



## **FACA Policy Statement**

### **Animal Holding Periods**

FACA recognizes that community needs and resources will vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, therefore FACA recommends that animal holding periods be strongly considered and defined in local ordinance. Exceptions to the holding period should be made when an animal is so severely injured, sick, or diseased that euthanasia is the humane choice.

FACA strongly suggests that staff workload, as well as the shelters capacity for care, be taken into consideration when developing holding periods for each species. Consideration should be given to allow shelter staff to develop programs to minimize shelter overcrowding and maximize live release rates.

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