



Gary Pickrell
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Dear Gary,

On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society, I want to congratulate City of Arnold Animal Control on achieving a 90% save rate for the 2023 calendar year. You've joined an elite group of organizations across the country who are leading the way toward making us a no-kill nation.

This accomplishment represents so much more than just a statistic. It represents a culture of caring and compassion. It represents the tireless efforts of you and your dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, and steadfast supporters. It represents innovative, thoughtful programming. And it represents extraordinary leadership, both within your organization and within our broader animal welfare movement.

While 90% is, by definition, just a number, organizations that achieve and maintain no-kill are made up of people who never forget that each tiny fraction of a percentage point represents a life saved. These "numbers" represent cherished family members who are only alive because of your dedication and hard work. Bottom line, every day you and your team create more and more opportunities for animals and people alike to experience love.

About seven million homes in America plan to add a pet to the family in the coming year. Because of the work of organizations like yours, if just six percent more of those families chose to adopt instead of purchase, we would end the killing of cats and dogs in our nation's shelters. That's how close we are to no-kill, and that's why I'm so grateful for your life-changing work.

We'd love to continue to track your progress. If you haven't registered for the Shelter Pet Data Alliance, please consider it so that you can easily upload your own data, share it with other animal welfare organizations and see how other, similar orgs are performing. You can join at shelterpetdata.org.

Please accept this plaque as a representation of your dedication, leadership, and the incredible milestone you've reached on behalf of the animals we all love.

With deepest respect,

Julie Castle
Chief Executive Officer
Best Friends Animal Society