



## RESOLUTION 2022-017

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM TO HUMANELY CONTROL THE POPULATION OF FERAL CATS AND DOGS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

The Governing Body is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Anthony commits to supporting (TNR) as a humane method to control and reduce the feral and community cat populations, as well as stray dogs within City limits. TNR is a scientifically justifiable and humane method to control and reduce the feral dog and community cat populations;; and stray dogs will be held by NSD (Neighborhood Services Department) for up to three days. If dogs are not claimed within that time, dogs shall be taken to the shelter after the three days. If and then a dog is impounded and belongs to a resident, the same services shall be performed to the dog and billed to the respective resident.

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing the feral and community cat and dog populations is desirable for reasons that include but are not limited to addressing prosocial, humane treatment of domesticated animals, financial efficiency (as opposed to trap-and-euthanize), wildlife protection (e.g., birds), and the concerns of residents that want options to repel feral or community cats and dogs from their property; and

WHEREAS, the City should budget and provide financial resources annually to support TNR surgical procedures (spay/neuter, vaccination, and microchipping), at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV, which operates under an agreement with the City); and

WHEREAS, NSD will fine residents of households that NSD responds to for any animals that are not spayed and neutered. Residents could be billed the cost of services for procedures if animals are not spayed and neutered. If they are not recovered within the allowed time, the city has the discretion of having the animal spayed and neutered.

WHEREAS, for purposes of TNR, education, and public health and safety, City Neighborhood Services (NSD) will work in conjunction and in partnership with the ASCMV; and

WHEREAS, NSD responding to complaints from the public regarding community/feral cats and dogs will offer educational material at their offices and in the field and, if available, community/feral cat and dog deterrents to residents as needed. The NSD will work with the ASCMV and/or designated nonprofit animal welfare organizations to compile and make publicly available useful, easy-to-understand information for the public, with materials and deterrents that may be funded by the City, individual donations, institutional donations, or grants, or by other means; and

WHEREAS, the ASCMV will have an implementation plan in accordance with this policy that addresses TNR best practices, basic expectations and responsibilities for caregivers, educational information for the public, and mechanisms for TNR logistics—yet accounts for capacity at the ASCMV and its City partners—to be written and revisited annually or as needed and is incorporated by reference to this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Anthony: (I)  
THAT the Governing Body of the City of Anthony affirms its support for a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to humanely control the population of feral cats and dogs in the community, and  
(II)  
THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein  
above.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022,  
ENFORCED SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022; contingent upon a new MOU Agreement with  
ASCMV.**



*Diana Murillo*  
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Diana Murillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Gloria K. Ramirez*  
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Gloria K. Ramirez – Acting City Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MPT Elva Flores

YES  NO

*Elva Flores*  
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Trustee Javier Silva

YES  NO

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Trustee Daniel Barreras

YES  NO

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Trustee Gabriel I. Holguin

YES  NO

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