

# ANIMAL SHELTERS

Rethink how you think

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

You can always start thinking about adopting or maybe start fostering some animals. Another option is to get a group of people together and start a donation drive, or volunteer at an animal shelter to give the animal some love. Show them you care, last but not least you could speak up. Tell people about what happens so they can do something about it, too.

"Saving just one animal won't change the world, but it surely will change the world for that one animal."

-A.B.M.A.C.

Don't be the one who destroys a life be the one who saves the life. Always believe you could do anything because anything can get you everywhere!

-Jasmine



Imagine an owner dropping off her Golden Retriever puppy at the animal shelter. She claims she can't take care of the puppy, so she wanted them to take care of the puppy for her. She also says that the Golden Retriever is really friendly and will get adopted in no time. Little did she know, that once you drop off your pet it has 72 hours to get adopted before they will **euthanize** the animal.

72 hours has passed, and the puppy still hasn't gotten adopted, but when the owner came back because her friend wanted the puppy, he wasn't there. She was devastated when she heard what happened to the puppy. Isn't that sad?

You might think Animal Shelters are fun and helpful because they keep the animals until they get adopted. But have you really taken the time to think about what actually goes on in shelters? Then you will really realize that they are not what you think they are.



## What are some fun facts about the Animal Shelter and our furry friends?

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- An adult dog has 42 teeth
- It was discovered that dogs can see in color, just not as vivid as we see
- There are cats who have survived falls from over 32 stories onto concrete
- Dogs don't sweat on their heads like people do, they sweat through the pads on their feet
- The Basenji is the only bark less dog in the world
- Cats sleep 70% of their lives
- All dogs , regardless of their breed , are direct descendants of wolves and technically of the same species
- The world's largest cat is measured at 48.5 inches long
- When a puppy is born, it is born blind, deaf, and toothless
- Cats can't taste sweetness

## WHAT IS A RESCUE SHELTER?

A Rescue Shelter is a group of people or a company that takes abused, or neglected animals that have been surrendered by their owners. Just think, each year, approximately 1.2 million dogs are euthanized. Of the dogs entering the shelters, about 37% are adopted, 41% are euthanized, and 26% of the dogs who came in as strays are returned to their owner. But that's just dogs. Think about how much it could be for cats.

Animal Shelters can also rely on donations and volunteers to take care of the animals until they are adopted and have found a good home.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER?

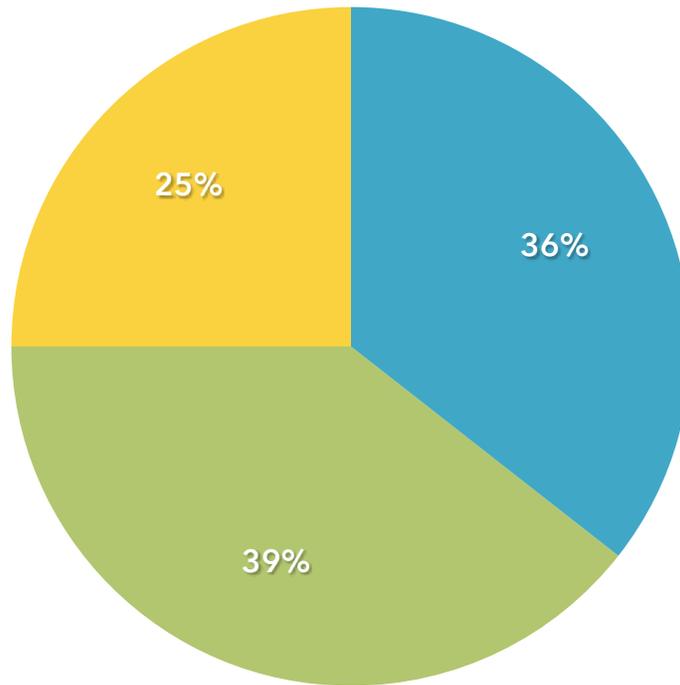
Did you know between 9 and 11 million animals die in shelters every year. That's a lot of animals, but there are some good things about animal shelters. First of all, as mentioned earlier volunteers and donations are big help. The volunteers help the animals feel comfort and love that they used to have.

I have a little puppy named Rocky, and I love him so much. The reason is I know what things he has gone through, so I try to give him the best life he could have. All dogs die at some point some earlier than others. I personally think what they do is horrible. Even the sweetest dogs get "put - down."

If you choose to give your dog to the shelter, he or she has 72 hours to find a new family from the moment you drop it off. Sometimes a little longer if the shelter isn't full and your dog manages to stay completely healthy. If your pet doesn't make it, or was not adopted they will kill the animal, but don't worry it's painless, so they don't even feel it that much.

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● Adopted ● Killed ● Returned strays ● ● ●



# Glossary

Euthanize- kill