MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 AS SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PET MONTH IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE

WHEREAS, cats can produce three to four litters a year and dogs can produce two litters a year; and

WHEREAS, every year, millions of unwanted cats and dogs are let go, but pet owners can make a difference through spay and neuter practices; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering helps provide a lower risk for illnesses; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering your pet helps control the pet population; and

WHEREAS, pet behavior is often improved, and a pet is less likely to fight or bite when spayed or neutered; and

WHEREAS, there is misconception that it impacts the pet's intelligence or ability to learn, play, work or hunt; and

WHEREAS, the one-time expense can dramatically improve your pet's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, of 433 dogs that came to the Pflugerville Animal Shelter last year, 302 were not spayed or neutered, or 70% unaltered; and

WHEREAS, 80% of cats that came to the Pflugerville Animal Shelter last year were not spayed or neutered; and

WHEREAS, springtime is mating season – it's more important than ever to spay and neuter your pet; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as Spay and Neuter your Pet Month in the City of Pflugerville. During this month-long observance, I encourage all citizens to schedule an appointment and invest in the long-term care of their beloved pets by having them spayed or neutered.

In Witness Thereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 13th day of February, 2024.

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