



Achieving
No-Kill:
Regional Case
Studies

Greenville, SC

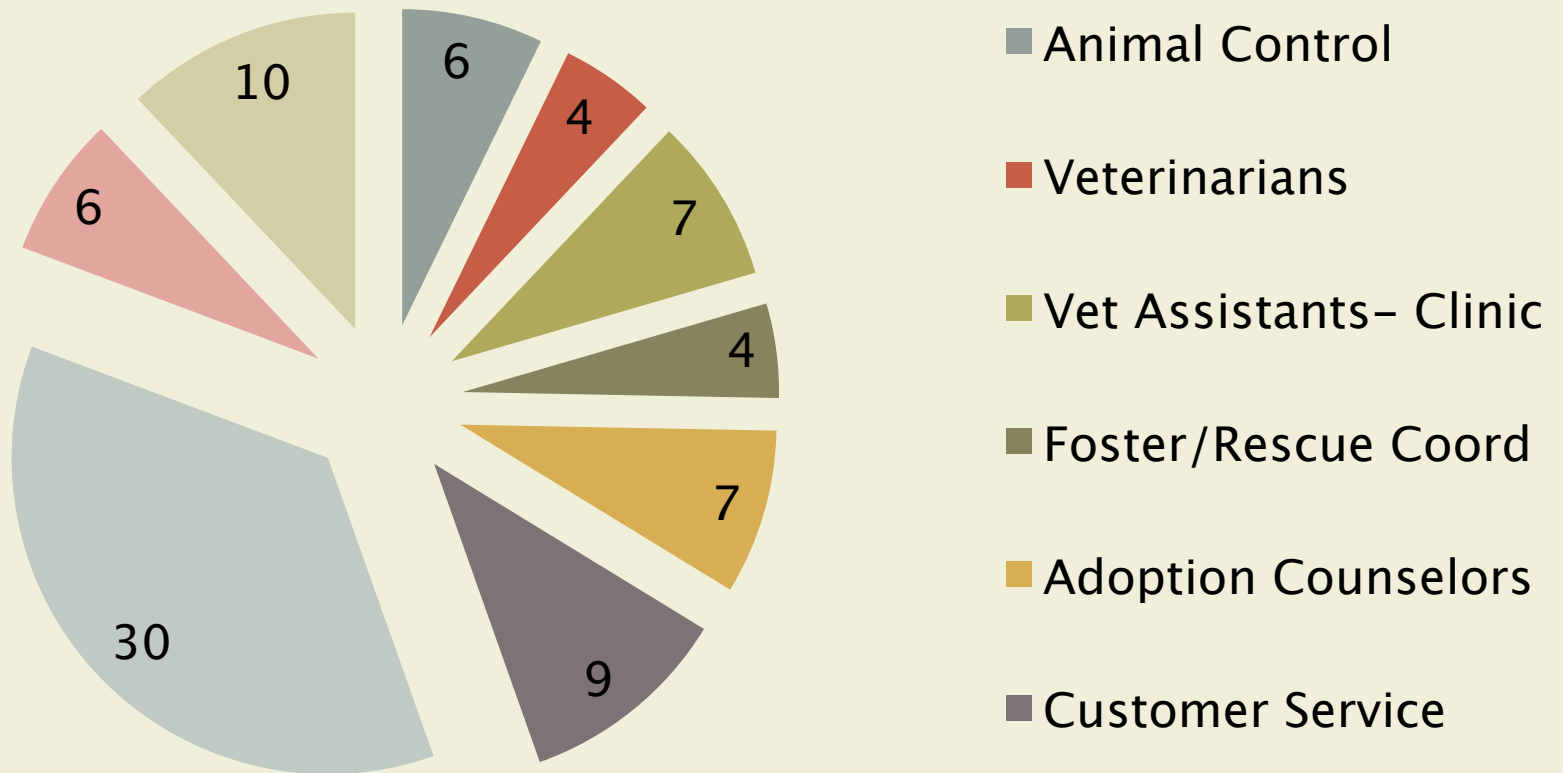
GREENVILLE DATA

- Greenville County is about 800 square miles and has a population of @ 450,000 people.
- We are the largest animal shelter in the State of South Carolina and one of the largest capacity shelters in the US with 250 cat cages and over 300 dog cages and kennels.
- Historically, we are known to take in 20,000+ animals annually.

GREENVILLE DATA

- Our animal shelter serves not just Greenville County but also our animal neighbors, Spartanburg County. Historically, that added 5,000 animals to our intake totals.
- We are the only open-admission shelter in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties.

STAFFING



** 25 of these are inmates

Success



A piece of brown cardboard with a jagged hole, revealing the word "TRUTH" in bold black letters on a white background. The hole is irregularly shaped, and the cardboard is torn around the edges. The word "TRUTH" is centered within the white opening.

TRUTH

An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is above the water line, and the much larger base is submerged. The sky is blue with light clouds, and the water is a deep blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

WHAT PEOPLE SEE

SUCCESS!!

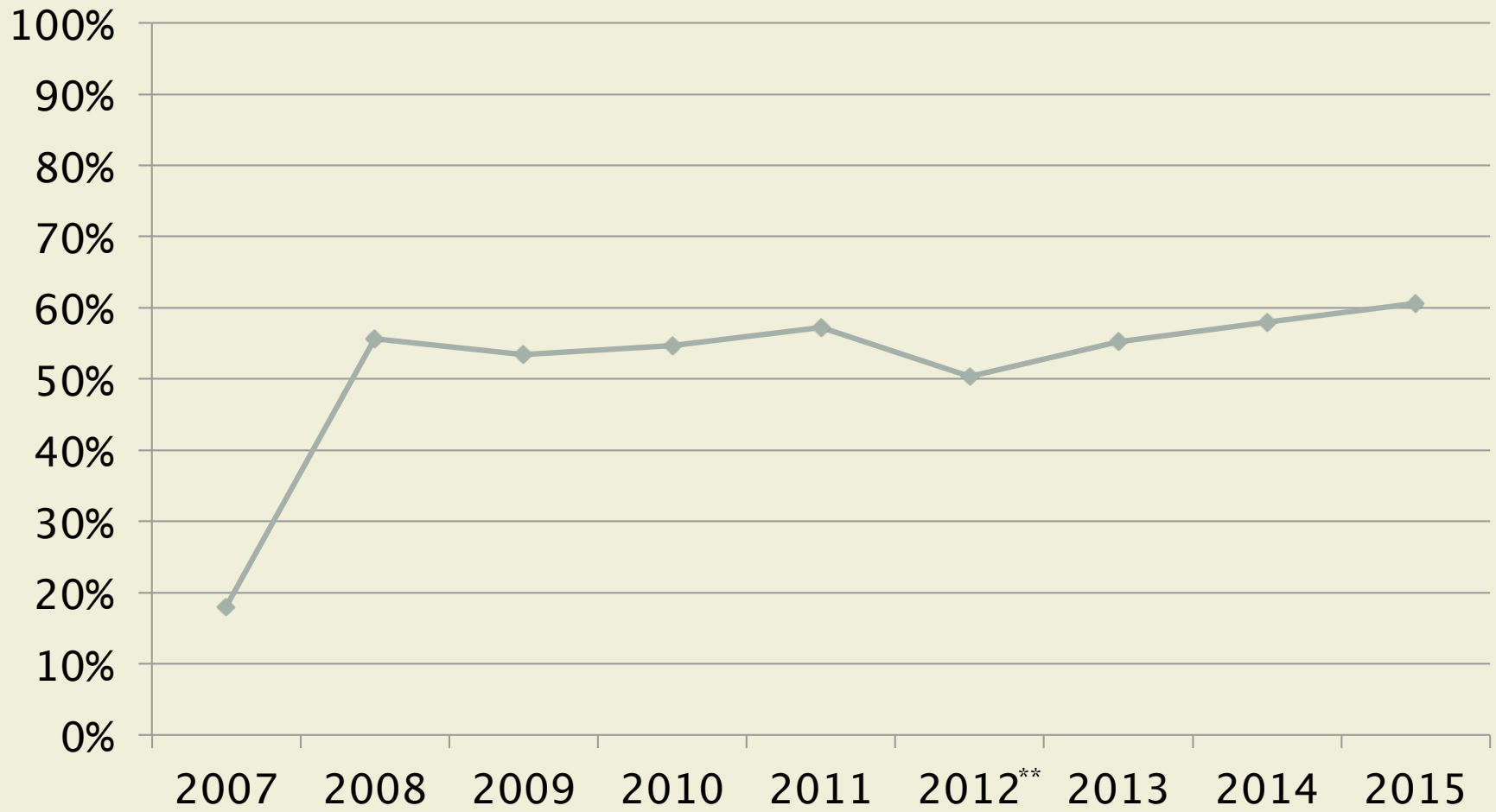
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REJECTIONS
SACRIFICES
STRUGGLES
RISK
CHANGE
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WHAT REALLY HAPPENS



<20
%

Save Rate



*** We began intaking animals from our neighboring county*

Saturday, June 22, 2013

142 dogs, other animals seized from Greenville Co. home

SOUTH CAROLINA -- More than 100 animals, mostly dogs, were taken from a Greenville County home, from what Animal Control officers called "horrible conditions."

The owner of the home on Dunklin Bridge Road, Dale Ferguson, was charged with animal cruelty counts, five of which were animal cruelty.



Woman charged after 140 dogs taken from home

Owner says 'They are stealing them from me'

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Greenville County Animal Care closing for two weeks

Posted: Aug 25, 2013 3:18 PM EDT
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By Dal Kalsi [CONNECT](#)

GREENVILLE, SC (FOX Carolina) - Greenville County Animal Care announced Sunday that the facility will be closed to the public until Tuesday, Sept. 3 due to an abundance of caution after a confirmed case of an extremely contagious dog illness.









2015

2016



Best Friends
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COMMUNITY CATS

INTAKE DIVERSION

MANAGING INTAKE

TARGETED SPAY/NEUTER

A RESOLUTION

TO SUPPORT A FREE ROAMING CAT PROGRAM IN GREENVILLE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE TRAP, NEUTER, AND RETURN METHOD AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEAL WITH STRAY AND FERAL CATS

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council finds that free roaming cats threaten the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Greenville County, and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council further finds that free roaming cats increase the number of strays and contribute to animal overpopulation, and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Council seeks to reduce the feral and stray cat population by authorizing the implementation of a Free Roaming Cat Program (“Program”), and

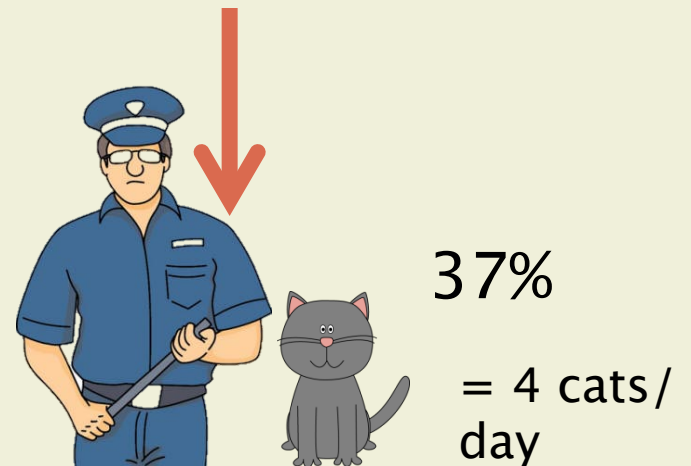
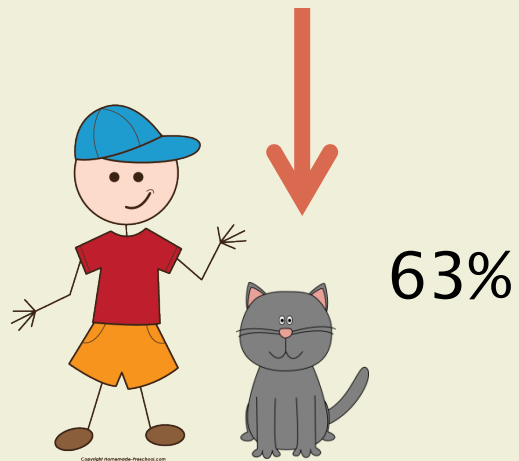
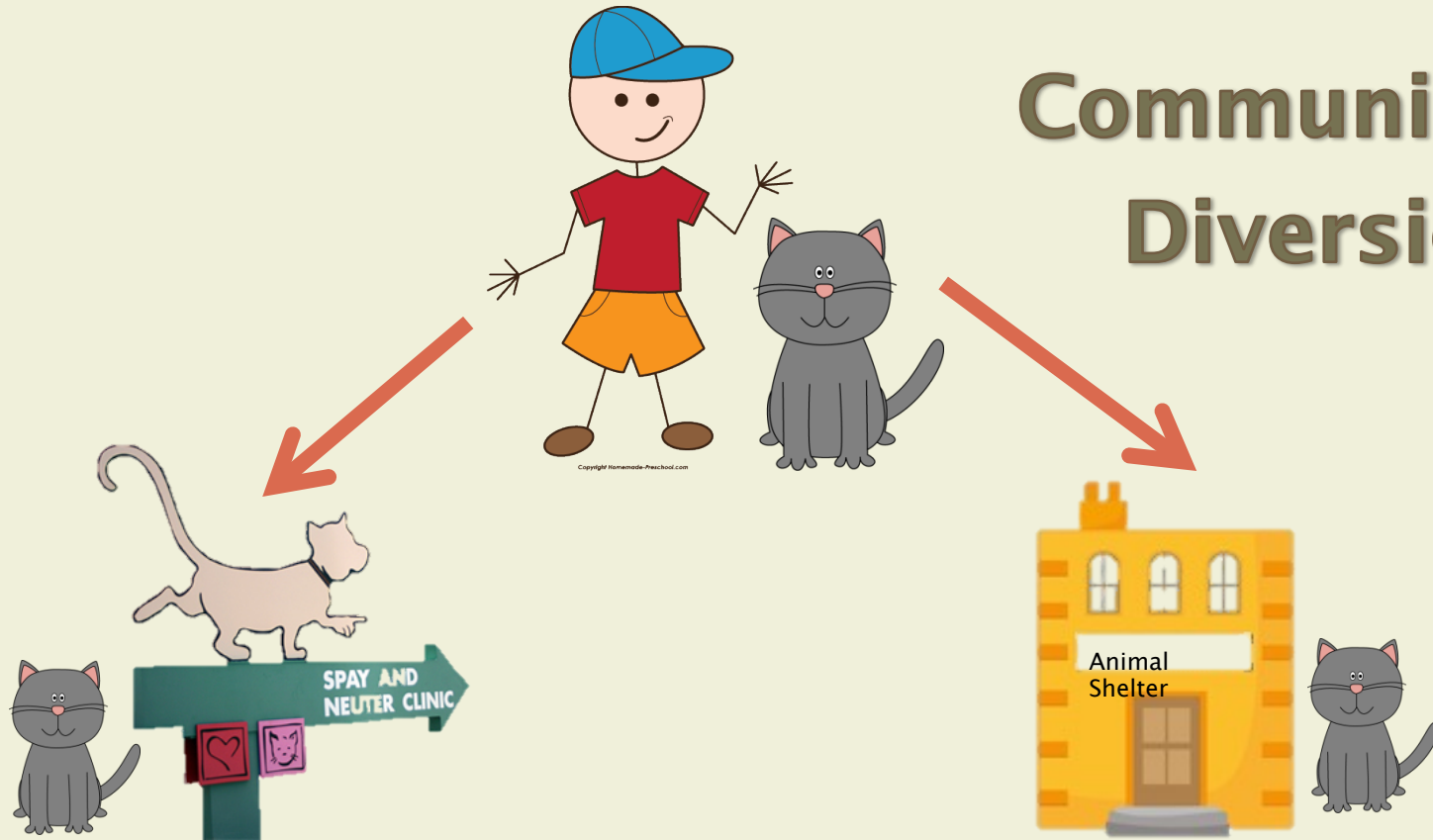
WHEREAS, the Program would implement the Trap, Neuter, and Return (“TNR”) method as a humane way to deal with cat overpopulation, and



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Community Cat Diversion



MANAGING INTAKE

Previously:

- Open 42 hours / week for stray intake, including Saturdays
- Surrenders accepted anytime we were open.

Now:

- Open 20 hours / week for stray intake– no intake on weekends
- Surrenders by appointment– only 16 appointments available per week

INTAKE DIVERSION

WAIT TILL 8!

Did you know that a kitten can be spayed or neutered and vaccinated at 8 weeks old? It can be tricky to tell a kitten's age but this at-a-glance kitten progression chart is here to help you out!



NEWBORN

Eyes closed, ears folded, relies on mom for everything!

ONE WEEK

More aware of surroundings, eyes may open.

TWO WEEKS

Eyes fully open, first steps.

THREE WEEKS

Playing with siblings, start needing litter box.

let's play!



FOUR WEEKS

Sturdy on my feet.



FIVE WEEKS

Loves to play, full of energy.



SIX WEEKS

Using litter box, eating cat food.



SEVEN WEEKS

Almost fully weaned.



EIGHT WEEKS

Weights 2 lbs, ready to be spayed or neutered!

If you find kittens, the safest thing to do is keep them with mom (if she's still around) until they're old enough to participate in our Community Cats program. Once they're 8 weeks, bring them to Animal Care's clinic where they'll be spayed or neutered and vaccinated, ready to live life as a healthy cat!

MOTHER KNOWS BEST!



Leave Litters Alone!

Like all babies, kittens are best left with their mothers who instinctively know how to help their offspring grow up to be strong and healthy. If you find a litter of kittens, wait until you're sure mom isn't coming back before you touch or move them.

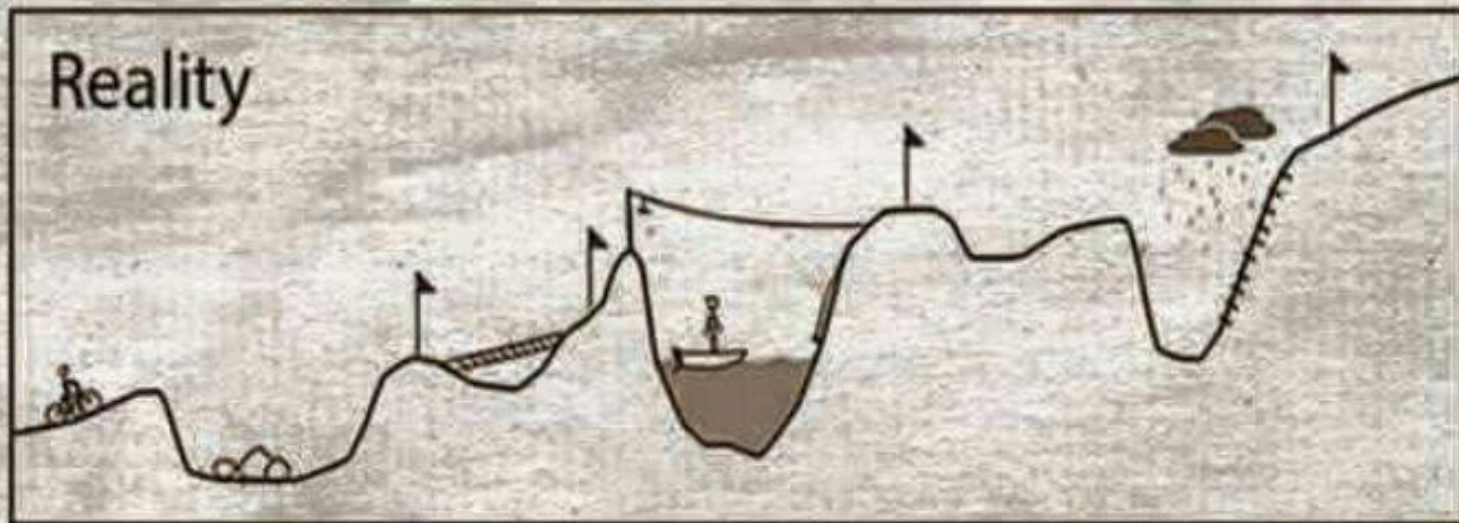
For more information visit:
www.GreenvillePets.org

You don't have to have
it all figured out to
move forward. Just
take the first step.
Then the next. Then
the next.

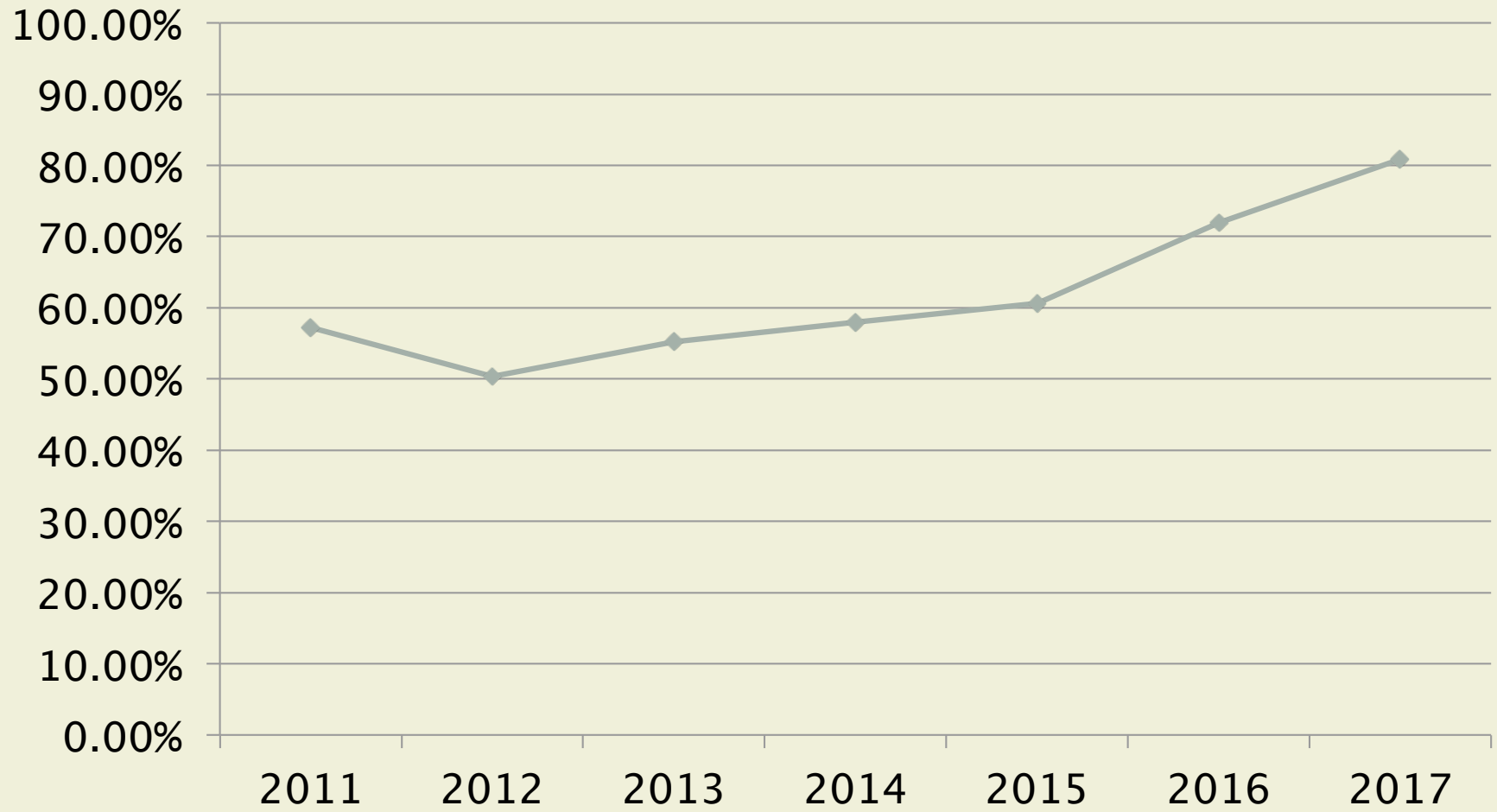
Your plan



Reality



Save Rate



CATS

May 15, 2015 – May 15, 2016		May 15, 2016 – May 15, 2017	
Cat Intake	8,696	Cat Intake	5,275
Euthanasia	4,489	Euthanasia	1,868

- 3,421 fewer cats taken in
 - (~40% decrease in one year!)
- 2,626 fewer cats euthanized
 - (~60% decrease in one year!)

DOGS

May 15, 2015 – May 15, 2016		May 15, 2016 – May 15, 2017	
Dog Intake	7,598	Dog Intake	6,075
Euthanasia	1,344	Euthanasia	599

- 1,523 fewer dogs taken in
 - (~20% decrease in one year!)
- 745 fewer dogs euthanized
 - (~55% decrease in one year!)



NO KILL SOUTH CAROLINA

- In 2016, Greenville County Animal Care became a Key Resource Center for the No Kill South Carolina grassroots plan.
 - Help under-performing shelters improve animal care
 - Share life-saving strategies
 - Mentor and teach other shelters
 - Together become the first No Kill Community in the Southeast.



Comparison
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Eric Hoffer

Final thought:

It's not about perfect.

It's about effort.

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