

RESOLUTION R- 11-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH AUTHORIZES A PROGRAM FOR MANATEE COUNTY TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO BECOME A NO KILL COMMUNITY; PROVIDING A STRATEGIC PLAN TO SAVE MORE LIVES OF THE DOGS AND CATS IMPOUNDED AT ANIMAL SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, every year shelters in the United States are killing millions of healthy and treatable animals who could be placed in homes; and

WHEREAS, the No Kill movement in the United States has successfully implemented new and innovative programs, including adoption, that provide alternatives to mass killing; and

WHEREAS, life takes precedence over expediency and animals should be spared from euthanasia whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, lifesaving changes will come about only if No Kill programs are embraced and further developed in Manatee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. Manatee County desires to become a "No Kill" community and provide other alternatives to euthanizing domestic animals.
2. A "No Kill" community means that Manatee County will make every effort to avoid euthanizing animals under our control and will seek to place animals for adoption wherever it can.
 - a. The effort to become a No Kill community will not require additional funding and may in fact increase revenue and lower costs to the county.
 - b. To implement No Kill requires a combination of efforts by Animal Services, animal welfare organizations, the media and the public.
 - c. The key points to No Kill are greatly increased rates of fostering and adoptions, free or low-cost spay and neuter programs and trap/neuter/release programs for feral cats.
 - d. Manatee County would become the leader within the State of Florida and a model for other counties regarding our No Kill program.

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3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in open session with a quorum present and voting this

11th day of October, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Carol Whitmore, Chairman

Attest:

R. B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____

Susan B. Romine
DEPUTY CLERK

