

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

HOMELESS PET MONTH

Summary Statement:

Animal homelessness and euthanasia are tragic problems in the United States. Many organizations around the world along with the International Society for Animal Rights USA and the Humane Society will be holding events to observe National Homeless Pet Month in August. National Homeless Pet Month is now an international month out of the year where all agencies can come together united in a mission to win the war on pet overpopulation and help homeless animals.

In support of the Humane Society's Homeless Pet Month, the staff is proposing to hold two Homeless Pet Month events on August 8th & 29th. Staff is proposing to extend Shelter hours to maximize the number of adoptions for August. Animal Services would be open from 9am to 9pm on both of these dates. In addition staff is proposing to discount adoption fees and micro-chipping for all animals adopted on those dates. Discounted rates will be offset from a donation from PetSmart to the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation.

The recent donation from PetSmart, Inc. would be utilized to help offset the costs of the reduced fees so no general fund dollars will be needed to implement this program.

Recommended Action:

1. Direct staff to lower cat adoptions from \$35.00 to \$20.00 for the August 8th & 29th events.
2. Direct staff to lower dog adoptions from \$75.00 to \$60.00 for the August 8th & 29th events.
3. Direct staff to lower pet mirco-chipping from \$20.00 to \$15.00 for the August 8th & 29th events.
4. Direct staff to extend Shelter hours by staying open until 9pm for the August 8th & 29th events.

Proposed by: Gina M. Schwin-Whiteside, Director of Municipal Services Item Number _____

T. M. Approval: _____ Budgeted Item Yes No N/A