and Outcomes: January - March 2026

	Canines	Felines	Total Canines & Felines	Other Species	Totals
Intake	1,034	1,571	2,605	35	2,640
Live Outcomes	871	1,587	2,458	32	2,490
Euthanasia Outcomes	157	99	256	4	260
Other Outcomes	7	5	12	0	12

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 2025 - March 2026

No Kill South CarolinaSM Lifesaving Rate	90%
1 minus (Euthanasia [1,370] divide by Live Intakes [13,214])	

Asilomar Live Release Rate	88%
Live Outcomes [11,526] divided by (All Outcomes [13,109] minus unhealthy/untreatable owner requested euthanasia [0])	

ASPCA[®] Live Release Rate	87%
Live Outcomes [11,526] divided by Live Intake [13,214]	

Save Rate	88%
(Live Intake [13,214] minus Euthanasia, Died, Lost in Care Outcomes [1,583]) divided by Live Intake [13,214]	