



# Data Science Graduate Capstone

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

**Banfield Pet Hospital**

# Meet the Team



# ***Support Team***



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# Objectives

## ***Confirm Patient's Heartworm Preventative Treatment Status***

- Determine if Banfield is accurately recording Heartworm Preventative in designated (structured) fields.
  - Provided by Banfield (is\_provided\_flg = Y)
  - Provided by Client (client\_provided\_flg = Y)
  - HWP not being Provided (Both Flags = N)
- Develop Natural Language Processing (NLP) Model to evaluate medical notes and determine if HWP is being administered.

## ***Purpose ML Ops Framework***

- Suggest sustainable Machine Learning Operations (ML Ops) framework for Banfield to utilize for further data science projects.

# ***Agenda***



**Data Structure & EDA**



**Modeling**



**ML Ops Infrastructure**



**Ethical Considerations**



# ***Data Structure & EDA***



# ***Clashmore Mike***

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- Notre Dame Legend
- Prime Heartworm Preventative Candidate



# Vet Visits for Clashmore Mike

## What the Data Looks Like

Visit Date	Visit Notes (Predictor)	Visit ID	HWP Provided (Response)
Mar 2, 2018	Foxtail Removal	VST00001	None
Sep 30, 2018	Ate Nat'l Championship Pennant, induced vomiting, Pennant was recovered	VST00002	None
Nov 12, 2018	Annual Exam – Client is providing HWP from previous vet.	VST00003	Client
Mar 1, 2019	Provided heartworm test, client still providing HWP from previous vet.	VST00004	Client
May 29, 2019	Bordetella Vaccine Administered - Nasal	VST00005	None
Nov 18, 2019	Annual Exam – Client is administering Heartgard 51-100# from previous vet.	VST00006	None <i>Should be Client</i>
Nov 19, 2021	Annual Exam – Refilled 6 mo Heartgard Plus	VST00007	Banfield
May 19, 2022	Bordetella Vaccine Administered – Nasal, Client using other pets HWP, no refill needed	VST00008	Client

Pet Visit Table

Preventative Care Table



# Data Obstacles

Preventative Care Table

Pet ID	Create Date	Visit ID	Banfield Provided	Client Provided
PT1842	Nov 13, 2018	-999999	N	Y
PT1842	Nov 19, 2021	VST00007	N	N
PT1842	Nov 19, 2021	VST00007	N	N
PT1842	Nov 19, 2021	VST00007	N	Y

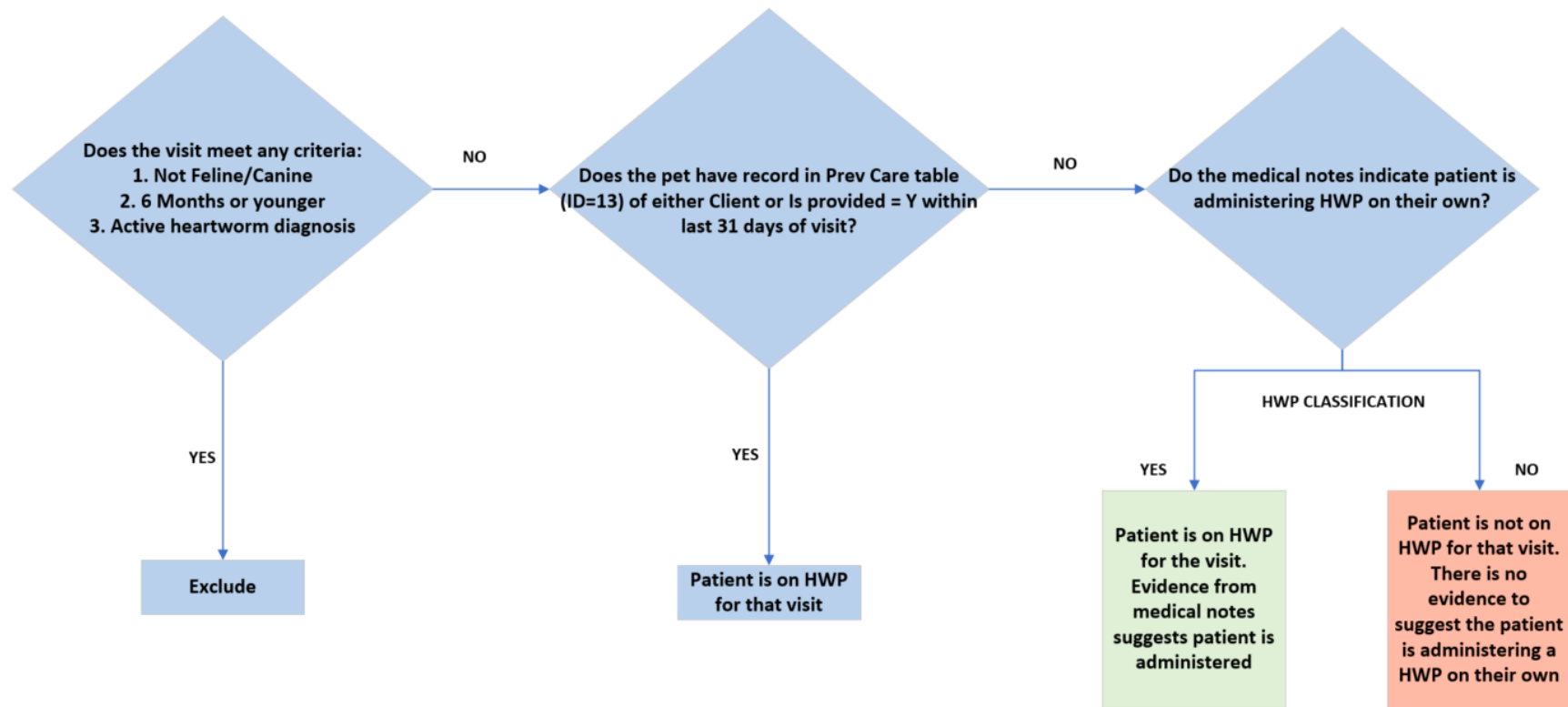
**Challenge:** For all HWP Preventative Care records flagged as Client Provided, no Visit ID to join on

**Solution:** “Fuzzy Joined” on Pet ID & 1 day lag between visit date in visit table and create date in preventative care table.

**Challenge:** For some visits in preventative care table, multiple conflicting records exist for HWP.

**Solution:** If any contain yes, prioritize that record.

# Process Diagram for Classification



# ***Examples of Actual Medical Notes***

(PDF of Full Medical Note)

# ***Modeling***

# ***Note on Data Used***

# ***Modeling Approaches***

## *Keyword Filtering*

- Simple to Build
- Searches for HWP Keywords
- Does not take context into consideration
- Keyword List may be incomplete

## *NLP Model*

- Complex Build
- Built on Pretrained Models specific to Medical field
- Hard to interpret what classification criteria is
- Can Typically Produce Much Better Results

# Measures Used in Model Selection & Improvement

## Accuracy

How often a model makes correct predictions.

$$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

Performance  
Metric

## Precision

Positive Predictive Value (PPV)

How often a model correctly predicts positive outcomes.  
High Precision will decrease False Positives

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

## Recall

Sensitivity

True Positive Rate (TPR)

How often a model correctly identifies positive outcomes.

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

# First Keyword Matching Model

## (Baseline Model)

### Model Criteria:

If a note contains a HWP Keyword  
Classify as Positive  
Else Negative

### Confusion Matrix:

ACTUAL	PROVIDED	283 True Positive	560 False Negative
	NOT PROVIDED	7 False Positive	804 True Negative
		PROVIDED	NOT PROVIDED
		PREDICTED	

### Model Metrics:

Accuracy	65.7%
Precision	97.6%
Recall	33.4%



# What is BERT NLP?

*Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers*



“The chicken is ready to eat.”

“I marinated the chicken overnight and cooked it for several hours. **Now the chicken is ready to eat.**”

“**The chicken is ready to eat** after marinating overnight and cooking it for several hours.”



**Unidirectional NLP Models may struggle with one of the statements above. BERT, and its bidirectional superpowers would be able to better understand the context either way it was written.**

# BERT NLP Model

## Model Criteria:

BERT sentence encodings with transfer learning from BioBERT fed to binary classification neural network. Trained on client medical notes where HWP provided by client and notes where client not providing any HWP.

## Confusion Matrix:

ACTUAL		PREDICTED	
		PROVIDED	NOT PROVIDED
PROVIDED		264 True Positive	3 False Negative
		0 False Positive	237 True Negative

*Note: Smaller volume of cases in confusion matrix due to Train/ Test splitting not required in Keyword Models*

## Model Metrics:

Accuracy	99.4%
Precision	100%
Recall	98.9%

# ***Why is BERT NLP Performing So Well?***

System Generated Notes Highly Correlated with Negative Cases

(Back to the Full Medical Note)

# Second Keyword Matching Model

## (Prioritizing Negative Cases)

### Model Criteria:

If a note contains “not given”  
Classify as Negative  
Else Positive

### Confusion Matrix:

ACTUAL	PROVIDED	764 True Positive	79 False Negative
	NOT PROVIDED	9 False Positive	802 True Negative
		PROVIDED	NOT PROVIDED
		PREDICTED	

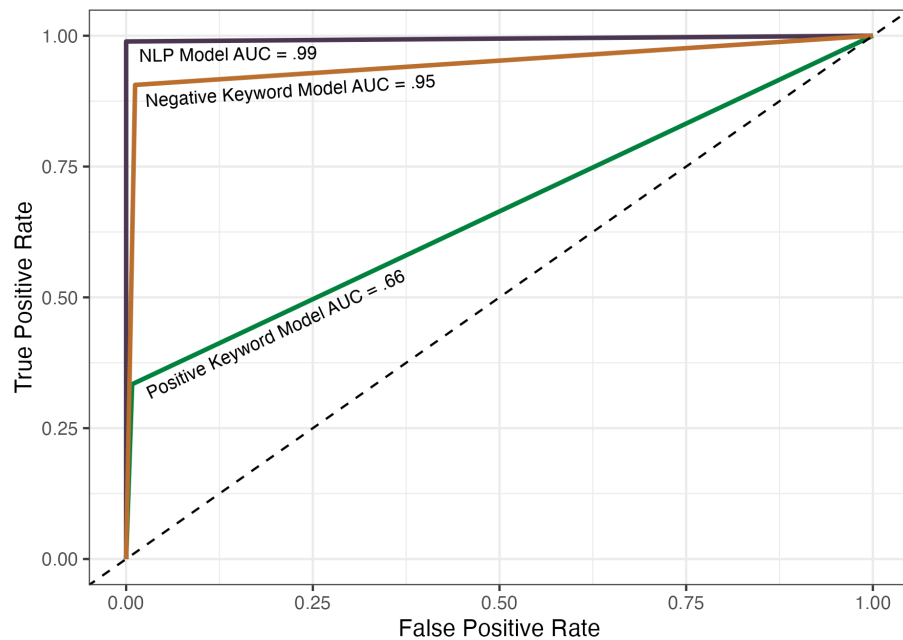
### Model Metrics:

Accuracy	94.7%
Precision	98.8%
Recall	90.6%

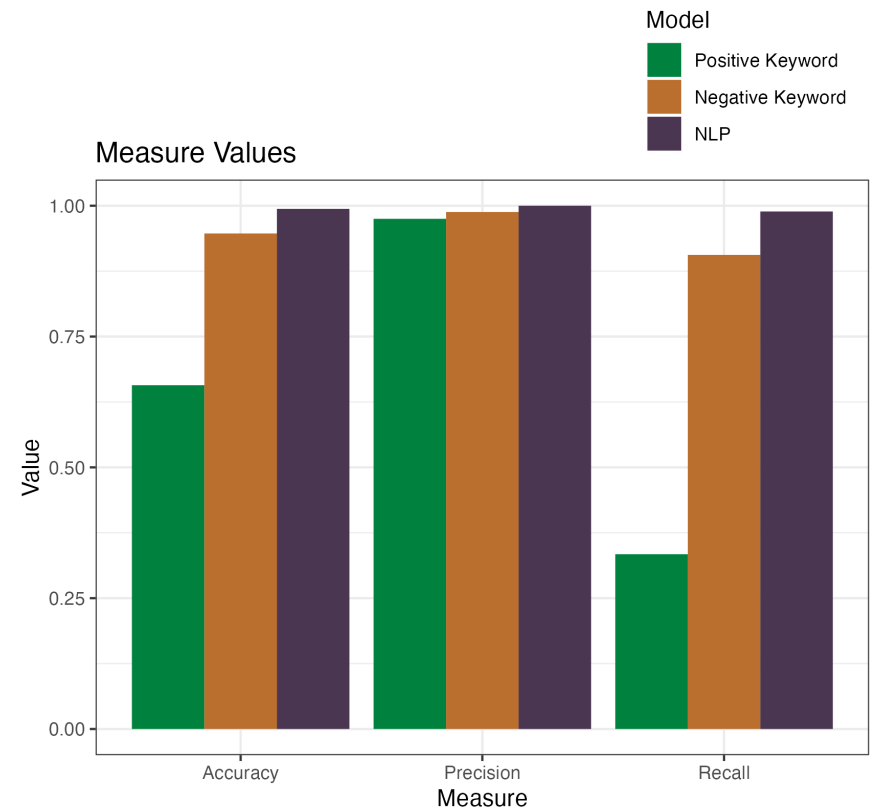
# Results Compared

(All Results from Unvalidated Data)

ROC Curves



Measure Values



# ***Next Steps***

## **1. Focus model text on either:**

- Model Focused on specific template if it can be used consistently throughout organization.
- RegEx Model extracted specific part of notes (i.e. “Subjective” part of S.O.A.P Notes) to reduce noise and key in on signal in the data.

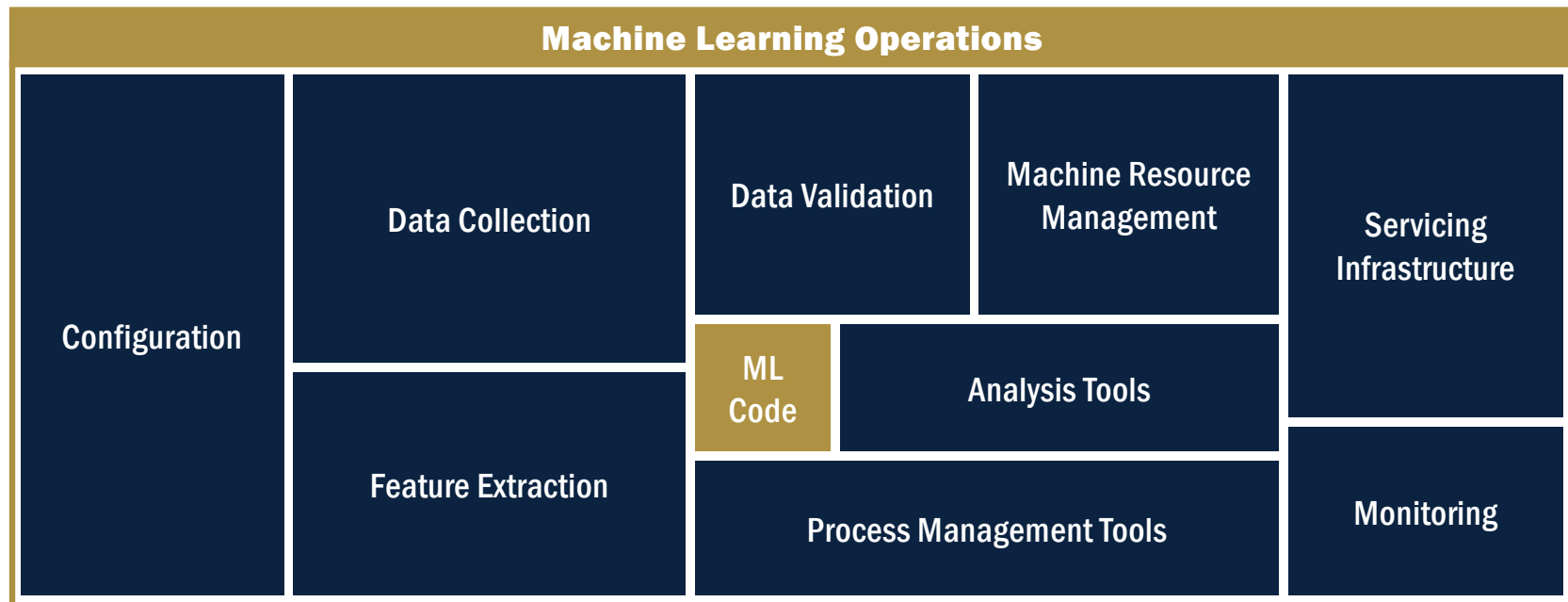
## **2. Larger Validated Dataset for Training**

- Including Both Positive and Negative Cases

## **3. Better understanding of relationship between Preventative Care table and Pet Visit Table for records where labeled Client Provided.**







# ***ML Ops***

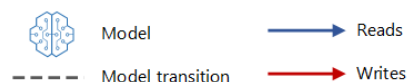
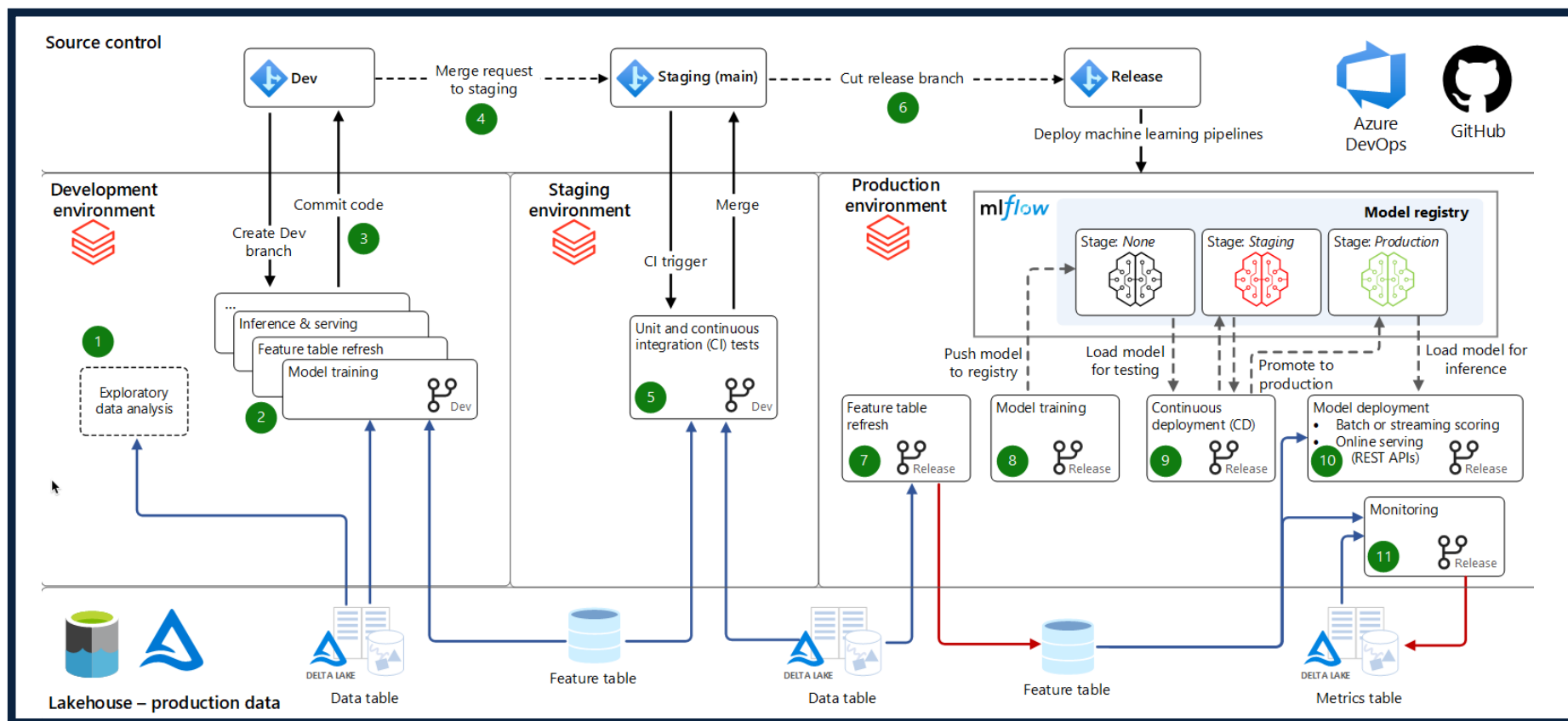
## ***Machine Learning Code is a Small Component of MLOps***





# Azure Based Technologies Map

Functionality	Technology	
Execution Environment		Azure Databricks
Feature Store		Databricks Feature Store
Model Registry		ML Flow (Databricks)
Source Control		Azure DevOps • Azure Repos • Azure Pipelines
Storage		Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2 • Delta Lake format to support Time Travel
Secrets Management		Azure Key Vault



**Code is Converted to Models and Promoted Through Environments**



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## **User Rights & Privacy**

Data retention plan  
(closed hospitals,  
deceased pets, client  
departures)

Rights to be forgotten  
(client removal request)

Model does not reveal  
clients

Results do not impact  
privacy



## **Security**

Data (Partitions)

Modeling  
Infrastructure



## **Transparency**

Risks assessed and  
communicated

Clear language utilized

Help guides provided



## **Quality**

Unvalidated data

Model assumptions  
evaluated

Subject Matter Experts'  
interpretation lacking

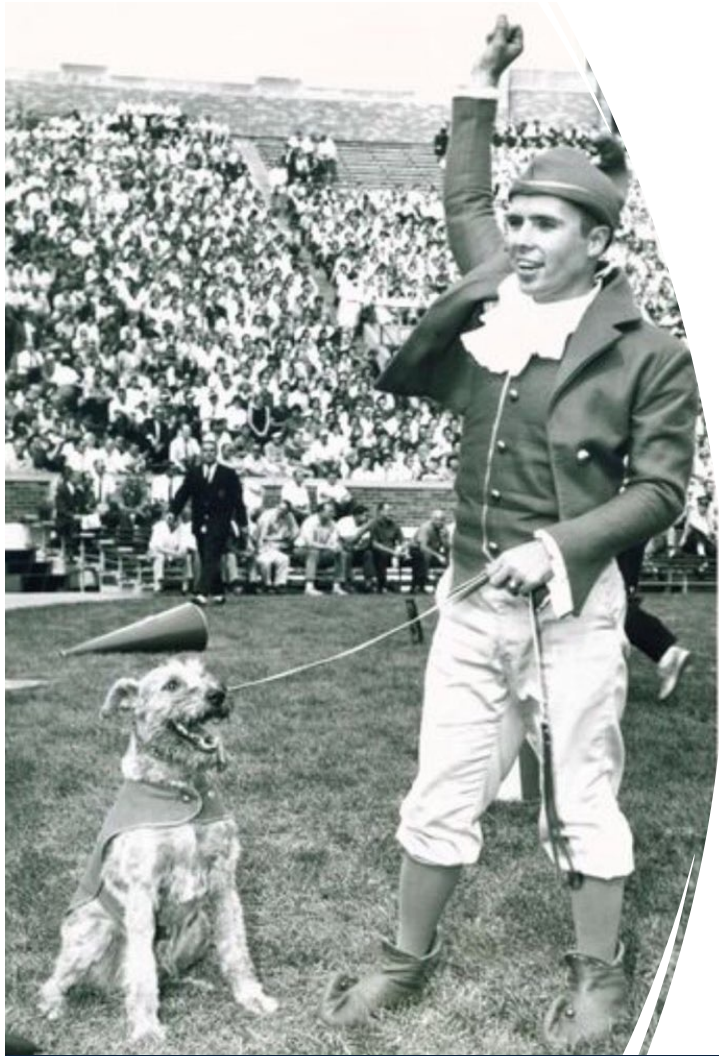


## **Bias Mitigation & Fairness**

More dogs than cats, No  
Bias detected

Modeling downstream  
impacts have not been  
evaluated

Suggested Resource: <https://www.aiethicist.org/frameworks-guidelines-toolkits>



***Thank You***