

A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING APRIL 13-19, 2025, AS ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the National Animal Care and Control Association has designated the second week of April as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, various federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all animal services officers and animal services personnel for their dedicated service to residents, public safety, and public service agencies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Animal Services officers handled 894 cases in 2024, including 124 calls for animal welfare checks, 155 calls for animal bites, and 204 calls for animals running at large; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County Animal Services returned 40 animals to their homes and gave 83 stray animals a chance at a new life in 2024; and

WHEREAS, every day, animal services officers put themselves in potentially dangerous situations to protect the health and welfare of all kinds of animals and the public, as well as commit their time to serve after hours and on holidays; and

WHEREAS, animal shelter personnel provide humane sheltering, daily care, spay and neuter services, and critical medical care for animals in need, as well as essential community services such as adoptions, lost and found, vaccination and microchip clinics, outreach, and humane education; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends Animal Services personnel for the many dedicated and long hours of service to this community and for fulfilling the county's commitment to provide the highest and most efficient level of customer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2025, as **Animal Control Appreciation Week** and calls upon residents to celebrate these professionals in appreciation of their commitment to service.

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