

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: September 22, 2009

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Present a Commendation recognizing multiple agencies for their outstanding efforts in providing animal assistance during the “49 Fire”.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Present a Commendation recognizing multiple agencies for their outstanding efforts in providing animal assistance during the “49 Fire”.

**BACKGROUND**

On August 30, 2009 the County of Placer experienced a damaging fire in the Auburn area that resulted in the loss of several homes and businesses. As a result of this fire and the immediate evacuation of hundreds of residents and the speed of which the fire swept through the affected neighborhoods, many pets were displaced or separated from their homes and owners. The compassion of multiple agencies, volunteer groups, citizens and veterinary offices rose to the occasion to help with locating pets, transportation, medical care and treatment, shelters and reunification services to secure the safety and well being of these animals under the leadership and coordination of Placer County Animal Control.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends all the volunteers for their assistance during this devastating emergency and will present Commendations to ten agencies that provided outstanding animal assistance during this time of need. The ten agencies being acknowledged include: The Placer County Animal Rescue Team, know as County Animal Response Team (CART), Noah's Wish, A New House, Field Haven Feline Rescue, Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation, Angels Rescuing Kritters, Greyhounds Friends for Life, Animal Medical Center and their staff, Loomis Basin Veterinary Hospital and their staff and Banfield Veterinary Hospital and their staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

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In the matter of a Commendation recognizing multiple agencies for their outstanding efforts in providing animal assistance during the "49 Fire".

Whereas, the County of Placer experienced the damaging "49 Fire" on August 30, 2009; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer did proclaim a local State of Emergency in order to deal with the various impacts of this damaging fire; and

Whereas, in addition, the Governor of the State of California did also proclaim a state of emergency in Placer County due to the "49 Fire"; and

Whereas, private residences and local businesses sustained damage due to the "49 Fire; and

Whereas, the lost, displaced and injured animals and pets of those affected by the fire were also rendered assistance by many local outstanding citizens, volunteer groups, and veterinary offices; and

Whereas these outstanding efforts were rendered selflessly throughout the emergency and continues in various forms today; and

Whereas, under the leadership and coordination of Placer County Animal Control, the services rendered include but are not limited to locating lost pets, transportation, medical care and treatment, shelter and reunification; and

Whereas, this form of generous assistance is recognized by the Board of Supervisors of Placer County; and

Whereas, the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend the following organizations for their outstanding service to the community by providing necessary services to the animals and pets of those affected by the damaging "49 Fire".

Whereas, the entities that provided these services are:

The Placer County Animal Rescue Team, known as County Animal Response Team (CART)  
Noah's Wish  
A New House  
Field Haven Feline Rescue  
Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation  
Angels Rescuing Kritters  
Greyhounds Friends for Life  
Animal Medical Center and staff  
Loomis Basin Veterinary Hospital and staff  
Banfield Veterinary Hospital and staff

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby issue this Commendation recognizing the outstanding efforts of animal assistance during this emergency.

F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm Supervisor, District 1  
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