



Position Statement: "No Kill"

"No Kill" shelters are defined as shelters that do not euthanize animals for space, amount of time they take to get adopted, or for any treatable illness or rehabilitatable behavior issue. Often, this is marked by a 90% or higher live release rate.

One Tail at a Time does not euthanize animals for space. We utilize humane euthanasia only for animals that are medically suffering with no reasonable intervention or animals that are a danger to themselves or others. While One Tail at a Time employs the best practices of "no kill" shelters, we do not believe that a singular shelter can be no kill, and instead that is a label best used for communities who work together to ensure all animals are collectively safe and cared for.

One Tail believes that shelters who have the ability to turn away pets owe shelters who do not have that same choice a duty to support them by helping the most vulnerable pets. One Tail believes shelters who euthanize animals for space should not be painted as villains, but instead be the place where we extend all the help and support we can.

We believe no kill communities are possible, but only when shelters, rescues, and community members come together to support pets and their people. We work towards a no kill community through our mutual aid programs, shelter diversion, and foster/adoption program for our shelters' most vulnerable populations (large dogs, sick and injured pets, seniors, and more).