

Resolution authorizing a one year contract with the Capital Area Humane Society to launch the "AdvoCAT" spay/neuter program and conduct animal cruelty investigations in Franklin County

WHEREAS, an unprecedented one million free roaming cats live within Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the problem of free roaming cats, if left unchecked, will lead to ever increasing levels of tragic and preventable animal suffering and pose a threat to public health through the potential spread of diseases like rabies; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Humane Society is statutorily responsible for providing animal law enforcement services for Franklin County and is the only open admissions shelter for cats in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Capital Area Humane Society received 7,354 reports of animal cruelty and neglect, conducted 3,322 animal investigations, admitted 2,220 animals, and whose efforts to pursue animal cruelty charges in the Franklin County Environmental Court realized a 95% conviction rate; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wishes to support the efforts of the Capital Area Humane Society to reduce the suffering of animals and to promote public safety and is so authorized by Sec. 1717.15, ORC; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners contract with Capital Area Humane Society for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$115,600 is hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor
Capital Area Humane Society