The effect of the Asilomar definitions is not to draw lines between animals who can and can't be saved, but to put shelters on the same footing as their community: shelters that save all healthy and treatable dogs and cats in their care are meeting the standard of care typically provided in their own community. Shelters that go beyond this to save a portion of the "unhealthy \& untreatable" are exceeding their community's standard of care and thus setting an example of humane treatment.

## Healthy (H)

Dogs and cats who meet the definition of "healthy" are reasonably healthy, reasonably well-adjusted pets over the age of eight weeks. These animals do not need medical, behavioral or foster care and are ready to be made available to the public for adoption. A dog or cat does not have to be cute and cuddly or easy to place to meet this definition: "healthy" is not the same as "easy to adopt." The animal may be blind, deaf, old, or missing a limb, or she may be a pit bull that local laws or policies say can't be adopted out, but as long as the animal is reasonably healthy and reasonably well-adjusted, she meets the definition.

## Treatable/Managab//Rehabilitatable (TM/TR)

The definition of "treatable" is divided into two parts: "rehabilitatable" and "manageable." "Treatable-Rehabilitatable" includes sick, injured, and underage dogs and cats, as well as dogs and cats with behavior problems. "Rehabilitatable" animals are animals that could become reasonably healthy, well-adjusted pets, if given "the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community."
"Treatable-Manageable" differs from "rehabilitatable" in that "manageable" animals are not expected to become reasonably healthy, well-adjusted pets, even if they are given care that meets the standard in their community. These animals are, however, expected to have a satisfactory quality of life if given such care

## Unhealthy/Untreatable (UU)

The definition of "unhealthy \& untreatable" covers dogs and cats who do not fall into either of the categories "healthy" or "treatable." "Unhealthy \& Untreatable" includes animals who are not likely to become healthy, welladjusted companion animals, or animals who are not likely to have a satisfactory quality of life, even if they are given care typical of that provided by reasonable and caring pet guardians in the community. Note that just because an animal is categorized as "unhealthy \& untreatable" does not mean the animal can't be saved.


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