

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Community Healthy Agency/Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Recognition of "Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" – November 1 – 5, 2004

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors recognize November 1 – 5, 2004, as "Animal Shelter Appreciation Week," and in doing so, continue our County's efforts to encourage responsible pet ownership.

BACKGROUND: The population of Riverside County has increased by more than 32% within the last decade. Along with the human population, the animal population is estimated to have increased by over 330,000. Many of these animals, which often times are litters of puppies or kittens, are left to fend for themselves and are either prey for wild animals, are killed on open highways, or become wild animals themselves in an effort to survive. Others run loose and can cause a threat to public health and safety. The thirteen animal shelters located throughout Riverside County have worked diligently to provide a safe haven for which to house these animals, and subsequently return lost pets to their owners, enforce animal control laws, educate the public and match families with new animal companions.

Departmental Concurrence

Roger Uminski II, Acting Director of Animal Services

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ 0 | In Current Year Budget: | n/a |
| | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | Budget Adjustment: | n/a |
| | Annual Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | For Fiscal Year: | n/a |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: n/a | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 73 million cats and 68 million dogs living in more than 63 million households across the United States and over 1 million live within the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the irresponsibility of some pet owners has resulted in animals running loose and unsupervised, causing a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminate breeding allowed by irresponsible pet owners who have not had their companion animals spayed or neutered has contributed to pet overpopulation; and,

WHEREAS, animal shelter employees, like police officers and emergency medical personnel, must respond to these community problems and crises; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters act as safe havens for homeless and abused animals, providing them with comfort and care; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters help both animals and people in many ways: by returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching families with new animal companions; and

WHEREAS, the work of animal shelters and the important services they provide often go unnoticed and underappreciated by the citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby designate November 1 through 5, 2004 as "Animal Shelter Appreciation Week," in recognition of Animal Friends of the Valley, Ramona Animal Shelter, Save-a-Pet, Corona Animal Shelter, Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, Animal Samaritans, California Animal Care, Desert Hot Springs Animal Services, Norco Animal Services, Orphan Pet Oasis, Palm Springs Animal Shelter, Riverside Humane Society and the County/City of Riverside Animal Shelters located in Riverside, Indio and Blythe for providing life saving services to animals and people in our community.

From: Roger Uinski
To: Romero, Nancy
Date: 10/27/04 6:34PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Animal Shelter Appreciation Week Proclamation

Nancy,

Yes. It would be to each of the shelters operating in Riverside County. They are cited in the proclamation. I doubt all thirteen (including Riverside County Department of Animal Services) will show up.

-Roger

>>> Nancy Romero 10/27/2004 1:00:59 PM >>>

Okay, one more last question: Is there to be a presentation on this?, if so, to whom?

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>>> Roger Uinski 10/27/04 12:52PM >>>

Valerie,

Nov 2 is the day. Nov 1-5 is the shelter appreciation week.

-Roger

>>> Valerie Chase 10/27/04 08:50AM >>>

Roger, I'm sure the chairman will have no problem with me setting this presentation up. Is there a specific date you are interested in? Thank you. Val

>>> Dan Martinez 10/26/2004 5:59:27 PM >>>

Diana,

Roger talked to me about this consent item. I have no problem adding it to the agenda.

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>>> Roger Uinski 10/26/04 05:57PM >>>

Dan and Diana,

Please find attached the Form 11 and Proclamation for Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. I will deliver the original, signed version to you in the morning (10/27).

Valerie,

Can you please ask the Chairman if we can have a presentation recognizing all the shelters in the county? Can we have copies on the pretty paper to present to each (there are a total of thirteen organizations, including the county)?