

**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:

SUBJECT: Riverside County's Homeless Animals Awareness Day August 18, 2007

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim August 18, 2007 as: Riverside County's Homeless Animals Awareness Day; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Robert Miller, Director, Betsey Webster, Deputy Director, and Renee Poselski, Humane Education Chief for the July 31, 2007 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

BACKGROUND: Cat and dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. This year, we anticipate over 40,000 animals will enter our Riverside County shelters. 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. 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.




 Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services

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:	07/08

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

BY: 
 Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

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 Per Exec. Ofc.:

PROCLAMATION

Declaring August 18, 2007 as

“Riverside County’s Homeless Animals Awareness Day”

WHEREAS, Cat and Dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. We anticipate over 40,000 animals will enter our four Riverside County shelters this year; and

WHEREAS, Homeless Animal Awareness Day 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 in the shelter and at community outreach events; 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, the Department’s shelters are full of wonderful, loving pets of every size and description and we will provide micro-chipping for any dog or cat adopted on this day at no additional cost to the adopter.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim Saturday, August 18, 2007 as:

“Riverside County’s Homeless Animals Awareness Day”

Dated July 17, 2007