Background Paper #1 Prompts:

- *What is the history of the issue? How did the issue come to exist? Why does it persist?*
- *How does the issue affect the quality of life in the community you are targeting? Why?*
- *Which population(s) is (are) affected by the issue? Why is this population affected?*
- *Why is this issue important? Is there a compelling need to address this issue?*

Source #: 1 of 8

Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   Newspaper Article   Magazine Article   <mark>Scholarly Journal</mark>
Author or Editor Name(s) - Janae Bradley and Suchithra Rajendran
kPage # (if applicable) - N/A
Title of the Source - Gale Academic Onefile
Title of the Article -Increasing adoption rates at animal shelters: a two-phase approach to predict length of stay and optimal shelter allocation.
Date Published -   Feb, 5 2021   Date Retrieved- 10/25/22
Website URL: https://go.gale.com/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=T002&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&hitCount=2819&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=1&docId=GALE%7CA653693478&docType=Report&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=ZONE-MOD1&prodId=AONE&pageNum=1&contentSet=GALE%7CA653693478&searchId=R2&userGroupName=nysl_me_76_tele&inPS=true **Citation** Bradley, J., & Rajendran, S. (2021). Increasing adoption rates at animal shelters: a two-phase approach to predict length of stay and optimal shelter allocation. *BMC Veterinary Research*, *17*(1), NA. https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A653693478/AONE?u=nysl_me_76_tele&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=2640268e

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.

- "Among the 6-8 million animals that enter the rescue shelters every year, nearly 3-4 million (i.e., 50% of the incoming animals) are euthanized, and 10-25% of them are put to death specifically because of shelter overcrowding each year." (Bradley, J., & Rajendran, S., 2021)

- " There could be several reasons for the euthanization of animals in a shelter, such as overcrowding, medical issues (ex. sick, disabled), or behavioral issues (ex. too aggressive). The causes for the overpopulation of animals include failure to spay or neuter animals leading to reckless breeding habits and abandonment or surrender of offspring"(Bradley, J., & Rajendran, S., 2021)

- "Studies have been conducted evaluating euthanasia-related stress on workers (e.g., [1]). In other words, overpopulation not only leads to euthanasia but can, in turn, cause mental and emotional problems for the workers. For instance, Reeve et al. [20] evaluated the strain related to euthanasia among animal workers. Results demonstrated that euthanasia related strain was prevalent, and an increase in substance abuse, job stress, work causing family conflict, complaints, and low job satisfaction was observed." (Bradley, J., & Rajendran, S., 2021)

- "Studies have shown that behavioral problems play a significant role in preventing bonding between owners and their animals and one of the most common reasons cited for animal surrender [21, 22]. These behavioral problems can include poor manners, too much energy, aggression, and destruction of the household. Dogs surrendered to shelters because of behavioral issues have also been shown to be less likely to be adopted or rehomed, and the ones that are adopted are more likely to be returned" (Bradley, J., & Rajendran, S., 2021)

- Not enough staff or resources in majority of shelters

- A literature review is conducted to determine the factors that might potentially influence the length of stay for animals in shelters. These factors include gender, breed, age, behavior and several other variables

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

Animals are put in shelters on a daily basis. In the year, an average of 6-8 million animals are put into shelters, for 50% of them to be euthanized within a week. Euthanisia is a resort for the following: Overcrowding of animals, sick, diabled or behavioral issues. Performing multiple euthanasias Daily are taking the future away from pets, and also mental problems for the workers. Studies have linked this job to emotional and anger issues, substance abuse and other complaints affecting the workers Quality of Life. Dogs surrendered because of behavioral issues are almost guaranteed to be euthanised or not adopted, one of the many ways the animals Quality of Life is in these shelters.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available:	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
Janae Bradley- She has a PhD in BioEngineering, and a graduate as a research assistant. Suchithra Rajendran- 11 academic Journals, 2 about Animal Shelters and Rights She is an assistant professor and does a number of research projects including data. She has worked with numerous	" In the United States, about 6-8 million dogs and cats enter animal shelters every year, and 3-4 million of those animals are euthanized [1]. In other words, about 50% of the total canines and felines that enter animal shelters are put to death annually." (Bradley, J. & Rajendran, S., 2021)	The Authors wrote this scholarly journal to inform the readers, whether they are animal activists or looking to adopt or support animals. The authors provide statistics, studies and reasons to why this Quality of Life issue is occurring, and at what rate is it happening.

companies and has an excellence award in data analytics. Both Authors have studied health, and have published work regarding it. The authors have written scholarly articles regarding animals in shelters, as well as news articles. Other Author information sources here and here.		

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?

- **Who is being affected?**
    - Animals entering shelters
    - shelter workers
- **How are they being affected?**
    - Article provides statistics
    - Article provides reasoning to statistics/why this issue is occurring.
    - Article states the effects the issue has on everyone involved.

Questions to consider:

What percent of euthanized animals were young? What percent was perfectly healthy?

How long do animals stay in shelters, on average?

Do shelter conditions affect animal behavior?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:

spay/neuter/fixing- the removal of an animal's reproductive organ / ability

High euthanazia rates / Adoption rates

Source #: 2 of 8

Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – <mark>Website</mark>   Newspaper Article   Magazine Article   Scholarly Journal
Author or Editor Name(s) - Risa Weinstock
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - NJ Animal Observer: Blog(s) about shelters: from experience, research and provides real documents/statistics.
Title of the Article - New York ACC Quickly Kills Large Numbers of Animals
Date Published -   12/30/2019   Date Retrieved- 10/14/2022
Website URL: https://njanimalobserver.com/2019/12/30/new-york-acc-quickly-kills-large-numbers-of-animals/ **Note**: This is a first hand source. Information is directly from experience and official documents gathered from experience. If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.
- "New York ACC kills healthy and treatable pets and doesn't even give many of these animals a chance to live." - "The logs were handwritten and illegible in many cases. Therefore, it was difficult to even determine if the shelter prepared and kept these logs properly"

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- "In fact, the New York City Comptroller noted in their 2015 audit report that New York ACC was not in compliance with its contract with New York City since it "does not maintain a computerized inventory system of controlled substances.""
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- "Unfortunately, New York ACC was extremely difficult to get information from. In my last six years doing public records requests from animal shelters, I found New York ACC one of the worst organizations to deal with. Frequently, I would not get responses for long periods of time"
    - Many other articles also stated this!'

- New York ACC killed treatable dogs, some examples are: Obesity

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

Animals of all kinds, age and health are dropped off the ACC for many reasons, but all shortly meet the same fate. All of the animals are treated inhumanely and are not given a chance, being quickly euthanized.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available: (or search later)	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
The author was a former volunteer at the largest kill shelter. They conducted behavioral evaluations of shelter dogs, adoption counseling, holding adoption events, running a Facebook page dedicated to getting shelter dogs adopted, and fostering dogs.	"Overall, New York ACC killed 1,025 dogs, 298 large dogs, 160 medium dogs and 567 small dogs for "owner requested euthanasia."

"Even worse, owner requested euthanasia made up 26%, 22%, 20% and 33% of all outcomes for owner surrendered all dogs, large dogs, medium dogs and small dogs. In fact, 80% of killed owner surrendered dogs, 62% of killed owner surrendered large dogs, 75% of killed owner surrendered medium dogs and 97% of killed owner surrendered small dogs were classified as "owner requested euthanasia."

"New York ACC killed 62% of the dogs it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. 76% of the dogs New York ACC killed occurred within five days or less. New York ACC killed 81%, 90% and 95% of the dogs it killed within seven, 12 and 15 days."

"New York ACC killed 78% of the owner surrendered dogs it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. New York ACC killed 83%, 89% and 96% of the dogs it killed within three, six and 13 days."

"New York ACC killed 92% of the 10 years and older dogs it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. New York ACC killed 95%, 97% and 98% of the senior dogs it killed within one day, three days and six days."

The ACC kills a large % of "aggressive" animals who are just responding to instincts (such as food aggression) and could be treated with training and patience.

Over 50% of cats brought into this clinic were euthanized

Out of the 1257 senior cats, 566 were euthanized and only 107 were adopted. The rest where either transferred, 29 reclaimed and the rest "died and missing"

"New York ACC classified 91% of all killed cats, 93% of adult killed cats, 67% of killed older kittens, 11% of killed neonatal (newborn) kittens and 75% of killed cats with no ages as owner requested euthanasia."

The shelter killed cats in all the age classes after just 1-2 days on average.

"New York ACC killed 74% of the cats it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. New York ACC killed 86%, 91%, 94% and 99% of the cats it killed within 1 day, 2 days, 4 days and 15 days."

"New York ACC killed 78% of the adult cats it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. New York ACC killed 88%, 93%, 96% and 99% of the adult cats it killed within 1 day, 3 days, 6 days and 13 days."

"New York ACC killed 86% of the 10 years and older cats it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter. New York ACC killed 93%, 95%, 97%, 98% and 99% of the 10 years and older cats it killed within 1 day, 2 days, 4 days, 9 days and 13 days." | The Author's purpose is to use real statistics from both experience and research while providing real and recent ACC kill logs and statistics. Not only is this bringing awareness, but it is providing animal activists with information. The intended audience is the Animal Activist community, adopters/fosters and the intention to take action against the ACC, one of the biggest kill shelters. |

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
- Why is this issue important?
- How does it affect Quality of Life?
- Why is this issue relevant? How does it persist?

Questions to consider:
- What makes adopters rather go to pet stores/breeders rather than shelters?
- How can we better advertise for adopting animals?
    - The ACC kill list is often updated and uploaded, but how can it reach more people?
- How can we get more foster care and animal sanctuaries in NYC?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:

neonatal: newborn children or other mammals. The kittens are newborn - 4 weeks old and require extra care, warmth, bottle and their mom.

Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   <mark>Newspaper Article</mark>   Magazine Article   Scholarly Journal
Author or Editor Name(s) - Gabrielle Fonrouge
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - NY post
Title of the Article - Neglect, filthy cages and no water: Inside the embattled Animal Care Centers of NYC
Date Published - 10/30/2020   Date Retrieved- Oct 2022
Website URL: [Neglect, filthy cages and no water: Inside the embattled Animal Care Centers of NYC](#)
If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.

- In the articles provided video, water is given to a large dog in a dirty bucket, the water has a brown-like color and particles can be seen within the water.

- Animals were found being kept in conditions with filthy cages filled with urine and feces, no water bowls, revolving door of indifferent, low-paid staffers

- "These animals, it's hard enough for them. They're already at a shelter, which is a very stressful situation, and to have them sitting in dirty cages without water, it was just so wrong,"

- "Sometimes the smell of ammonia is so strong, it's nauseating," added an ACC source. "I've pulled out blankets that are so wet, you can squeeze them out, just saturated."

- "Instead of removing soiled blankets and cleaning out the cages, layers of bedding are piled on top to hide the waste — if any bedding is added at all, they alleged."

- "Dogs are also consistently found to have "completely dry" bowls or no water bowls for extended periods of time — with workers telling The Post of severely dehydrated dogs trying to lick puddles and oil slicks when out for walks."

- "And it is not only workers who have expressed concern. ACC has long been accused of impropriety by animal advocates and activists who've highlighted issues about difficult adoption processes, misguided behavioral analyses and decisions to euthanize animals with treatable medical conditions."

- "When I had [Ranchero] out for a walk, he desperately tried to drink the dirty water along the gutters and even tried licking up tiny puddles of water that accumulated on empty bags lying in the street. When I brought him back, I saw that he didn't have a water bucket on either side of his run,"

- Animals are sleeping in piles on a cold, floor on top of a drain- picture in the article shows, one drinking from a dirty bucket and in small empty cages

- "During my more than three years at ACC, I routinely encountered animals who were not provided with water for extended periods of time and dogs living in unsanitary cages — with urine-soaked bedding, feces, and diarrhea left uncleaned for long periods of time," reads the complaint. "ACC never disputed the inhumane conditions; yet, instead of addressing them, I was terminated."

- "Part of the difficulty, according to the whistleblowers, is the prevalence of low-paid, indifferent workers and a lack of supervision."

- "Pretty much the whole time [I was a volunteer], the staff would just be standing around in the hallway talking, not really working," a former volunteer who left this year explained.

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

The ACC located in Brooklyn keeps the animals sheltered in unfit and unhealthy conditions in their short lives. However, the conditions are found similar within all of the other locations. The animals are being kept in small, cold cages with little to no resources, and shortly after, the animals are put on the kill list. This environment is harmful to the animals Quality of Life, as it affects their physical and mental health, Cleanliness, Diet and Stimulation are necessities to animals being happy and healthy.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available: (or search later)	Relevant Statistics from article: (Report based on Evidence/Study)	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
Gabrielle has written numbers of articles for the New York Post. Many of the articles are based on current events and recent issues. She writes daily articles, but at times, can have even up to 4 articles out a day. She is a "national correspondent and investigative reporter" and has provided reports on serious issues such as the mass shootings in Florida. Apart from this, she is involved in social justice, global development and has even traveled to Albania, producing a documentary about the topic of *Transgender sex workers.*	"In September, city Comptroller Scott Stringer released an audit on ACC saying "breakdowns" were found at the shelter, including 15 animals that "didn't have access to clean water" and 48 animals "in dirty kennels."	The author wrote this article to shine a light on what's really happening inside the ACC, and how the shelter is not taking care of the animals properly, or how claimed. These animals are found in disturbing and saddening conditions.

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
- Who is being affected? How
- Why is this issue important?
- How does this issue affect the Quality of Life of the targeted

Questions to consider:
How many people are aware of the truth of the ACC?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:

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Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   Newspaper Article   Magazine Article   <mark>Scholarly Journal</mark>
Author or Editor Name(s) - Ty Alper
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - Gale Academic Onefile
Title of the Article - Anesthetizing the public conscience: lethal injection and animal euthanasia
Date Published - June 2008   Date Retrieved- October 2022
Website URL: https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A182975999/AONE?u=nysl_me_76_tele&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=a465a8c6   If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):   Alper, T. (2008). Anesthetizing the public conscience: lethal injection and animal euthanasia. *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, *35*(4), 817+.   https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A182975999/AONE?u=nysl_me_76_tele&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=a465a8c6

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.

- "In the late 1970s, when Texas was considering whether to adopt Oklahoma's three-drug lethal injection formula for the execution of prisoners, Dr. Ralph Gray, the doctor in charge of medical care in Texas prisons, consulted with a Texas veterinarian named Dr. Gerry Etheredge. (1) Dr. Etheredge told Dr. Gray that veterinarians used an overdose of one drug, an anesthetic called sodium pentobarbital, to euthanize animals and that it was a "very safe, very effective, and very cheap" method of euthanasia. (2) Dr. Etheredge remembers that Dr. Gray had only one objection to using a similar method to execute human beings. "He said it was a great idea," Dr. Etheredge recalled, "except that people would think we are treating people the same way that we're treating animals. He was afraid of a hue and cry." (3) Texas rejected Dr. Etheredge's one-drug, anesthetic-only recommendation and, in 1982, became the first state to actually use lethal injection--via the three-drug formula--as a method of execution. (4)"

- " The first drug is intended to anesthetize the inmate so he does not experience the effects of the second and third drugs. (13) The second drug paralyzes him, and the third drug stops his heart, killing him"

- "The use of pancuronium, the second drug, presents a problem that is fundamental to the controversy over the lethal injection procedure. Because pancuronium paralyzes the inmate during the execution process, the inmate may experience excruciating pain and suffering but be unable to cry out or even blink an eyelid to let anyone know if the anesthesia has failed. "

- "Much of the testimony on the part of veterinary experts in lethal injection cases has to do with their concerns about the use of pancuronium, the paralyzing drug. Advocates for death row inmates have routinely cited state animal euthanasia laws and regulations in support of two complimentary arguments: first, that the veterinary community bans the use of paralytics in animal euthanasia for good reason, and second, that the veterinary community has, for many years, been using a safer, readily-available procedure that states have refused to adopt for human lethal injections."

- "For centuries, indigenous tribes in South America used curare (which is also known as ourara, woorari, wourali, and urali) (36) to make poison-tipped hunting arrows. (37) They would combine bark scrapings from certain vines with viscous substances such as snake or ant venom, boil the mixture for days, and let it cool into a dark, heavy paste, into which they would dip their arrows. (38) Animals struck with these arrows would be paralyzed, and would eventually suffocate from respiratory paralysis."

- "Not only does the Humane Society agree with the AVMA that the anesthetic-only procedure is the preferred method for animal euthanasia, but it expressly condemns the use of curariform drugs like the one used in human lethal injections. The foreword to the Euthanasia Training Manual states that "[i]t is

our moral and ethical duty to ensure that we work to end these practices: drowning, poisoning, shooting, gassing, or injecting animals with curare-based or paralytic substances."

- "The testimony of veterinarians shows that the actual day-to-day euthanasia practices conform to the guidelines established by the Humane Society and the AVMA"

- "Advocates for death row inmates have pointed to an even more egregious lack of monitoring in the lethal injection context. (84) Currently, many state lethal injection protocols provide for no monitoring of anesthetic depth once the administration of drugs has begun."

- " As a result, lawyers for death row inmates have argued for real monitoring of anesthetic depth throughout the execution process by trained personnel. "

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

The practice of euthansia origins in 1970's, and was later confirmed for death row in the 1980's, after a debate about "treating people like animals." However, these Animals are more innocent than criminals, and have less laws protecting them. Before lethal injection, hunters would use similar practices for stunning and suffocating the animals.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available: (or search later) facts found here.	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
Ty Alper has written nine Academic Journals found on Gale Academic onefile, five of them being full text documents. In 2021-22, he served as Chair of the University of California's system-wide Committee on Academic Freedom.Ty Alper was a staff attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta. Alper has won the Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing from Federation of State Medical Boards for his article on the role of state medical boards in the regulation of physician participation in execution. His education is B.A., Brown University (1995), J.D., New York University (1998), LL.M., Georgetown University (2004)	"Among the 6-8 million animals that enter the rescue shelters every year, nearly 3-4 million (i.e., 50% of the incoming animals) are euthanized, and 10-25% of them are put to death specifically because of shelter overcrowding each year."	The Author's Purpose is to educate the reader on the history of euthanasia, and the timeline of controvercy it has, even to this day.

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
What is the history of this issue?
How has it been debated / affected people?

Questions to consider:
When was the most recent debate?
What are the current Animal Rights laws?
When were animal right laws first put in place?
Do criminals have more protection laws than animals?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:
- curare: drug belonging to the alkaloid family of organic compounds. Curare acts as a neuromuscular blocking agent and causes muscle paralysis.

Source #: 5 of 8

Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   <mark>Newspaper Article</mark>   Magazine Article   Scholarly Journal
Author or Editor Name(s) - Kay Bontempo
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - The Spirit
Title of the Article - Problems at ACC Magnified During Pandemic
Date Published - 2/18/2022
Website URL: https://www.westsidespirit.com/news/problems-at-acc-magnified-during-pandemic-IJ1964875 If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.

- "New York's animal rights activists have long criticized the Animal Care Centers of NY for poor conditions and the high numbers of dogs and cats on their "kill list," often put down before potential adopters have had much chance to view them."

- In the past year, the ACC has been blighted by a lack of staff and a decrease in available veterinary services, aggravating the preexisting problems

- Since the pandemic, numbers of animals being dropped off have been more than doubling

- "Another heartbreaking case at the ACC in 2020, reported by News 12 Westchester, involved a shih tzu named "Mr. Magoo" (also known as "Gaston"), found abandoned in Queens. The man who found him specifically stated when dropping the dog off at the Brooklyn ACC that he wanted to adopt him if the original owners were not found, and asked that they call him before doing anything. The next morning, the original owners did arrive at the shelter, only to find that Mr. Magoo had already been put down. '[Mr. Magoo] was perfectly clean upon intake, and filthy dirty ... in less than one day,' says Manhattan-based animal advocate Judy Lustgarten-Goldstein. "They killed this poor little pup the same day that he was brought into ACC. Hansen says Mr. Magoo's microchip was unregistered and could not be traced to the original owners when he was brought in, and says he had to be euthanized before his owners came forward because of health concerns, citing a 'poor prognosis and quality of life.' "

- almost all instances of euthanasia occurred within 30 days or less of the dogs' arrival at the shelter, slamming the ACC for "[giving] the dogs it killed virtually no chance to become adoptable."

- Limited vet care services

- It is unlikely that the ACC's high kill rate and poor conditions result from a lack of funding, as they get lots of city funding and money per animal.

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

Animal Activists have been fighting for the Quality of Life of the animals at the ACC and how the kill rate is increasing at an alarming amount. In addition, a portion of those euthanasias are unnecessary, one example being a young, healthy, lost dog.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available: (or search later)	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
Kay has written 26 articles for *The Spirit: The Local Newspaper for the Upper West Side.* She is a Journalist and has a Bachelor's degree for Political Science and Film/Media. She is Bilingual, fluent in English, Spanish and italian. She is a news assistant for NY1 news.	- "New York ACC killed 62% of the dogs it killed on the very day they arrived at the shelter," - The ACC claims that they keep alive about 90% of total intake animals and euthanize only 10% or less, but this number is misleading - The kill rate in 2021 was redeemed "higher than ever sparking fury among New York's animal rights activists"	The purpose of this article is to show that the New York ACC is a relevant issue and needs to be getting more attention in order to be solved. Things have only been getting worse there, and the treatment of animals remains unethical.

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
  - How is this issue relevant?
  - How does this issue continue to persist?
  - Who is affected and why?
 	
Questions to consider:
  - Did the pandemic decrease adoption levels
  - Did the pandemic increase the population of stray cats?
 	
Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:
prognosis: The likely outcome or course of a disease; the chance of recovery or recurrence. the likely course of a disease or ailment.

Source #: 6 of 8

Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   <mark>Newspaper Article</mark>   Magazine Article   Scholarly Journal
Author or Editor Name(s) - Dana Fuchs
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - City and State New York
Title of the Article - NY should stop killing adoptable pets
Date Published - 12/9/2020
Website URL:https://www.cityandstateny.com/opinion/2020/12/ny-should-stop-killing-adoptable-pets/175373/ If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):

- "Imagine being raised in a family that you thought loved you – until you got too old, big, or they taunted you until you snapped, so they dumped you. Worse, your parents were so callous they did not take you to a safe place. Instead, you were abandoned or lost and taken in by an agency, whose leaders – or the politicians who set their policy – decided that if you demonstrated temporary stress due to your traumatic situation, you would likely exit their foreboding facility, dead, in a black plastic bag. Such is the fate of untold animals at New York City's Animal Care and Control"

- "There is nothing merciful about taking the life of a terrified animal. Jennifer & Nathan Winograd, authors of "Welcome Home: An Animal Rights Perspective on Living with Dogs & Cats," discuss how fearful dogs may die: "a long handled hard-wire noose that wraps around a dog's neck and torso. . . often the head is held hard to the ground. . . so the staff member can inject the sedative. . . the dog struggles to maintain balance… until he slumps to the ground." In a video obtained by the New York Post, a dog Maverick being led to execution at the Manhattan Animal Care Centerpound encapsulates the terror a dog feels in that situation."

- There were many cases of dogs described as " Friendly and "Loving were euthanized rather than getting medical treatment for treatable situations (ex: lost control of bladder, "non-painful hind leg paralysis")

- "Another contributor to shelter stress is putrid conditions. A Post headline about a recent Animal Care and Control audit read, "NYC animal care shelter conditions are disgusting." This environment creates a treatable ailment in animals commonly called kennel cough. Instead of ridding the animals' temporary home of this perpetual contagion, they have killed cats and dogs for it. The institution stated there is no kennel cough infestation and they have not killed dogs solely for it in a long time."
- Advocates claim dogs are misclassified as unadoptable and are killed

- " 'neglectful' conditions — including filthy cages filled with urine and feces" at the organization's Brooklyn location."

- "The advocacy group Dogs Lives Matter tweeted that a dog named Scrappy was killed by Animal Care and Control's Brooklyn facility for pneumonia."

- Dogs were coming in, and increasing in stress and anxiety, effecting how they lived and felt, which led them to euthanasia (ex: mood changes, health changes)

- The shelter is giving Trazodone, a calming drug for animals due to the stress levels in the shelter, but overdosing the animals

- the shelter gave and overdose Trazodone to "Duke" who was labeled "friendly and allowed all handling"

Info on the author if available: (or search later)	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
Dana is a professional animal writer and activist living in New York. One topic she discusses is the "horrific" shelter system in New York. She has written articles advocating for animals in NYC shelters, and appeared in podcasts about the topic with others as well.	N/A	The author's purpose is to raise awareness to the conditions and medical practices going on in the Brooklyn ACC.

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
- How are the communities affected?
- How does the issue persist?

Questions to consider:
- How does the ACC receive drugs, euthanasia and other medical supplies?
- How do medical facilities keep track of the amount of drugs given to the ACC?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:
- Trazodone: Trazodone is commonly used to sedate dogs that have anxiety or fear of the groomer or at the veterinary hospital.
- With treatment dogs generally recover well from **pneumonia**

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Step 1: Source Information - Record the article source information below.
Type of Source (Highlight One) – Website   <mark>Newspaper Article</mark>   Magazine Article   Scholarly Journal
Author or Editor Name(s) - "Brooklyn Reader"
Page # (if applicable) -
Title of the Source - BK Reader
Title of the Article - Comptroller Audit Finds Poor Shelter Conditions at NYC Animal Care & Control
Date Published - APRIL 21, 2015
Website URL: https://bkreader.com/2015/04/21/comptroller-audit-finds-poor-shelter-conditions-at-animal-care-control/   If citation is given please paste it here (no need to fill in above):

Step 2: Gather evidence - You may copy evidence from source and paste below, but you MUST PARAPHRASE or QUOTE to incorporate the information in your paper.

- "Harmful and overcrowded conditions, expired medications distributed to animals, vaccines refrigerated with staff lunches are amongst several of the terrible practices found to exist at the Animal Care & Control facilities across New York City"

- "Animal Care & Control is running an operation that could make your stomach turn, said Stringer. How we treat our most vulnerable creatures is a reflection of our decency as a society, and AC&C is failing in that important responsibility"

- "The audit examined four-months (December 2013 through March 2014) of controlled substance logs, and shelter conditions were observed on several occasions between March and November 2014. Auditors found that animals health was put at risk by AC&Cs failure to oversee controlled substances in all three shelters. Additionally, 92 bottles of expired controlled substances, some as old as 13 years had not been removed from the premises."

- "Vaccines and employee lunches stored together at the Brooklyn shelter, despite Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines that vaccines should never be stored in the same refrigerator as food or beverages"

- " At the Manhattan shelter, auditors found vaccines stored in a freezer alongside animal remains."

- "At the Brooklyn shelter, poor ventilation contributed to a strong gas odor, while a shared climate control system between isolation rooms for sick animals and rooms with healthy animals increased the risk of spreading contagious diseases."

- "The Manhattan shelter had kennels lined up along the hallways of the facility due to overcrowding."

- "At the Staten Island shelter, auditors found a defective fire alarm as well as peeling paint above dog kennels and feeding areas."

Step 3: Summarize the evidence - Include a summary of the article including any paraphrased quotations below.

The physical conditions at the Manhattan ACC are unsafe and unsanitary.

Step 4: Assessment of Reliability - Consider and record the following information about the author and article to generate context about the credibility of the source.

Info on the author if available: (or search later)	Relevant Statistics from article:	Author Purpose/Intended Audience:
N/A	"The audit examined four-months (December 2013 through March 2014) of controlled substance logs, and shelter conditions were observed on several occasions between March and November 2014. Auditors found that animals health was put at risk by AC&Cs failure to oversee controlled substances in all three shelters. Additionally, 92 bottles of expired controlled substances, some as old as 13 years had not been removed from the premises."	The author's purpose was to let residents and the community of brooklyn know the unsanitary conditions at their local shelter, and to provide photographic evidence of the claims made by New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer.

Step 5: Connect research to the task and prompt -

Which Background Paper Prompts does this article address?
- Why is this issue relevant?
- How does this affect Quality of life? (health)

Questions to consider:
- How old is the ACC building?
- What renovations were done on the building- if any?

Key terms/jargon/authors/experts etc. for subsequent searches:
Comptroller: The controller oversees all employees involved in the accounting process, overseeing the fiscal activity of public agencies, nonprofit organizations, or businesses.