RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes the vital role played by Animal Services in continuing to promote the health, safety, and well-being of animals within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Town Lake Animal Center is the largest animal shelter in Central Texas, providing shelter to more than 19,000 animals each year; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services' Donation Fund (Donation Fund) is an important component of the ongoing care provided to animals at the Shelter as donated funds are used to provide special care for sick or injured animals, buy toys and treats, support adoption programs, and provide intake prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin seeks to encourage the use of the Donation Fund in the best interest of the Austin community consistent with donor designations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin can aid in the most beneficial use of the Donation Fund through increased citizen input regarding the decisions made for use of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, public input meetings and the planning process for the use of the Donation Fund for Fiscal year 2010 are already in progress; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Animal Advisory Commission is directed to develop recommendations for a process that determines the allocation of the Donation Fund for City of Austin Fiscal Year 2011 to insure those decisions best further the well-being of animals within the community, including but not limited to:

- The publication and content of reports reflecting donations and expenditures.

- A regular forum and other processes to solicit public participation for the uses of Donation Funds, which results in a formal annual recommendation to Council and staff. This may include a proposed process for community groups to apply to use donated funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Animal Advisory Commission shall provide the above as a recommendation to Council no later than December 17, 2009.

ADOPTED:_____**,2009**   **ATTEST:** _____

<div align="right">Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk</div>