



Findings: Utah Department of Health records on Transfer and Receipt of Impounded Animals January, 2004 through April, 2009

I. Institutions certified to receive animals from pounds/shelters

1. University of Utah – 2004 through 2009
(All of the statistics below are for the University of Utah.)
2. LDS Hospital – 2005, 2006, 2007 (No transfer records on file.)
3. Veterans Affairs SLC Health Care System – 2005, 2006 (No transfer records on file.)

II. Pounds/Shelters that provide animals for experimentation

1. Davis County Animal Control (2004 through 2009)
2. City of Orem (2004 and 2005 only)
3. North Utah Valley Animal Shelter (starting 2006)
4. Toole County Animal Shelter (starting 2009)

III. Numbers of animals transferred from pounds/shelters to institutions

Records show that approximately 700 dogs and cats were sold to University of Utah for use during this time period.

Year	Dogs	Cats
2004	60	22
2005	68	41
2006	129	53
2007	101	43
2008	78	45
2009*	50	9

*records for January through April only

IV. Original sources of animals

1. Owner surrendered
2. Strays
3. Abandoned

V. Prices (see Note 1.)

Cats: \$15 each

Dogs: \$20 each; 22 dogs--mostly Labrador retrievers--sold for \$25
sometimes no price listed

Total Sales listed for period covered: \$ 11,785.00

VI. Holding Period (see Note 2.)

Number of Days	Number of Animals
0	15, 7 strays
1-3	70, 11 strays
4	68, 36 strays
5 or more	545

VII. Pain and distress (see Note 3.)

Year	Dogs		Cats	
	Category "C"	Category "D"	Category "C"	Category "D"
2005	0%	100%	0%	100%
2006	20.4%	79.6%	16.4%	83.6%
2007	25.9%	74.1%	0%	100%
2008	17.5%	82.5%	1.8%	98.2%

VIII. Condition of animals transferred from pounds to institutions

Condition	Number of Animals
"OK"	58
Fair	12
Poor	20
Dead	1
Pregnant	2
Remainder of animals listed as "good" or information was not provided.	

IX. Final disposition of animals

70% of animals sold by pounds/shelters were euthanized.

Disposition	Dogs	Cats
Euthanized	328	164
Adopted	152	47
"Natural causes"	2	0
Died during experiment	0	1
No information provided	4	2

X. Notes

1. Title 26 Utah Health Code, Chapter 26, Experimental Animals, Section 4 states:

"...The fee shall be, at a minimum, \$15 for cats and \$20 for dogs. That fee shall be increased as determined by the department, based on fluctuations or changes in the Consumer Price Index."

2. Title 26 Utah Health Code, Chapter 26, Experimental Animals, Section 3 states:

"...such animals shall have been legally impounded at least five days or for such other minimum period as may be specified by municipal ordinance, and remain unclaimed and unredeemed by their owners or by any other person entitled to do so. The establishment shall first make a reasonable effort to make the animal available to others during the impound period..."

3. U.S. Department of Agriculture Annual Report categories:

"C": Teaching, research, experiments, or tests were conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain-relieving drugs

"D": Experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs were used.