

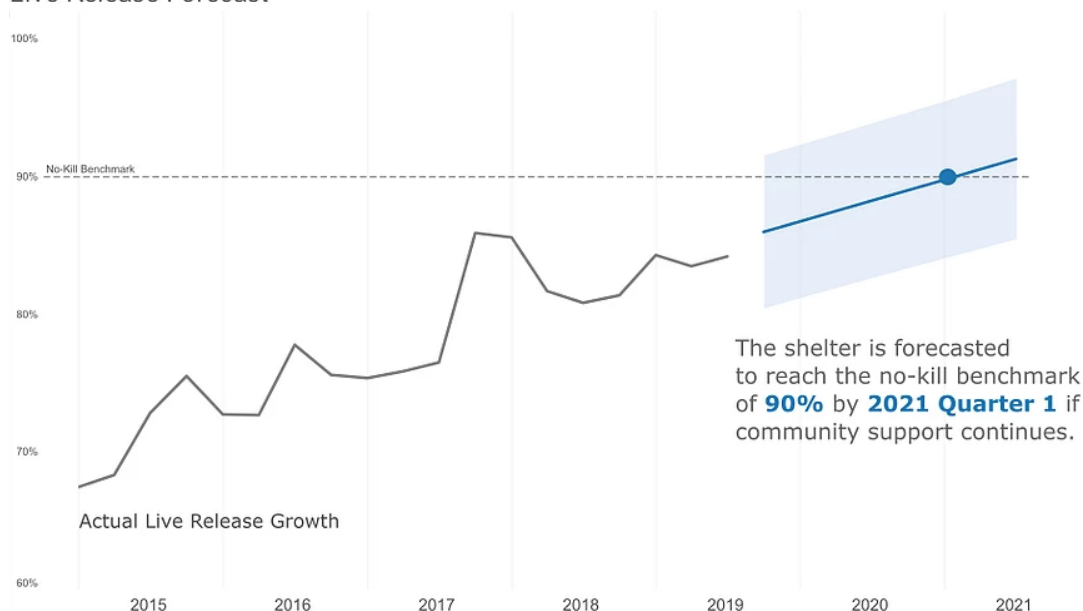
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Despite the reduction in animals coming into the shelter seen above, the rate of animals released through live release channels has still increased.

If this Louisiana shelter continues on this trajectory, they will reach the no-kill benchmark in Quarter 1 of 2021.

Live Release Forecast



The Answer to "Are you a no-kill shelter?"

So once an organization reaches the no-kill live release benchmark, do they stop trying to save lives? Of course not. Instead of answering the no-kill question with yes or no, I propose the following:

'We currently save 84% of animals that come through our doors with our programs and services, just 6% shy of the no-kill benchmark of 90%. We have continued to increase our live-release rate each year while drastically reducing the number of animals euthanized. We expect to reach the no-kill goal in a few years, but we won't stop improving the lives of animals until we reach a goal of 0 unwanted and homeless animals in the community.'

References

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