

**Shelter Operations Checklist**  
**Maximizing Animal Health While Sheltered: Areas of Medical Significance**  
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- Facilities
  - Location
  - Proper utilization of available space
  - Segregation of species
  - Isolation for contagious disease
  - Temperature and airflow adequate
- Prevention of Disease
  - Vaccination at intake
  - Flea control
  - De-worming
- Husbandry
  - Food
  - Bedding
  - Cage/Habitat
- Socialization-Behavior
  - Temperament testing
  - Proper pet selection
  - Resources for pet owner
- Response to Illness or Disease
  - Treatment available on site or off site
  - Isolation protocol
  - Information for potential adopters
- Sterilization
  - On site or off site
  - 100% prior to adoption
  - H/2/8 (healthy, 2 lbs., 8 weeks minimum)
- Medical Care
  - Philosophy/protocol- who gets what care
  - On site or off site
  - Budget
- Advice at Adoption and After
  - Counseling
  - Referral to veterinarian
  - Follow up – return policy
- Compliance with Laws
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Microchipping
  - Rabies
- Investigations
  - Reporting cruelty and neglect
  - Training
  - Protocols for handling of pet and evidence