

Late Backup

Item 040
11-05-2009

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in December of 1997, the City of Austin passed Resolution No. 971211-41 adopting the goal of ending the killing of adoptable homeless pets at the City of Austin's animal shelter by the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2009, in the Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20090115-059 directing the Animal Advisory Commission to evaluate and recommend policies and programs proven to be effective at reducing the killing of homeless animals, including, but not limited to, policies and programs related to reducing the intake, and increasing live outcomes, of impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Advisory Commission completed their directive and presented their final recommendations, referred to as "Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes" to Austin City Council, in July of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Austin deserve an animal shelter that succeeds at saving the lives of homeless animals at a level that is consistent with the most successful animal shelters in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and its citizens are interested in community planning and strategies for animal welfare programs community wide; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to work with the Animal Advisory Commission and other related partners to develop an implementation plan for the Animal Advisory Commission's "Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes" (with the exception of Section III B of the report) recommendations and to present the implementation plan to Council no later than March 1, 2010.

The City Manager is further directed to provide a briefing on the progress of the development of the implementation plan to the Public Health and Human Services Committee at its January 2010 meeting.

ADOPTED _____, 2009 ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk