



Office of the Mayor

P r o c l a m a t i o n

WHEREAS, the National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week takes place during the first full week of November 5-11, 2023 in recognition of various shelters that provide care to millions of displaced animals in America; and

WHEREAS, the observance also serves to acknowledge the hard working individuals supporting the efforts with their work at the shelters. The Deer Park Shelter is great at finding new homes for homeless pets, they also rescue and rehabilitate injured and abused animals, reunite lost pets with their families and serve our community by saving animals every day; and

WHEREAS, the term 'animal shelter' originated after the use of 'pound' as in 'dog pound,' took on a negative connotation. Pounds were enclosures where lost livestock and pets, seen as a public health hazard, were 'impounded' until their owners found them, but they would become known as the place such animals were killed. This led to the change of name to a more positive 'animal rescue shelter'; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters care for, return, or re-home, lost or neglected pets. Today, shelters also reach out to the veterinary community for guidance on both the physical and behavioral health of these animals, eliminating the stigma that animals in shelters are unhealthy. Shelter animals are well cared for and great candidates for pet adoption; and

WHEREAS, shelters primarily serve the function of finding a home for stray animals, but they also facilitate reuniting lost pets with their owners and may provide animal health services, behavioral evaluations, training, pet-sitting, grooming, and humane education. Although they play a crucial role in society, animal shelter staff work tirelessly to rescue and help animals, making it even more important to dedicate a special appreciation week to thank them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR JERRY MOUTON, City of Deer Park, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the City of deer Park, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of November 5-11, 2023 as

NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this 7th day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Three, A.D.

Jerry Mouton, Mayor
City of Deer Park, Texas