

# Progress on Implementation of American Humane Association Recommendations

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### **Approach to Implementation**

- Oversight Team is comprised of staff, representatives of longterm partner organizations, volunteers and community stakeholders.
- Oversight Team is advisory and provides thoughtful consideration and analysis to PHD and Animal Services
- Approved budget in 2015-2016 provided 4 new positions
  - Registered Veterinary Technician
  - Director of Shelter Medicine
  - Behavior and Enrichment Coordinator
  - Operations Manager
- New positions have resulted in forward progress
- Governance to be discussed in Spring of 2017

## Status of AHA Recommendations

- 167 Completed 36%
- 131 Partially Complete 28%
- 33 Need to Secure Resources 7%
- 36 Will Not Implement 8%
- 96 To Be Done 21%



### **Examples of Progress**

- Improved medical care for shelter animals
- Expansion of programs for enrichment for shelter animals
- Operational policy revisions moving forward
- New Approach to Adoption Process
- Strategies to save more "community cats"
- Increased Live Release Rate

#### **SUB -COMMITTEES**

In Depth Research, Proposals for New Strategies, Revisions to Policies and Procedures

- Owner Surrender
- Adoptions
- Community Cats
- Volunteers



## Live Release Rate

• What is the LRR?

2015-2016 92%
2014-2015 88%
2013-2014 87%
2012-2013 82%
2011-2012 77%

#### **NEW APPROACHES**

- Increased awareness and marketing
- Focus on decreasing average length of stay
- Daily rounds identify harder to place pets and begin networking efforts earlier
- Weekly "Urgent Needs" email implemented
- Volunteers are more motivated to place pets faster, culture change has begun!



## Continued Commitment to Partnerships

- MOU Discussions Moving Forward With
  - ASAP
  - BUNS
  - CAPA
  - SBCACF
- Strengthening Adoption Partner Program
- Revising Volunteer Program



# Challenges

- No Funding for Facilities Improvements
- New tasks, improvements and recommendations are expected to be performed by staff who perform other tasks
- Implementing AHA recommendations on top of day to day routine tasks, places strain on staff and limits timely implementation



### **Moving Forward**

- Continue work to complete implementation of AHA Recommendations
- Formalize updated Policies and Procedures
- Expand Training Program for Staff and Volunteers
- Review Community Survey on future organization and service provision
- Governance to be discussed in Spring of 2017
- Commitment to continual improvement process, strong partnerships and positive outcomes for people and animals





