



**CITY OF RIO RANCHO
RESOLUTION**

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ENACTMENT NO.

CREATION OF AN ANIMAL WELFARE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS: there exists concern amongst the citizenry regarding the general welfare of animals within the City that are either under individual resident care, care provided by adoption agencies, and / or boarding entities, and those entities that sell animals; and,

WHEREAS: the Governing Body has determined that a comprehensive review of all City ordinances related to animals and / or pets and how they are sold, cared for, and regulated in the City should be conducted by community stakeholders who have expertise and knowledge.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO RANCHO:

That the City of Rio Rancho does hereby approve the creation of an Animal Welfare Task Force in accordance with the guidelines set forth below.

Section 1. The Task Force shall provide goals and objectives to the Governing Body as it relates to recommended changes, additions, and deletions to current City ordinances that would improve the overall welfare of animals in the City. This includes, but is not limited to spay/neuter regulations, animal cruelty rules and regulations, and the establishment of standards for residents, adoption agencies, rescue groups, boarding facilities, or entities that sell animals related to cleanliness, veterinary care, preventative health care, and general wellness.

Section 2. The Task Force shall be comprised of nine members that will be selected by the Mayor from a pool of candidates who submit applications and will be approved by the Governing Body. The Task Force will consist of two licensed veterinarian or animal care providers who dispenses services in Rio Rancho, a representative from state government with duties related to animal health and welfare, three representatives from either a rescue group, adoption agency, or boarding facility located in the City, one representative from a entity located in the City that sells animals, and two residents of the City. Task Force members serve at the pleasure of the Governing Body and may be removed at any time. The Mayor shall appoint persons within forty-five days of the formation of the Task Force, or within thirty days of a vacancy thereon. Vacancies shall be filled only for the remainder of any unexpired term by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

Section 3. The City Manager shall appoint technical and administrative assistance to the Task Force from appropriate City departments and / or divisions.

Section 4. Removal from this Task Force will comply with City Charter Section 33.03.

1 **Section 5.** The Task Force shall exist for a period of one year from the date of full
2 membership and will comply with City Charter Section 33.04. The Task Force
3 will meet once monthly. The Task Force shall elect from its members a
4 chairperson and a vice-chairperson that will serve until the expiration of the
5 Task Force.
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8 **Section 6.** The Task Force shall provide in writing an interim report detailing discussion
9 and progress related to the Task Force's purpose to the Governing Body within
10 180 days of its full membership appointment. The Task Force shall provide in
11 writing a final report of suggested recommendations to the Governing Body
12 following the final Task Force meeting.
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14 **Section 7.** No member of the Governing Body, nor any appointive officer or employee of
15 the City, shall be appointed to the Task Force as a voting member. The
16 Mayor, all other members of the Governing Body, and the City Manager or the
17 City Manager's designee shall be ex-officio members of all boards,
18 commissions, task forces, and advisory bodies.

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20 **ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2008**

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25 **Thomas E. Swisstack, Mayor**

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28 **Date**

29 **ATTEST:**
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32 **Roman Montoya, City Clerk**
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