



**Our mission is to create a community without homeless pets by providing high quality affordable spay neuter and medical services.**

#### UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM:

An estimated four million homeless dogs and cats are killed each year in America's shelters. That means that more than 9,000 animals are killed every day. These animals are being killed (not euthanized) simply because they have no place to call home. In our region thousands of homeless dogs and cats are killed each day because there isn't enough space in the local shelter to house them.

The mission of Spay Neuter Charlotte is to end this practice.

Spay Neuter Charlotte believes that euthanasia should be defined purely as an act of mercy. Euthanizing a pet is considered only when veterinary and/or behavioral experts have determined that an animal's condition is untreatable and the animal has little or no chance of recovering an acceptable quality of life.

This is why Spay Neuter Charlotte and other organizations purposefully describe themselves as dedicated to no-kill. No-kill organizations euthanize animals who are suffering irretrievably. They do not kill healthy or treatable animals and label it "euthanasia" to make it more palatable.

The no-kill movement started as a radical notion, but today it is becoming mainstream. The goal is to correct our collective failure to value and protect the lives of homeless pets — lives that matter.

Those dedicated to no-kill want to end the killing of healthy and treatable animals in shelters. To be considered no-kill, a shelter must be saving 90 percent or more of the animals it takes in.

#### GETTING TO THE GOAL:

There are 5 essential components to creating a No Kill region:

1. Spay Neuter
2. More adoptions from the local Animal Care and Control, Humane Society and regional rescues
3. Fixing more feral cats
4. Low cost training support for pet owners
5. Sanctuary

Creating a No Kill region requires community involvement and resources. No one organization can do it by themselves. Community members are a critical component for success. If you want to help you can:

1. Become more educated. Investigate the statistics at the local shelter.
2. Educate your friends and neighbors about the issue.
3. Volunteer at the local shelter or at Animal Care and Control.
4. Volunteer to help with the monthly CMACC pet adoption fare.

5. Adopt your next pet from the shelter or a regional rescue group.
6. Encourage your friends to adopt from the local shelter or rescue group rather than buy a pet.
7. Use your personal Facebook page to advocate for local programs and services helping with spay neuter and adoptions.
8. Donate to a non-profit spay neuter clinic, shelter or rescue.
9. Learn how to do TNR and work to help a feral cat colony.
10. Host a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to an non-profit animal welfare group.