



Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Whereas, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is celebrated every year on the second full week of April. This year, it takes place from April 12 to 18 and is a week when communities are encouraged to learn about what the job of animal control really entails and to be grateful for those who do it. In the past, the 'evil dogcatcher' was something you would see often in kids' cartoons, but this depiction only promotes children's negative perception of the trade. In reality, animal control officers risk their lives to protect both animals that are sick or injured and humans from animals that may be violent or have contagious diseases; and

Whereas, Humboldt County Animal Shelter days and hours are M, W, F 10-4 & Tu, Th 10-7; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter cares for, shelters and feeds approximately 1,300 dogs, cats, and other animals a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Control Officers respond to approximately 2,000 Calls for service in a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Control Officers take approximately 100 Dog Bite reports a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter has successfully adopted out 542 Animals in 2025; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter has 16 employees and 75 volunteers; and

Whereas, last year the community supported the Shelter and our Animal Control Officers by donating just over \$61,000 to the Emergency Medical Fund and 8,724 hours of time to ensure that those abandoned animals are taken care of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Supervisors, Sheriff William Honsal and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks the Humboldt County Animal Control Officers for their service to this community.



April 14, 2026

Mike Wilson, Chair