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## “Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Snohomish County”

In recognition of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, November 7-13, 2004, Snohomish County Council passes Resolution 04-027 proclaiming “Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Snohomish County”.

The event coincides with the designation of November 7-13, 2004 by the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) as National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. The national campaign is entitled “Be Patriotic – Elect to Adopt” in honor of the presidential election year. The Everett Shelter plans to hold a contest to “vote” for the top “demoCAT” and “rePUPlican” (adopting the national theme) in conjunction with this event. The top pet candidates will be featured as the “Cat and Dog of the Month” at the Everett Animal Shelter. Look for other celebrations this month at your local shelter.

The Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board joins with the City of Everett and the Humane Society of the United States asking citizens to take a closer look at the valuable role animal shelters play in their community and recognizing the important services provided to animals and citizens by returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing abused and injured animals, educating the public and matching families with new animal companions.

Citizens and county employees are encouraged to be responsible pet owners by 1) spaying and/or neutering their pets to help reduce pet overpopulation and euthanasia; 2) having their dogs and cats microchipped and licensed ensuring a safe return trip home if lost or stray; and 3) adopting pets through local animal shelters.

The Everett Animal Shelter announces “open house” at the Everett Animal Shelter on Sunday, November 7, 2004 from 11 - 3 pm to kick-off the expansion of shelter operations and pet adoptions now available 7 days a week. The Everett Animal Shelter is located at 2732 36<sup>th</sup> ST (turn at the Brown Bear Car Wash at 36<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, proceed under the freeway overpass, the shelter is on the right). Their phone number is 425-257-6000 or visit their website at [www.ci.everett.wa.us/cityhall/citydepts/animal\\_control](http://www.ci.everett.wa.us/cityhall/citydepts/animal_control).

PAWS, Inc. (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) will be kicking off their pet adoption campaign “Home for the Holidays” and offering free microchip registration, a \$10 savings with their pet adoptions. If you are thinking of a pet for someone special this holiday season, come visit the shelter first. There are dozens of pets ready and waiting for adoption every day. The shelter is located in North Lynnwood at 15305 44th Ave W. Their phone number is (425)787-2500 or visit their website at [www.paws.org](http://www.paws.org).

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**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04- 027**

**PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 7-13, 2004  
“ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK” IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, more than 65 million dogs and 77 million cats provide companionship and share the homes of over 64 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of dogs and cats stray from home or become lost every year in Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these animals are brought to local animal shelters and wait to be found and returned to their homes or, are unwanted and abandoned by their owners, often left to roam the streets and neighborhoods or released to local shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, animal shelters help both animals and people in many ways: by returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing abused and injured animals, educating the public, and matching up families with new animal companions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snohomish County Animal Advisory Board (a citizen’s advisory group) has joined together with the City of Everett to recognize the work of animal shelters and the important services they provide that often go unnoticed and tend to be taken for granted by the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that November 7-13, 2004 is designated as,  
**“ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK”**

in recognition of local animal shelters for providing valuable services to the animals and people in the Snohomish County community. Citizens and county employees are encouraged to be responsible pet owners by: 1) spaying and/or neutering their pets to help reduce pet overpopulation and euthanasia; 2) having their dogs and cats microchipped and licensed ensuring a safe return trip home if lost or stray; and 3) adopting pets through local animal shelters.

APPROVED this 27th day of October, 2004.

Gary Nelson  
Council member

Kirke Sievers  
Council member

John Koster  
Council chair

Attest:  
Clerk of the Council

Jeff Sax  
Council member

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Council member