

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING THE PIMA COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, FINDS THAT:

- 1) The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, has authority under A.R.S. § 11-1018 to adopt animal control regulations.
- 2) It is in the best interests of the County to reduce its homeless animal populations by amending certain provisions of the Pima County Code to permit the Pima Animal Care Center:
 - a) to transfer unaltered, unclaimed animals to duly incorporated nonprofit animal welfare organizations for sterilization and adoption into suitable homes; and
 - b) to participate in programs providing for the trapping, sterilization, and return of healthy community cats.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA:

SECTION 1. Title 6, Section 6.04.180 of the Pima County Code is amended to read as follows:

**Chapter 6.04
ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS**

Section 6.04.180 Disposition of animals.

- A. Any animal forfeited, abandoned, ownerless or unclaimed, and any other animals to be disposed of by the county enforcement agent, shall be:
1. placed by adoption in a suitable home or
 2. humanely destroyed; or
 3. transferred to a duly incorporated humane society or other nonprofit corporate animal-welfare organization devoted to the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals. Transferred animals shall be placed by adoption in a suitable home after first being sterilized; or shall be humanely destroyed; or may be released as part of a community cat program.

B. The Pima Animal Care Center shall verify that any organization that receives animals under subsection (A)(3) is primarily organized for the pursuit of animal welfare activities, is actively engaged in those activities, and complies with the sterilization, placement, and all other applicable provisions of this section, this chapter, this title, and other applicable laws. Such verification shall include announced and unannounced inspections of the organization's facilities and records. The Pima Animal Care Center may repossess any animals and their offspring from any organization that is not in compliance with these conditions, and shall repossess these animals if the organization or its personnel violate cruelty laws. Any organization wishing to receive animals must agree in writing to the terms of this subsection.

C. For the purposes of this section, a "community cat program" means a program in which healthy, free-roaming cats are sterilized, vaccinated against rabies, ear-tipped, and returned to the location where they were found.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is effective 30 days after the date of adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors Date

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy County Attorney