Animals in Shelters Fact Sheet

Scholars across the social sciences and natural sciences are increasingly conducting research on animal sheltering that can be used to improve policies and practices in animal shelters. Some of the topics being explored include:

- Comparing behavioral assessment methods for shelter dogs
- Effects of dog or cat appearance on adoption
- The issues that go into the relinquishment of companion animals
- The numbers of rabbits in animal shelters
- How noise impacts the animal shelter environment
- Disaster planning for animal shelters
- Factors that impact the decision to sterilize animals
- How shelter workers define and identify dog breeds
- What factors impact free roaming dogs
- Managing feral colonies of cats
- Measuring stress in shelter dogs
- How photos impact dog adoptions
- The impact of conducting euthanasia on shelter workers
- Spay-neuter programs and their impact on euthanasia and impoundments
- What factors influence animal adoptions
- Breed characteristics of stray dogs
- Selecting shelter dogs for service dog training
- Impact of economic downfalls on relinquishment
- The role Petfinder plays in cat adoptions
- The impact of publically funded spay neuter programs on companion animal populations
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