

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. **20041334**

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Present Animal Shelter Appreciation Month Resolution.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 3

COMMISSION DISTRICT: CW

9:30 #2

3. MEETING DATE:

11-02-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Commissioner Coy
- B. DEPARTMENT County Commission
- C. DIVISION _____

BY: *Coy*
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7. BACKGROUND:

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER



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The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The Animal Care Specialists from Lee County Animal Services-Terri Brown, Lani Hasselbring, Laura Jones, Barbara Thompson and Marie Scardina-cared for nearly 15,000 animals in the past year; and
- Whereas: The population of unwanted and homeless animals continues to place a heavy burden on the kennel team when our community's shelters are often at full capacity and Animal Services is the only open-admission shelter in Lee County that never turns away any domestic animal for any reason, even if there is a lack of available space; and
- Whereas: Unfortunately, shelter workers—the very heart and soul of our shelters-often go without proper recognition for the services they provide to the people and animals of Lee County making all of our lives more enriched; and
- Whereas: The Animal Care Specialists at Lee County Animal Services were recognized in 2003 by the Florida Animal Control Association as the only entire kennel staff ever to be nominated as “Caretaker of the Year” and again in 2004 with the nomination of Terri Brown as “Supervisor of the Year” due to the tremendous teamwork achieved by this unit; and
- Whereas: Hurricane Charley placed enormous demands on the kennel team with almost 300 additional animals entering the shelter in just a few days (a 27% increase over the previous year); and
- Whereas: Animal Services' employees rose to the challenge increasing placement of 168 homeless animals, just over a 90% increase from 2003, and at the same time decreasing necessary euthanasia by nearly 20%; and
- Whereas: Animal shelter employees deal with the stressful and emotionally painful task of caring daily for abused, neglected, sick, injured, malnourished, stray and unwanted pets—only to see their love and care too often end with only some of these animals finding good homes; and
- Whereas: The public is often quick to criticize, accuse and stand in judgment of shelter workers simply because these caregivers are faced with difficult tasks thrust upon them by the problem of pet overpopulation and unwanted animals—a problem over which animal shelter workers have no control; and
- Whereas: Once a year, the nation takes a brief moment to publicly recognize these heroic efforts with National Shelter Appreciation Week—this year November 7th through November 13th.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby declare the month of November 2004 as Lee County

ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION MONTH

with special recognition to all of our Kennel Operations Team at Animal Services.

Duly Executed this 2nd day of November 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Chairman