

**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:
September 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim October 2008 as: Riverside County's Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services and Betsey Webster, Deputy Director.

BACKGROUND: Dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. During the last eight months, an average of over 40 dogs entered our shelter every day. 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 from their local shelter before going to the pet store or a breeder. Our shelters are full of wonderful, loving pets of every size and description. To encourage shelter adoption, the Department will reduce the cost to adopt dogs from \$95 to \$65 during the month of October.

Betsey Webster

Betsey Webster, Deputy Director for
Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$15000	In Current Year Budget:	yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$15000	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

BY: *Debra Courmoyer*
Debra Courmoyer

County Executive Office Signature

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PROCLAMATION

Declaring the Month of October 2008 as

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

WHEREAS, Dog overpopulation continues to be a significant problem in Riverside County. During the last eight months, over 15,000 dogs entered our shelters, an average of over 40 dogs daily, and

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, 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, when you adopt a shelter pet, the adoption fee includes spay/neuter, first set of vaccines, parasite treatment, and a microchip, and

WHEREAS, our shelters are full of wonderful, loving dogs of every size and description and to encourage adoption, the Department will reduce the cost to adopt shelter dogs from \$95 to \$65 during the month of October.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim October 2008 as:

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

Dated: October 7, 2008