What we talked about yesterday

1. How to get to a 90% raw live release rate for any shelter or rescue
2. Save more lives without increasing length of stay or being overcrowded
3. Make standardized decisions around life and death for dogs at risk for behavior
4. How to give most every dog a fair chance at a live outcome
5. The crucial role of volunteers and fosters
Lifesaving Protocol for At Risk Dogs,
Part 2 - to be viewed with the webcast

What the critics say
1. Shelters are ‘warehousing’ dogs
2. ‘Marginal’ dogs should not be considered for placement
3. Adopters are unprepared to take home challenging dogs
4. Shelters aren’t transparent about dogs’ histories
5. Shelters and rescues don’t follow up or track data about the dogs over time
6. Community safety is at odds with lifesaving

We agree on a lot of things!
We need to:
- Move faster
- Recognize some dogs aren’t safe to place
- Build better support networks
- Tell adopters everything we know
- Follow up on foster and adoption placements
- Track data on bites and long term outcomes

There are two pathways forward
Option #1
Euthanize more dogs

Option #2
Help shelters do their jobs better
What the future looks like

Part 1: Case Studies

Decisions

*No bad eggs*
More information
No blanket restrictions
Increasingly complex
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**Trigger**
- Owner was arrested
- Officers needed catch pole
- Barrier reactive in shelter
- Goofy lapdog with the zoomies
- Lazy office dog

**Kallie**
- Leash reactive - Redirecting
- Stated to be animal aggressive due to fight at a dog park
- Loves playing fetch
- Introduced successfully to dogs of all sizes in shelter and in foster

**Stormy**
- Behavioral decline
- Injuring self in kennel
- Bit a volunteer in the shelter
- Loves spooning with his foster mom
- Favorite playmate: the foster family’s cat
Optimo
- Barrier reactive
- Snapping at public
- Playgroup rockstar
- Enjoys hiking and meeting new dogs
- Volunteer favorite

Kuyo
- Leash reactive
- Long stay - Disconnected from people
- Playgroup rockstar
- Loves car rides and enjoying restaurant patios

Kenai
- Killed a cat and a puppy
- Reactive on leash - unresponsive to handler direction
- Lived with another large dog
- Reported to be great with kids in the home
What's the takeaway?

As shelters build counseling based intake procedures and spend more time getting information, more dogs will have some negative information in their records. We need better protocols for these dogs.

Part II. Managing challenging dogs
In Shelter
- Notes
- Rounds
- Handling tools
- Standing orders
- Focus groups and Champions

Length of Stay
- Track and report
- Empower volunteers
- Provide tools/training
- Increasingly individualized
- Marketing & Events
- Be creative

Urgent Whiteboard
- Identify BEFORE deadline
- What is observed
- How can you help
- Who will do it
- Additional information
Deadline Alerts

Email to rescue partners
Marketing
Automated

Email to volunteers who opt-in
All rescue
Transparency

Networking through volunteers
Pledges for training/medical
Foster offers
Rescue pleas
Transportation support

Euthanasia Notification

Immediate euthanasia - no notification
72 hour notice to volunteers - opportunity to be present

Continuous Improvement and Communication

Request feedback and listen
Empower volunteers to create solutions
Answer questions quickly
Be honest about your limitations and concerns
You NEED people fighting to save lives! Help them to make an impact
Resources:

- PACC documents
- Behavior standing orders
- Long Stay Task Force
- Rounds
- Live Release Checklist
- Whiteboard information
- Lifesaving protocol blog
- Five ways to move dogs faster

Part 3: Q and A