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## Euthanasia Philosophy

The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center is an open admission municipal Animal Center, meaning we accept and care for any animal residing in the City regardless of the animal's health, behavior or adoptability. Although our Center has a high live animal placement rate (84% in 2012) and our goal is to save more lives, we are **not** a No Kill Animal Center.

Our mission of "building a community in which every adoptable pet finds a home" is just as important to us today as it was when it was adopted by City Council in 2006. The decision to euthanize a pet is not taken lightly and is based upon many factors including the animal's known history, observed behavior, medical issues, the prospect for a good quality of life, and shelter capacity. We take a team approach to develop plans for each individual animal to help them get adopted including working with many 501c3 non-profit rescue groups. The staff and volunteers consider euthanasia as an outcome of last resort when all other options are exhausted.