

## *Euthanasia Protocol at SFACC*

### *Health & Safety*

- When an animal is considered to pose a significant risk to the public
  - When an animal is considered to pose a significant risk to staff and/or volunteers
  - When an animal declines passed behavior or medical transfer criteria in-shelter due to the reasons above
  - When the animal has a lengthy or severe bite history and/or incident
  - When an animal is **medically OR behaviorally suffering**
  - When an animal is not ethically and safely able to be placed due to human-directed aggression or severe under-socialization
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- **Medically Necessitated Euthanasia** - Animals who are suffering from a disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the animal's health or is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community.
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- **Behaviorally Necessitated Euthanasia** - Animals who have or who develop a behavioral or temperamental characteristic that poses a health or safety risk or otherwise makes the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and are not likely to become "healthy" or "treatable" even if provided the care typically provided to pets by reasonable and caring pet owners/guardians in the community.