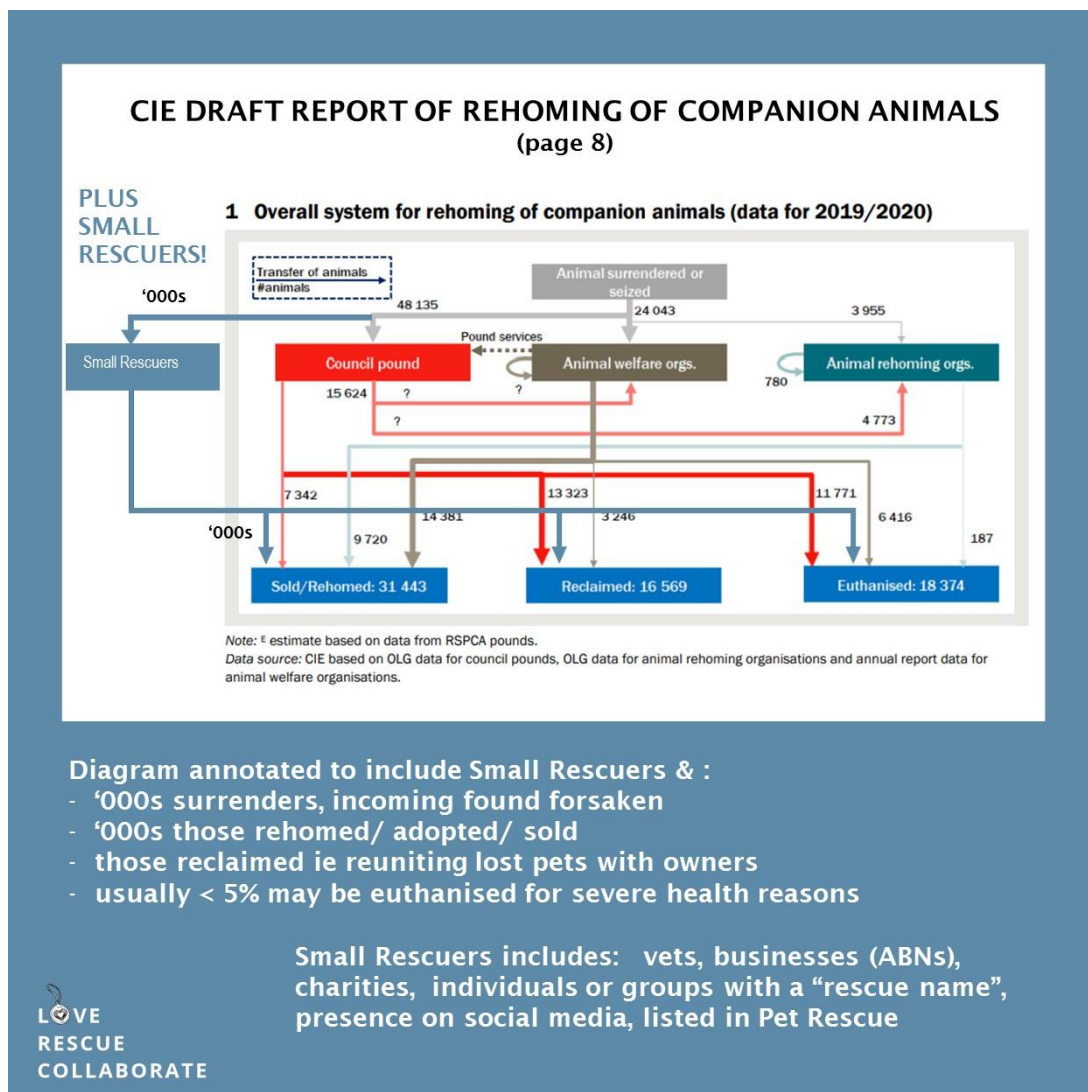


"It is not compulsory for animal rescue organisations to become designated rehoming organisations to continue their work rehoming animals. They may continue to undertake those activities."ⁱ

Community cat rescuers and carers are subgroups of “small rescues” as shown in the annotated diagram from the NSW review draft report to increase rehoming and reduce euthanasia numbers.ⁱⁱ



It is recommended that the NSW government and all councils recognise the efforts of community cat rescuers and carers, and the benefits of collaboratively working with these groups and individuals for better animal welfare solutionsⁱⁱⁱ, they:

- collectively help save and rehome thousands of animals each year, reducing the intake and euthanasia numbers for council pounds, and
- carry the financial, labour and emotional burden of abandoned cats in urban areas – they are at the front line with communities and the semi owned and unowned cats.

ⁱ <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Guidelines-for-Designated-Rehoming-Organisations-Version-2.0-November-2021-Guidelines.pdf>

ⁱⁱ https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CIE-Draft-Report_NSW-OLG_Rehoming-of-Companion-Animals-in-NSW.pdf

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/responsible-pet-ownership/rehoming-practices-review/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Punishment to Support: The Need to Align Animal Control Enforcement with the Human Social Justice Movement
<https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/10/10/1902>