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ITEM(S)

1-E (ID 23-1775) RESOLUTION - to Decrease the Animal Intake at the City of Fresno Animal Center

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KRIS THOMPSON submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: If this resolution is passed this will hurt the public by disposing of unwanted pets all over the city and county and we will have more of the animal population uncontrolled. We need them to work with accepting more animals by spaying and neutering and clearing the backlog of animals by using rescue organizations. There are many rescue organizations that are available to assist if they were only asked. I am a board member of Fresno TNR who has helped spay over 6000 felines in 2023 and this is possible if they would only reach out to partner.

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eComment: I highly oppose this action. We need more availability for people to take unwanted animals in Fresno, no less. We are just overwhelmed with the animal population here in Fresno. People need to be educated on spay/neuter, rescue and adoption options. Please partner with rescue organizations instead of decreasing intake....it's our only hope!

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eComment: Limiting the amount of animals that can be taken off the streets is a disservice to the community. Rather, free or low cost spay and neuter events that are not dependent on a household income should be frequently provided (1st Saturday of every month or so) to all who reside in Fresno. This way there are less unhoused animals needing intake and is a more humane solution to limit the amount of animals needing intake. Please do not limit the amount of animals that can be saved through intake and adopted out after sterilization.

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eComment: How can you limit number of intakes. Fresno has a problem and you only making it worse. Wake up!! Let's work together!!

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eComment: Where will the animals go? City/County needs to offer free or reduced fees for spaying and neutering.

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eComment: Decreasing the capacity of a much-needed resource for the animal community is only going to have a negative impact. Every shelter is overcrowded across the nation. Even the shelter is a better place, overcrowding and all, than having CHP or animal control retrieve animal carcasses from the road or highways because people had nowhere else to put them. This will have a chain reaction effect. The only thing that could in theory even help would be allocating funds for an additional shelter, or for additional space and resources for current shelters to ease some of the load.

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eComment: They need to offer a better solution then just stopping intake.

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eComment: I understand how overwhelming the situation is but it has also been allowed to get to this state because of a lack of enforcement of existing laws and the need to establish laws to curb the breeding of these animals. What is your solution for the overflow? Leave these animals on the street? They not only create health hazards, but create unsafe environments for neighborhoods and cause road hazards and accidents. Simply saying we aren't going to deal with it doesn't make it go away. It's only going to get worse and we as rescuers do not feel we have the support of our officials when they deter us from trying to combat the situation as best we can with the resources we have. I don't understand why when we are short human doctors we reach out to other countries, why not do so for a vet. Initially the cost may be more but it's an avenue to look at so we can get someone in place sooner than later. I just feel that this head in the sand mentality is going to create an even bigger crisis and animal cruelty crimes are going to increase as they become detrimental to peoples lifestyles. I oppose this resolution because it is not a resolution to our crisis.

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eComment: Ya'll need to expand, have shelters in different parts of the city/County. They could specialize in different areas of treatment, example... An intake hospital (with emergency medical). A transitional hospital for socialization and getting ready for adoption and finally a big, really big place for adopting (which should be nominal). Every animal should be spayed or neutered with vaccines, I know it sounds like a lot of money, but it will save money in the long term and Ya'll don't have to kill anyone 💎Ÿ~€

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eComment: We have such an overpopulation of unwanted animals as it is now. We really do need more affordable spay and neuter options. Programs like Fresno TNR are really making a difference in our community. Limiting animal intake is not the answer.

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eComment: Shelters need to expand! The money is there you guys just choose not to use it for important things like this. All we ask is either expand the shelters or no change at all. We can make such a huge impact in our environment if we get animals off the streets and into shelters/homes. So many lives could change for the better!! Animals and Humans!

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eComment: We need more shelters and room for our homeless population of our fur babies. They need us more than ever we can't abandon them let's make more room and give them a warm roof over their heads until they can be adopted to a loving home.

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eComment: I know it's a bad situation, but if these animals are not taken in the problem is only going to get worse. Thank you to TNR groups, they are trying to slow the problem down.

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eComment: I oppose this action. Yes, the level of unhomed animals in shelters is overwhelming but so to is the number of unhomed animals on the street. Simply closing the doors in not an option that will address this problem. Please look to map a way out of this problem. Since the shelter is too full, reach out to rescues all over the state / Western states to take in more of our animals to clear up space. Look for a way to get regularly scheduled affordable spay/neuter services at this facility and well as possibly satellite facilities around the city / county. Bottom line, there needs to be a way to curb animal overpopulation. Create an accessible system for people to report / receive care for stray animals. Don't work in isolation, talk with related groups, agencies with interest and expertise in this area to problem solve and find solutions. Work in collaboration with the county, neighboring counties. Find a way to attract and keep full-time veterinary care at this facility and in our community. Perhaps there is a way for a menu of veterinarians to have a private practice and then work a certain number of days a month at this facility. Maybe there's a way that new veterinarians can have part of their educational debt forgiven for working for a certain period of time in this type of community service. The Fresno Animal Center has such potential to serve both animals and the public in Fresno.

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eComment: You built this State of Art facility to help the animals and bragged how wonderful it will be. You are nothing but liars all you did was replace the horrible SPCA that you felt did a wonderful job. Do something about the backyard breeders. There is a law that is not enforced. You gave done nothing for these poor abandoned and unwanted animals other then euthanize which you don't have a problem doing. The Mayor and Councilman brought their show case pet to the grand opening to brag about how there are animal lovers and haven't heard a word since regarding all of great animals that are suffering and being killed by you because if no room. You are pathetic

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eComment: I oppose fresno county animal control limiting animal intakes

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eComment: Don't agree.I oppose.

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eComment: Does one of the reasons for limiting the number of intakes allowed relate to the number of kittens/puppies under 2 pounds that aren't making it out of this facility? It is heartbreaking to see so many lives cut short due to there not being enough fosters. However, what would people do with them or take them after being turned away from a shelter they know had to accept them in the past? I believe the chances of them being dropped off at the shelter and awaiting a possible foster is greater than the chances of them waiting to be saved abandoned somewhere in the middle of nowhere. There should be more advocates for foster and spay/neutering. Booklets could be made to handout, especially to those dropping animals off. Educate them on the euthanasia rates for intaking bottle/mush babies. List the horrible injuries/deaths animals succumb to everyday from being abandoned, on the streets and unaltered. What diseases they are prone to when unvaccinated. Maybe this reality check will push people further to do what needs to be done for their pets. Keep posting about the google form that fosters can fill out for them to be the first contacted about any intakes needing immediate foster. Refusing these innocent lives will only result in more on the streets, diseases running rampant and suffering. Humanely ending their lives when they had no chance to begin with is sometimes the last best option in most cases unfortunately.

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eComment: There are already limited options and people continue to dump cats. At a minimum improve the spay/neuter program options to curb the problem. Way too many cats in the community continuing to repopulate due to limited affordable costs to alter pets.

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eComment: I strongly oppose this. We have heard fresno animal center tell the public to go let friendly unowned kittens loose on the street to starve, be hit by cars etc. As they said they have no more room. This is unacceptable! The city animal designated center must take in all stray, unowned, homeless pets. We need free spay/ neuter for all strays and \$20 or less for owned pets in order to get reproduction under control. We also need a tremendous amount of education campaigns across fresno County to educate the public on the importance of all pets being spayed/neutered, to the point that there should be fine for unfixed pets. For instance no one should be able to get back a pet at the facility that is not fixed. Other counties follow these measures and it works! Let's do what is right by these animals! Fresno can do these measures and make major improvements to get homeless pets off the streets!

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eComment: Limiting or capping a service the City should be providing is something I strongly oppose. Yes the Central Valley has a huge pet overpopulation problem, that needs to be addressed by reducing the number of animals in the city, not turning a blind eye and closing doors. Expanding low cost spay & neuter programs, laws (and enforcement!) that restrict and prevent backyard breeders and increased education are just a few of the items this city should be considering. Visions of a 3rd world country with stray & hurt animals running the streets are what I envision with this resolution that is being presented. Please do the right thing for the people and the animals of this community!

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Lori Harkins submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1.-E. ID 23-1775 RESOLUTION - to Decrease the Animal Intake at the City of Fresno Animal Center

eComment: If you decrease the animal intake, what will happen to the animals??? I know the City is overwhelmed by the stray/feral situation. It is not the animals fault! The City needs to do more to curb this situation. Fine irresponsible pet owners. Impose an up to 3% tax increase on cigarettes or something to support a new, as well as existing Shelters! These Street animals deserve compassion, love and help just as much as some of the Homeless Humans do. Where there is a will there is a way. You simply just don't give up.

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Liz T submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I truly think you should double the size of the facility add on a second story. It would cost less in the long run then building a new facility for euthanizing half of your animals every week. Everyday I see at least six stray dogs and at least three or four hit cats. Fresno is out of control pet wise. It would be so much nicer to be able to bring these pets to your facility to be fixed get their shots and rehomed. Your facility also needs to be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. just simply do a split shift you would not have to hire more . Common Sense has to come in somewhere . You can't run a facility from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and expect people to come adopt the animals or volunteer.. We all work full-time jobs .

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eComment: TNR is the only thing that works. Yet you took the program away. There has been an explosion of kittens born because of this. It's a self created problem. If not the pound then who? What are you going to do about them? I thought that's what all this is about. The SPCA helping animals. I am open to suggestions, but this is not a good one. Making it a law you can't feed ferals is ridiculous. The cats just leave and go to surrounding neighborhoods. That is not a solution.

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Shannyne Tamayo submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This will not help only harm the already overwhelming amount of animals all over the city that aren't accounted for. FRESNO TNR has spayed/neutered 6000 felines this year. If you could partner with California Spay and Neuter I think it would help cut down the numbers if unwanted animals as well as dumped etc.

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Kimberley Neel submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: The number of unwanted cats in the street is a huge crisis facing the city. Please reach out to rescue organizations that are actually making a difference instead of adding to the problem by limiting your intake numbers.

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