

Euthanasia List Scrutiny Protocol for Director

Staff brings Euthanasia Decisions to Director:

1. Did staff follow Euth SOP?
 - If yes, proceed.
 - If no, send back to finish SOP

2. Does it need euthanasia right this minute for emergency reasons?
 - If yes, follow emergency euth protocol for directors (below).
 - If no, then ask why does it need to be on this list today?
 - If space, proceed.
 - If any other reason, ask what we can do to give it another day to find a home.

3. Has it been pled to rescue groups as urgent? When? (could be a place for director to look at quality if pleas)

4. Has it been pled to foster base as urgent? When?

5. Have all surrenderers (including finders) been called, emailed, texted, and facebook stalked to see if they will pick up the animal as soon as they know it is at risk?

6. Is it a small dog or puppy or purebred/unusual looking animal?
 - Y - Find a place for it and market individually
 - N- Proceed

7. If for space, do the following calculation:

How many empty cages are in the building and in what areas? (*E*)

Why can't we move these there?

How many animals are waiting to come in? Where are they? (*W*)

How many animals are chosen for live release by the public (holds list) but are still here? (*C*)

How many animals can be doubled up? (*D*)

Calculation: $\frac{\quad}{W} - \frac{\quad}{E} - \frac{\quad}{C} - \frac{\quad}{D} = \frac{\quad}{\text{\# of cages needed}}$

Levers that could be pulled:

- Pushing surrenderers and finders to keep at home instead of shelter
- 4 days 4 life program
- Offer medical care for animals that need it (local vets, vouchers, in house)
- Kitten push back- send healthies back to nature, offer foster care,
- Signage in lobby- "URGENT: Ask us how you can save the life of the animal you are bringing in today!"
- Y Call

Emergency Euth Protocol for Directors:

- Behavior:
 - Is the dog exhibiting signs in the shelter and in the world?
 - Y- is it unacceptable?
 - Is it a big dog?
 - Have you called anyone who has been interested at all in the dog?
- Medical
 - If not lateral/unresponsive/actively dying, consider treating. Ex of issues that would be euthable: seizing uncontrollably, comatose, temperature less than 93, lateral/unresponsive.
 - If not these, then treat and reassess tomorrow.