

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

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**FROM:** Community Health Agency/Department of Animal Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
7/25/05

**SUBJECT:** Riverside County's Homeless Animals' Awareness Day

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** 1) Proclaim, August 20, 2005 as Riverside County Homeless Animals' Awareness Day in conjunction with National Homeless Animals' Awareness Day.

**BACKGROUND:** Cat and Dog over-population continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. In 2004, 25,437 pets made their way through Riverside County Shelters, not including those that were dead on arrival. National Homeless Animals' Awareness Day is an opportunity to remind people that animals are homeless due to unintentional breeding, becoming lost, and being turned in to animal shelters by their families. The Department of Animal Services wants to encourage people to spay and neuter their pets to prevent over-population, to license and micro-chip their pets so they can be returned if lost and to remind residents that when they are ready to bring animal companions into the family, to consider adopting from local shelters. Local shelters are wonderful places to find loving pets. In conjunction with National Homeless Animals' Awareness Day, the Department of Animal Services is hosting an event to encourage the public to take advantage of licensing and adoption services. (Continued)

Departmental Concurrence

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Robert P. Miller  
Director of Animal Services

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<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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**Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND continued:**

Organizations from around the world are holding events to honor National Homeless Animals' Awareness Day on Saturday, August 20, 2005. Locally, events with and by San Bernardino County Animal Services, POPCO, Riverside Humane Society, Ramona Humane Society, and Animal Friends of the Valley and Friends of the Coachella Valley are planned.

The Department of Animals Services will be hosting an amnesty program (no late charges) on August 20 & 21, 2005, to those who need to renew and purchase a license at the Riverside City/County Animal Shelter. A rabies clinic will be offered for those that renew or purchase a license. We will also make micro-chipping available to the public during this event and reduce adoption fees.

Green ribbons will be placed throughout the shelter to honor the spirits of the lost animals and offer hope for the future. The ribbons will also be distributed to everyone that enters the shelter and to all County employees.

**County of Riverside  
PROCLAMATION**

**TO PROCLAIM  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S HOMELESS ANIMALS' AWARENESS DAY  
Saturday, August 20, 2005**

WHEREAS, the Department waives late license fees on August 20 & 21, 2005; provides low-cost rabies vaccinations and provides low-cost micro-chipping services to help animals find their way home; and

WHEREAS, the Department provides community education and low-cost spay and neutering services to control the population of unwanted animals; and

WHEREAS, the Department actively recruits volunteers to serve as adoption counselors; socialize animals and pet foster parents to increase the chances of shelter animals finding permanent homes; and

WHEREAS the Department collaborates with, supports and encourages other local shelters, humane organizations and rescue groups that also work diligently to reduce the population of unwanted pets; and

WHEREAS the Department of Animal Services will honor the spirits of all lost animals and hope for the future by placing green ribbons throughout the shelter; and

WHEREAS participating in Riverside County's Homeless Animals' Awareness Day can save one more animal; and

**NOW, THEREFORE. LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby, proclaims Saturday, August 20, 2005, to be RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S HOMELESS ANIMALS' DAY.**

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