

MAXCAP ALERT

1. In the interest of keeping the public informed of the Capacity for Care status of the shelter, a system has been developed to characterize the MAXCAP Alert Status of the population of the shelter.
2. The three levels succinctly characterize the shelter's ability to provide an acceptable capacity for care, while safeguarding overall health and welfare of the animals in the shelter, as well as alerting support groups to maximize their efforts to get animals out of the shelter.
3. Failure to adhere to the shelter's Capacity for Care capability poses a direct threat to the health and welfare of the animals in the shelter. Actions contrary to the Capacity for Care are considered inhumane treatment of animals and will be scrutinized very strictly by the public, as well as oversight authorities.

MAXCAP ALERT – Green: Indicates the shelter population is **below 22 animals**. The shelter is at a capacity that allows for relaxed provision of care for animals housed in the shelter. Support organizations, as well as adoption, foster and rescue groups, should continue their normal promotion efforts at a normal pace, without concern that any animals at the shelter are at-risk, based upon a Capacity for Care or ability to fulfill mission perspective.

MAXCAP Alert – Yellow: Indicates the shelter population is **between 22 and 30 animals**. The shelter is experiencing a population that is compromising or threatening to compromise the Capacity for Care in the shelter. **Support groups should ramp up their efforts, as well as foster, adoption and rescue group efforts.**

MAXCAP Alert – Red: Indicates the shelter population is **at or above 30 animals** and signals the shelter is no longer able to provide a Capacity for Care for the animals in their charge. Action shall be taken within 48 hours of reaching MAXCAP Red status to remedy the situation, up to and including humane euthanasia.