

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20021161**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Animal Shelter Appreciation Month Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

9:30 #1

3. MEETING DATE:

10-29-2002

4. AGENDA:

_____ CONSENT
_____ ADMINISTRATIVE
_____ APPEALS
☒ PUBLIC
_____ WALK ON
_____ TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

_____ STATUTE
_____ ORDINANCE
_____ ADMIN. CODE
_____ OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Judah
B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
C. DIVISION

BY:

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7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	OA	OM	Risk	GC	N/A
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10. COMMISSION ACTION:

_____ APPROVED
_____ DENIED
_____ DEFERRED
_____ OTHER



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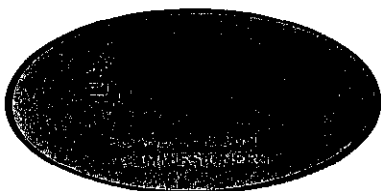
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RESOLUTION

- Whereas: Over 70,000 new cats and dogs are born each day – many without homes or unwanted by their owners; and
- Whereas: Lee County Animal Services, the Humane Society of Lee County and the Animal Refuge Center combined received and cared for nearly 15,000 animals in the past year; and
- Whereas: The population of unwanted and homeless animals continues to increase placing a burden on kennel staffs of the Humane Society and ARC as limited-admission shelters which are often at full capacity and on Animal Services the only open-admission shelter in Lee County that does not turn away any domestic animal for any reason; and
- Whereas: Shelter workers often go without proper recognition for the services they provide the people and animals of Lee County, facing a difficult and often stressful job as the constant flow of animals into the shelter is both physically and emotionally draining; and
- Whereas: Animal shelter employees deal with the stressful and emotionally painful daily task of caring for abused, neglected, sick, injured, malnourished, stray and unwanted pets – only to see their love and care end with only some of these animals finding good homes; and
- Whereas: The public is often quick to criticize, accuse and stand in judgement of shelter workers simply because these caregivers are faced with difficult tasks thrust upon them by the problem of pet overpopulation and unwanted animals - a problem over which animal shelter workers have no control; and
- Whereas: Once a year, the nation takes a brief moment to publicly recognize these heroic efforts with National Shelter Appreciation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida have declared the month of November 2002 as Lee County Animal Shelter Appreciation Month in recognition of our local animal shelters: Lee County Animal Services, the Humane Society of Lee County, and the Animal Refuge Center.

Duly Executed this 29th day of October 2002.



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LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman