PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Item #

Meeting Date: F		===]]	===]]	Consent Ordinance	[X] []	Regular Public Hearing
Department: Submitted By: Submitted For:	Department of Pu	blie	c Sa	fety		
	[] Ordinance [] Public Hearing ment: Department of Public Safety tted By: Department of Public Safety					

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: Adopt a Resolution establishing a Palm Beach County Countdown to Zero program with a 10-year goal to end euthanasia of adoptable animals in Palm Beach County. The Resolution creates a partnership between the Animal Care and Control Division (ACC) and the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches (ARL) for the purpose of developing a community coalition committed to the Countdown to Zero goals as described in the Resolution.

Summary: During the FY2013, ACC sheltered 7,561 dogs, 10,401 cats and 1,129 other species. The shelter had a live release rate of seventy-one percent (71%) of adoptable dogs and Twenty-One percent (21%) of adoptable cats. ACC continues to be the county's only openadmission shelter with a total animal intake exceeding 20,000 animals annually. Although the division has successfully decreased the number of animals entering the facility by one-third since 2012, the euthanasia rate, specifically for cats, continues to hold steady at approximately 80 %. Countdown to Zero will allow the Division to partner with ARL for grant and funding opportunities to implement targeted and data-driven sterilization, adoption, and intakeprevention programs and will set county policy to ensure that future programs endeavor towards ending unnecessary euthanasia of adoptable animals. COUNTYWIDE (SF)

Background and Justification: Animal shelters originated as a place for stray animals to be housed while awaiting final disposition. During the last three decades animal shelters became a location where unwanted pets could be taken with no repercussion or punitive measures. Historically, shelters focused on the housing of animals in their care and strides were made for best management practices including herd management, shelter medicine, adoption programs, and improvements in the humane treatment of shelter animals. Early sterilization was recognized as the primary method to reduce the population of unwanted pets and programs were subsequently developed to assist owners with low cost spaying and neutering. While the numbers of animals arriving to the division are incrementally dropping, the annual intake remains above 20,000 animals. Those animals most at risk for euthanasia are cats (80% euthanasia rate) and larger dogs (29% euthanasia rate) with voluntary owner-relinquishment contributing to high intake numbers. Although the downturn in the economy has played a minor role in animal intake, shelters continue to be used as a convenient method to discard pets or dispose of community cats. Countdown to Zero will set reasonable and measurable standards and public policy during the next 10 years that will shift the burden of animal care away from the shelters and to the people who own animals. Animals most at-risk of euthanasia will be targeted geographically for priority sterilization programs through data-driven research. Targeted sterilization and animal- intake-prevention are proving to be the most measurable methods for reducing the numbers of animals entering shelters.

Attachments

- 1. Countdown to Zero Proposed Resolution
- 2. 10-Year Combined Data for ACC/Animal Rescue League (ARL)

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Recommended by:	Vinia 17-Bon auto	1/22/14
•	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	Vine ABon anto	1/22/14
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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)		······		
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	0*				
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	<u> </u>	0	0
is Item Included in Cu	rrent Budget?	Yes	No		
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B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: *<u>The fiscal impact</u> is indeterminable at this time and will ultimately depend on the outcome of the initiative.

Departmental Fiscal Review: Stupbourg

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING COUNTDOWN TO ZERO AS AN OFFICIAL COUNTY PROGRAM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS BY THE YEAR 2024; PROVIDING FOR A STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF AT-RISK ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PREVENT THE BIRTHS OF UNWANTED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PALM BEACH COUNTY DIVISION OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND THE PEGGY ADAMS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC. TO DEVELOP A COALITION OF ANIMAL WELFARE, SHELTERING AND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS TO REACH THE GOAL OF SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS BY OR BEFORE 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the last twenty years more than 14,000 dogs and cats have been euthanized in Palm Beach County annually; and

WHEREAS, our community has the expertise, the means and the obligation to implement strategies that will reduce the number of animals needing temporary shelter and end the euthanasia of adoptable animals in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, ending the euthanasia of adoptable animals is the responsibility of the entire community and will only occur through the collaboration of County leadership, animal welfare professionals, public and private shelters, rescue organizations and the residents of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches, Inc. has already committed to collaborating with the County on the "Countdown to Zero" Program and it is expected that many other animal welfare professionals, public and private shelters, rescue organizations and interested parties will also collaborate with the County to ensure the success of the "Countdown to Zero" Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the following goals

are established:

1. Palm Beach County is a Countdown to Zero community.

2. Palm Beach County desires that no adoptable dogs or cats will be at risk of euthanasia and to provide and encourage programs and services that attain that goal.

3. Palm Beach County establishes February 28, 2024 as the target date by which no adoptable dogs or cats will be at risk of euthanasia.

4. Palm Beach County will work with other Countdown to Zero coalition partners for the greater good of the animals in Palm Beach County and will focus on the

following programs to reduce and/or eliminate euthanasia:

- High Volume-Affordable and Targeted Spay/Neuter
- Proactive Lost & Found •
- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) •
- Medical and Behavior Programs •
- **Proactive Adoptions** •
- Rescue Networks .
- Foster Care For the Sick or Young
- Keeping Pets and People Together
- Volunteers
- Community Outreach and Involvement .
- Advocacy For All Animals
- Transparency in Animal Reporting for All Coalition Partners • •
 - Limiting Importation of Animals From Outside the County
- Except in Times of Disaster or Need
- Eliminate Prejudice Based on Breed, Physical Characteristics or Age of Dogs and Cats
- Establish Preventative Programs to Keep Animals From Unnecessarily • Entering the Shelter System

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the 5. Board of County Commissioners.

If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered b	v Commissioner , w	ho
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moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor	-	
Commissioner Paulette Burdick, Vice Mayor	-	
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche	-	
Commissioner Shelley Vana	-	
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	-	
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger	-	
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	-	

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this

__day of _____, 2014.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

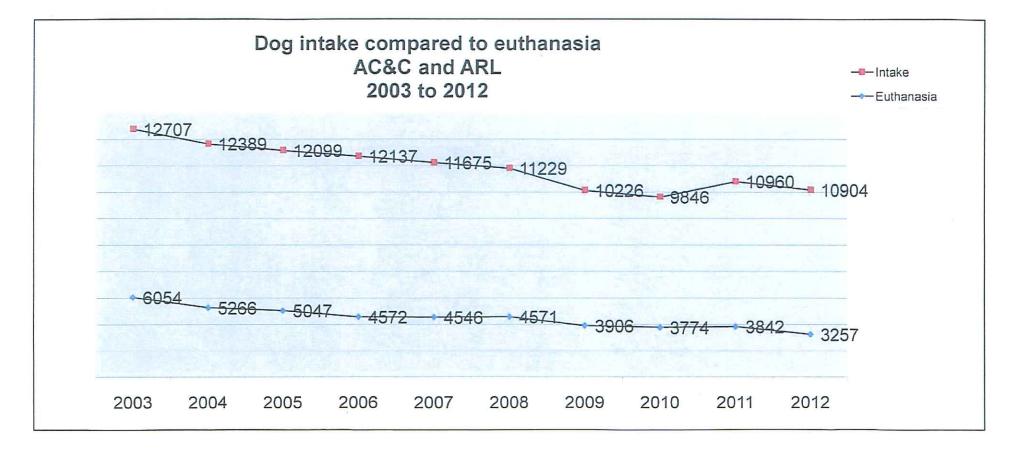
Ву: ____

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY By: / County Attorney

Dogs eutha	nasia to	intake ad	&c and F	Peggy Ad	ams Anir	nal Rescu	ue League	2		
	2003	2004	2005			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Euthanasia	6054	5266	5047	4572	4546	4571	3906	3774	3842	3257
Intake	12707	12389	12099	12137	11675	11229	10226	9846	10960	10904

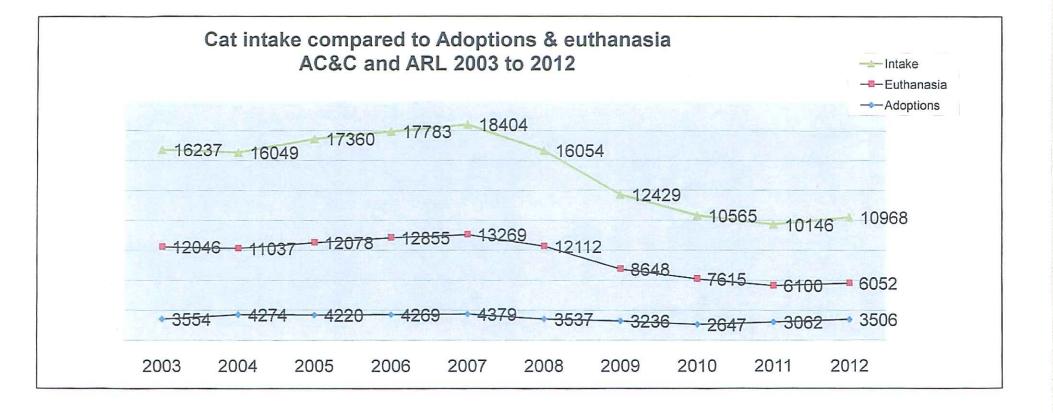
(Based on AC&C's Fiscal year October 1st through Sep 30th)



Euthanized shelter pets does not include owner requested euthanasia Intake of transfers between AC&C and Peggy Adams were counted only once.

Cats euthar	nasia to i	intake ac	&c and P	eggy Ada	ims Anim	ial Rescu	e League	2		
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adoptions	3554	4274	4220	4269	4379	3537	3236	2647	3062	3506
Euthanasia	12046	11037	12078	12855	13269	12112	8648	7615	6100	6052
Intake	16237	16049	17360	17783	18404	16054	12429	10565	10146	10968

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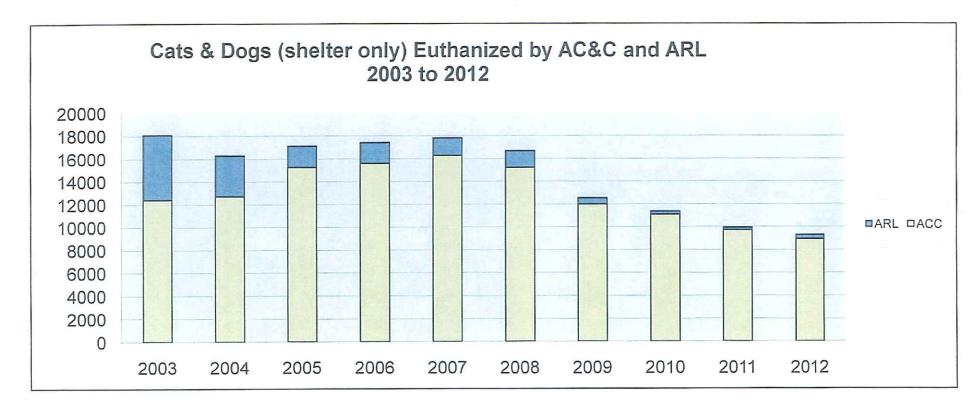


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Cats and Dogs accepted to shelter euthanized by AC&C and ARL

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ACC	12415	12723	15264	15621	16288	15227	12012	11120	9715	8951
ARL	5685	3580	1861	1806	1527	1456	542	269	227	358
TOTAL	18100	16303	17125	17427	17815	16683	12554	11389	9942	9309

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