



Beginning in FY 2019, ACS has introduced a new, more informative format of the ASILOMAR report. In the interest of transparency, ASILOMAR reports published throughout FY 2019 contain both the new and old format. The new format will always appear before the old format in the PDF files. Beginning in FY 2020, the old format will be discontinued.

The two formats of the ASILOMAR reports share a standard “live release rate” formula to determine the overall live release rate of animals entering the San Antonio Animal Care Services shelter:

$$\text{(Adoptions + Rescue + Return to Owner + TNR) / Adjusted Outcome}$$

The two report formats also contain secondary formulas which, unlike the standard “live release rate”, do not share the same metrics and aim to answer two separate questions.

The new ASILOMAR format contains a formula that measures the live release rate of “placeable” pets. “Placeable” pets are those pets in which ACS is allowed to seek placement according to laws and policies pertaining to the animal’s health and behavioral status. Medical and behavioral designations are decided by ACS veterinarians and Animal Care Officers after careful evaluation for each individual case.

$$\frac{\text{(Adoptions + Rescue + Return to Owner + TNR)}}{\text{(Total Outcome – (Medically Designated Untreatable + Behaviorally Designated Unmanageable)}}$$

The old ASILOMAR report contains a formula that measures the live release rate of animals based solely on medical condition. This formula does not take into consideration those pets that were healthy but unable to be placed within the community due to “aggressive” or “dangerous” designations. This rate also does not take into consideration pets that were able to be placed despite being considered unhealthy or untreatable.

$$\frac{\text{(Adoptions + Rescue + Return to Owner + TNR – Unhealthy and Untreatable Live Release Outcomes)}}{\text{(Total Outcome – [Medically Designated Untreatable + Behaviorally Designated Unmanageable])}}$$

Ultimately, the formula contained in the newly formatted ASILOMAR report is a more accurate way of answering the question “What was the live release rate of all animals ACS was allowed to find placement for?” As such, when the old format of the ASILOMAR report is discontinued, the formula that report utilized will be discontinued as well.