



Maricopa County

Animal Care and Control

Save Rate

WHAT IS OUR SAVE RATE?

For larger animal welfare organizations like MCACC, sometimes animals that come into the shelter towards the end of the month are still in our care at the beginning of next month. With so many more positive outcomes available for shelter pets than negative, we don't want to mislead you by not considering that these animals will likely have a positive outcome, especially with the tremendous support we receive from the community and our partners. That's why we calculate our Save Rate a little differently than a standard Live Release Rate. Our Save Rate is determined by subtracting our total negative outcomes from the total intake and then we get the percentage by dividing that number by the total intake again.

WHAT ARE OUR OUTCOMES?

Positive outcomes for shelter pets include reuniting lost pets with their families, successful adoption placements, and transfers to our New Hope Partner organizations. MCACC utilizes all of the resources available to us to prepare our shelter pets for their new forever while they are in our care, including stays with our foster parents, individualized behavior programs, and regular enrichment from our trained volunteers and staff.

Negative outcomes for shelter pets include euthanasia, but also occasionally when an animal passes prior to humane euthanasia being able to be performed (which can occur in high-risk populations like the severely injured or ill and very young, orphaned animals). We do not consider owner-requested euthanasia services in our euthanasia totals as these are decisions made by the pet owner.
