



SHELTER OPERATIONS POLICY STATEMENT:

NO HEALTHY ADOPTABLE ANIMAL IS EUTHANIZED

AWASCO (Animal Welfare Agency of South Central Ontario) is dedicated to ensuring no healthy adoptable animal is euthanized thereby increasing the live release rates of pet in its care. This initiative can only be achieved by the collective partnership of all departments, organizations and public within the community. It is our mandate to exhaust all efforts before euthanasia is considered. Every animal's life deserves a conversation.

Euthanasia may be considered as a last resort for unhealthy and untreatable animal's i.e,

1. have a behavioural or temperamental characteristic that poses a health or safety risk or otherwise makes the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community or,
2. are suffering from disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the animal's health or is likely to adversely affect the animal's health or quality of life in the future, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community.

Strategies

- Fully Functioning Rescue Partnerships
- Dedicated Volunteer Assistance
- Vibrant Foster Care Program
- Community Pet Owner Retention Program
- Comprehensive Adoption Programs-Market! Market! Market!
- Public Relations/Community Involvement-Media Support
- Medical & Behaviour Prevention & Rehabilitation
- Hard working, compassionate Shelter leadership and staff