



## Assessment Criteria Based on the Asilomar Accords

Set forth below is the criteria to be used for both the behavioral and the medical assessment of dogs and cats at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA.

**NOTE: All of the classifications are strictly for statistical gathering purposes only. Animals classified in the Unhealthy/Untreatable category does not and should not automatically equate to euthanasia.**

**Healthy** – The term “healthy” means and includes all dogs and cats eight 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.

**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 owners/guardians in the community.

### Medical

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Demodectic mange	Kennel cough
Malnourishment	Fatty tumors
Nursing unweaned infants	Cystitis
Ear infection, non-surgical	Mild pneumonia
Intestinal parasite(s)	Sarcoptic mange
Ear mites	Minor/closed wound broken bone(s)
Coccidiosis	Heartworm +
Upper respiratory infection	

**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 owners/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.

### Medical

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Low grade heart murmurs	Chronic ear infection (non-surgical)
Non-severe allergies	Bladder stones
Controlled seizures	Mild dysplasia
Controlled diabetes	Non-severe arthritis

### Behavior

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Mild to moderate shy dogs/cats with no concern regarding aggression  
Dogs/cats with minor and moderate handling problems  
Dogs with mild/moderate separation anxiety  
Resource guarders that do not pose a significant risk to the safety of humans or other animals

**Unhealthy/Untreatable-** All dogs and cats who have a behavioral characteristic 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 owners/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 owners/guardians in the community.

**NOTE: Animals classified in the Unhealthy/Untreatable category does not automatically equate to euthanasia. This classification is strictly for statistical gathering purposes only. For example: Unweaned puppies or kittens may be classified as unhealthy/untreatable but can be treated if resources are available.**

## **Medical**

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Pneumonia	Chronic health conditions that have deteriorated, adversely affecting quality of life
Kidney failure	Hip dysplasia with osteoarthritis
Liver failure	Cancer
Chronic demodex mange	Any infectious disease not responding to treatment
not responding to treatment	Life threatening wound/injury
Serious allergies	FIV +/-exposed
Non-responsive surgical complications	FIP suspect
Rabies exposure	FeLV +/-exposed
Serious degenerative condition	Ringworm
Cushings disease	Panleukopenia
Spinal cord Injury	Uncontrolled diabetes
Parvo +	Uncontrolled seizures
Open wound/compound/severe broken bones	Multiple behavioral/medical issues
Unweaned infants without nursing mother	
Distemper	
High Grade heart murmurs	
Congestive heart failure	

## **Behavior**

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Serious anxiety  
Serious dog aggressive behavior  
Serious cat aggressive behavior (or other predation)  
Serious stranger/barrier issues  
Very shy or feral dogs/cats  
History of serious injury to people or other animals  
High likelihood of causing serious injury to a person