

# 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION SURVEY



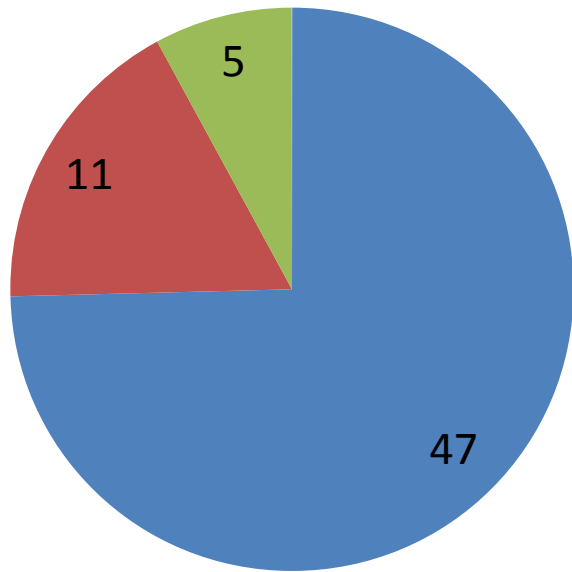
# Survey

- The South Carolina state legislature convened a Pet Care & Humane Treatment Study Committee to "review, study, and make recommendations concerning the need for improved oversight and regulation in the State." The committee asked Charleston Animal Society and No Kill South Carolina for assistance in learning about the current state of animal welfare in South Carolina.
- The survey was conducted online and was sent by email to 336 shelters, animal control organizations, rescue groups, and TNR organizations based in South Carolina.
- The survey was open for just over 2 weeks; November 11-28, 2016
- The survey has two main parts:
  1. Operations information
  2. Self-assessment of current compliance with ASV Guidelines for Standards of Shelter Care



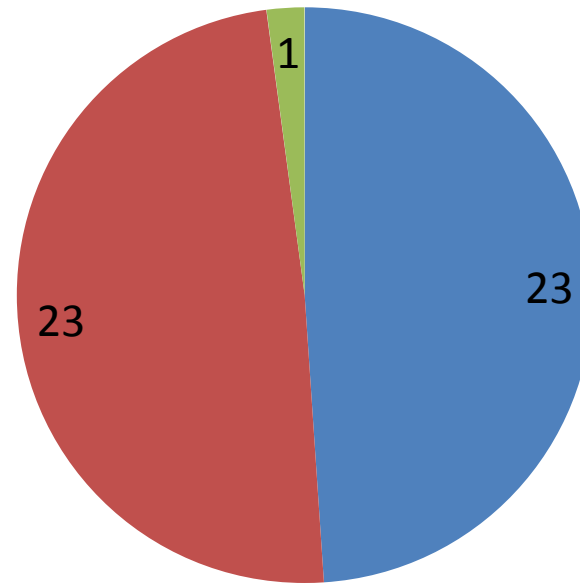
# Survey Respondents

## Funding Source



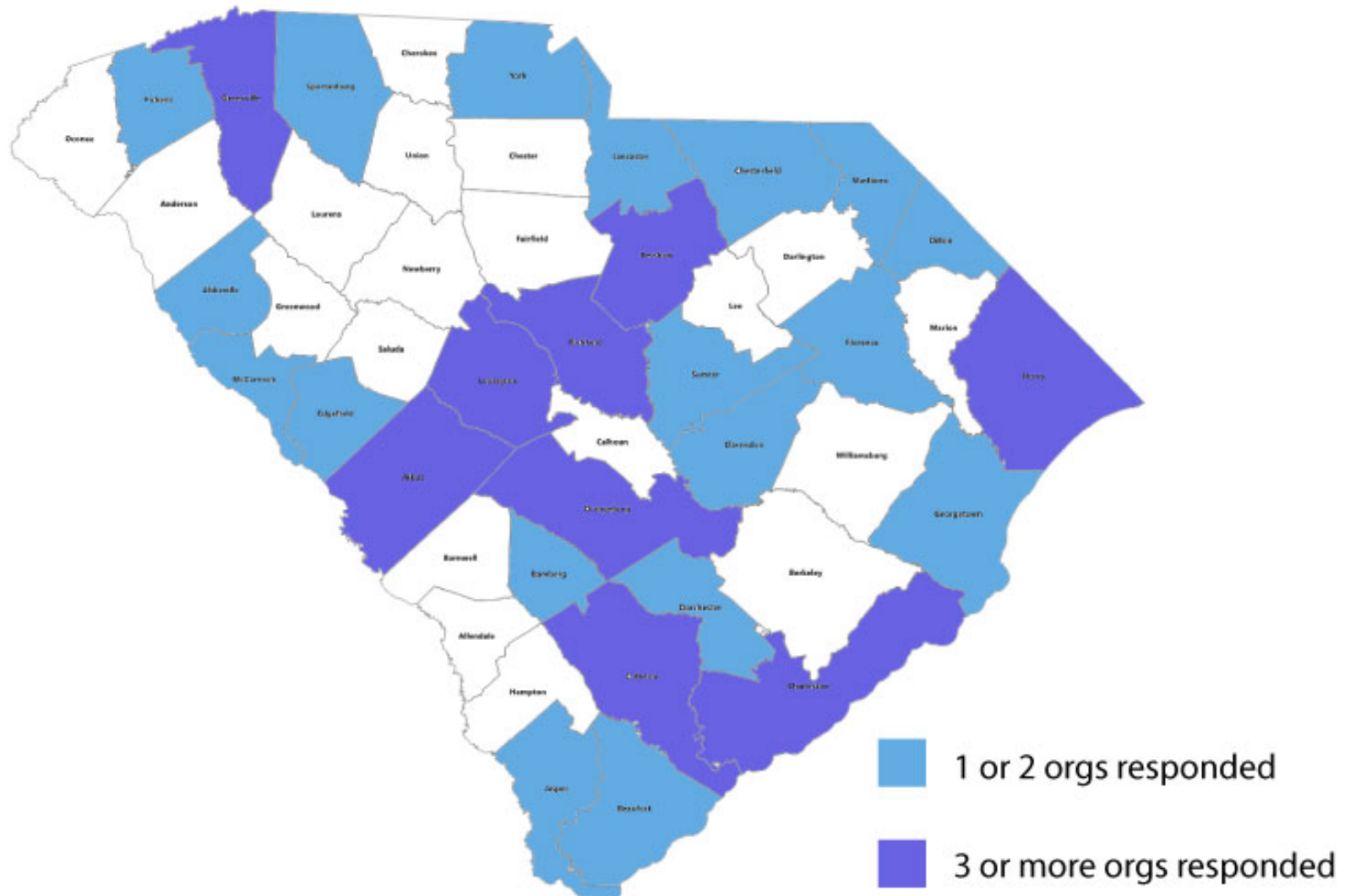
- Private Funding
- Government Funding - County
- Government Funding - Municipal

## Shelter Type



- Brick-and-Mortar
- Shelter-in-Home
- Other

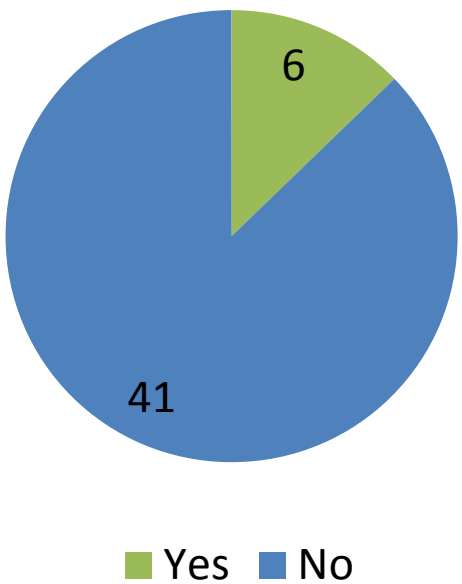
# Geographic Distribution of Respondents



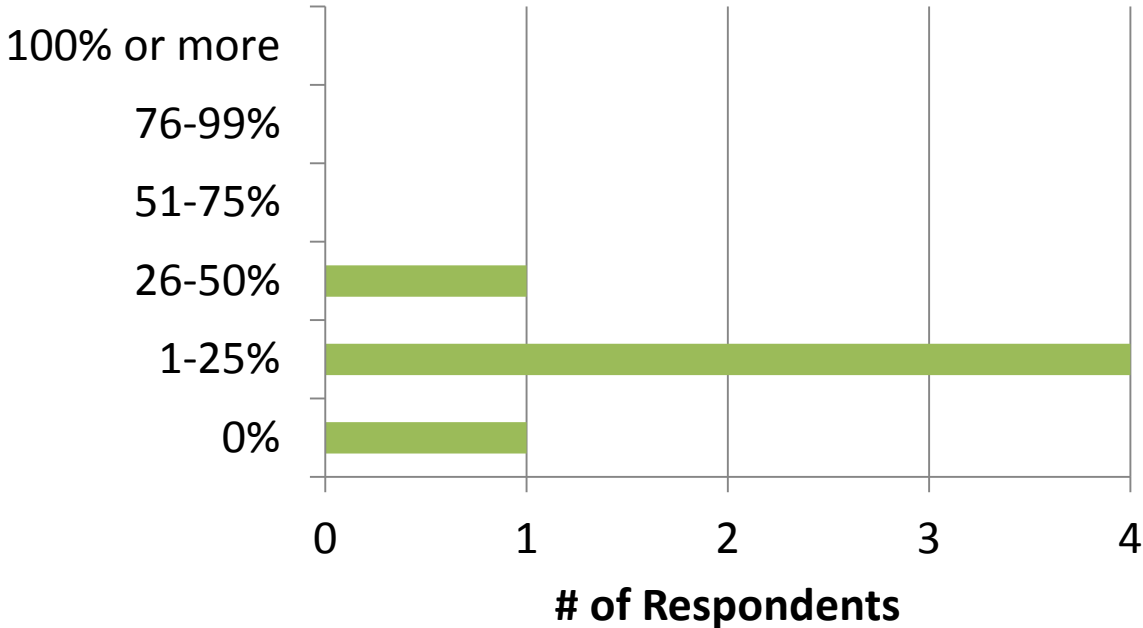
# **PART 1: OPERATIONS**

# Private Organizations Contracted with Government to Provide Shelter Services

Contracted?

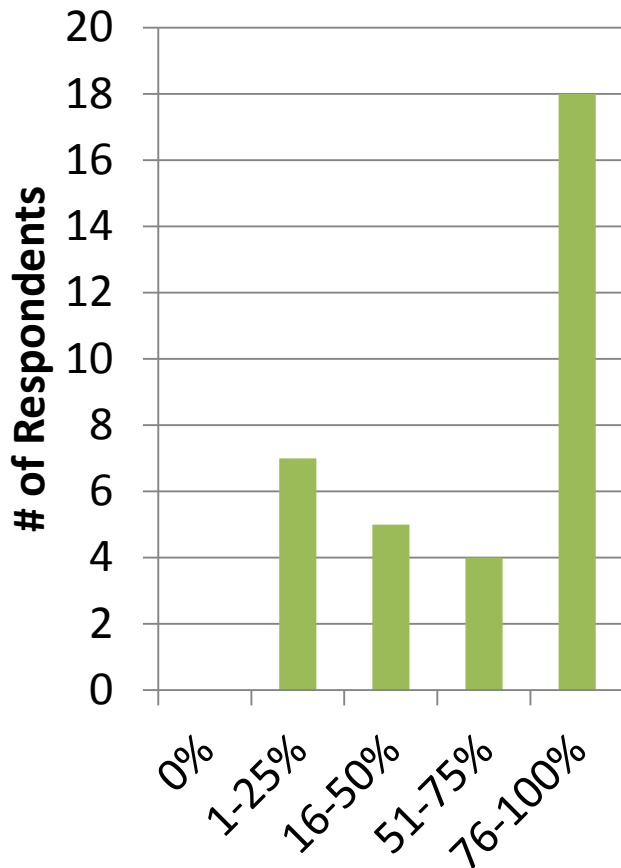


Percent of Animal Care Costs Covered by Government Contract

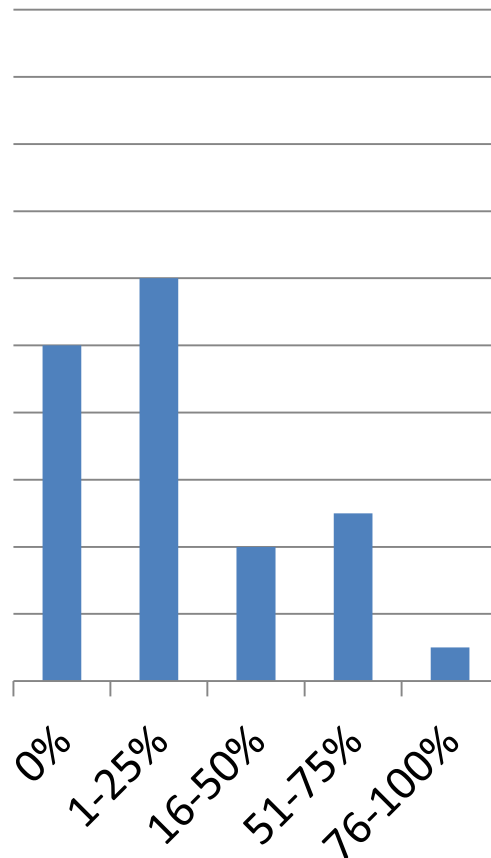


# Origin of Animal Intakes in 2015

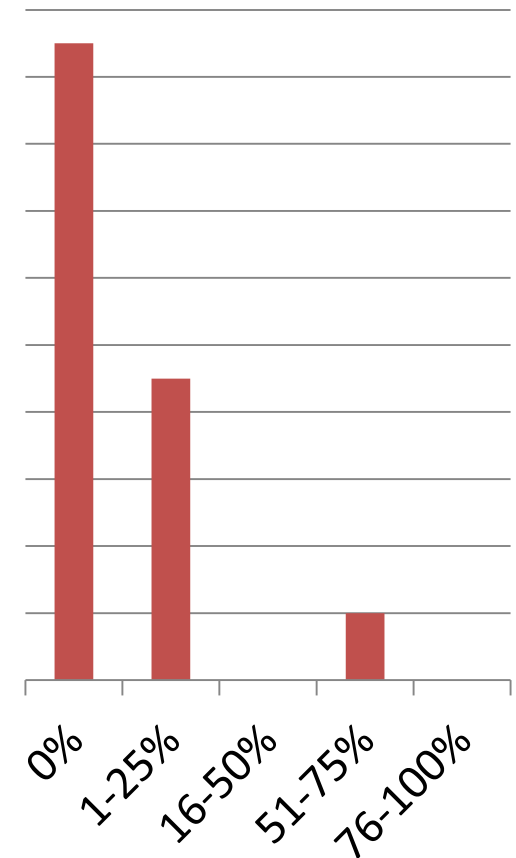
**% of Animals from Within own County**



**% of Animals from Outside own County but Within SC**

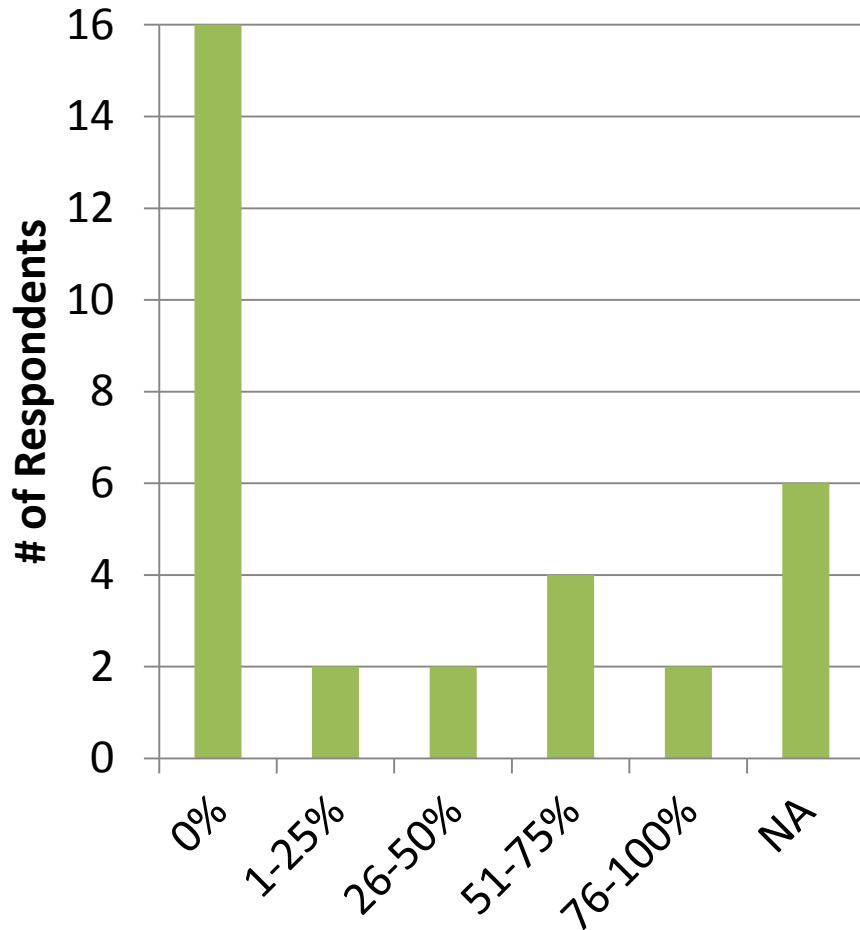


**% of Animals from Outside SC**

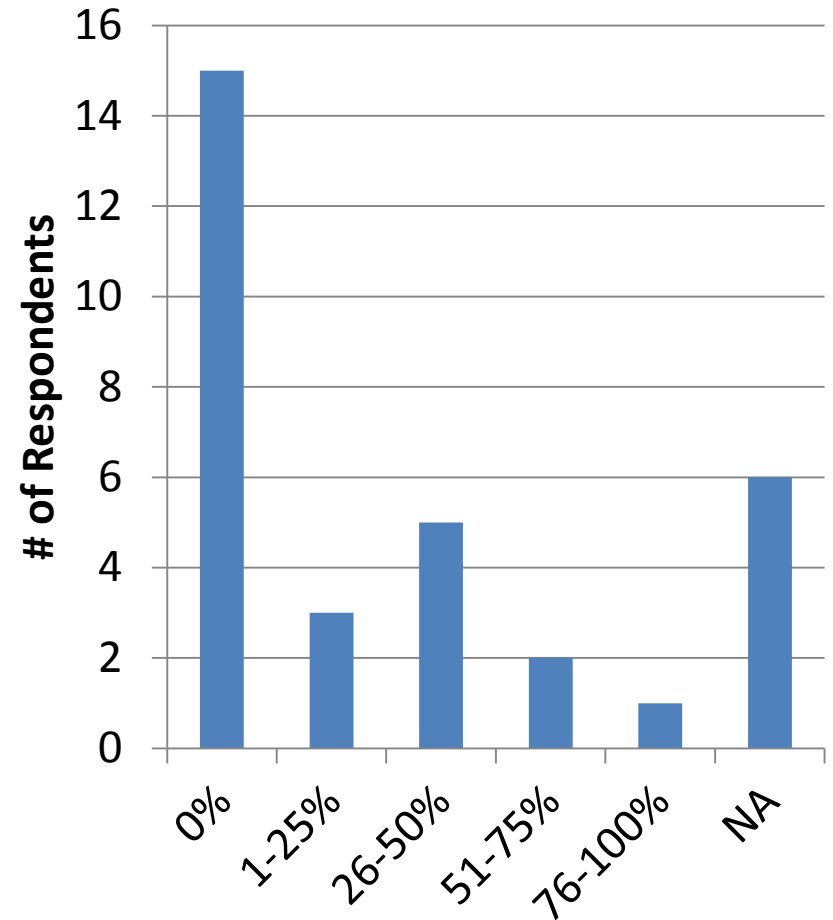


# Euthanasia in 2015

**% of Euthanized Animals that were Medically and Behaviorally Healthy**

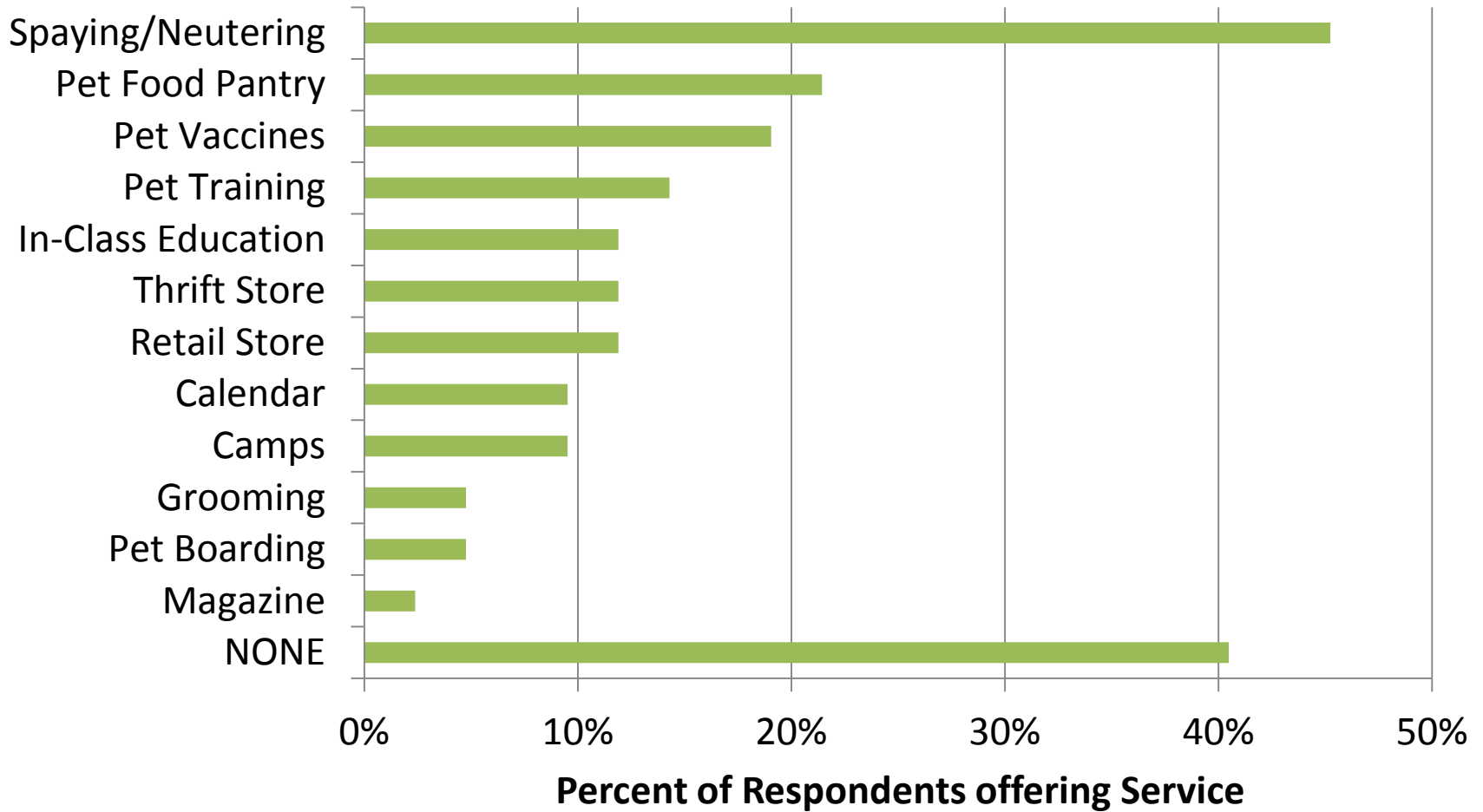


**% of Euthanized Animals that were Medically and/or Behaviorally Treatable**





# Services Provided to the Public



# Other Public Services Offered by Respondents

- Microchipping (x2)
- On-site mobile spaying/neutering
- Funding for spaying/neutering (x3)
- Comprehensive medical services
- Volunteer training
- Newsletter
- Heartworm education
- Pet care education (x2)
- Adoptions
- Animal control

# Restrictions on Service

- No restrictions (x3)
  - 1 offers incentive for low income
- Restricted to low income clients (x4)
  - 3 indicate restriction is internally imposed
- Occasional restrictions due to funder (x2)
  - Externally imposed
- Restricted to certain geographical areas (x2)
  - Internally imposed
- Would like to offer more services but are limited due to lack of funding or other resource limitations (x7)

**PART 2:**

**ASV GUIDELINES SELF-ASSESSMENT**

# ASV Guidelines Self-Assessment

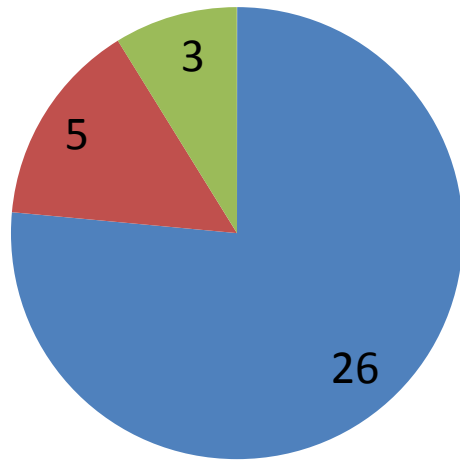
- Shelters were asked to assess their current operations against the ASPCA's [Shelter Care Checklist](#), based on the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' [Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters](#)
- Categories for each item include **Must**, **Should**, **Ideal**, **Unacceptable**. Not every item includes all categories.
- Shelters for which the item does not apply or that were not described by any category are reported as **NA or None**.

# Category Definitions

- **Must:** It is believed that without adherence to this recommendation, the delivery of a minimum level of acceptable or humane care is not possible.
- **Should:** A strong recommendation is implied for these standards.
- **Ideal:** While these may not be possible in all circumstances, they would certainly enhance care and are ideal for an agency to excel in the animal sheltering field; shelters should strive to meet all ideal practices wherever possible.
- **Unacceptable:** No sheltering organization, regardless of its circumstances, should engage in any unacceptable practices, and they must be corrected without delay.

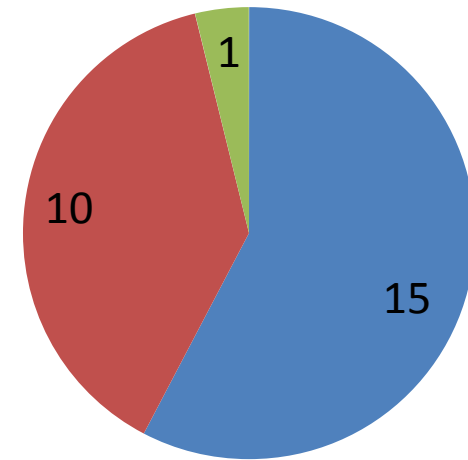
# Shelters that Completed the Self-Assessment

## Funding Source



- Privately Funded
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- Government Funded - Municipal

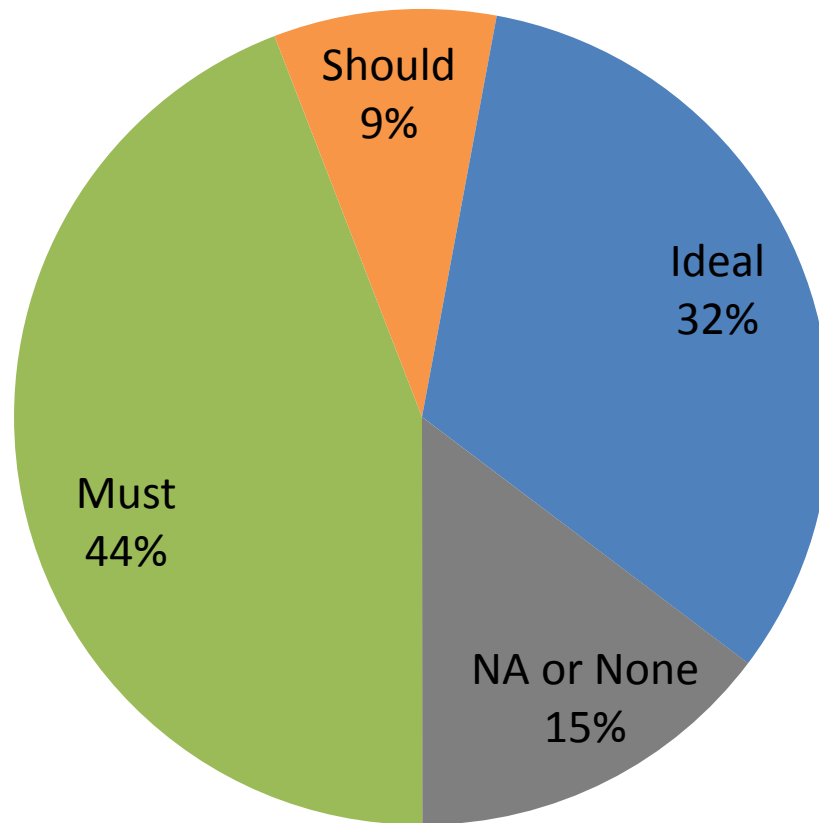
## Shelter Type



- Brick-and-Mortar Shelter
- In-Home Shelter
- Other

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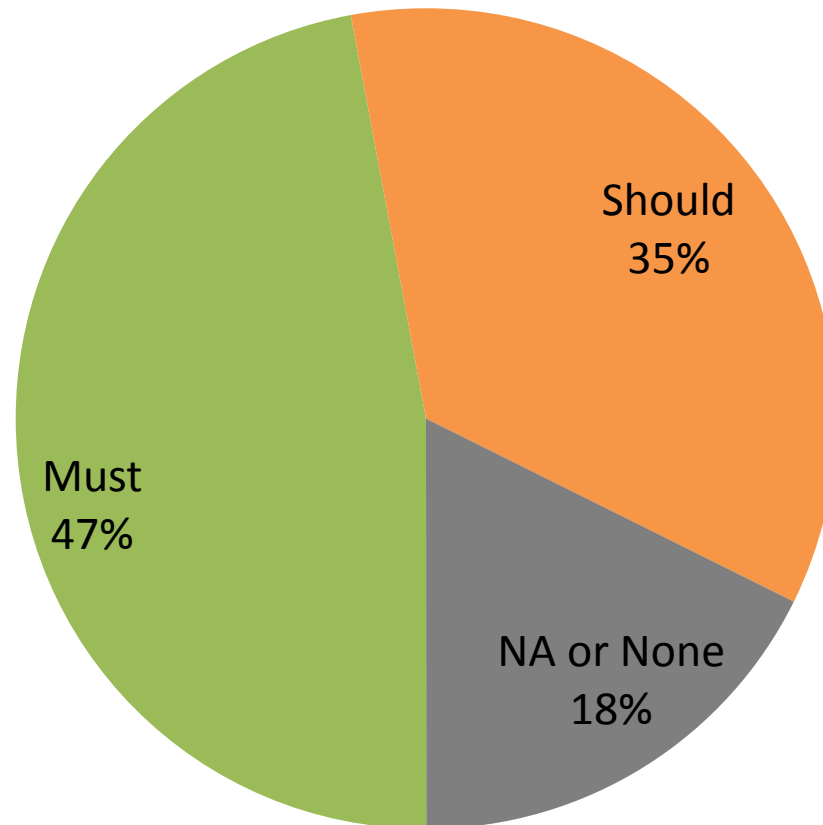
## 1. Establishment of Policies & Procedures





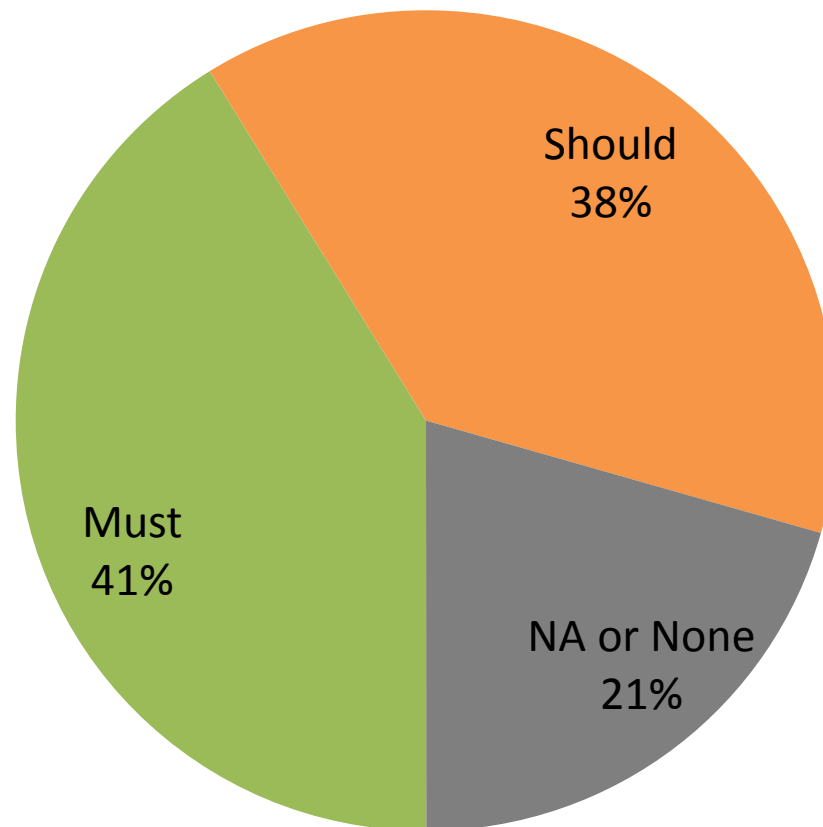
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## 2. Management Plan



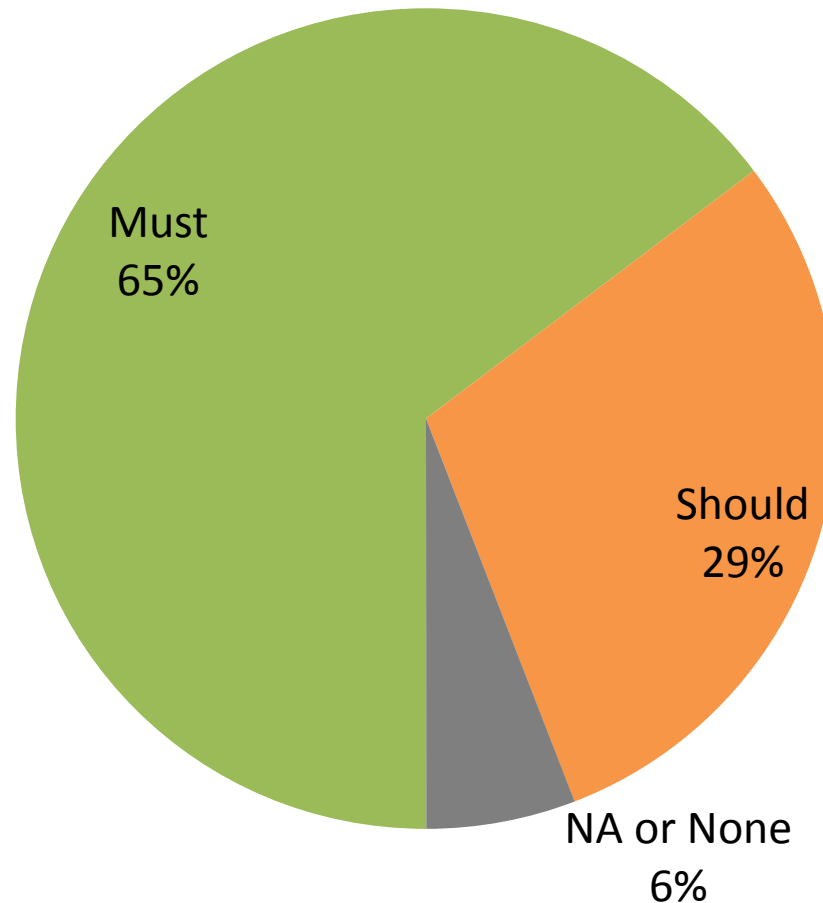
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## 3. Training



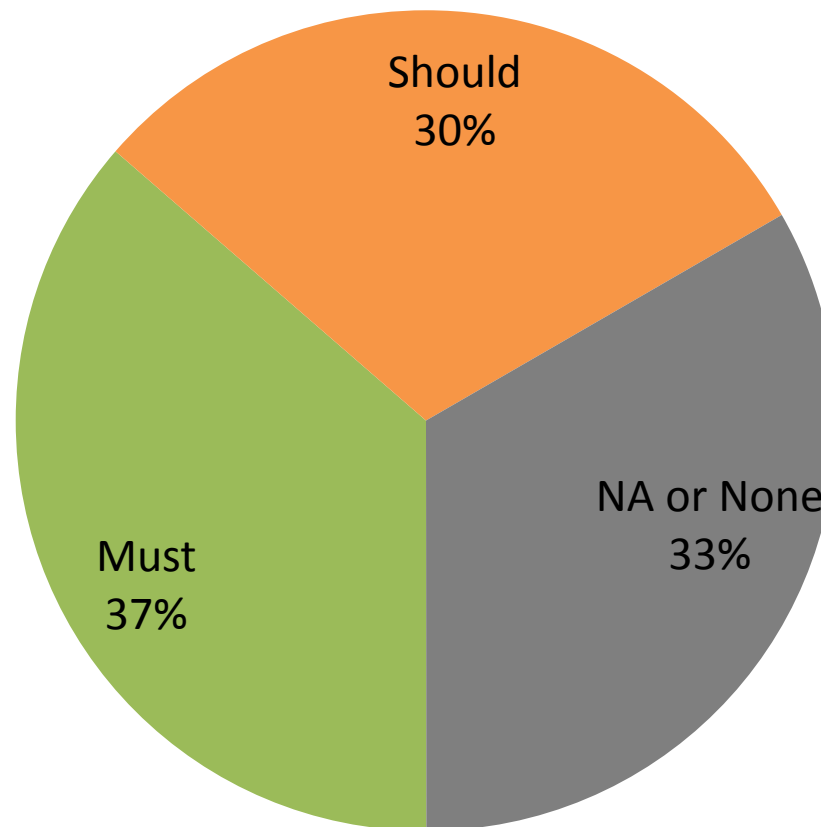
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## 4. Animal Identification & Recordkeeping



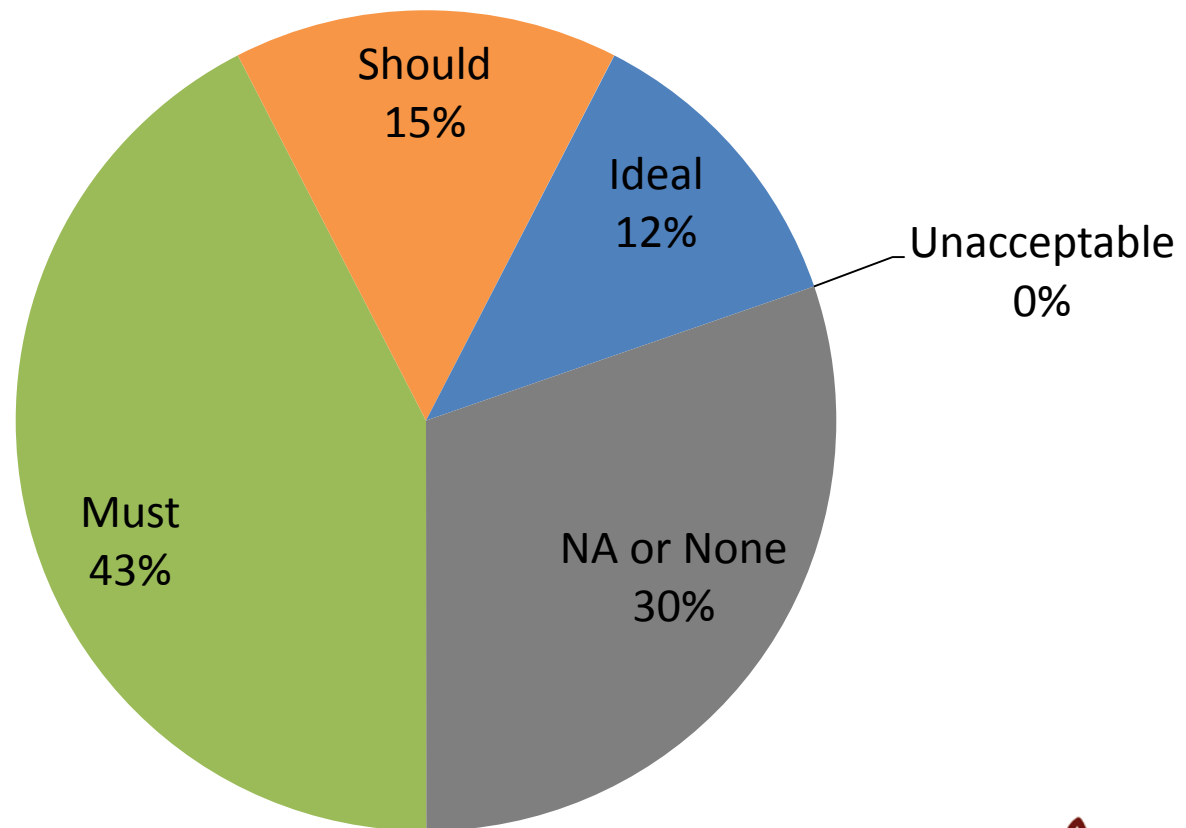
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## 1. General



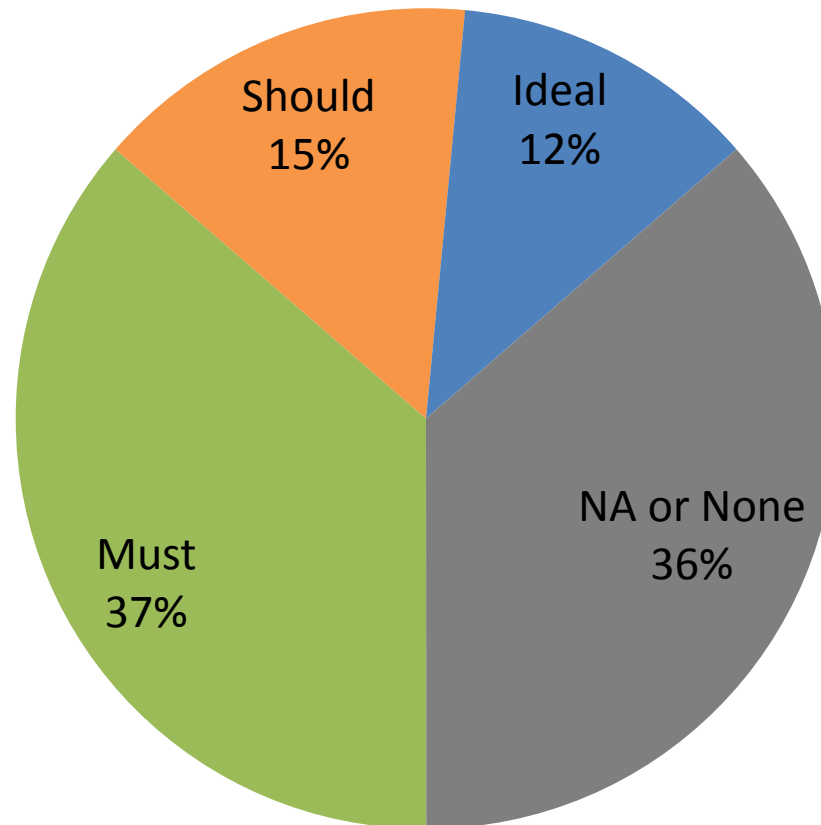
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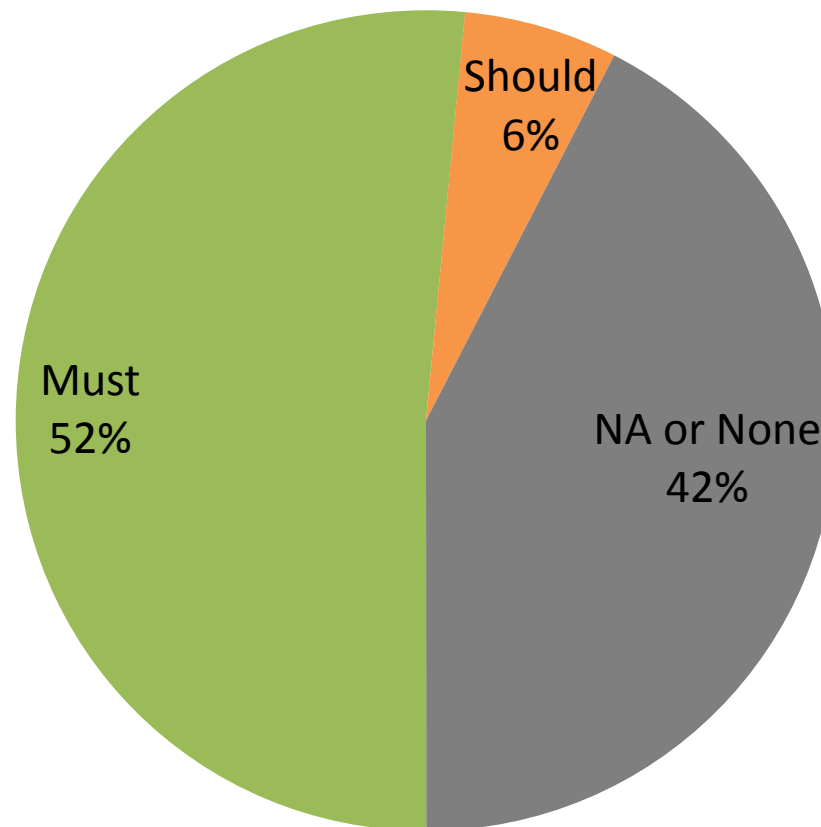
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## 3. Surfaces & Drainage



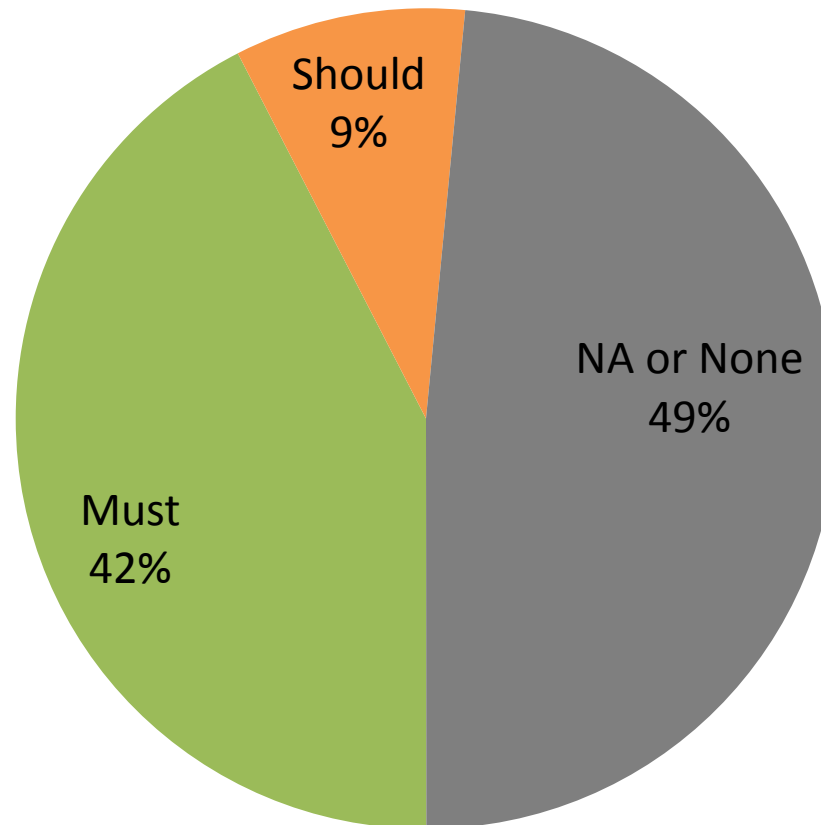
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## 4. Heating, Ventilation and Air Quality



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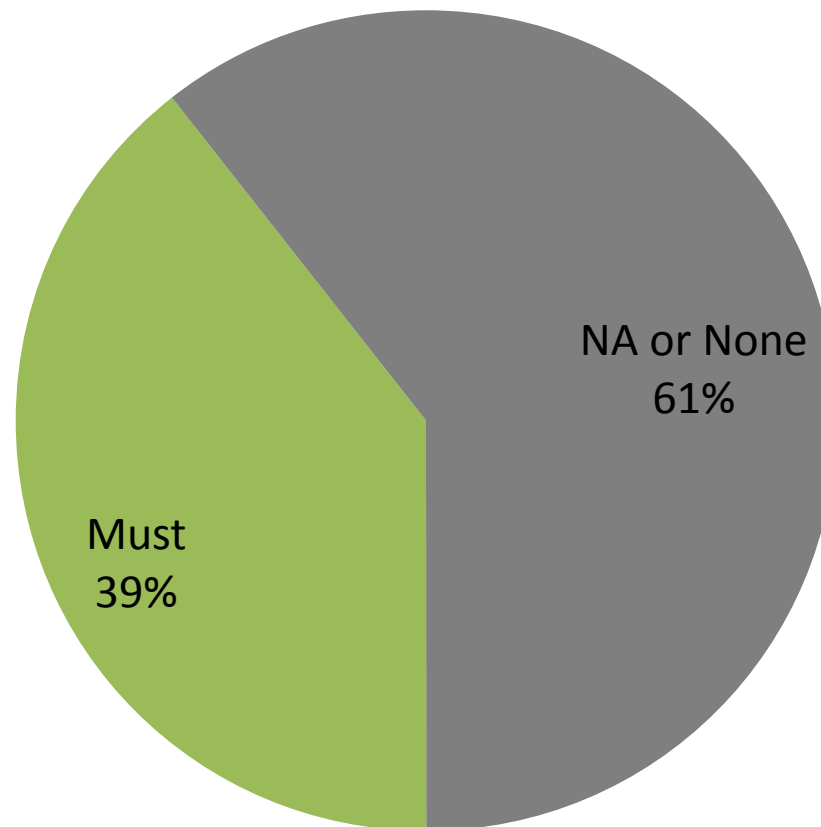
## 5. Sound Control





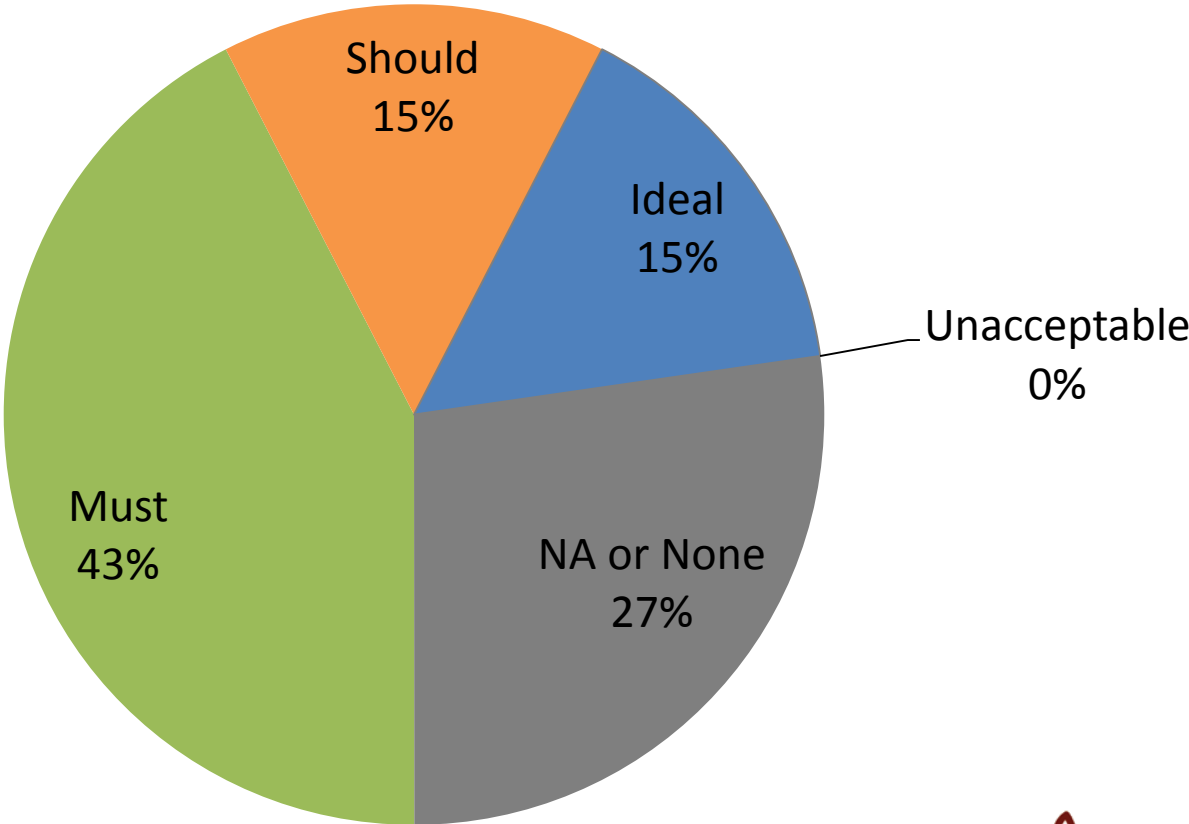
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## 6. Drop Boxes



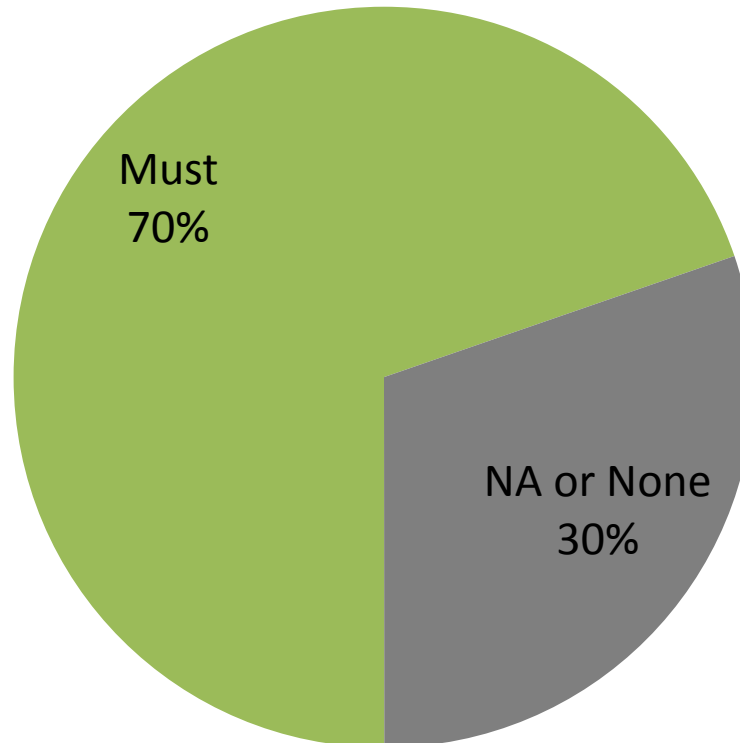
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## 1. Capacity for Care



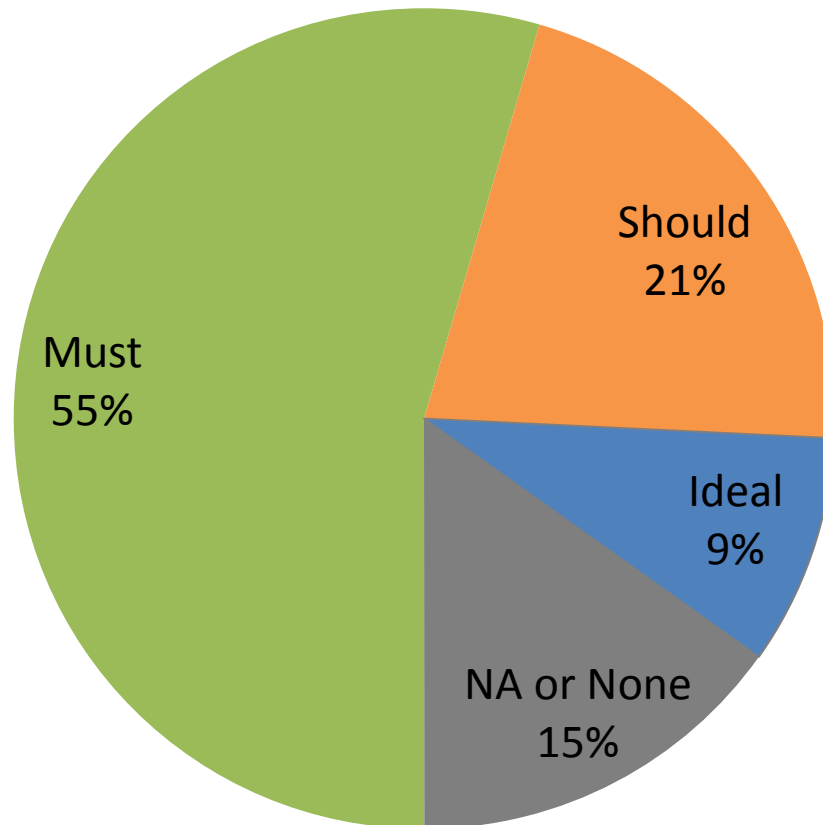
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## 2. Protocols for Maintaining Adequate Capacity for Care



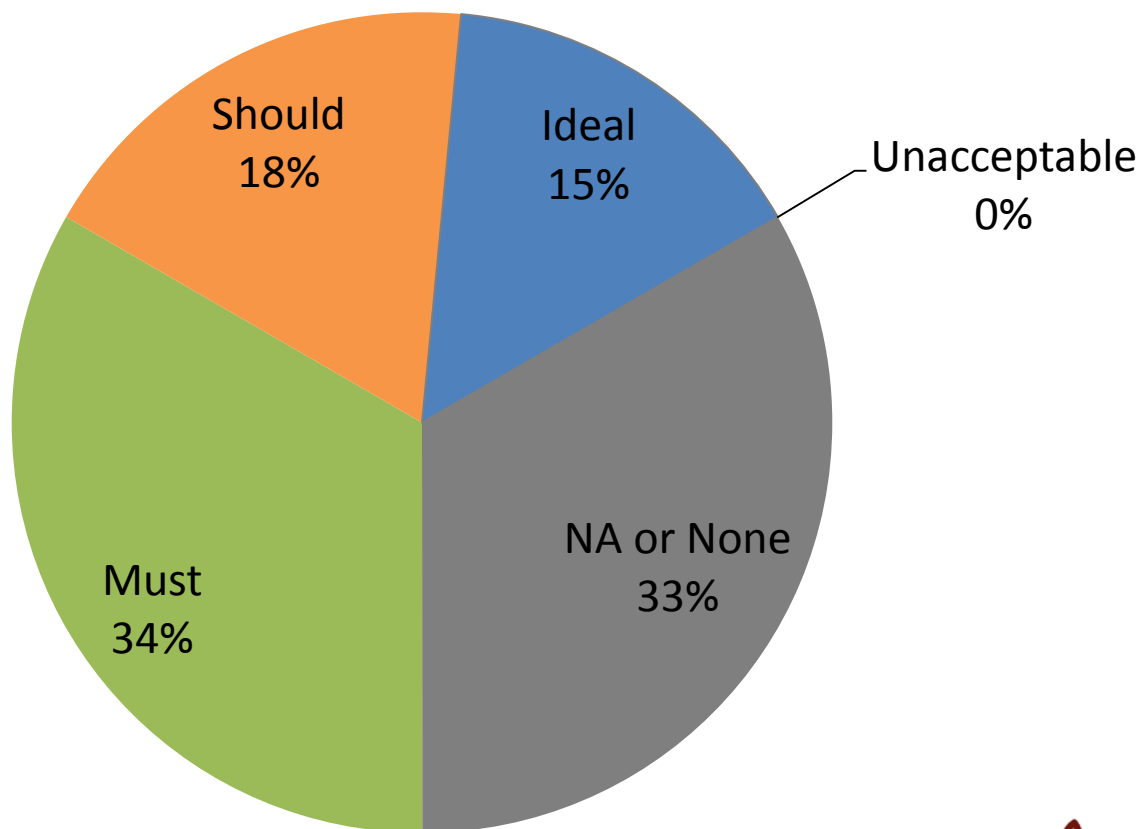
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## 3. Monitoring Statistical Data



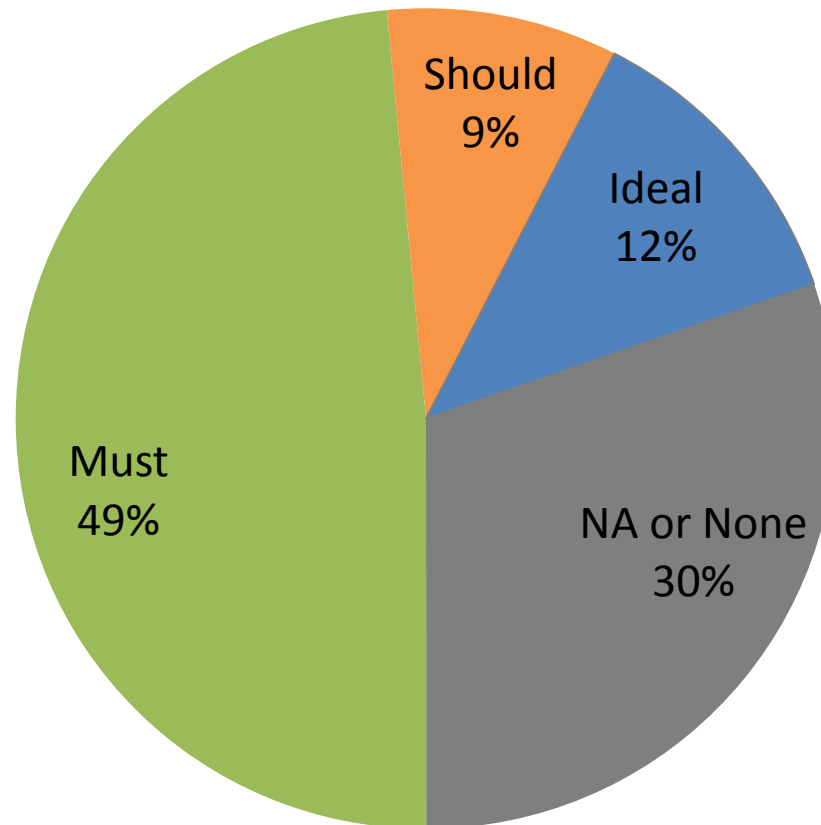
# Chapter 4: Sanitation

## 1. Cleaning and Disinfection



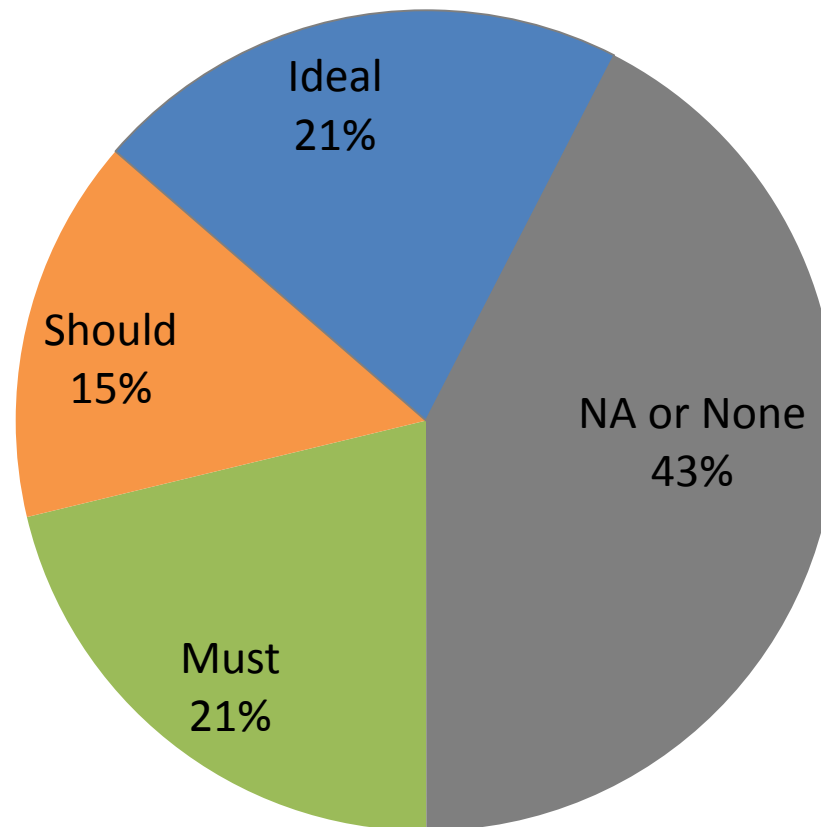
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## 2. Other Cleaning



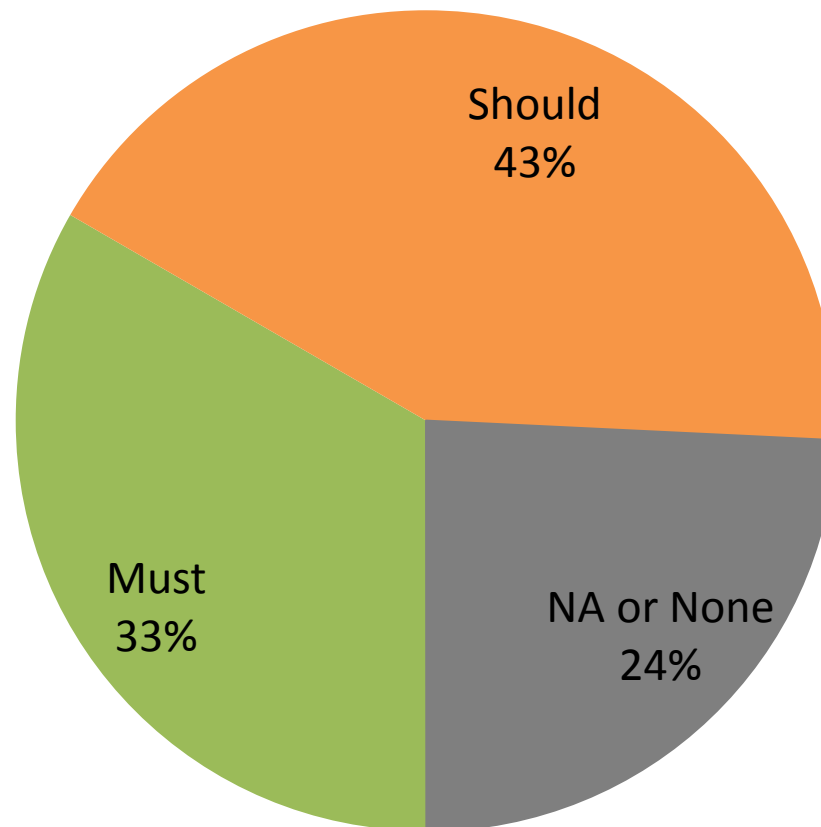
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## 3. Rodent/Pest Control



# Chapter 5: Medical Health & Physical Well-being

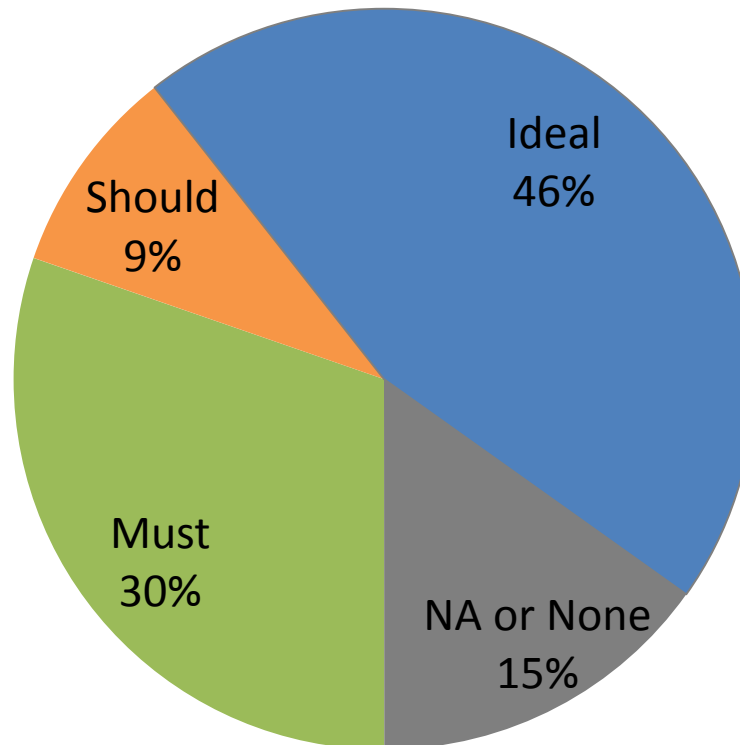
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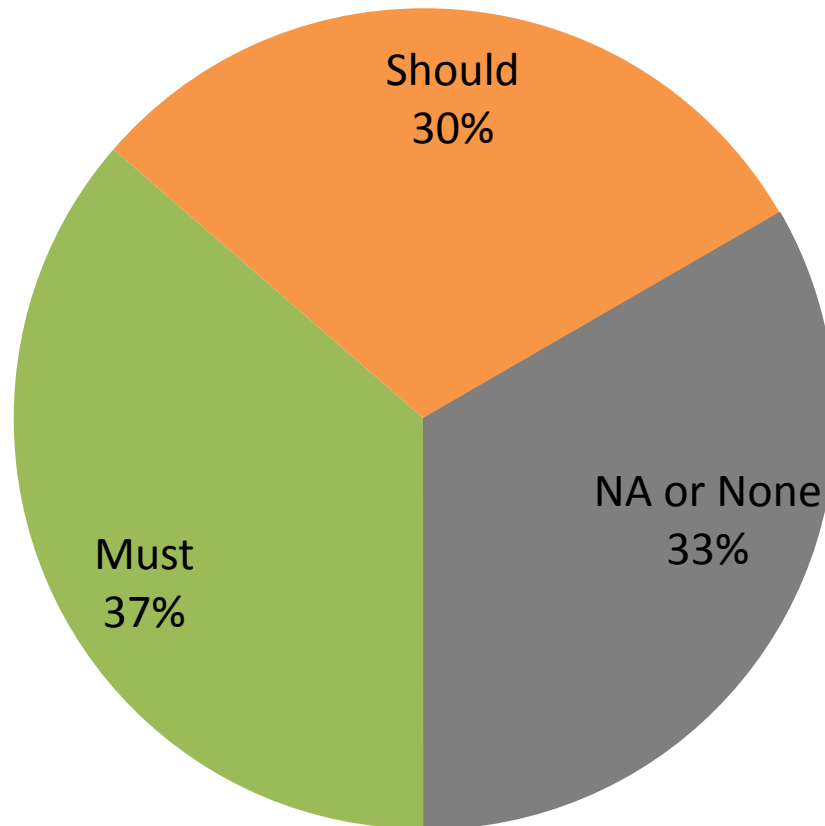
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## 2. Veterinary Relationship and Recordkeeping



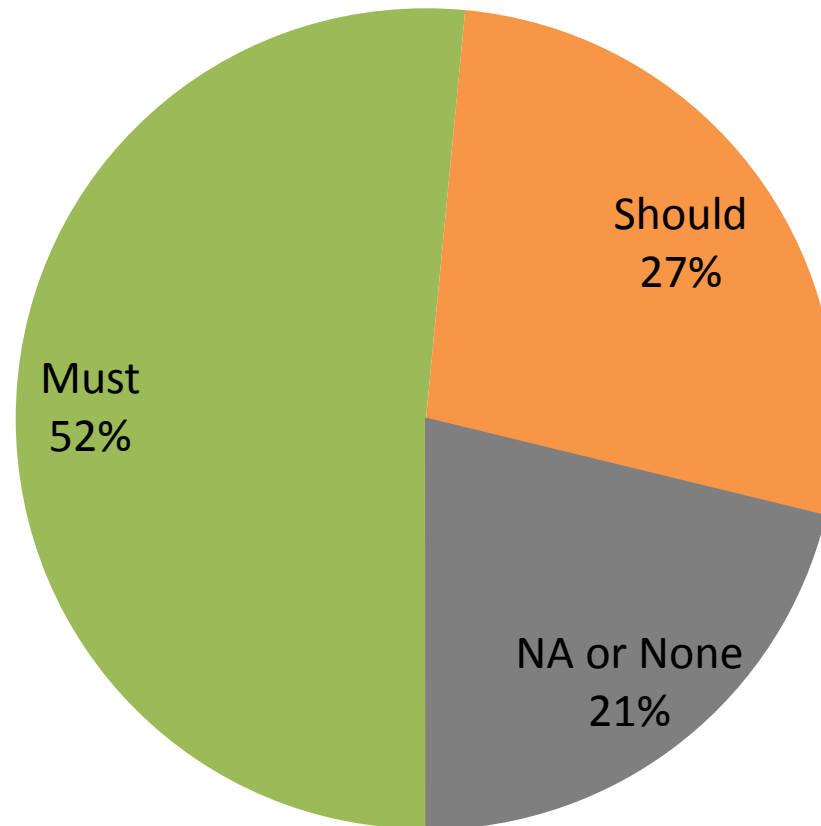
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## 3. Considerations at Intake



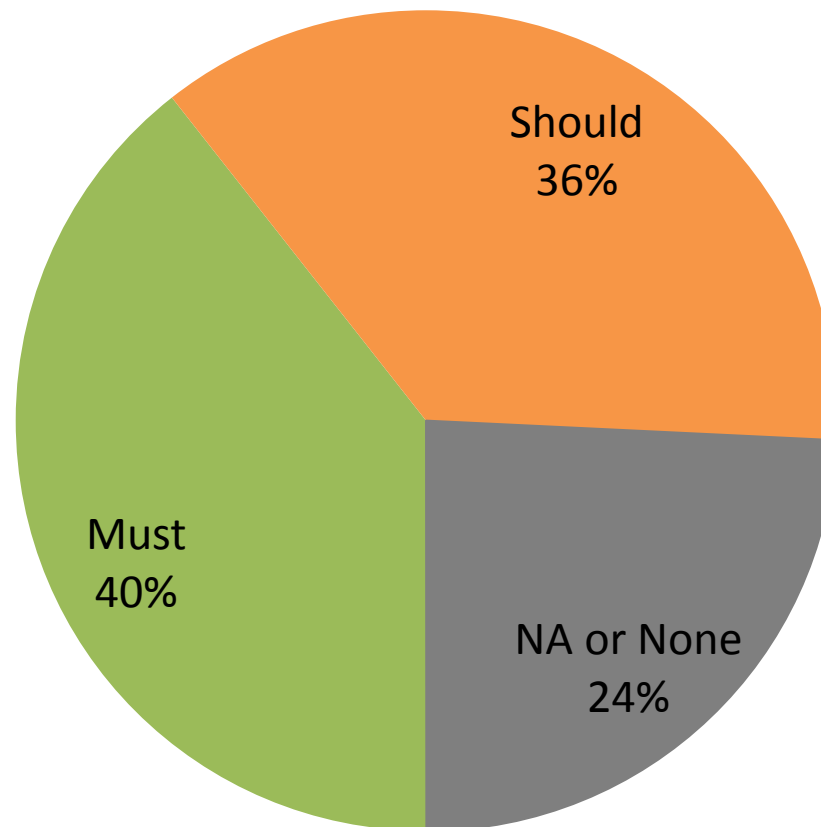
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## 4. Vaccinations



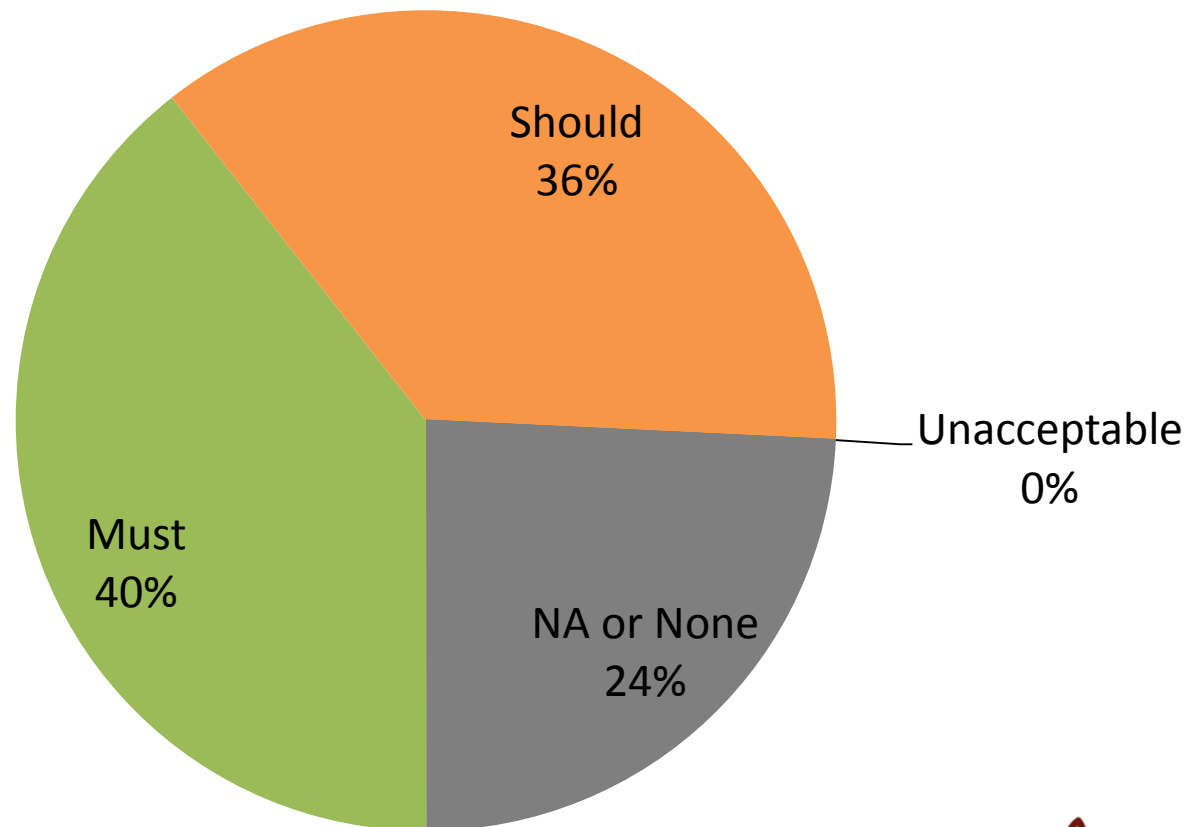
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## 5. Emergency Medical Plan



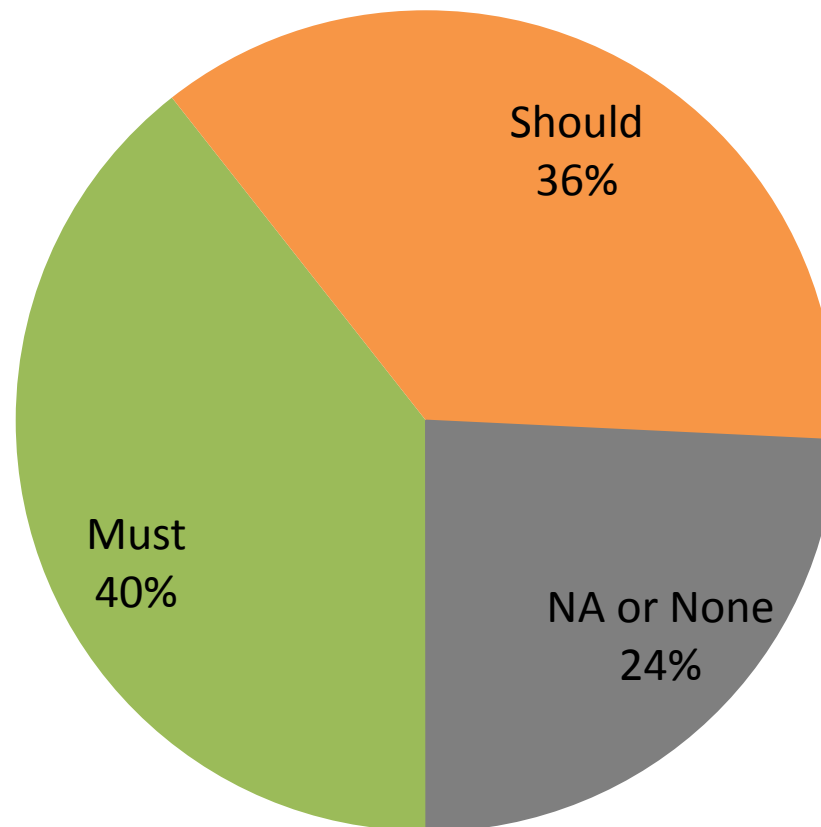
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## 6. Pain Management



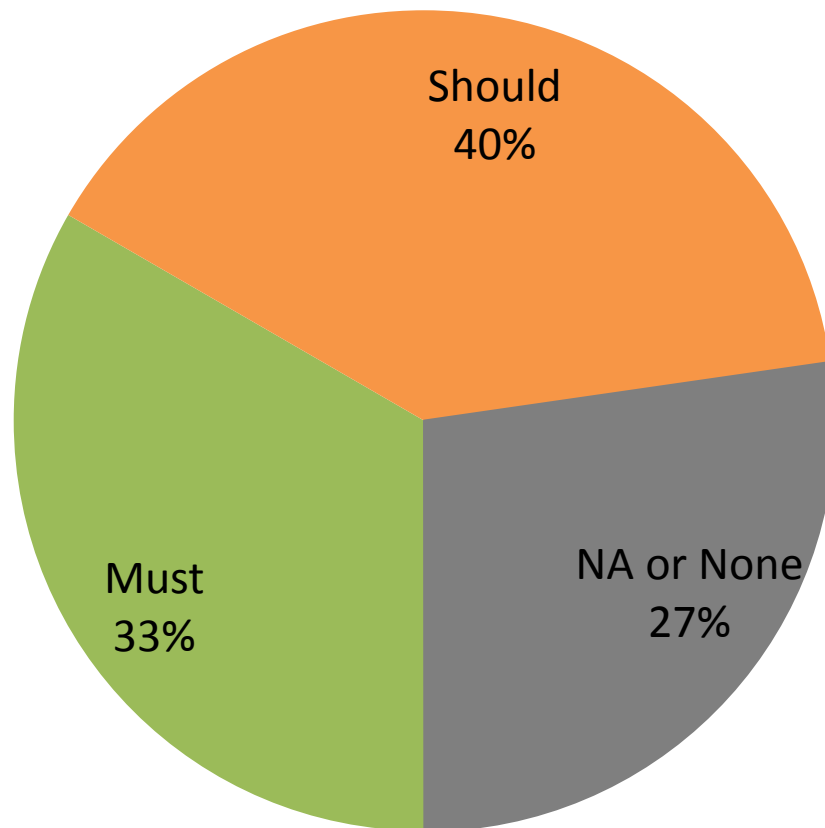
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## 7. Parasite Control



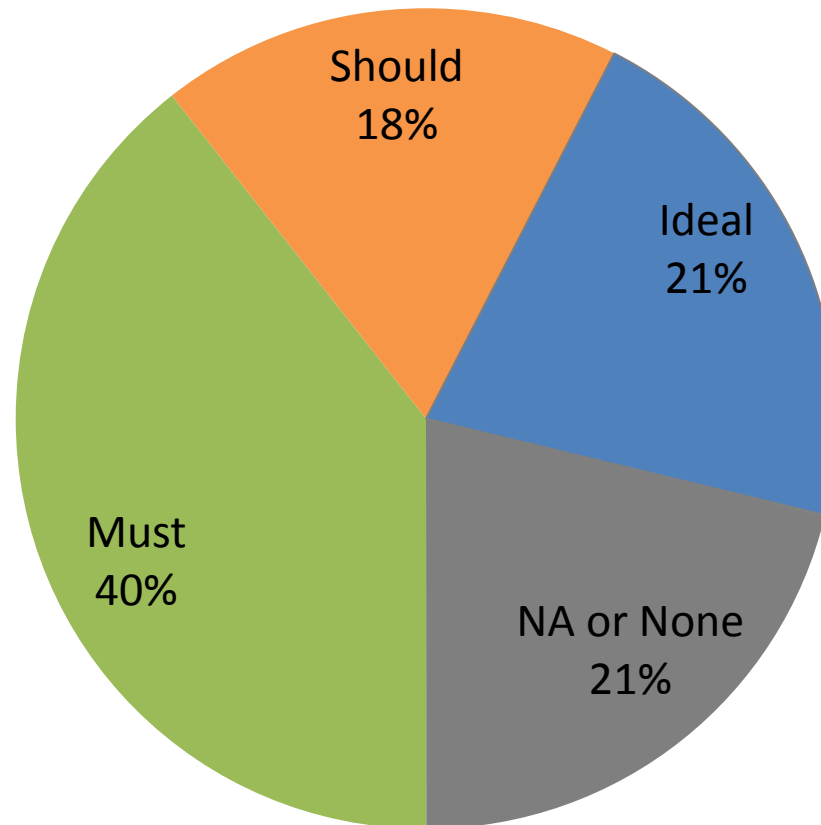
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## 8. Monitoring and Daily Rounds



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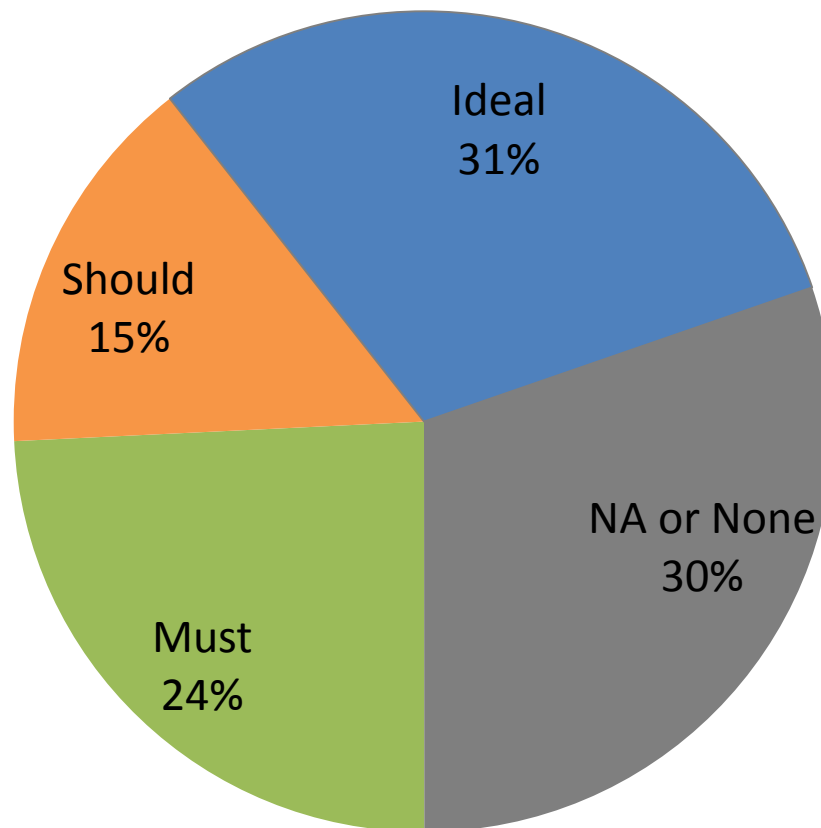
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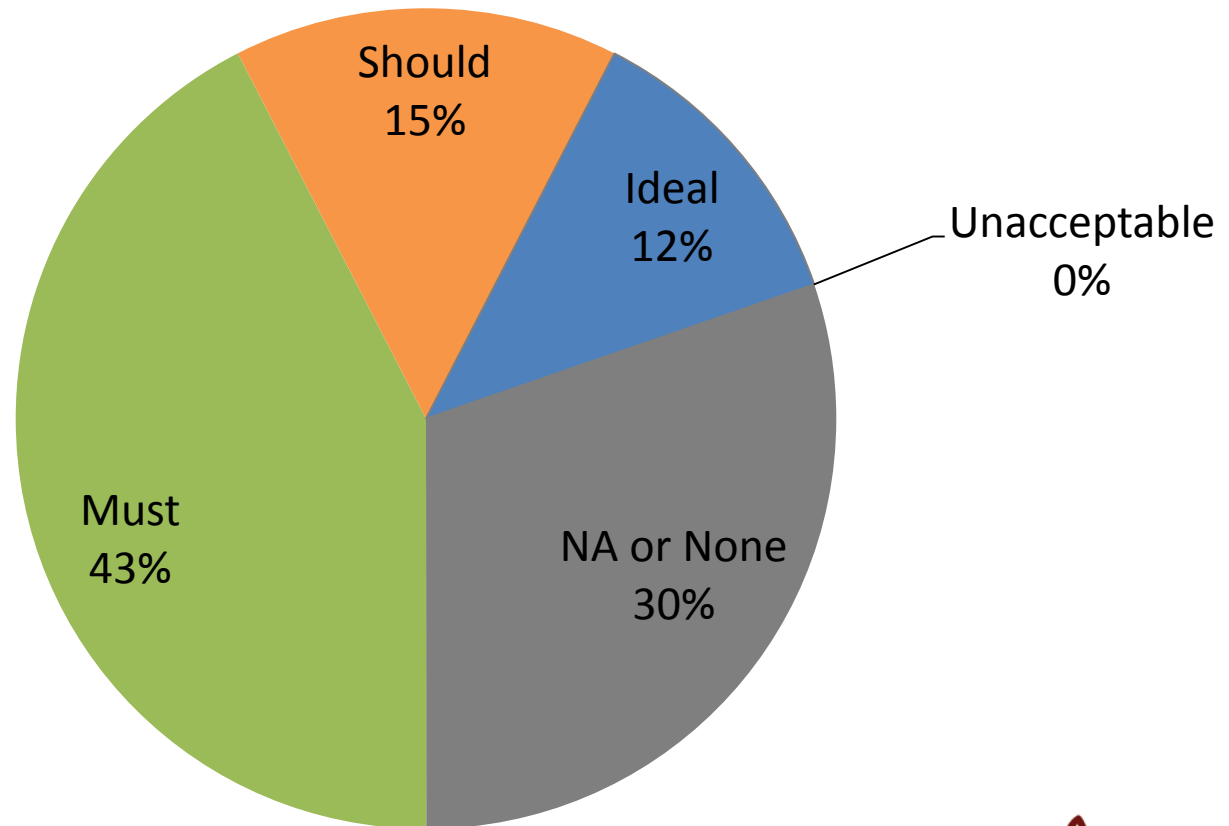
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## 10. Population Well-being



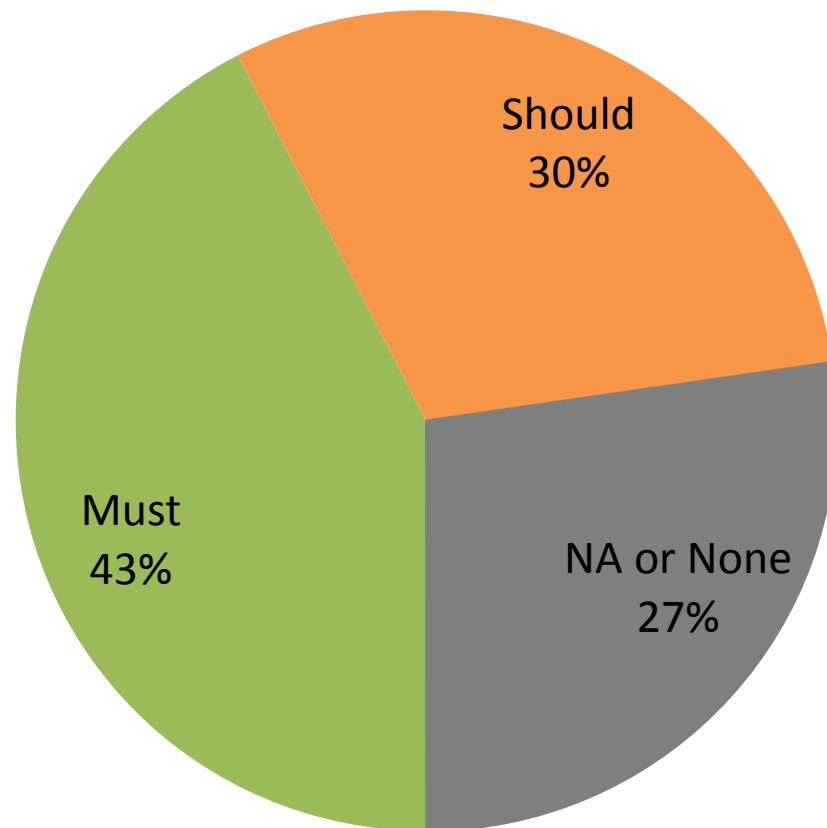
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## 11. Response to Disease and Illness



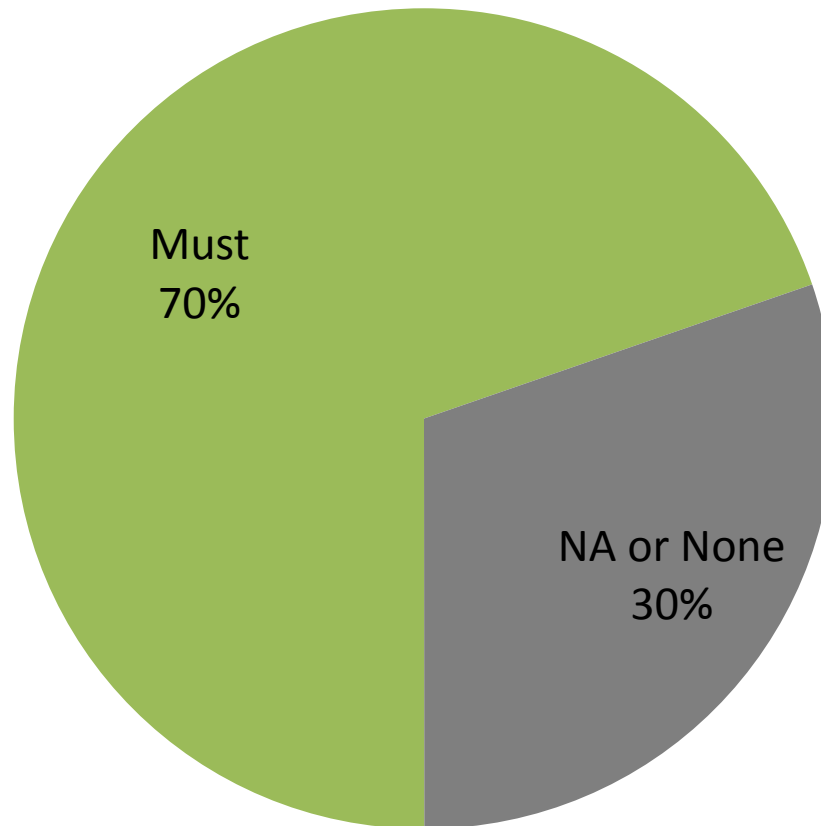
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## 12. Medical Treatment



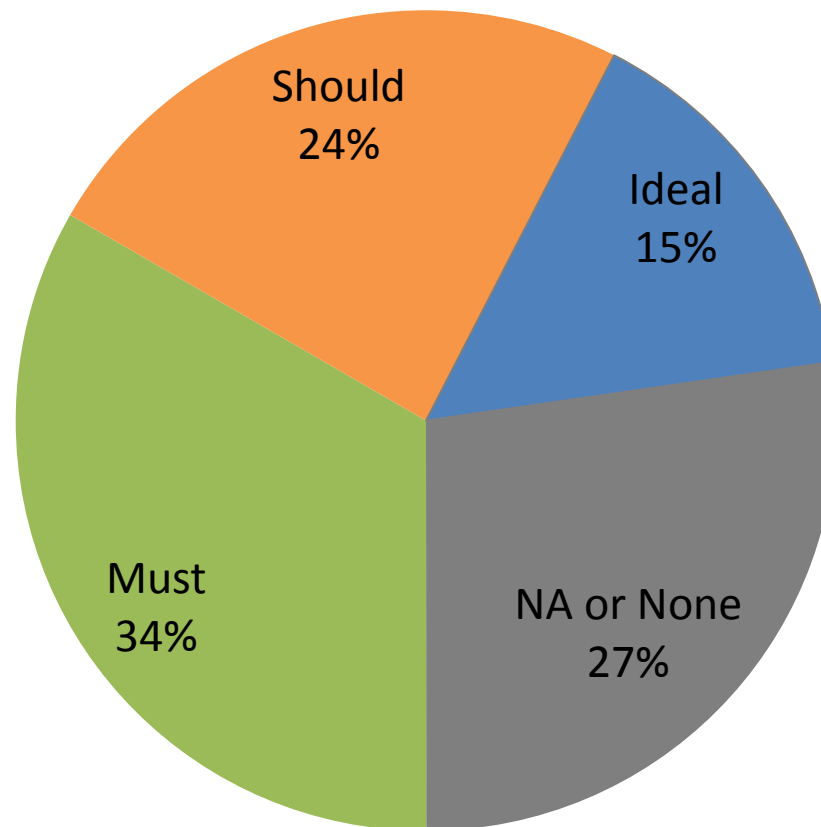
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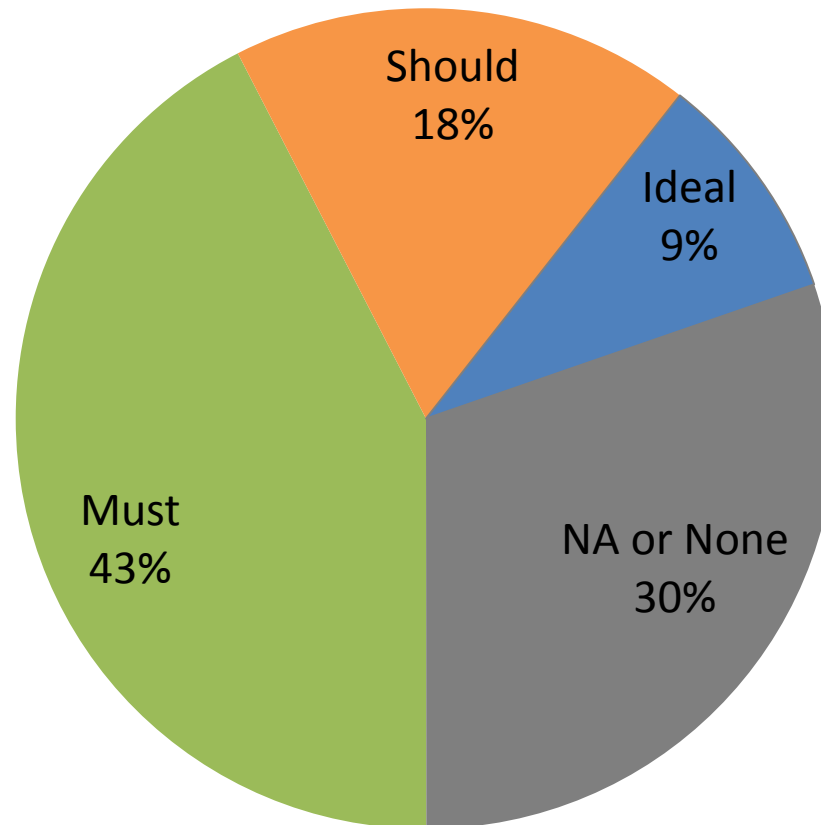
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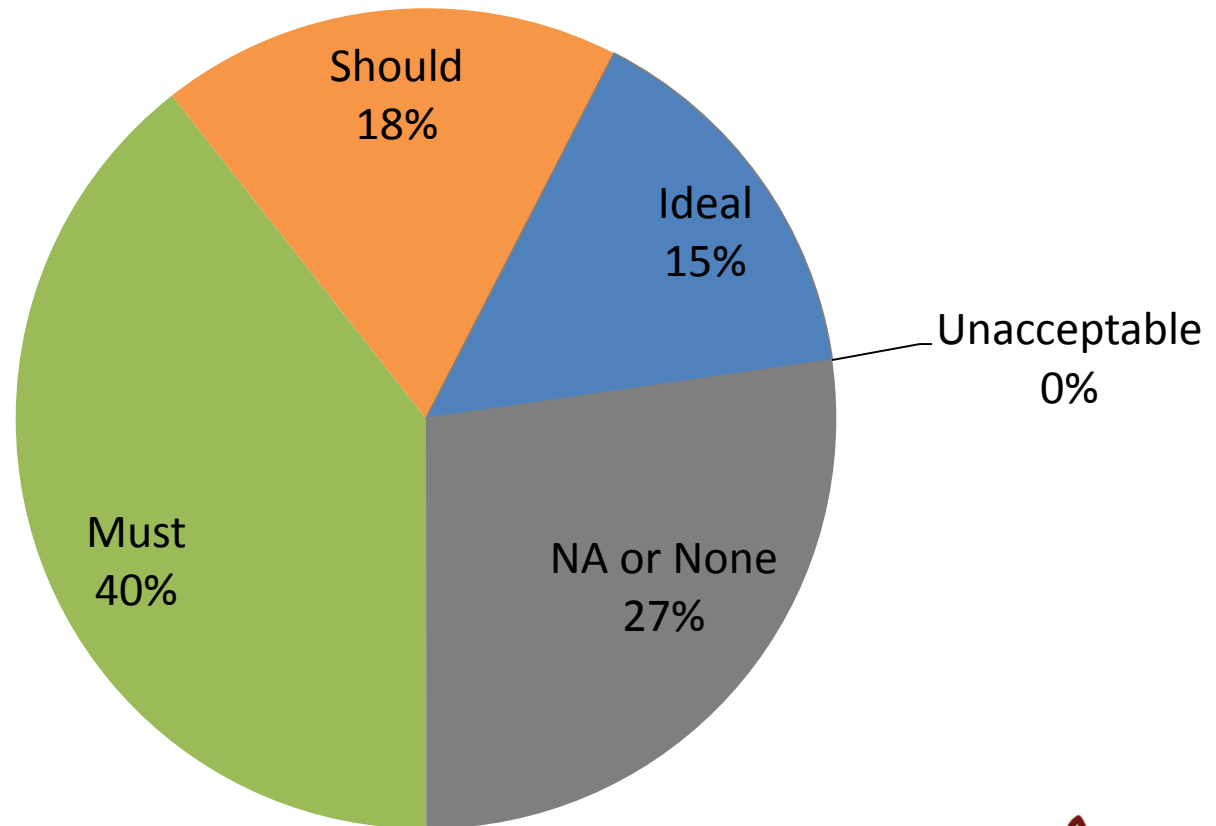
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## 3. Behavior Evaluation



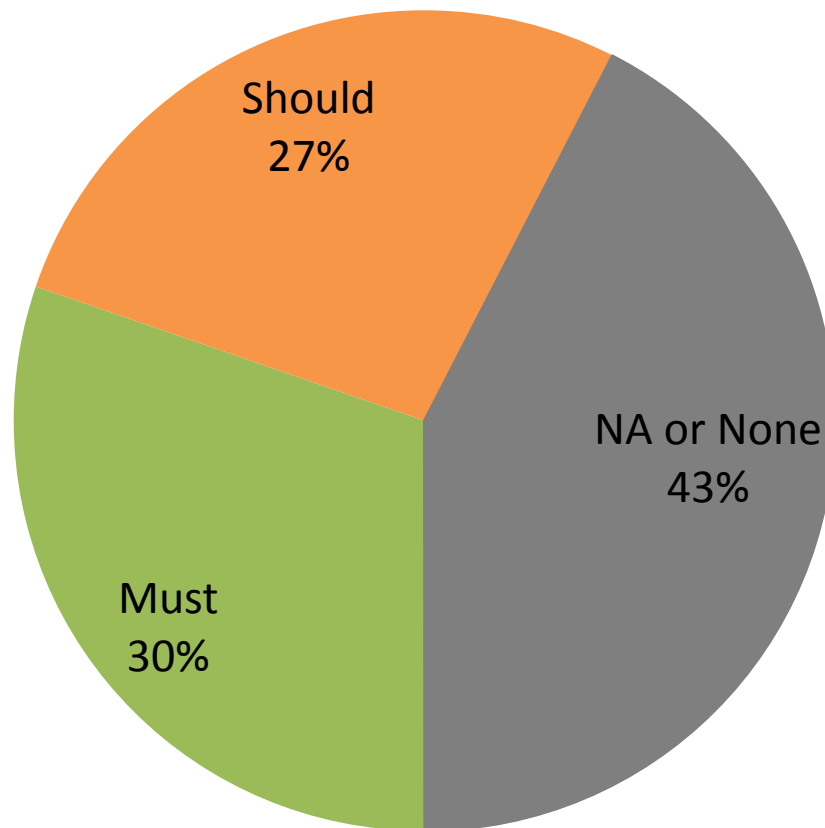
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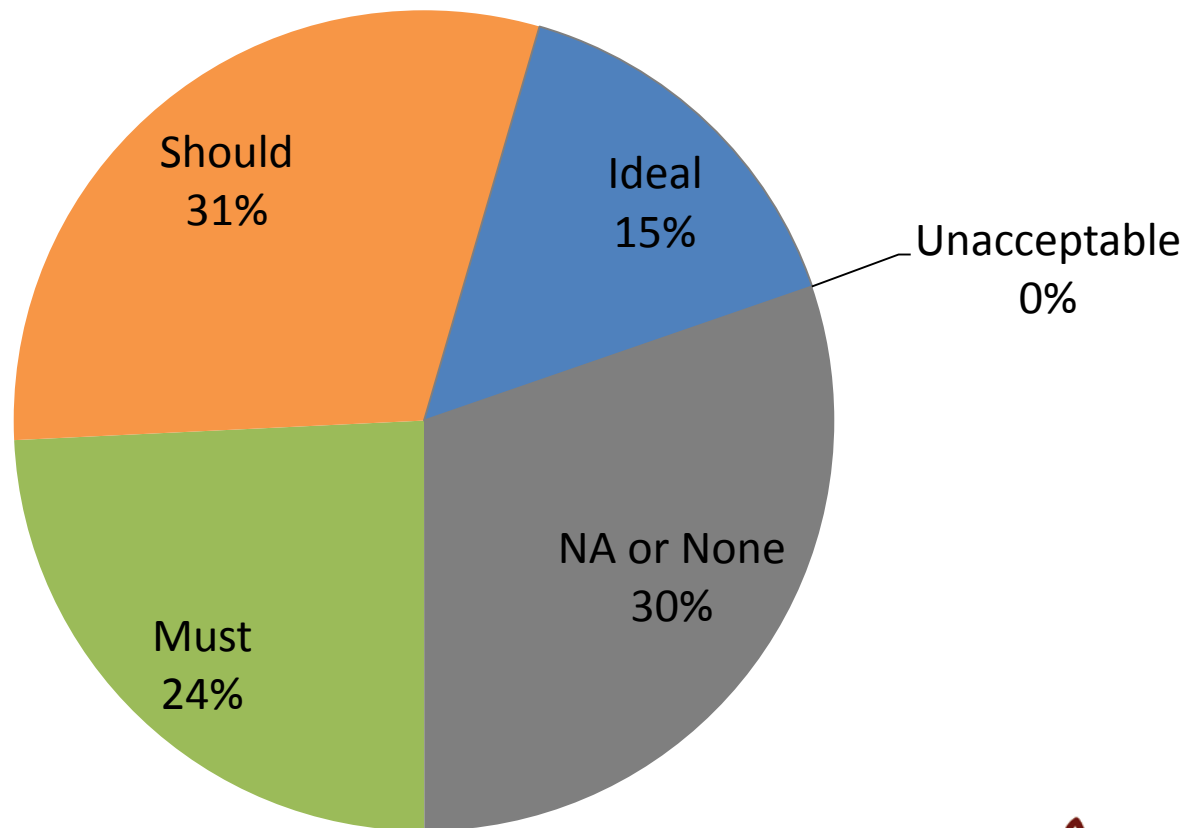
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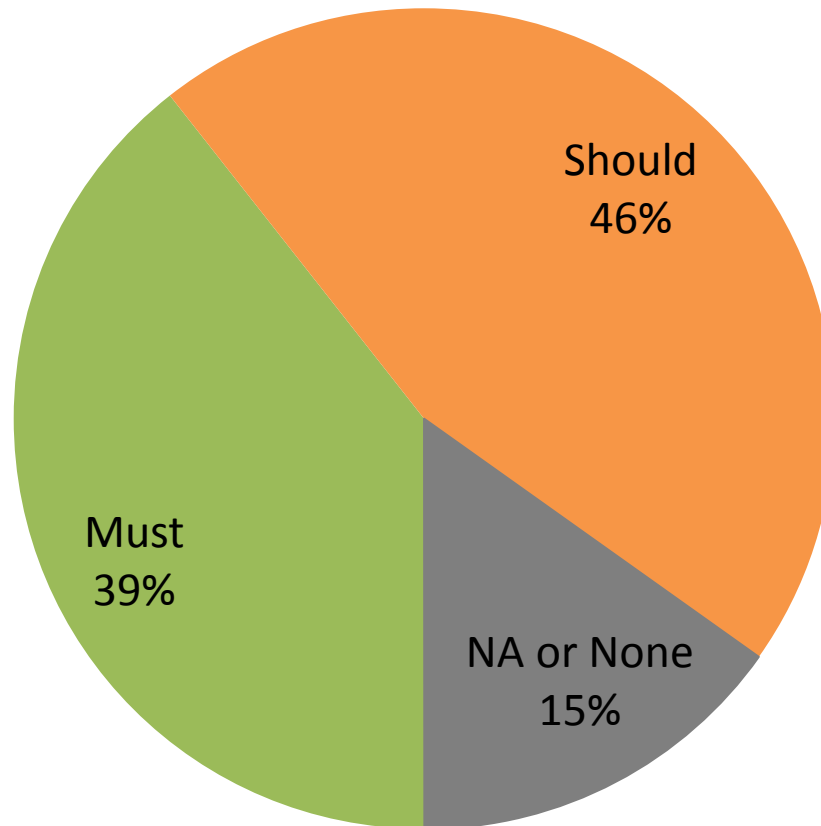
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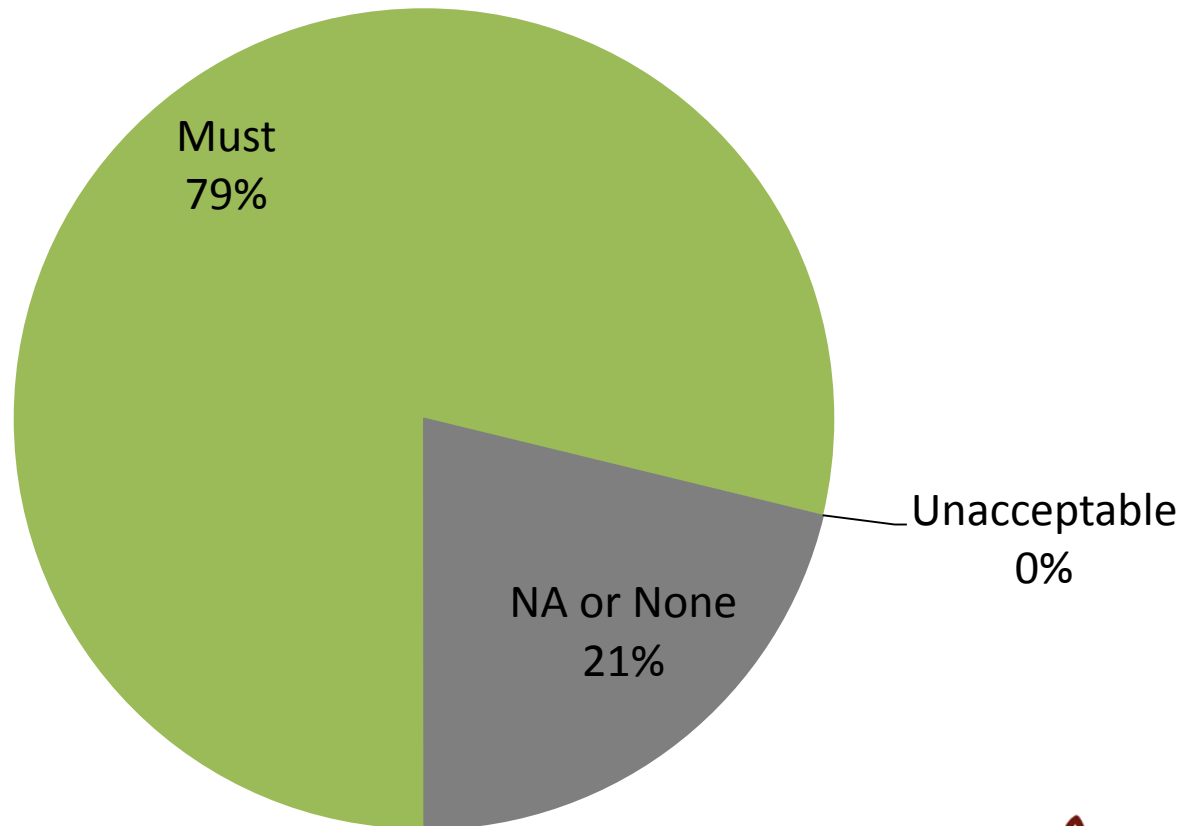
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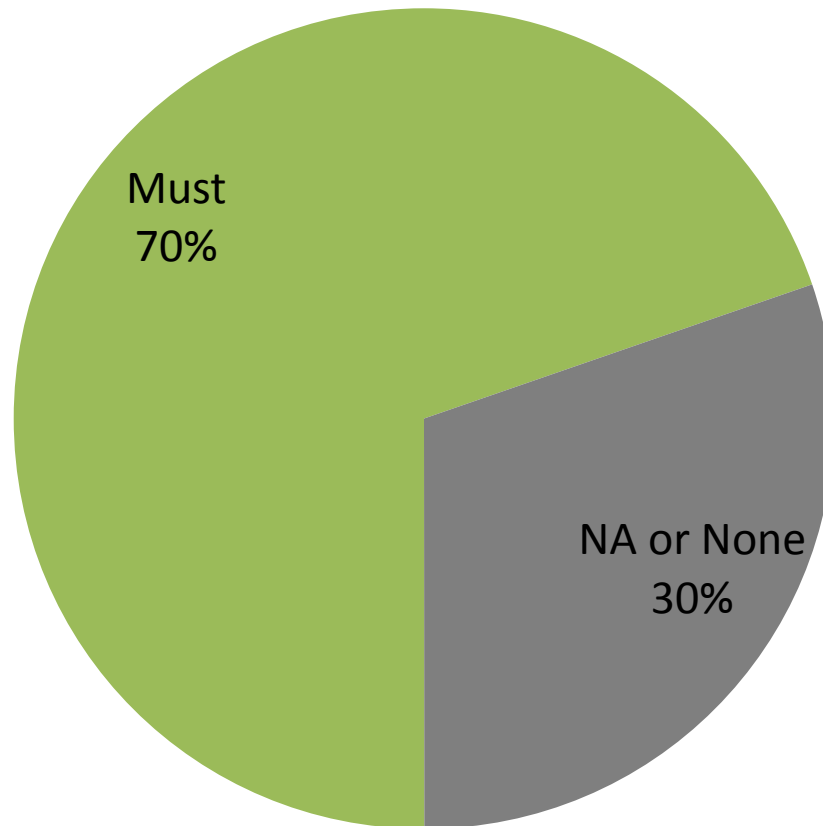
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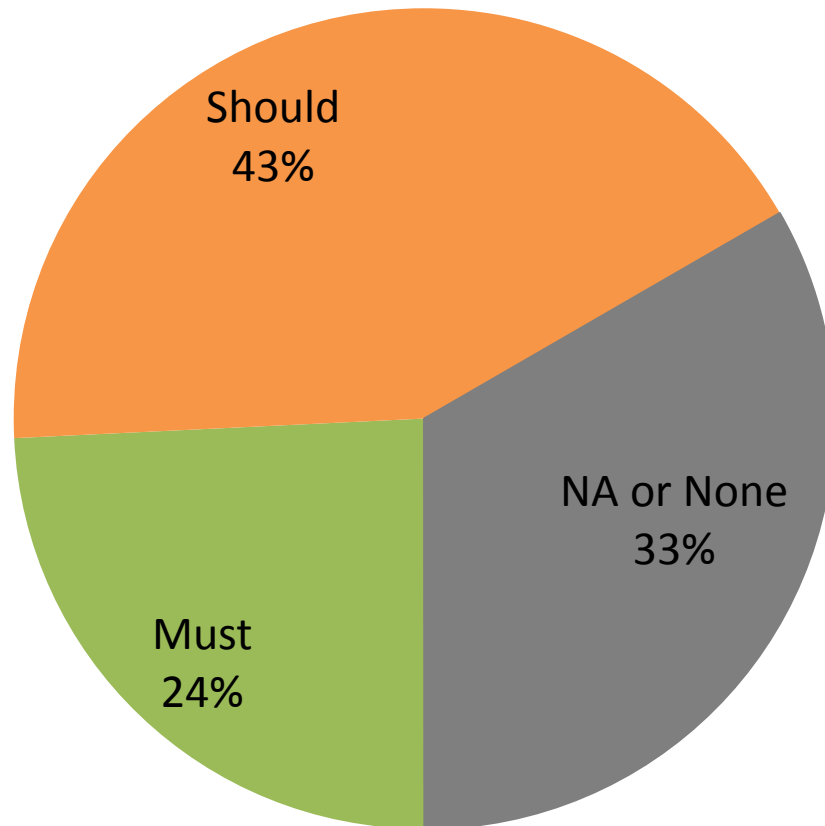
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## 3. Location and Timing



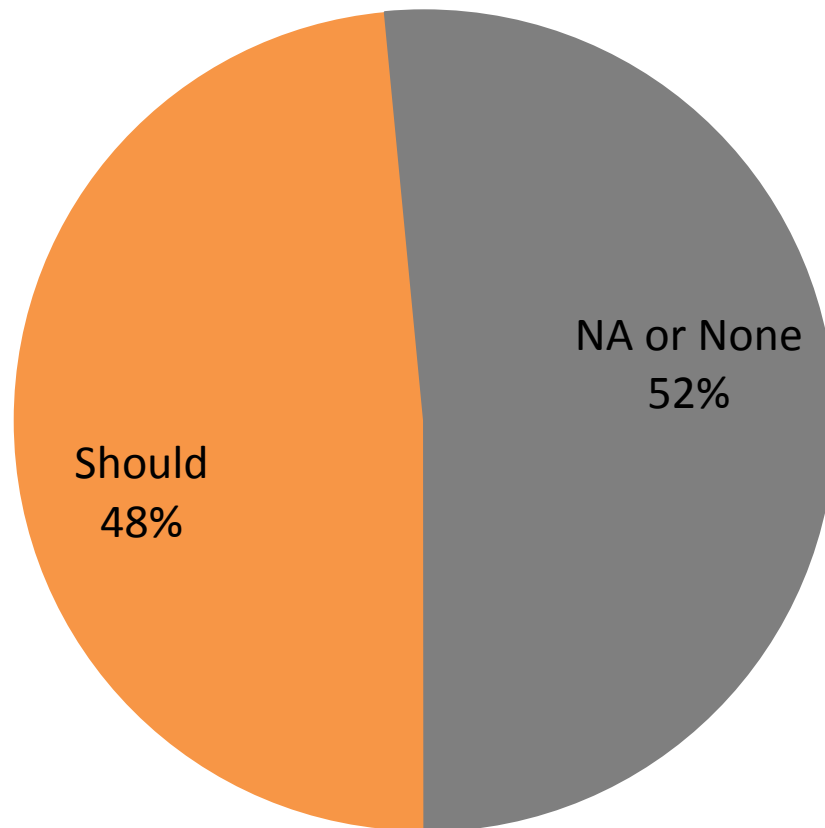
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## 4. Equipment



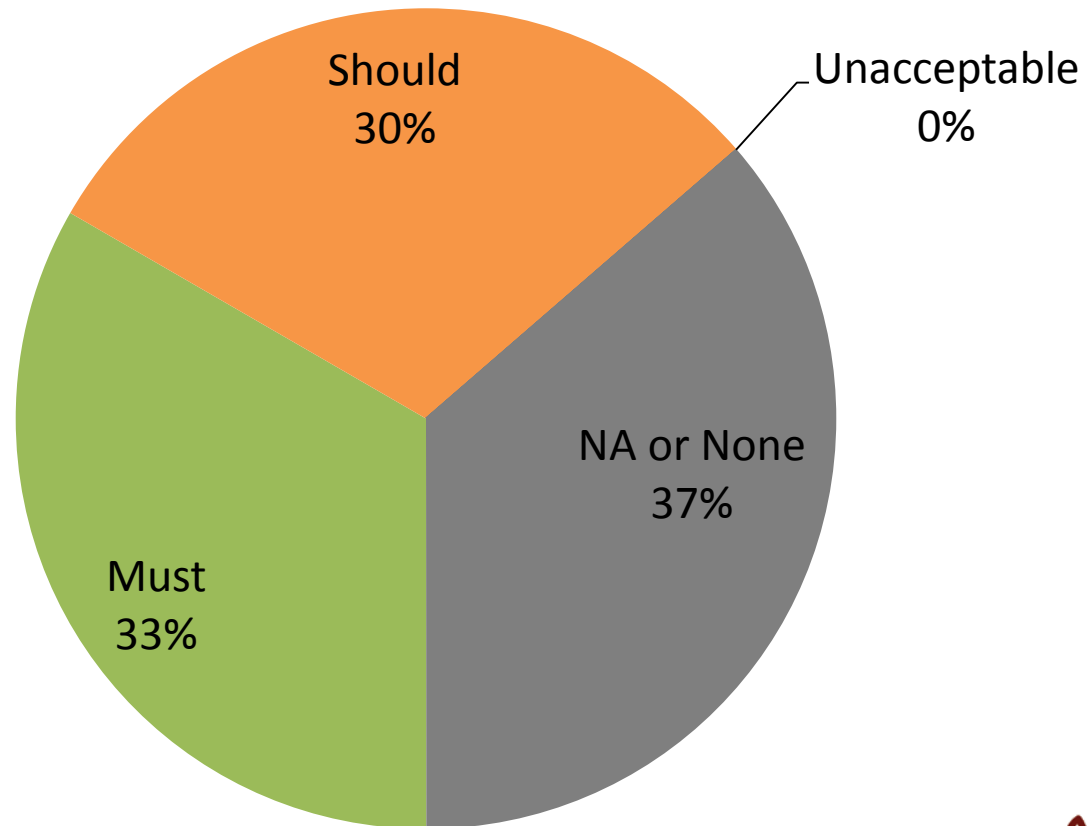
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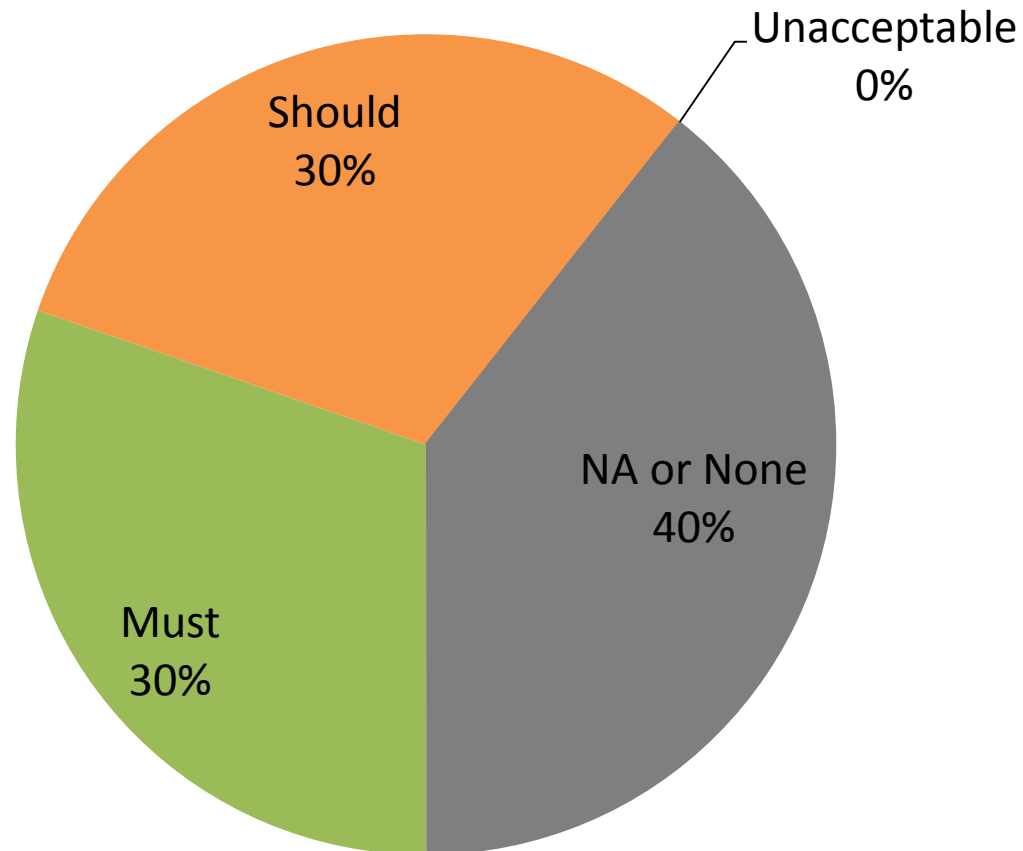
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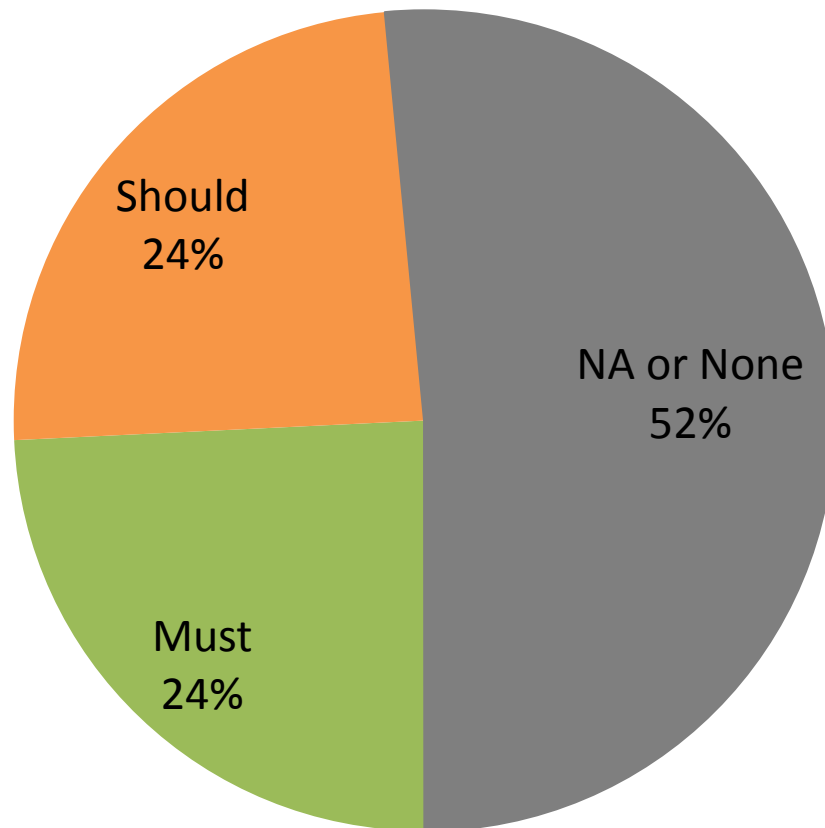
## 2. Euthanasia Technique





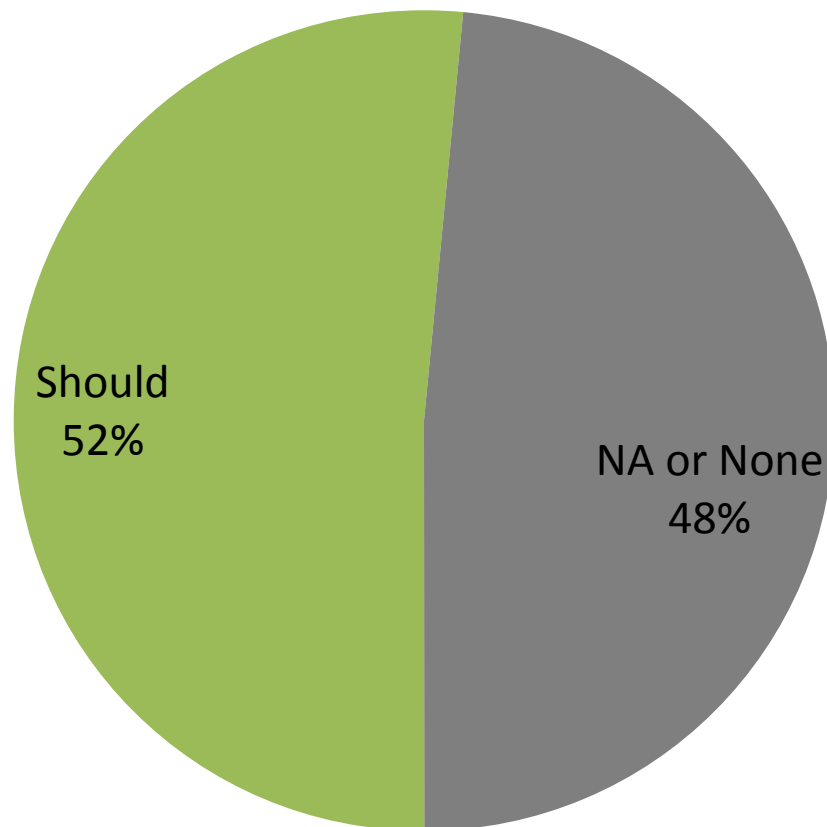
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## 3. Environment and Equipment



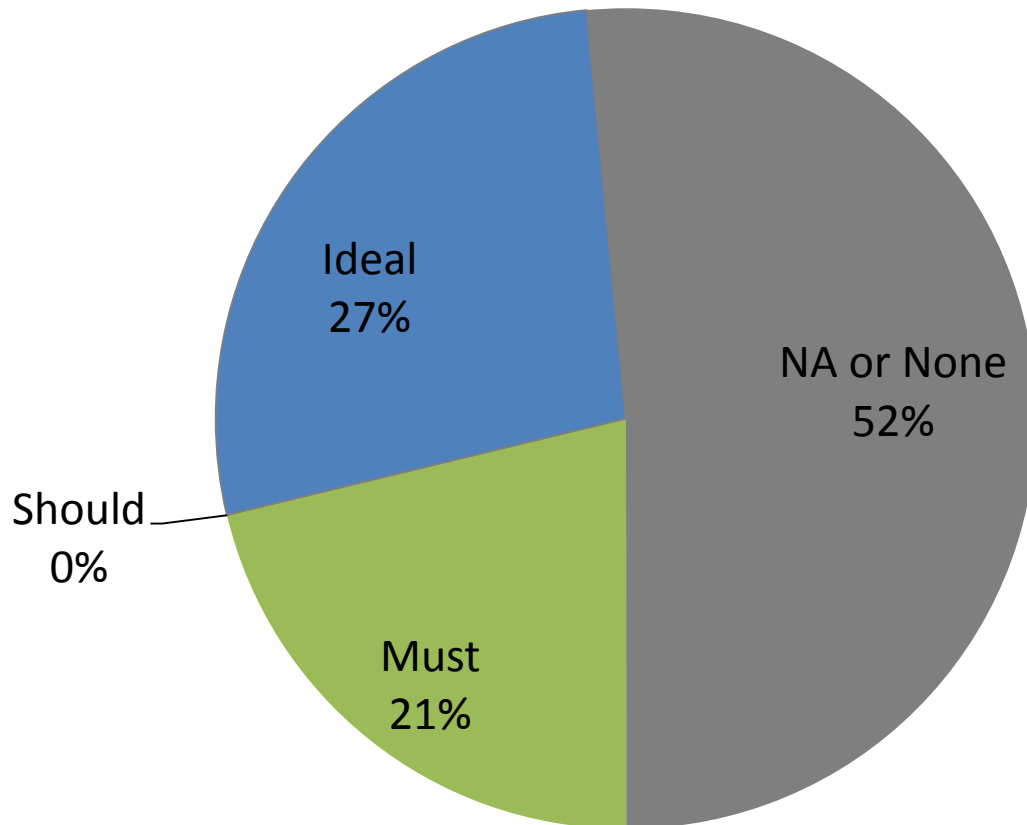
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## 4. Record-Keeping & Controlled Substances



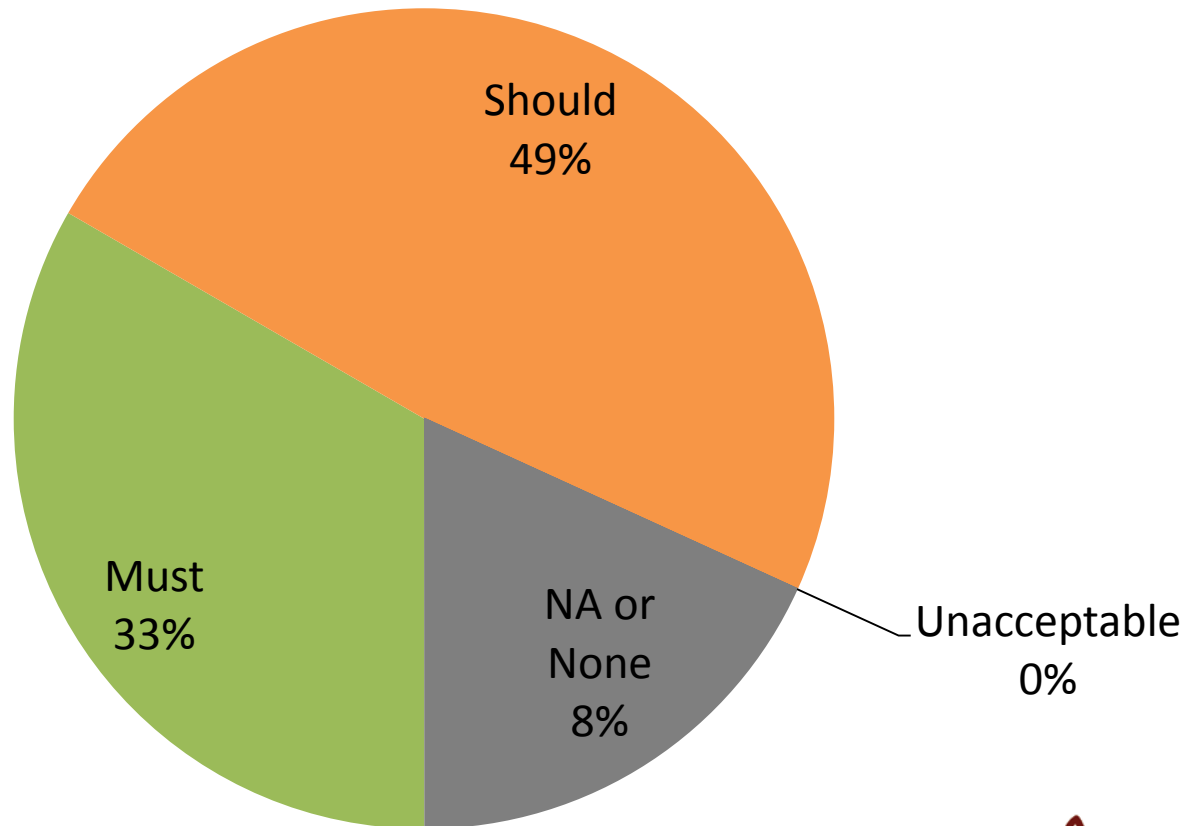
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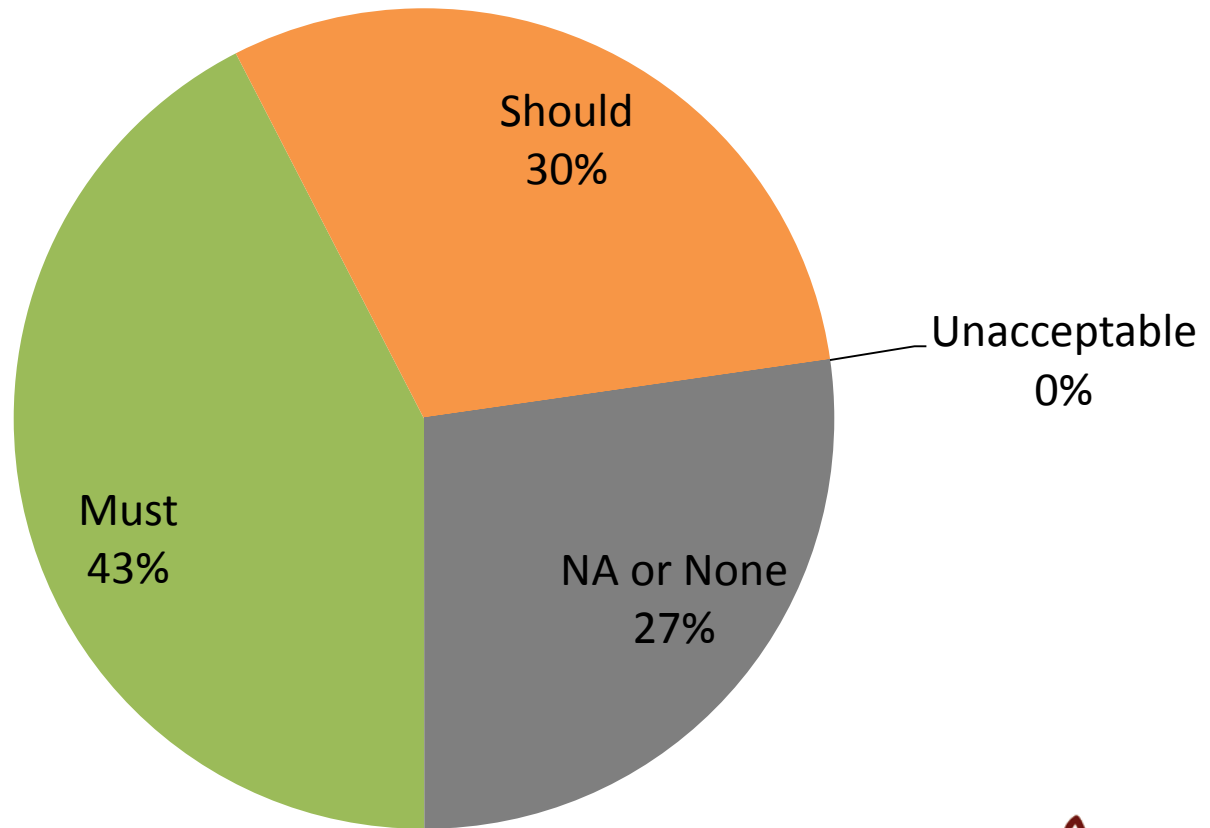
# Chapter 10: Spaying and Neutering

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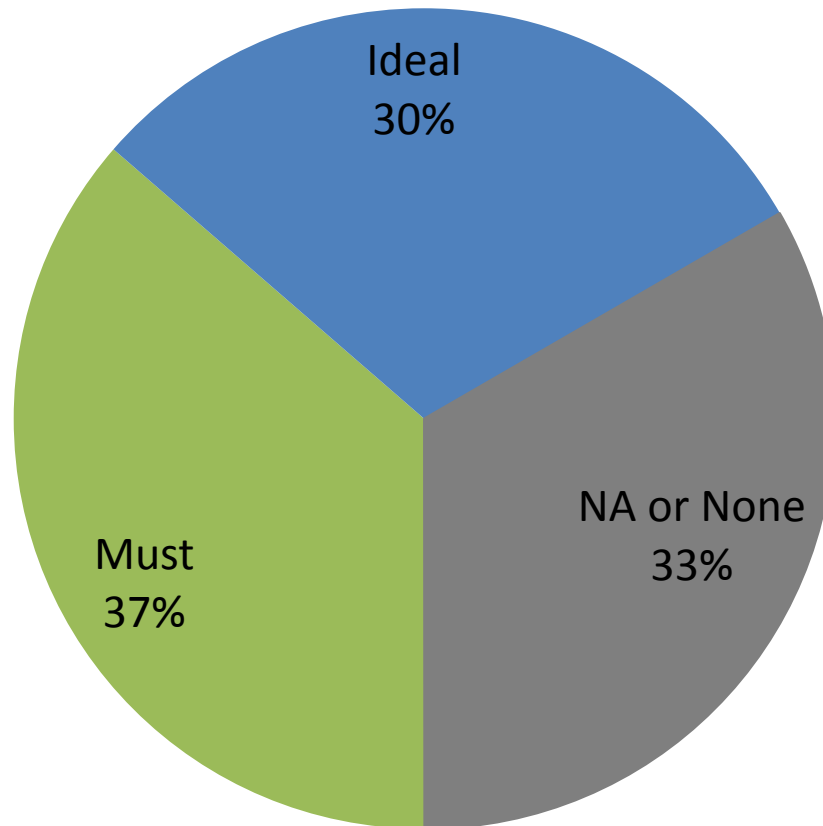
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## 2. Veterinary Medical Guidelines



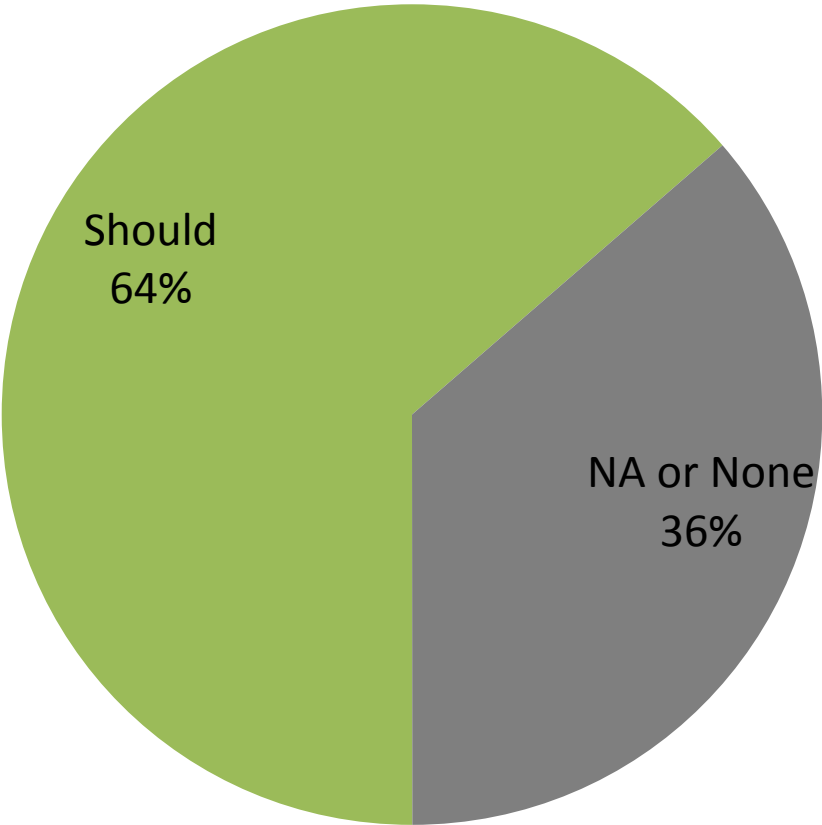
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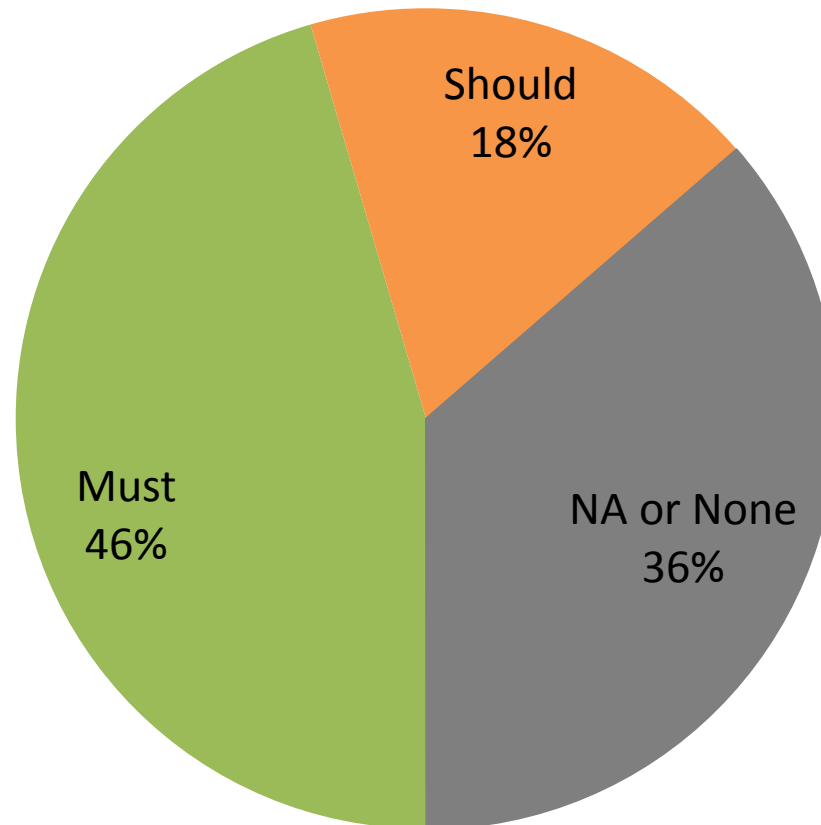
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## 4. Documentation



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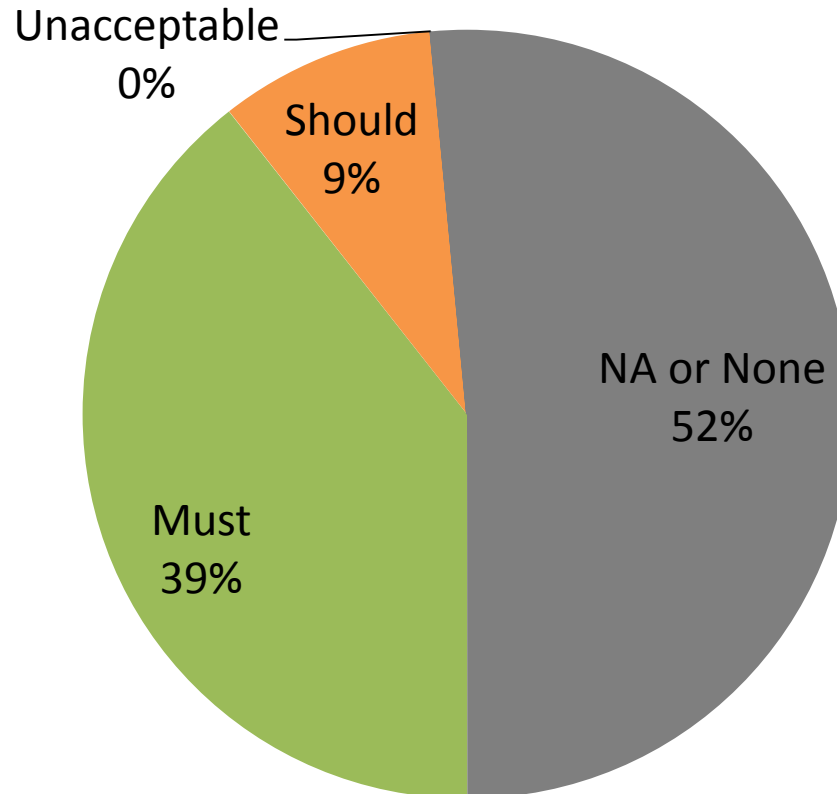
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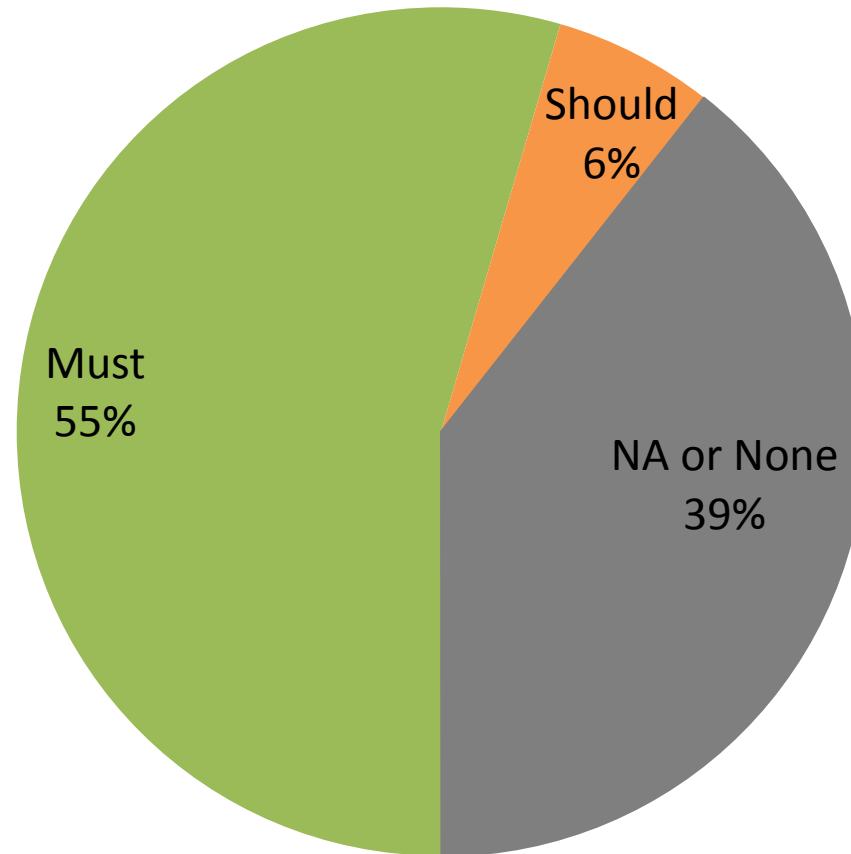
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## 2. Responsibilities of Participating Individuals and Organizations



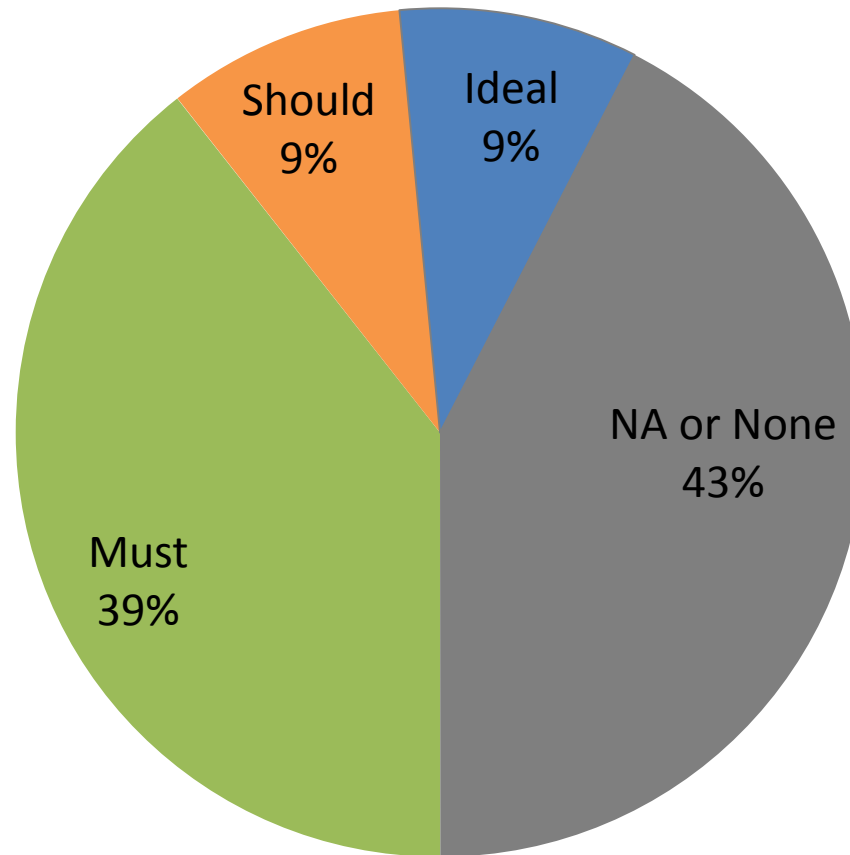
# Chapter 12: Public Health

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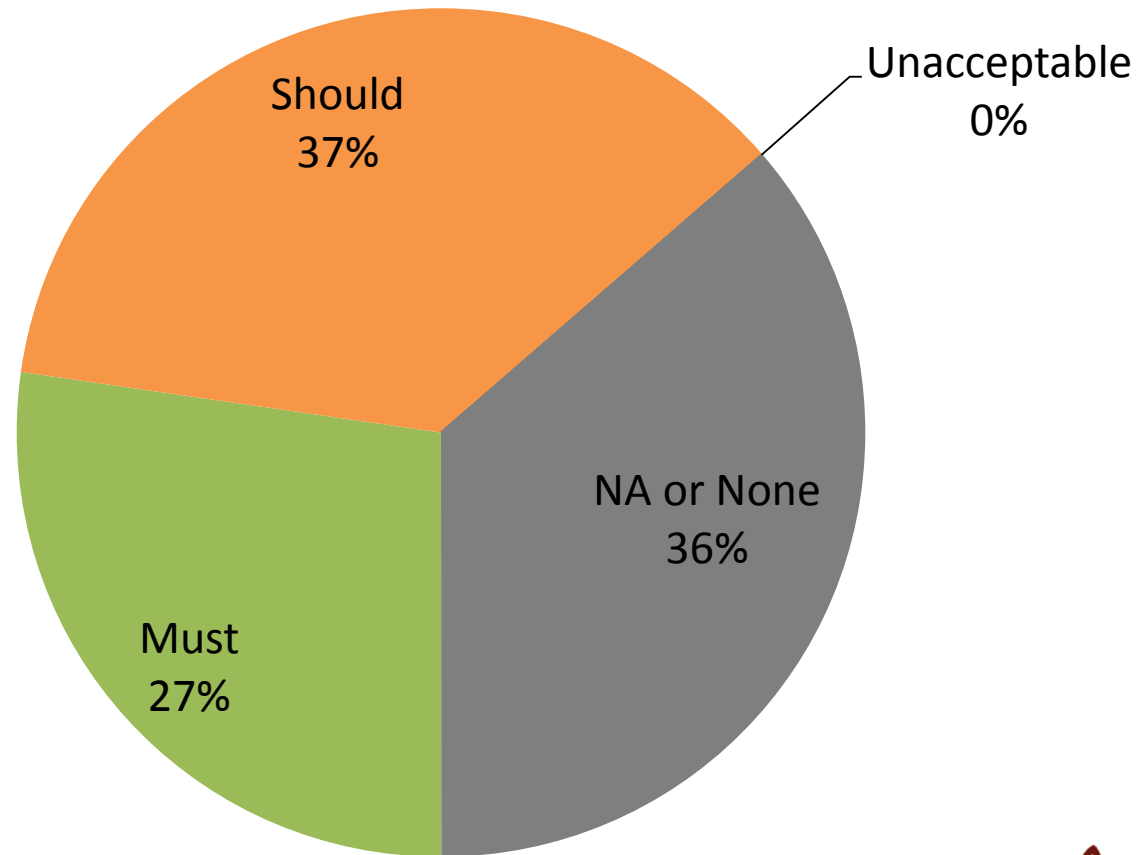
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## 2. Zoonoses



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## 3. Animal-Related Injuries



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## 4. Emerging Diseases and Anti-Microbial Resistance

