



You cannot improve what you don't measure

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Why not collect and standardize data?

- Highly sensitive subject
- Unwillingness to publicly share data
 - Shelter are still the target of social criticism (ex: social media)
 - Not enough funded in order to have high efficiency - look bad
- Inability to compile data's due to lack of human, financial or informatics resources
- Absence of interest from some organization to compile information
- The non prioritization of that matter compare to other day-to-day concerns
- Minimizing the importance of objectives data's



Why not collect and standardize data?

- Nature hates emptiness... if you don't take the lead...
 - Journalist, blogs, misguided individuals, etc.
 - Non rigorous activist
 - Harmful demagogy
 - Lost of control of the information
- Québec example – False information diffuse last few years
 - False abandoned animal number
 - False euthanasia rate
 - Information that runs internationally 0 documentation to support it
 - Create a false notion that Québec animal owners and shelters are the worst of all kind
 - If the real numbers are given ...
 - Impression of a solved problem!!!!
 - Even if nothing has changed



Why do collect and standardize data?

- How to improve without objectively measurable data?
- Base of management → measure management indicators
- Get the most precise picture
 - To understand the evolving situation
 - To understand roots of problems
 - To aim efforts and resources on priority problems rather than glamour ones
- Allow realistic discussion and trust with administrations
 - False information = no trust = no fund
- **What about sharing data?**
 - Trust issues
 - Individualism vs. common cause
 - What individual vulnerability tell us about a common share of the problem?

Possible orientations

- Promote collaboration between associations
 - No need / no benefit to work individually!!!
- Share work
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- Promote, invite and help shelters in data collection
- Transparency isn't easy. If your not... *you must hide something!*
 - Appearance against you
- Include non human societies
- Include in survey human population served by shelter with animal contract
 - Easier extrapolation to a wider situation





Possible orientations

- Differentiate majors shelter categories in order to interpret models and their realities
 - Open-admission, close admission, foster program, etc.
 - Ex: Relative and absolute values of an open-admission municipal shelter versus a internet based foster shelter
- Easier to get shelter by data agglomeration but dilute different realities
- Proportion of non collaborative organisation? What to do?
 - Mandatory law?
 - Contractual obligation with cities (animal control contract)
- Animal shelter count



AVQMR so far

- Newly identify data collection in Québec shelter as a priority
- Through it's 55 regulars members working into or in collaboration with shelters
 - Consciousness-raising with information diffusion
- Decided to work with the CFHS annual survey
- Decided to work with any association willing to promote this initiative
- Open and ready to collaborate on this matter next steps

