



The Story of The Best Practice Playbook for Animal Shelters

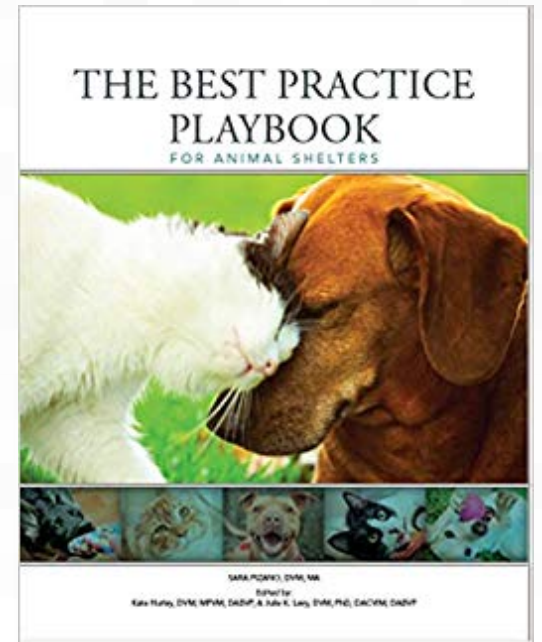
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MILLION CAT CHALLENGE*



My History

CORE RECOMMENDATIONS



TOP TEN: 'YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, WE ARE DIFFERENT'



1. Our commissioners/community don't care about animals.
2. We don't have the money.
3. We don't have the shelter space.
4. We don't have the staff.
5. Our ordinances won't allow it.

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6. Our state law won't allow that.
7. Our attorneys won't agree to that/liability.
8. We have a lot of cats here!
9. We have a lot of pit bulls here!
10. We tried that and it didn't work.

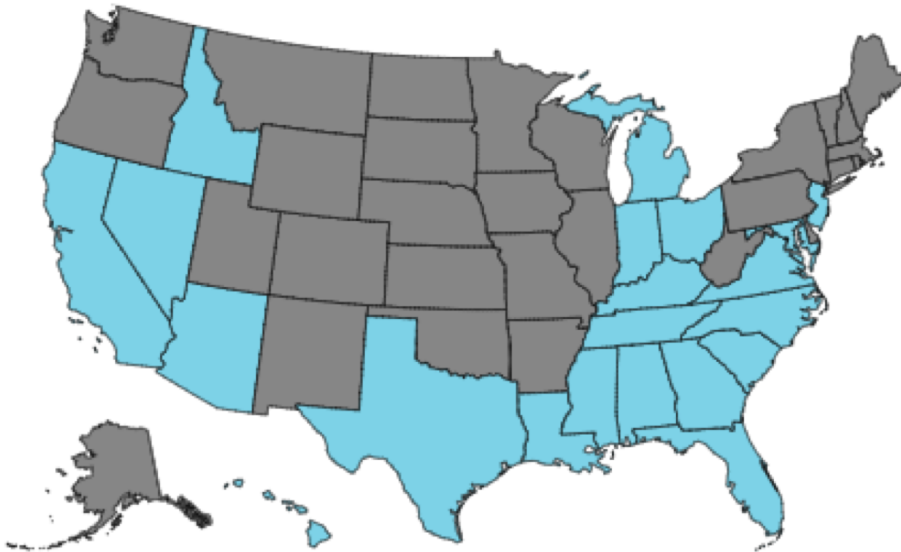
OVER 100 COMMUNITY & SHELTER ASSESSMENTS

21 states since 2013

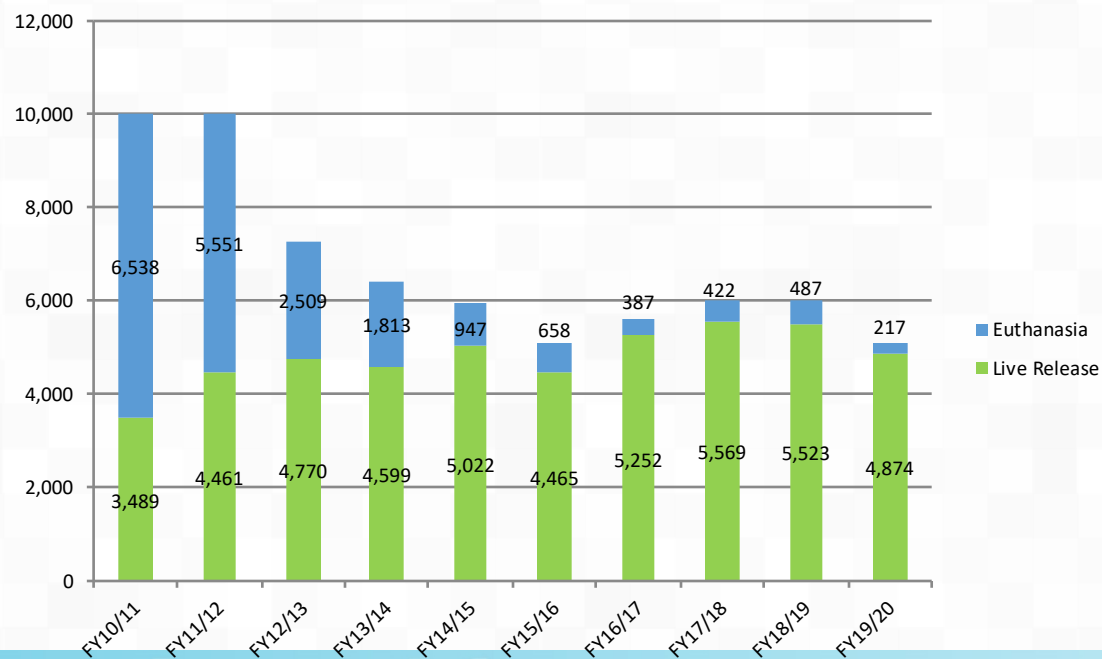
Rural, urban, large, small, high/low
poverty rates

Only difference: latitude and
longitude

**CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS
ARE UNIVERSAL!**



WACO, TEXAS (DOGS AND CATS)

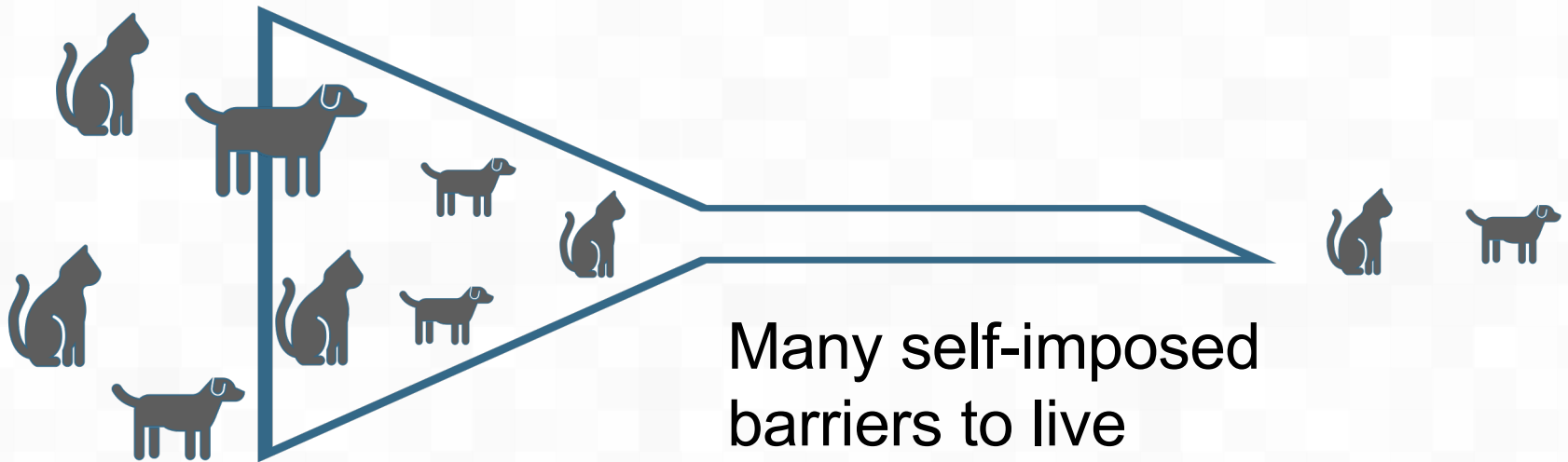




In just 18 of the shelters analyzed, euthanasia decreased by almost 48,000 animals the first year after the assessment compared to the year before.

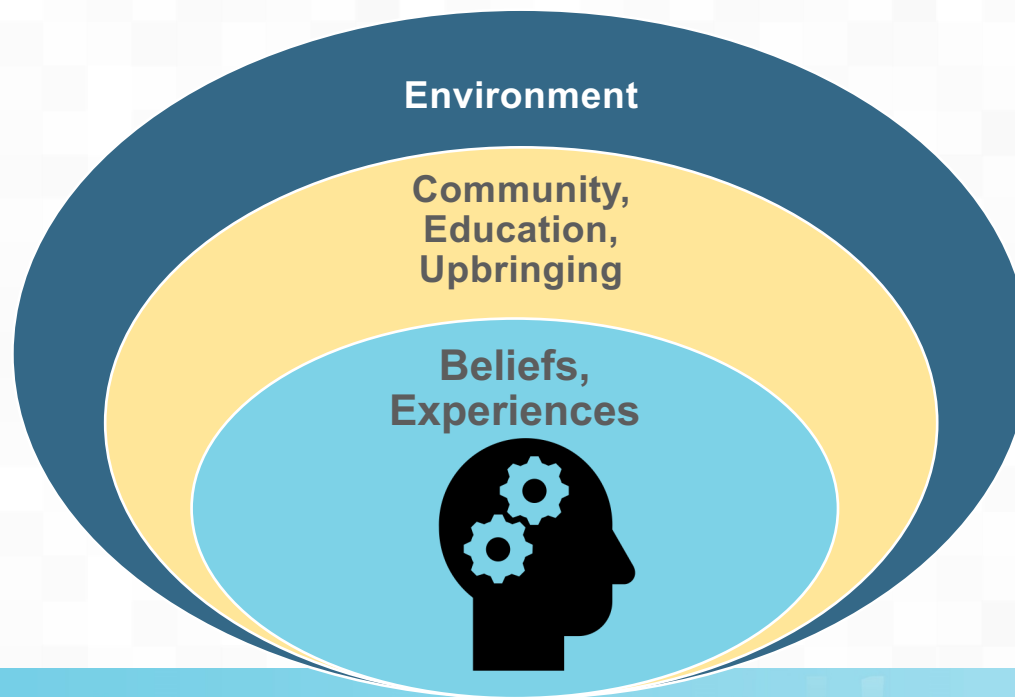
TRADITIONAL (FLAWED) OPEN ADMISSION SYSTEM

Minimal
barriers
to enter



Many self-imposed
barriers to live
outcome

WE ARE A PRODUCT OF OUR OWN MICROCOSM

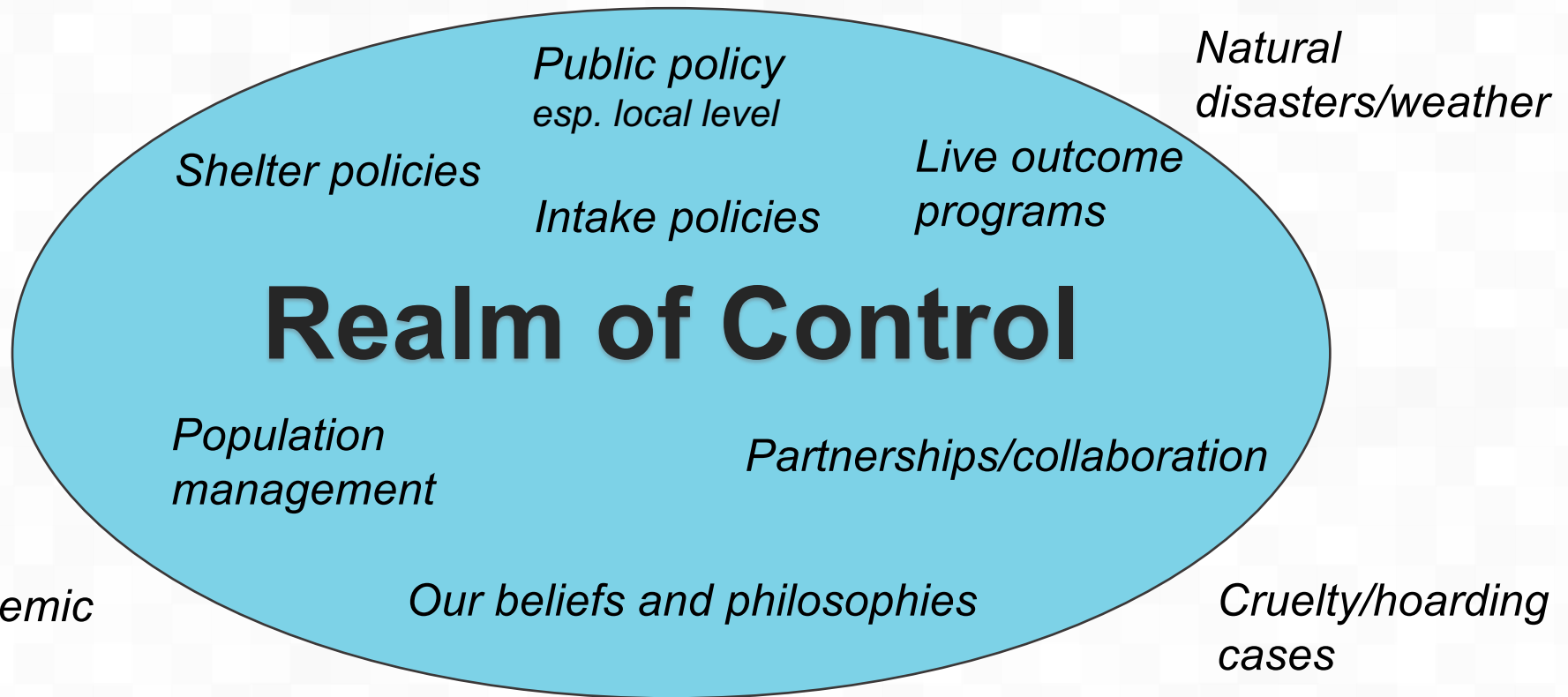


Our human brains
automatically trigger then
amplify the negative, worse
case scenario

Our own fears are a barrier
to lifesaving



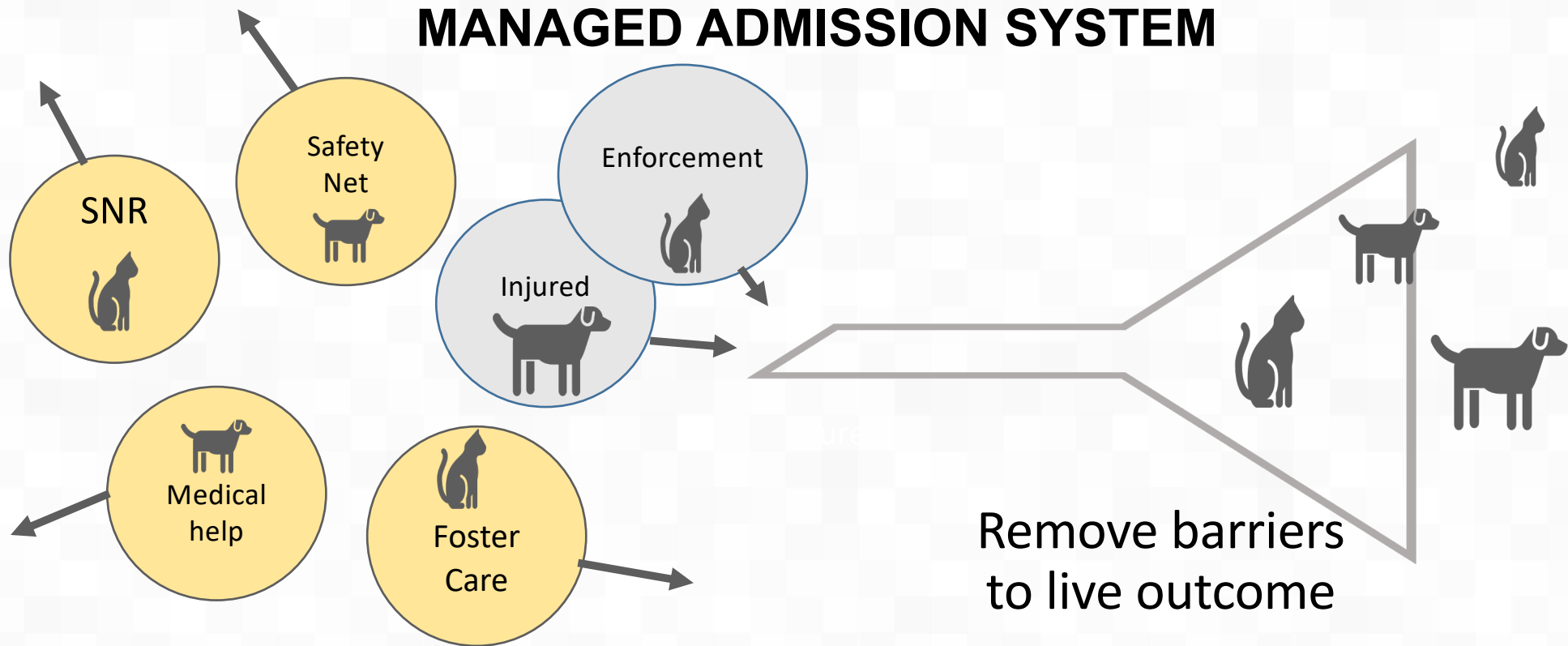
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MANAGED ADMISSION SYSTEM





STRATEGIC USE OF RESOURCES

- ❖ Responsible Public Policy
- ❖ Targeted Spay/Neuter
- ❖ Managed Admission
- ❖ Safety Net
- ❖ Direct home-home

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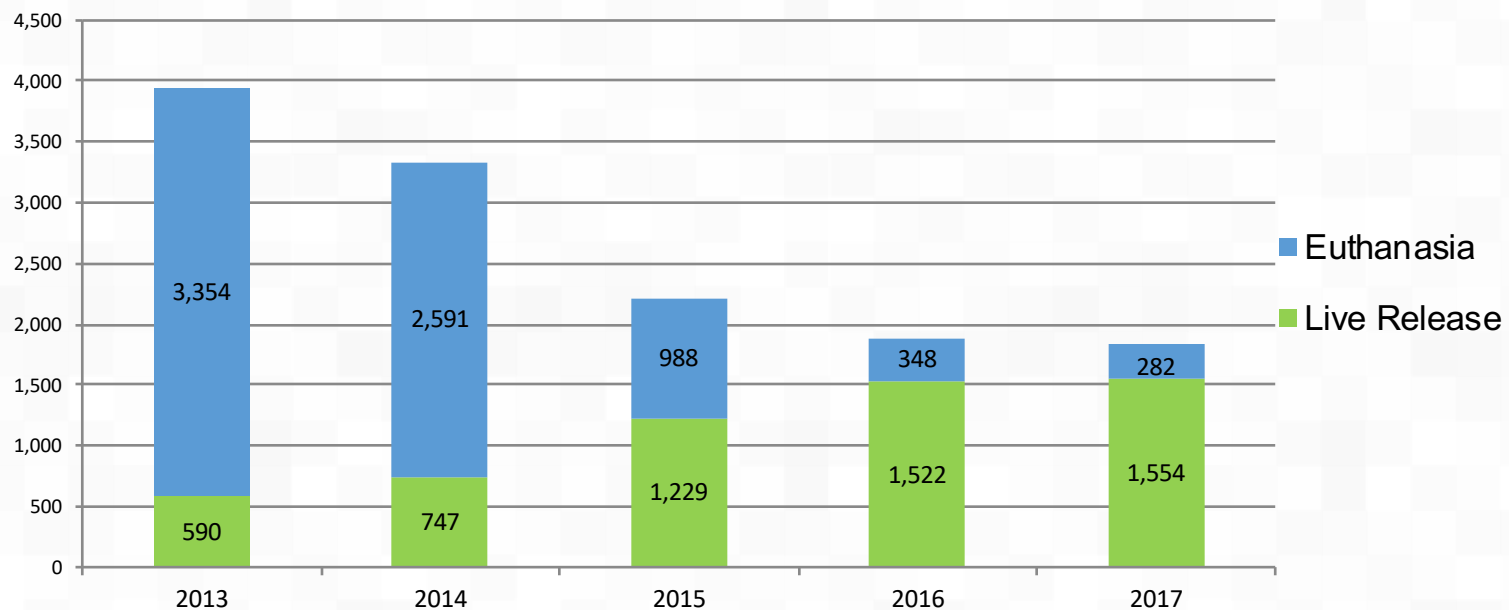
- ❖ ***Community Cat Program***
- ❖ Good Sam Foster Care
- ❖ Open Adoptions
- ❖ Advocacy



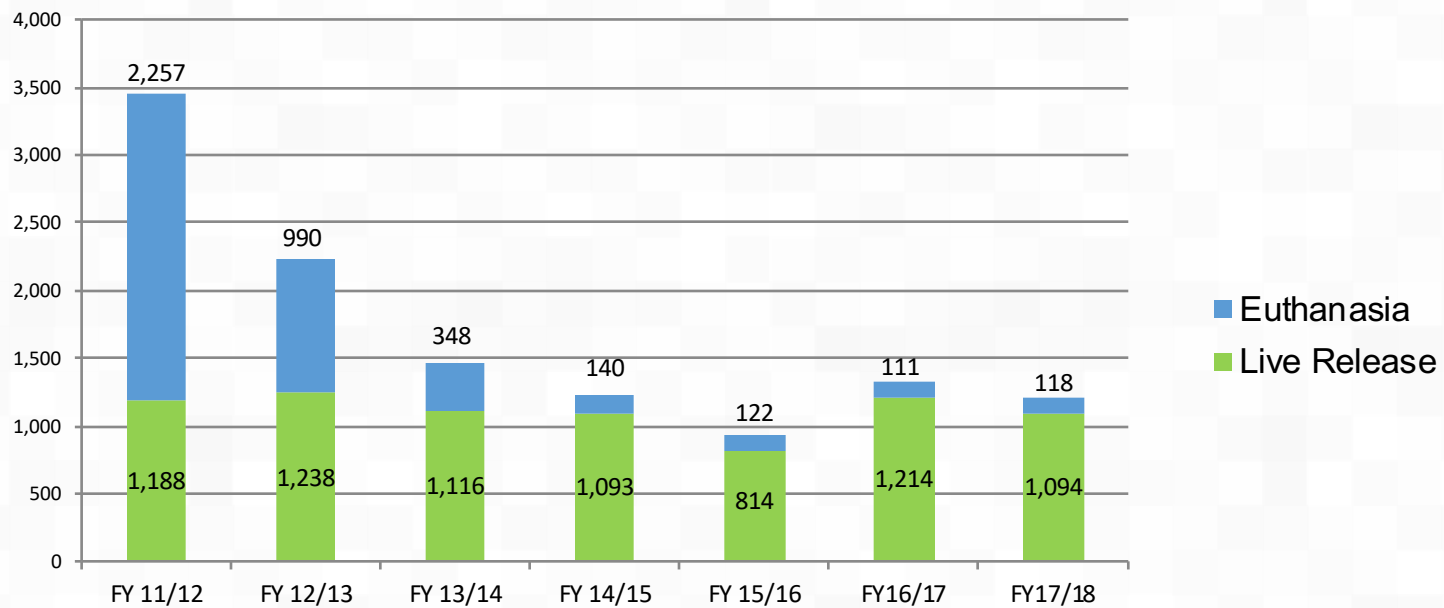


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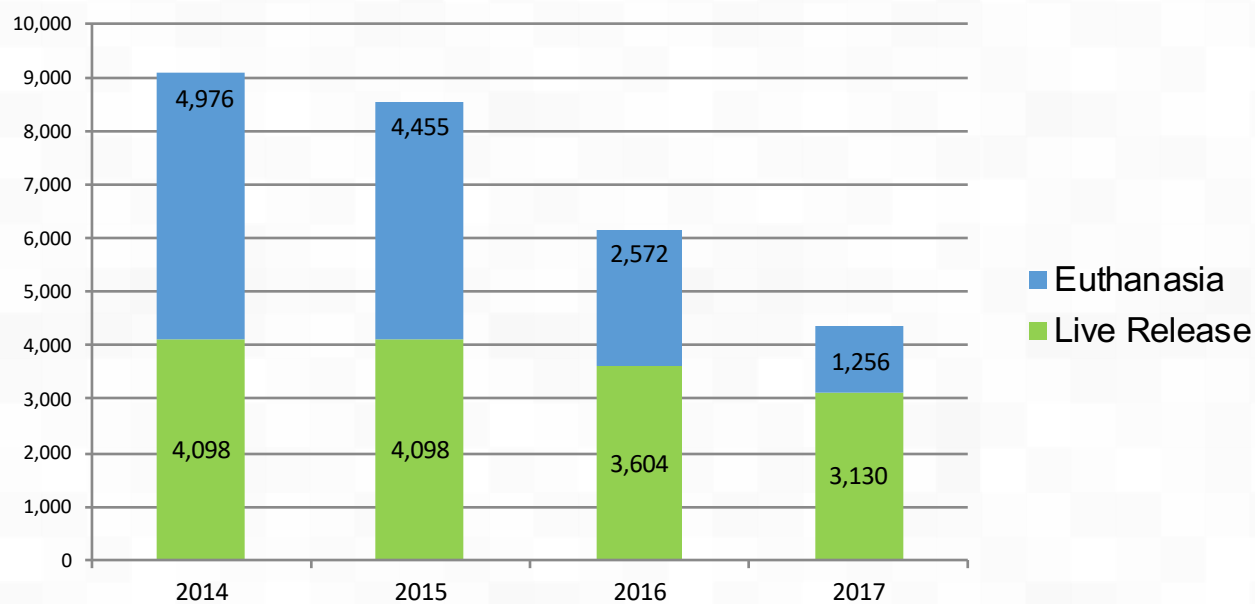
OUTCOME FOR CATS: NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



OUTCOME FOR CATS: WACO, TEXAS



OUTCOME FOR CATS: GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA



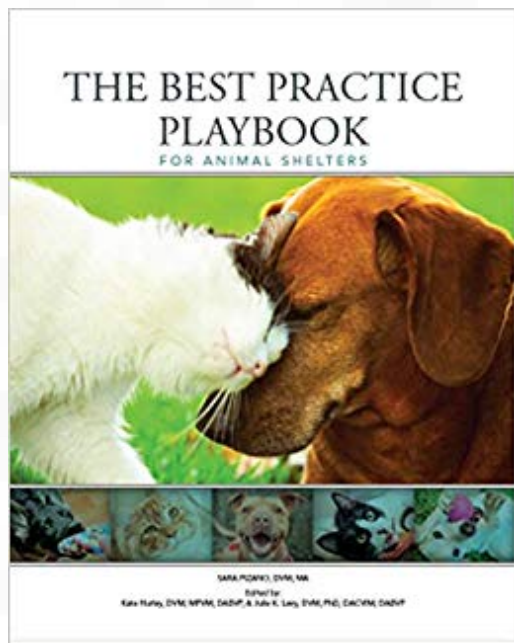


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The playbook is my bible! I have so many sections highlighted, ear tipped pages and notes throughout. It's my go-to reference.

Cindy Avila, Madera Co., CA

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**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!**



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