

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

SPAY/NEUTER, FOSTER AND RESCUE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Summary Statement:

As requested, staff will present several programs designed to increase voluntary participation in spay/neuter programs offered by the Town of Apple Valley. The program will include rewards for animal owners that promote responsible pet-ownership and incentives for animal owners to alter their pets. A successful spay/neuter program will result in a decrease of animals turned in to our Municipal Shelter, which will free up resources for community based programs that strengthen the animal-human bond.

Staff will also present ideas for permitting Animal Foster Homes that temporarily house sick or injured animals waiting for placement and a streamlined process for approving Rescue of shelter animals that still ensure compliance with California Animal Laws.

All programs will focus on increasing live release rates, animal health, and community support of spay/neuter options.

Recommended Action:

1. Develop a consensus on the options presented by staff and
2. Direct staff to bring back ordinances or policies that implement the proposed programs for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Proposed by: Animal Services _____ Item Number _____

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