

RESOLUTION 2019-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO ITS CUSTOMERS TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN-ADMISSION ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER WITH A GOAL OF NINETY PERCENT (90%) OR GREATER LIVE RELEASE RATE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners established a ninety percent (90%) or greater live release rate goal in January 2018; and

WHEREAS, the success of achieving the ninety percent (90%) or greater live release rate goal hinges on coordination with verified rescue organizations and not-for-profit no-kill shelters for the transfers of adoptable cats and dogs and free adoptions directly from Sumter County Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners established a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TVNR) program in 2018 to support a greater live release rate for cats in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners continues to support Sumter County Animal Services approved initiatives to further increase the live release rate of its animal services shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners determined the Sumter County Animal Services shelter shall not turn away or refuse animals that is the basis for maintaining its open-admission policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1 The Board of County Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to its customers to maintain an open-admission animal services shelter with a goal of ninety percent (90%) or greater live release rate.
- 2 A copy of This Resolution shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida.

DONE AND RESOLVED THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2019, Sumter County, Florida

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD
Clerk of Circuit Court

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA**



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