

**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:**  
March 23, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month- April 2007

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

- 1) Recognize and proclaim the month of April 2007 as Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Frank Corvino, Deputy Director of Field and Shelter Services and Rita Gutierrez, Chief of Operations for the Animal Cruelty Task Force, at the April 3, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** Thousands of animals are victims of animal cruelty in the United States each year. In recognition of Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month this April, Riverside County Department of Animal Services and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) are working together to raise awareness in the County of Riverside. Riverside County Department of Animal Services works to protect animals locally throughout the year and invites the entire community to become involved this month.

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*Robert P. Miller*  
Robert Miller  
Director of Animal Services

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<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	<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 *Julia Counger*

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Subject: Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month- April 2007

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services offer the following advice to those who wish to make life more humane for the animals sharing our environment:

If you suspect animal cruelty, abuse or neglect are taking place, please call Riverside County Animal Services at (951) 358-7387. Anonymous reports are accepted and an animal control officer will be sent to investigate the claim.

Animal Services responds to complaints and conducts investigations on possible animal cruelty and provides educational information about proper care for animals. If the cruelty complaint is founded, a thorough investigation is conducted, including, but not limited to, the removal of animals and prosecution under the full extent of the law.

Animal cruelty includes any act of violence or neglect perpetrated against an animal. Examples include overt abuse, dog and cock fighting and companion animal neglect where the animal is denied the basic necessities of care, such as food, water or shelter.

## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, acts of animal abuse, animal fighting and animal neglect by way of denying basic necessities of care such as fresh water, food or shelter are considered to be animal cruelty; and,

**WHEREAS**, many people who witness or hear about animal cruelty are not aware that legal action can be taken to help stop the problem; and,

**WHEREAS**, companion animals are protected by state and local animal cruelty laws; and,

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of animal cruelty laws can be carried out by municipal animal control agencies, local police and/or by humane organizations that are granted power from the state or local government; and,

**WHEREAS**, animal welfare organizations across the country work daily to educate people about the proper care of animals and how to prevent animal cruelty; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services continuously works in collaboration with city, county and state agencies, along with private organizations to educate the public, save the lives of these helpless animals and prosecute criminal offenders; and,

**WHEREAS**, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals designates the month of April as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby designate the month of April 2007 as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month" in recognition of the Riverside County animal shelters located in Riverside, Thousand Palms and Blythe who provide life saving services to animals on a daily basis.