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## **Animal Facility Capacity Limitations**

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### **Guideline Statement**

NACA recognizes certain municipal and privately run facilities tend to under-utilize euthanasia practices because of changes in management, philosophy, or national trends that are based on "long term housing."

### **Basis for Guideline**

Animals should not be held in overcrowded conditions nor held for excessive time periods that may be mentally or physically detrimental to the animal's welfare. NACA recognizes that municipal and privately run facilities must maintain euthanasia practices in order to control overcrowding problems including disease transmission, behavior degeneration, and overall health problems.

### **Guideline Recommendation**

NACA recommends that each animal holding facility understand their maximum holding capacity and develop sincere policies to avoid these problems that may be considered inhumane themselves.

The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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