

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

ANIMALS: Urges and requests the local governing authority of Calcasieu Parish and the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center to become a "no kill" animal shelter

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the local governing authority of Calcasieu Parish and the Calcasieu  
3 Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center to become a "no kill" shelter by  
4 adopting policies and programs which provide alternatives to euthanizing healthy  
5 dogs and cats prior to December 31, 2025.

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

8 WHEREAS, according to the Best Friends Animal Society, a national sanctuary for  
9 homeless and special needs animals with lifesaving centers and partners across the nation,  
10 Louisiana ranks sixth nationally in the number of dogs and cats euthanized in shelters; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana has the third highest euthanasia rate of dogs and cats per  
12 capita of 3.29 per one thousand population versus the national rate of 1.10 per one thousand;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the total number of deaths of dogs and cats in 2021 was fifteen thousand  
15 two hundred eighty-eight, which is three times less than in 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, thirty-one percent of the dogs and cats that enter Louisiana shelters do  
17 not make it out alive and less than one-third of the shelters in Louisiana are designated as  
18 "no kill"; and

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

4           WHEREAS, a national survey conducted for the Best Friends Animal Society  
5   revealed that seventy-one percent of citizens do not want cats impounded and euthanized;  
6   and

7           WHEREAS, many Louisiana shelters are implementing new and innovative  
8   programs and policies to provide alternatives to euthanizing dogs and cats; and

9           WHEREAS, these policies and programs include volunteer foster care networks;  
10   adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness  
11   programs; feral cat trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs; animal socialization  
12   programs; and many others; and

13           WHEREAS, the Best Friends Animal Society has introduced a humane initiative to  
14   end the euthanization of dogs and cats in shelters in the United States by 2025.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the local governing authority of  
17   Calcasieu Parish and the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and Adoption Center to become  
18   a "no kill" shelter by adopting policies and programs which provide alternatives to  
19   euthanizing healthy dogs and cats prior to December 31, 2025.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and  
21   Adoption Center should make every attempt possible to identify or validate ownership of an  
22   animal prior to any euthanasia of an animal takes place.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24   local governing authority of Calcasieu Parish and the manager of the Calcasieu Parish  
25   Animal Services and Adoption Center.

DIGEST

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