Socially Conscious Animal Community

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- Looking towards the future and celebrating our stories

Building the Tenets

- Developing framework of shared values

Refining the Paradigm

- Spreading the word, collecting input from stakeholders
Embracing Socially Conscious Paradigm

Aspirational
• Commitment to Values
• Working toward actions

Operational
• Commitment to values
• Actions in place
Socially Conscious Animal Community

- Media
- Law Enforcement
- Public Policy
- Shelters
- Rescues
- You
- Veterinarians
The fundamental goal of a Socially Conscious Animal Community is to create best outcomes for all animals. The responsibilities of Socially Conscious Shelters include:

- Ensuring every unwanted or homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care
- Assessing the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensuring these needs are thoughtfully addressed
- Placing every healthy and safe animal
- Aligning policy with the needs of the community
- Alleviating suffering and making appropriate euthanasia decisions
- Considering the health and wellness of each animal and each community when transferring animals between communities
- Enhancing the human-animal bond through thoughtful placements and post adoption support
- Fostering a culture of transparency, ethical decision making, mutual respect, continual learning and collaboration
Rescue Groups can help create a Socially Conscious Animal Community by:

- Partnering with Socially Conscious shelters
- Supporting the fundamental tenants of Socially Conscious Sheltering
- Focusing your programs on animals who struggle within shelter systems
- Helping move animals to locations where they are most likely to be adopted
Criticism of Socially Conscious Paradigm

- Accountability
- Community Cats
- Socially Conscious Communities with BSL
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Panel Discussion

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