

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

ADOPT-A-SHELTER-CAT-MONTH

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Approximately 4 million cats end up in shelters every year, including thousands born every spring and summer during “kitten season.” To help promote adoptions of these fun, affectionate animals, the Town of Apple Valley and the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation support the American Humane Society by recognizing and implementing special programs each June for Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month.

The recent opening of the new shelter has drawn positive reviews from the community. During this time we have also seen an increase in the number of animals coming into the shelter. Beginning in June, the cat population was over 100 and in order to reduce population numbers, increase adoptions and minimize expenses for medical and food bills, staff began a program to find cats/kittens loving homes and to support the American Humane Society.

Staff implemented the program using funds donated to the Apple Valley Community Resource foundation for medical expenses to offset the spay/neuter costs for adopted cats/kittens. Ten dollar adoptions will be offered to the public until we reach our goal of one-hundred. Owners of adopted kittens/cats will also have the opportunity to purchase a \$10.00 microchip.

Recommended Action:

Ratify the implementation of the Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat-Month Program

Proposed by: Animal Services

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T. M. Approval: _____

Budgeted Item Yes No N/A