



Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland

Pet Evaluation Matrix Development Timeline & Process 2008

- 1/21/08 Strategy proposed to create Pet Evaluation Matrix (PEM)
- 2/7/08 Strategy approved by ASAP Coalition
- 2/21/08 First meeting by ASAP Asilomar Subcommittee (a combination of ASAP shelter veterinarians and ASAP executive leadership)
- 3/6/08 Report to ASAP Coalition regarding progress to date
- 4/3/08 Initial presentation to ASAP Coalition re PEM elements with first draft of potential conditions/categories
- 6/17/08 Initial training to all shelter staff regarding Asilomar Accords and PEM
- 7/10/08 Meeting to discuss Asilomar Advisory Committee (AAC) and establishment of 12/31/08 as final due date for PEM
- 7/30/08 22 ASAP coalition shelter members and their key staff attend a PEM training session at Banfield, the Pet Hospital
- 8/11-15/08 Invitations sent to 20 representatives of rescue groups, dog trainers, veterinarians, animal behaviorists to join AAC (participants were chosen from the four county ASAP region with a broad representation of various economic areas)
- 9/11/08 First meeting of AAC. In attendance, 4 veterinarians, 4 rescue groups, 5 dog trainers, 3 ASAP members. Existing PEM reviewed, several conditions moved into different categories, introduction of cost factor by AAC.
- 10/7/08 ASAP Shelter reps review results of AAC, discuss proposed behavior matrix
- 10/9/08 Second meeting of AAC. Behavior criteria and behavior specific matrix introduced.
- 10/10/08 ASAP members post invitation to public meeting on proposed PEM on their websites. Pass it forward invitation sent to AAC members. Invitations sent to news media for distribution. However, no mention appeared in any media formats.
- 10/30/08 Public Forum held. 40 individuals attend though all but one are other rescue groups or volunteers from shelters.
- 11/20/08 Third meeting of AAC is scheduled but too few attendees RSVP; meeting is canceled. AAC members are emailed revised PEM with public comments incorporated. Feedback is positive and appreciative of the involvement.
- 12/4/08 Draft of final PEM is presented to ASAP members. A last few comments are incorporated into PEM
- 1/08/09 ASAP Coalition votes to accept 12/31/08 PEM as amended.