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COLUMBUS, GEORGIA RECEIVES A “NO KILL” COMMUNITY STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Numbers from the Pet Coalition of Muscogee and Harris Counties show that the live release rate of adoptable animals is now a combined 92%. A “No Kill” community is defined through national standards where the live release rate is compared to the total number of outcomes for each animal in all of the shelters in that community.

Animal Care and Control has gone from a euthanasia rate of nearly 80% in 2011 to about 12%. The coalition has reached less than 10% euthanasia rate as a group.

“Ordinary people doing extraordinary work!” said Animal Ark Executive Director Sabine Stull. “Columbus is an example of what ordinary people can achieve.”

“This could not be possible without our many shelter partners: Animal Ark Rescue, Animal SOS, Columbus Animal Care and Control, Harris County Animal Control, Harris County Humane Society, Paws Humane, and the citizens of these two communities and surrounding areas,” said Mayor Teresa Tomlinson. “We will work to maintain or even increase this level of pet adoption. Achieving less than 10% euthanasia rate as a community is an amazing feat. The whole community should take great pride in this achievement.”

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