

**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:
July 21, 2008


SUBJECT: Riverside County's Homeless Animals Awareness Week August 9-16, 2008

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim August 9-16, 2008 as: Riverside County's Homeless Animals Awareness Week; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Robert Miller, Director, Betsey Webster, Deputy Director, and Renee Poselski, Humane Education Chief for the July 29, 2008 Board of Supervisors Meeting.


Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: Cat and dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. This year, we anticipate 35,000 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:	08/09
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

Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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PROCLAMATION

Declaring August 9-16, 2008 as

“Riverside County’s Homeless Animals Awareness Week”

WHEREAS, cat and dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. We anticipate 35,000 animals will enter our four Riverside County shelters this year; and

WHEREAS, Homeless Animal Awareness Week 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 encourage residents of Riverside County to volunteer, foster, or adopt at their local shelter; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim the week of August 9-16, 2008 as:

“Riverside County’s Homeless Animals Awareness Week”

Dated July 17, 2008