

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

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ANIMALS. Requests local governing authorities and animal shelters to adopt policies and programs to provide alternatives to euthanizing healthy dogs and cats.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request local governing authorities and animal shelters of the state to adopt
3 policies and programs prior to December 31, 2025, which provide alternatives to
4 euthanizing healthy dogs and cats.

5 WHEREAS, safe and humane communities for the citizens and pets of Louisiana is
6 a universal goal; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Best Friends Animal Society, Louisiana ranks fifth in
8 the number of dogs and cats euthanized in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second highest euthanasia rate of dogs and cats per
10 capita of 7.09 per one thousand population versus the national rate of 1.90 per one thousand;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the total number of deaths of dogs and cats in 2019 was forty-four
13 thousand four hundred fifty-eight; and

14 WHEREAS, thirty-nine percent of the dogs and cats that enter Louisiana shelters do
15 not make it out alive; and

16 WHEREAS, many of the pets that are euthanized each year are healthy or treatable
17 pets that could be placed in homes or feral cats that could be trapped, neutered, and released;
18 and

