



Common Bonds

2019-2020 Shelter Best Practices Plan

Goal: Engage shelter leaders across Oklahoma in implementing best practices.

Shared Measurement Goal: Improve and increase data collected statewide and use it to identify trends, refine strategies and measure progress.

[Group Directory and Calendar](#) (click on this to see calendar, roster and take attendance)

[Working Group Action Plan](#) (see Aligned Action: Strategy #5 in [2019-20 Strategic Plan](#))

[Shared Measurement Action Plan](#) (involves Shelter Best Practices Working Group; see Shared Measurement section in [2019-20 Strategic Plan](#))

Meetings

Date	Location (in-person, video call, conference call, etc.)	Agenda Items AND Notes	Tasks to Complete (before next meeting) and By Whom
3/5/19	SLUO Working Group Launch (Zoom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review membership ● Select co-chairs ● Review Year 1 and 2 Objectives ● Plan next meeting (date/location) 	
4/4/19	OKC Animal Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify shelters we need to make contact with. Start in central Oklahoma where contacts already exist. ● Need to have data reported from all organizations. ● Determine contacts at shelters. ● Start to discuss what we want to share with those shelters. ● Begin stages of strategic planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data from Best Friends to group members.
5/2/19	Conference Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Status provided on making contact with other organizations. J. Gary has reached out to several groups and has not received responses yet. ● Jean Letcher from Tulsa Animal Welfare to join working group. ● Working group to meet quarterly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to make contact with municipalities surrounding OKC for reporting.

5/7/19	SLUO Meeting (Stillwater, OK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed progress to date with new member Jean. • Jean will recruit Broken Arrow to start Shelter Animal reporting. • Compose a list of resources to contact to join the working group (see right). • Next meeting scheduled for 7/16 at 1pm @ Tulsa Animal Welfare. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to contact: Dr. John Otto; Dr. Amy Tyler; Dr. Mindy Tiner; Diane (City of Purcell); Kay Stout; Lee Ann Schenefiel (Best Friends); Mike Greenberg (Maddy's Fund); Nikki Smith (Edmond); Yukon; Shawna Bostick (Mustang). • Continue to attempt to make contact with organizations to begin reporting to Shelter Animals Count. • Start a detailed list of shelter best practices (All members).
7/16/19	Shelter Best Practices Working Group Meeting (Tulsa Animal Welfare)		

Save Lives. Unite Oklahoma Common Agenda

We work together toward our shared goal and vision, guided by our principles of collaboration, inclusion and accountability and our theory of change.

Shared Goal

By 2025, the save rate for cats and dogs in Oklahoma animal shelters will be 90% or greater.

Vision

We envision Oklahoma united to save the lives of all cats and dogs in which:

- Oklahomans value the human-animal bond and recognize the impact of animal well-being on the quality of life in Oklahoma communities;
- Resources, best practices and data are coordinated and shared statewide; and
- Community stakeholders are valued partners to enhance the health and well-being of dogs and cats.

Guiding Principles

Collaboration: We are a partnership of passionate collaborators. We collaborate to share resources, ideas and innovations to inspire change and achieve our common goals.

Inclusion: We welcome all individuals, organizations and volunteers into our efforts toward saving all dogs and cats in Oklahoma.

Accountability: We embrace a common data set and reporting method to increase responsible pet ownership while decreasing pet homelessness and the euthanasia of dogs and cats.

Theory of Change

We believe that if we provide and coordinate resources statewide for animal welfare; engage communities across Oklahoma and meet people where they are; make spaying and neutering services affordable and available; increase responsible pet care and awareness about saving lives; and advocate for policy and enforcement as needed- then we will achieve a 90% save rate of cats and dogs in Oklahoma shelters and improve the quality of life for pets, pet owners and their communities.

The theory of change is based on a shared understanding of the root causes of the problem- the high euthanasia rate for cats and dogs in Oklahoma (see **Figure 1**).

Figure 1- Shared Understanding of the Problem

