

# Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

*in honor of*

## Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

**WHEREAS**, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is observed from April 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, providing an opportunity for communities to better understand the vital role of animal control officers and express gratitude for their service. While outdated portrayals of the 'evil dogcatcher' have contributed to misconceptions, the reality is that animal control officers put their lives on the line to protect both animals, especially those that are sick or injured and the public from potentially dangerous or diseased animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Sheriff's - Animal Shelter cares for, shelters and feeds approximately 1,400 dogs, cats, and other animals a year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers respond to approximately 2,200 Calls for service in a year; and

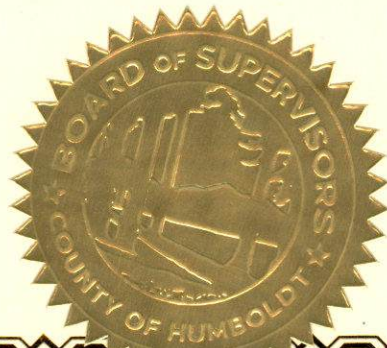
**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officers take approximately 100 Dog Bite reports a year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Shelter successfully adopted 548 Animals in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Shelter has 15 employees and 60 volunteers who are true heroes, dedicating their hearts and energy to giving animals a second chance at love and a forever home. Their compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment change countless lives, both animal and human.; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the community supported the Shelter and our Animal Control Officers by donating just over \$50,000 to the Emergency Medical Fund and 8,760 hours of time to ensure that those abandoned animals are taken care of.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Humboldt County Board of 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.



Dated: April 8, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair