



EUTHANASIA POLICY

Tiny Cat Animal Rescue (“**TCAR**,” “**we**,” “**our**,” or “**us**”) is committed to providing a lifetime of care for every cat that enters our program. TCAR does not euthanize animals for time or space. This Euthanasia Policy (this “**Policy**”) outlines the limited circumstances in which euthanasia may be considered, how the decision is made, and how it is carried out.

1. POLICY

TCAR regards euthanasia as a last resort, to be considered only after an appropriate evaluation of all viable and reasonable alternatives. Euthanasia may be considered only where a cat is experiencing severe or irremediable physical, mental, or emotional suffering with a poor prognosis that cannot reasonably be alleviated, or where a cat poses a significant and unmanageable safety risk to other animals or people.

Euthanasia will not be performed solely due to time in care, space constraints, or readily treatable conditions.

2. AUTHORIZATION

All euthanasia decisions must be authorized by the Executive Director or Director of Operations.

3. MEDICAL CASES

For standard medical cases, TCAR will defer to the professional judgment of its veterinarians in making euthanasia recommendations. For cases where the animal's quality of life is unclear, the Board of Directors and Executive Director will convene to evaluate the available information, consult additional resources if necessary, and make a determination by simple majority vote. The foster caregiver for the animal in question will be allowed to participate in the discussion and request a vote.

4. BEHAVIORAL CASES

If a cat has a history of unprovoked biting or is exhibiting aggressive behaviors that pose an unacceptable risk to other animals or people, TCAR will consult with a qualified animal behaviorist or certified trainer. If the behaviorist determines that the cat cannot be safely rehabilitated, TCAR will obtain a second independent behavioral evaluation. If both evaluations conclude that the cat poses a continuing danger and cannot be rehabilitated, TCAR may proceed with euthanasia. TCAR will not transfer an

animal to another rescue or shelter solely to avoid a difficult euthanasia decision for a behavioral issue.

5. PROCEDURE

Euthanasia shall be performed exclusively by a licensed veterinarian. Whenever possible and appropriate, the foster caregiver or another TCAR representative will remain with the animal during the procedure.

6. DOCUMENTATION

Each euthanasia decision shall be documented in the animal's record, including the reason, date, and location.

7. POLICY UPDATES

We may revise this Policy periodically and update it as necessary to reflect changes in applicable law, regulation, or organizational practice.

8. CONTACT US

If you have questions, requests, or concerns regarding this Policy, contact us:

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