



Needles Animal Shelter Offer of Support EIN: 95-2549493

Partnership Goals:

The goal of this partnership is to work toward closing the gap of 15 cats and 18 dogs being killed at Needles Animal Shelter, leading to the achievement of a save rate of at least 90%.

How We Can Support You:

Needles Animal Shelter had an intake rate of 148 dogs and 58 cats in 2023, while they saw a positive outcome rate of 142 animals, their euthanasia rate was 33 dogs and 18 cats, creating a save rate gap of 18 dogs and 15 cats. In 2024, Needles Animal Shelter has taken steps to mitigate unwanted cats from entering their shelter, by launching a community cat program thanks to a grant from a third-party source. When meeting with the leadership of Needles Animal Shelter, they noted their interest in continuing the community cat program, as well as finding new ways to create more positive outcomes for the dogs entering their care.

Best Friends can provide training and support to implement or level up programming that is designed to better their services, therefore increasing the cat and dog save rate. This training and support would be offered to Needles Animal Shelter through ongoing virtual support and in-person support **at no cost to the shelter.**

Training and support could include the following:

- **TNR Support**
 - Best Friends will fund \$8,000.00 to supplement the already successful TNR program Needles Animal Shelter launched in June 2024. These funds will help fund spay/neuter surgeries until December 31, 2025.

- **Canine Managed Intake Training and Transfer Support:**
 - Specific training on Managed/Diverted Intake will be provided to staff with an *emphasis on canine diversion and supported self-rehoming/owner retention.* This will deepen the team's understanding and implementation of this transformative approach to shelter services designed to optimize resources, minimize stress on animals, and enhance overall welfare by thoughtfully redirecting incoming animals to alternative programs and community resources.



- **Finder Foster Program**
 - Train staff on how to implement a finder-foster program to help actively reduce the number of animals entering Needles Animal Shelter through support of the public, mainly those finding lost or stray pets in their community.
 - Training will be provided for creating an SOP on the program, how to process an animal through the shelter software for the finder-foster program, and various outcomes for the animal.
- **Sanctuary Transfer Support**
 - Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, UT may be able to provide supplementary canine transfer support to Needles Animal Shelter. The Sanctuary may be able to transfer at least 18 dogs but cannot specify the frequency of when transfer pulls will happen.

How We Can Achieve These Goals Together:

Together we can achieve the programming goals above by working on the development of and commitment to following a lifesaving training plan and mutually committing to attending regular leadership calls to monitor progress. These meetings will initially be scheduled monthly for the first three months of the partnership with further continuance of meetings to be later identified together.

What is Required from Needles Animal Shelter:

- Submit monthly data to Shelter Pet Data Alliance (SPDA).
- Reporting on how many cats TNR'd each month to help gauge success and inform further needed adjustments.
- Cooperation and transparency from shelter leadership and staff, including attending meetings and training as scheduled.

This offer of support expires on 9/25/24.

Best Friends is happy to extend timelines as necessary, provided that there is a path to move the offer forward.