



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-78

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of the United States established National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in 1996 to acknowledge and appreciate the essential role of animal shelters in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 58 million cats and 76 million dogs living in more than 80 million households across the United States, and over 38 thousand dogs and 28 thousand cats living in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Animal Care Center provides compassionate care and vital services that bridge the gap to adoption for thousands of abandoned, surrendered and stray animals each year; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated work of the Animal Care Center includes promoting of spay & neuter programs to reduce stray populations, returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public on responsible pet ownership, and matching families with new animal companions; and

WHEREAS, Charles County acknowledges and honors the dedicated employees and volunteers whose compassion and commitment strengthens the County's mission of answering the calls and saving lives.

NOW. THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2-8, 2025 as National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in Charles County, and encourage all residents to express their gratitude to the Charles County Animal Care Center for its continued dedication to protecting the welfare of animals and enhancing the quality of life within our community.

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