

The Dane County Maddie's® Project Pet Evaluation Matrix

*This matrix was developed on January 16, 2009. These lists are not exhaustive, but instead represent some of the more commonly seen conditions in animal shelters and rescues. The recommendations are listed under each category below. **Please note that these classifications do not dictate outcomes for the animals.***

Healthy

The term “Healthy” means and includes all dogs and cats 8 weeks of age or older that, at or subsequent to, the time the animal is taken into possession, have manifested no sign of a behavioral or temperamental characteristic that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and have manifested no sign of disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal’s health in the future.

Recommended conditions included in **Healthy**:

- Disability, not impairing mobility or quality of life
- Geriatric with absence of medical or behavioral conditions
- Pregnancy

Treatable-Rehabilitatable

All dogs and cats who are not “Healthy” but who are likely to become “Healthy” if given medical, foster, behavioral or other care equivalent to the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet guardians in the community.

Recommended conditions included in **Treatable-Rehabilitatable**:

- Anal sac infection/abscess, responsive to treatment
- Bladder stones
- Coccidiosis
- Conjunctivitis
- Constipation
- Corneal Ulceration
- Demodectic mange, puppy or focal
- Dermatophytosis
- Diarrhea, acute, responsive to treatment
- Ear mite infection
- Ehrlichiosis and other vector borne-infection
- Emaciation due to malnutrition
- Feline Upper respiratory tract infection (Calicivirus, herpesvirus, chlamydial), responsive to treatment.
- Fleas
- Gingivitis

- Heartworm infection
- Intestinal parasitism
- Panleukopenia virus infection, responsive to treatment
- Parvovirus infection, responsive to treatment
- Pneumonia
- Repairable injury or fracture
- Sarcoptic mange
- Surgical condition, responsive to treatment
- Tracheobronchitis, infectious (kennel cough)
- Urinary tract infection
- Vomiting, acute
- Cancer, surgically curable

Treatable-Manageable

All dogs and cats who are not “Healthy” and who are not likely to become "Healthy" regardless of care provided, but who would likely maintain a satisfactory quality of life if given medical, foster, behavioral or other care, including long-term care, equivalent to the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet guardians in the community; provided, however, that the term “Manageable” does not include any dog or cat who is determined to pose a significant risk to human health or safety or to the health or safety of other animals.

Recommended conditions included in **Treatable-Manageable (Medical):**

- Allergies, responsive to treatment
- Asthma
- Autoimmune disease, responsive to treatment
- Blindness
- Cardiomyopathy, responsive to treatment
- Cerebellar hypoplasia, mild to moderate (secondary to panleukopenia infection)
- Chronic medical condition, responsive to treatment
- Chronic pain, responsive to treatment
- Chronic renal insufficiency, compensated or managed with SQ fluids
- Congestive heart failure, managed by treatment
- Deafness
- Demodectic mange, diffuse due to immunosuppression
- Diabetes mellitus, controlled
- Diarrhea, chronic, responsive to treatment
- Eosinophilic granuloma complex
- FeLV, without clinical signs
- FeLV, with clinical signs, responsive to supportive care
- FIV, without clinical signs
- FIV, with clinical signs, responsive to supportive care
- FLUTD, responsive to treatment
- Heart murmur, responsive to treatment

- Hyperadrenocorticism
- Hyperthyroidism
- Hypoadrenocorticism
- Hypothyroidism
- Inflammatory bowel disease, controlled with treatment
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Keratitis
- Osteoarthritis, non-debilitating
- Osteoarthritis, debilitating, responsive to treatment
- Periodontal disease, mild to moderate, responsive to treatment
- Seizure disorder, infrequent
- Seizure disorder, frequent, controlled with medication
- Spinal cord injury, must be able to urinate and defecate on own, must be able to ambulate with minimal assistance
- Stomatitis, responsive to treatment
- Vomiting, chronic, low frequency (once a week)

Recommended conditions included in **Treatable-Manageable (Behavioral)**:

- Cat to cat aggression, mild to moderate
- Dog to dog aggression, mild to moderate
- Dog to cat aggression, mild to moderate
- Dominance aggression, mild to moderate
- Elimination disorder, managed by treatment or environment (dogs)
- Fear/Pain aggression, mild to moderate
- Inappropriate defecation (cats)
- Obsessive compulsive disorder, mild to moderate
- Phobia, mild to moderate
- Psychogenic alopecia (over grooming)
- Separation anxiety, mild and moderate
- Shyness, mild to moderate with no aggression
- Territorial/protective/Resource guarding aggression, mild to moderate

Unhealthy & Untreatable

All dogs and cats who have a behavioral characteristics that poses a health or safety risk or otherwise makes the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and are not likely to become healthy or treatable even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet guardians in the community or are suffering from a disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the animal's health or is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future, and are not likely to become healthy or treatable even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet guardians in the community.

Note: The Unhealthy & Untreatable classification does not automatically equate to euthanasia.

Recommended conditions included in **Unhealthy & Untreatable (Medical):**

- Cancer, not surgically treatable
- Cardiomyopathy, unresponsive to treatment
- Chronic medical condition, unresponsive to treatment
- Chronic renal failure
- Diarrhea, acute or chronic, non-responsive to treatment
- Distemper virus infection
- Feline Upper respiratory tract infection (Calicivirus, herpesvirus, chlamydial), chronic, non-responsive to treatment.
- FeLV, with clinical signs, unresponsive to treatment
- FIP, clinically affected
- FIV, with clinical signs, unresponsive to treatment
- FLUTD, unresponsive to treatment
- Hepatic Lipidosis
- Inflammatory bowel disease, uncontrolled with treatment
- Osteoarthritis, debilitating, uncontrolled with treatment
- Panleukopenia virus infection, non-responsive to treatment
- Parvovirus infection, non-responsive to treatment
- Seizure disorder, frequent, uncontrolled with medication
- Spinal cord injury, unable to urinate/defecate on own, unable to ambulate with minimal assistance
- Zoonotic disease, moderately to highly contagious and untreatable

Recommended conditions included in **Unhealthy & Untreatable (Behavioral):**

- Any aggression that poses a safety risk to humans or other animals
- Dog to dog aggression, severe
- Elimination disorder, unmanaged by treatment or environment
- Feral
- Inappropriate urination (cats)
- Obsessive compulsive disorder, severe
- Phobia, severe
- Separation anxiety, severe

*An animal that has multiple conditions that fall in the treatable categories may be classified as unhealthy & untreatable. This determination will be based on the combination of conditions and will be decided by a veterinarian.