

# Special Issue

## Advances in Animal Sheltering

### Message from the Guest Editor

I am delighted to announce a Special Issue of *Animals* entitled *Advances in Animal Sheltering* devoted to new research aimed at reducing the number of dogs and cats euthanized in shelters and municipal animal control facilities. This Issue is focused on improving our understanding of the causes of relinquishment or of pets being lost, and the strategies to reduce these. It also aims to identify strategies which increase live release and positively impact return to owner, adoptions, fostering, and the role of rescue groups. To achieve zero euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs and cats in shelters and municipal facilities, it is vital that research is fostered which improves our understanding of the factors which reduce pets being relinquished or lost, and effective strategies to save lives. Therefore, I invite researchers to submit original manuscripts which will advance our knowledge of ways to reduce intake and increase the live release of animals from shelters and municipal animal control facilities.

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