

**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:**  
9/21/2006

**SUBJECT:** Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim October 2006 as: Riverside County's Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services and Betsey Webster, Division Director for the October 3, 2006 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** Dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. During the first 6 months of this year, an average of 45 dogs entered our shelter everyday. To combat this, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services is teaming up with the American Humane Association to urge residents of Riverside County to celebrate **Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month®** this October. We want to remind residents that when they are ready to bring a pet into their lives to consider pet adoption at one of our shelters before going to the pet store or a breeder. Our shelters are full of wonderful, loving pets of every size and description. The Department of Animal Services wants to encourage people to spay and neuter their pets to prevent overpopulation and to license and micro-chip their pets so they can be returned if lost.

*Robert Miller*  
Robert 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:	06/07

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 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** *Delia Cournoyer*

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

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## ***PROCLAMATION***

### **Declaring the Month of October 2006 as**

### **“Riverside County’s Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month”**

**WHEREAS**, Dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. During the last 6 months, an average of **45** dogs, entered our shelters every day.

**WHEREAS**, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month is an opportunity to remind people that animals are homeless due to unintentional breeding, becoming lost, and being turned in by their families that can no longer care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Animal Services provides community education and low-cost spay/neutering and micro-chipping services to help control the population of homeless and lost animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department actively recruits volunteers to assist shelter staff in exercising, training, socializing and grooming the shelter animals to prepare them for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department’s Adoption Counselors seek to match potential adopters with shelter pets for lifelong homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department collaborates with, supports and encourages other local shelters, humane organizations and adoption partners that also work diligently to reduce the population of homeless pets; and

**WHEREAS**, our shelters are full of wonderful, loving dogs of every size and description and to encourage adoption, the Department will waive the adoption fee during the month of October for those dogs that have been in our shelters longer than 30 days and in hopes our citizens will open their hearts and homes to these deserving homeless pets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim October 2006 as:

### **“Riverside County’s Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month”**

Dated: September 21, 2006