

Maddie's[®] Pet Rescue Project in Mobile Pet Evaluation Matrix

- The matrix establishes a community standard of care and shows how Maddie's Fund[®] definitions are being applied to assess every animal brought into the care of Mobile project partners and Animal Control shelters.
- By standardizing the classification of these animals throughout the shelter and humane communities it will provide the public with a greater sense of confidence in animal care, shelter operations and the treatment of shelter pets.
- The development of the matrix included input from an Advisory Panel which consisted of animal shelter care staff, members from local humane groups (Animal Rescue Foundation, Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter, the Mobile SPCA, City of Mobile Animal Shelter and the Mobile County Animal Shelter) and veterinary staff. Our community was solicited for participation in a Pet Care Survey. The information gathered from this survey was used to evaluate the perceptions of pet care and ownership in Mobile County and was used to develop the Pet Evaluation Matrix.
- These classifications do not dictate the outcomes for the animals. Furthermore, Unhealthy & Untreatable classifications do not automatically mean the animal will be euthanized.

Medical Classifications

HEALTHY	TREATABLE— REHABILITATABLE	TREATABLE— MANAGEABLE	UNHEALTHY & UNTREATABLE
Free of any health conditions	Broken Jaw	Allergy- mild to moderate	Allergy- severe
Requires little/no financial investment and/or time investment to become healthy/adopted	Broken Limb	Amputee- 1 limb	Amputee- 2 or more limbs
Over 8 weeks of age; weaned	Burns, 1st degree	Arthritis	Burns, 3rd degree
	Coccidiosis	Blind	Congestive Heart Failure - severe
	Conjunctivitis	Blind & Deaf	Dehydrated, WITH organ failure
		Burns, 2nd degree	Dermatitis- severe
	Dehydrated, WITHOUT organ failure	Congestive Heart Failure – mild to Moderate	Distemper
	Dermatitis- mild	Deaf/Hearing Impaired	Dysplasia- severe
	Diarrhea	Dermatitis- moderate	FeLV
	Ear mites	Diabetes	FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis)
	Flea/Tick infestation	Dysplasia- mild to moderate	FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus)
	Heartworm- mild	Flea/Tick allergies	Geriatric with health problems - severe
	Hernia	Head Trauma- mild to moderate	Head Trauma- severe
	Insect Sting (Bee, Wasp, ETC.)	Heartworm- moderate	Heartworm- severe
	Intestinal parasites	Irritable Bowel	Incontinence - severe
	Kennel Cough	Mange- Demodectic	Internal Bleeding - severe

	Malnourished- mild to moderate	Malnourished- severe	Neonates – new born to 2 weeks, orphaned, failure to thrive
	Mange- Sarcoptic	Murmur	Organ Failure
	Overweight- moderate	Overweight- severe/obese	Paralysis, severe
	Parvo	Poisoning- moderate	Parvo- if moribund
	Pelvis, broken	Seizures- mild to moderate	Pelvis, crushed
	Pelvis, bruised	Senior without health problems	Poisoning- severe
	Poisoning- mild		Prolapsed rectum
	Pregnant		Prolapsed uterus
	Ringworm		Rabies
	Snake bite		Seizures- severe
	Tumor- benign		Tumor- malignant
	2 to 8 weeks of age – eating		
	Wounds – mild to moderate		

Behavior Classifications

HEALTHY	TREATABLE— REHABILITABLE	TREATABLE— MANAGEABLE	UNHEALTHY & UNTREATABLE
Free of behavior conditions	Aggression – dog to cat, mild	Aggression to people – mild to moderate	Aggression to people- severe
Requires little or no financial investment and/or time investment to become healthy/adopted	Fear/Pain aggression – mild to moderate	Aggression – dog to dog, mild to moderate	Aggression – dog to dog, severe
Compliant	Fearful/Shyness - mild	Aggression - dog to cat, moderate	Aggression – dog to cat, severe
	Separation Anxiety - mild	Compulsive Behaviors	Elimination disorder - severe
	Submissive Urination - mild	House Soiling/Housetraining Issues	Fear/Pain aggression - severe
	Unsocialized- mild	Pica/Dietary Indiscretion	Feral
	Urine Marking – mild to moderate	Separation Anxiety – moderate to severe	Fighting Dog – trained to fight, scarred
		Shyness – moderate, no aggression	Unsocialized- severe
		Submissive Urination - moderate	
		Unsocialized - moderate	