

SPAY NEUTER DAY USA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of thousands of individuals in Orange County; and

~~WHEREAS, spayed and neutered animals are less likely to have certain health problems or exhibit certain undesirable behaviors that can create community wide problems and use community resources; and~~

WHEREAS, the problem of pet overpopulation costs the taxpayers of Orange County hundreds of thousands of dollars annually through animal control and sheltering programs aimed at coping with unwanted and homeless cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters throughout the country have to euthanize approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to the lack of critical resources such as money, space, and good adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Advisory Board and the Animal Services Department have made correcting pet overpopulation a priority, and prepared ***Managing Pet Overpopulation: A Strategic Plan for Orange County***; and

~~WHEREAS, the County has established a Community Spay/Neuter Fund to address the issue of pet overpopulation in the County; and~~

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs, among other animal companions, has been shown to drastically reduce overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, Animal Services has partnered with AnimalKind and the Department of Social Services to offer “low cost” and “no cost” spay and neuter through The \$20 Fix in Orange County; and

~~WHEREAS, veterinarians, animal care and control organizations, national and local animal welfare organizations, and private citizens work together each year to ensure the spaying or neutering of thousands of companion animals through “Spay Neuter Day USA”; and~~

WHEREAS, veterinarians, animal care and control organizations, national and local animal welfare organizations, and private citizens have joined together again this year to advocate and support the spaying and neutering of companion animals on “Spay Day USA 2014.”

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED by Orange County that February 25, 2014, is declared “Spay Neuter Day USA.” The Board of County Commissioners calls upon the people of the County to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person’s cat or dog.

THIS THE 18th OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

Barry Jacobs CHAIR
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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