



Michigan Humane Society 2011 Report on Animal Intakes and Outcomes

In the 1990s, the Michigan Humane Society pushed the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill requiring animal sheltering facilities to report their animal activities, including intake, adoption and euthanasia statistics, to the state. Today, this provides critical insight into what is going on in shelters, providing much-needed transparency, and identifying problem areas in the state. The goal, as always, is to save more animal lives.

These statistics provide us with a vital tool in creating healthy pet communities across the entire state. Because of these stats, we can see which areas are improving in the number of animals euthanized, and which organizations are still seeing far too many unadoptable animals come through their doors. Though these statistics are reported by organization and not community, they still are able to assist animal welfare agencies in determining how best to utilize their limited resources.

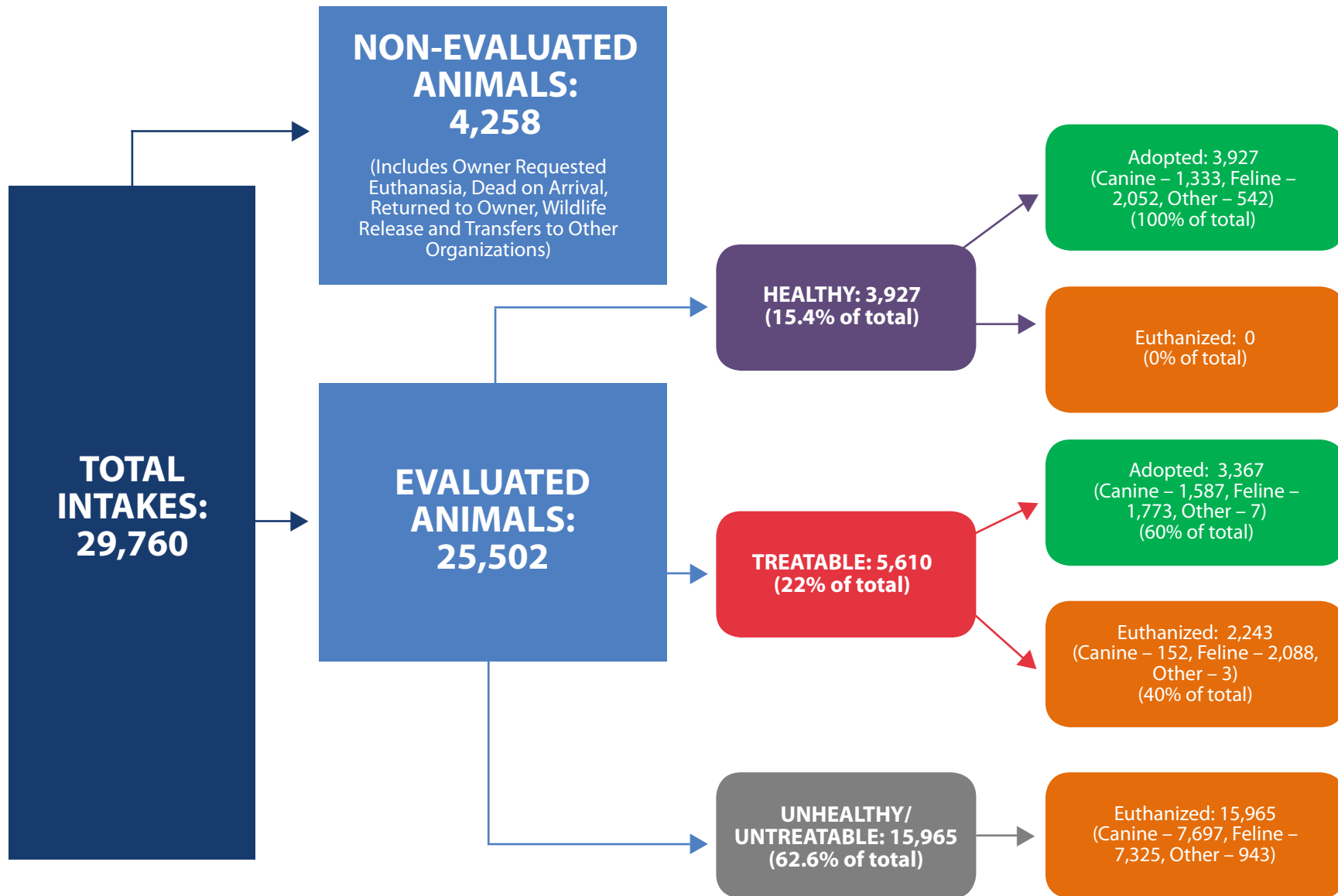
The animals that come into shelters and rescues across the state are a reflection of the animal issues within their communities. At the Michigan Humane Society, we still receive far too many animals who are too aggressive and dangerous to others, or who have endured shocking cruelty or neglect and are suffering without hope, or who may be in the last stages of a disease they picked up while foraging for food on the streets. These are but a few of many examples.

These are also community issues that require community solutions, for if one shelter or rescue cannot — or will not — care for an animal, the animal will likely be taken to an open-admission shelter, which is a shelter that does not turn away any animal regardless of condition, where it is from, or any other factor. As an open-admission organization and the largest animal welfare agency in both the city of Detroit and in Michigan, MHS is committed to leading this community-wide effort to find homes for every healthy and treatable animal, and to significantly lower the number of unhealthy and untreatable animals coming through the doors of animal controls, humane societies, and rescue groups.

Presented on the following page are MHS' Animal Statistics for the calendar year 2011. While the statistics reported to the state include intakes, animals adopted and animals euthanized, we are going one step further to provide information about the number of animals classified under the Asilomar Accords definitions:

- **Healthy** animals are those who present no health problems or temperament issues. MHS reached 100% adoption of these animals in 2010 and is committed to maintaining it.
- **Treatable** animals are those with a medical or temperament issue that can be managed or rehabilitated. These animals are MHS' current focus, and their adoption rate has doubled in the last year. MHS has a goal to place 100% of these animals in the near future. In 2011, our placement rate of healthy and treatable animals was over 79%.
- **Unhealthy/Untreatable** animals are those with a medical or temperament issue that cannot be managed or rehabilitated. While these sadly still make up the majority of animals coming to MHS, this number declined 3% last year. For more information and detailed definitions of these terms, please visit MHS' Animal Evaluation Guide.

Summary of Animal Intakes and Outcomes for Calendar Year 2011 — All MHS Facilities Combined



MHS PLACEMENT RATE: 79.4%

The term "Placement Rate", which is the same as the "No Kill" Save Rate, includes all Healthy and Treatable animals which are either adopted, returned to owner, transferred to another organization, or released as wildlife. It does not include animals evaluated as "Unhealthy/Untreatable".