

Sponsors:
Senate: to be announced
Assembly: Paulin A382



League of Humane Voters of New York

(845) 228-8652 <http://lohv-nv.org>

Transparency of Animal Shelter Operations

Statement of Problem:

There are currently no standards for shelters reporting on their operation to government agencies, or their ultimate funders and stakeholders: the public. This data is useful in awarding local government contracts to shelters, as well as allowing the public to make an educated choice about their donations.

Summary Proposal:

This bill requires animal shelters that receive state funding to annually report on intake and disposition of animals; such reports shall be available to the public.

Detailed Proposal:

Many members of the public support animal shelters either indirectly through their local taxes, or directly, by making a contribution to the shelters of their choice.

- a) To adequately assess the efficacy and quality of the service, the public is in need of clear and objective data describing the shelters' activities and accomplishments with regard to animal intake and disposition.
- b) Without such objective reports, the public and government agencies are perplexed by a variety of claims that fail to furnish data in unambiguous form. Many agencies and donors are interested in the percentage of adoptions and returns to owners out of the total intake of animals.



How Many In?



How Many Out Alive?

- c) The annual reports can also be compared to gauge the progress that a shelter is making toward increasing live-releases. When a shelter is taken over by new management, the reports would again give a more objective view of how the new management compares to the previous management.