

CBAS	2007			2008			2009			2010			2011			2012		
	Dog	Cat	All	Dog	Cat	All	Dog	Cat	All	Dog	Cat	All	Dog	Cat	All	Dog	Cat	All
Live outcomes:																		
Adoptions	406	293	699	394	326	720	376	357	733	547	339	886	552	330	882	666	407	1073
Return to owner	972	111	983	513	7	520	492	8	500	476	4	480	438	8	446	318	5	323
Return to habitat	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers-partners	183	106	189	301	66	367	273	202	475	207	234	441	163	469	632	139	733	872
Transfers-non-Erie Co	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers-non-partners	158	0	158	1	0	1	17	0	17	17	0	17	18	0	18	36	0	36
Total live outcomes	1725	510	2035	1209	399	1608	1158	567	1725	1247	577	1824	1171	807	1978	1159	1145	2304
Deaths:																		
Euthanasia	1352	447	1799	710	424	1134	806	455	1261	834	330	1164	821	233	1054	554	124	678
Died/lost-in-care	25	307	62	13	33	46	48	57	105	23	42	65	13	10	23	6	8	14
Total died/lost	1377	754	1861	723	457	1180	854	512	1366	857	372	1229	834	243	1077	560	132	692
All outcomes	3102	1264	3896	1932	856	2788	2012	1079	3091	2104	949	3053	2005	1050	3055	1719	1277	2996
Raw Live Save %	55.6%	40.3%	52.2%	62.6%	46.6%	57.7%	57.6%	52.5%	55.8%	59.3%	60.8%	59.7%	58.4%	76.9%	64.7%	67.4%	89.7%	76.9%

Methodological notes: All statistics are taken obtained from annual reports submitted by the shelters themselves to the Maddie’s Foundation as required under the grant for the Maddie’s Erie County Project. Those reports (in pdf format) are archived and can be downloaded individually at: <http://www.NoKillBuffaloNiagara.org/statistics.html>. The 2007 numbers are taken from the latest annual report (2012), which also reports the 2007 base year statistics.

There are a number of methods for computing the Raw Live Save %. In this case, all case outcomes (live and dead) were tallied; then the number of live outcomes was divided by the tally of all outcomes combined and the resulting proportion multiplied by 100 to yield a percentage. Ideally, the total case outcomes would be computed as: Starting shelter count plus total intakes minus ending shelter count. However, some case outcomes were “lost” and are unaccounted for. In fairness, rather than assuming those “lost” cases are all deaths or all live releases, they are simply excluded from the computation, instead treated as errors in record-keeping.

Some shelters report an inflated live release rate, called the “Asilomar LRR%.” However, No Kill supporters object to this because it excludes two large classes of deaths from the equation: died/lost-in-care and owner-requested euthanasia. No Kill supporters suggest that such exclusions encourage shelters to allow animals to die in their cages rather than receive medical attention so they won’t count toward their “death” numbers. Also, owners may be “counseled” to elect euthanasia, even though the animal is never seen by a vet to verify that the condition is terminal, unmanageable, with grave prognosis, and poor quality of life.

Other times, shelters will ignore total outcomes and only focus on self-defined “adoptable” or “treatable” animals. Since there is no national standard for classifying animals into the various Asilomar categories, and since, nationally, successful No Kill shelters are saving upwards of 92-98% of all animals, the 90% benchmark level for No Kill status provides sufficient room for euthanizing for health and public safety.