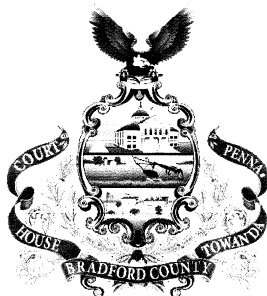


Mark W. Smith, Chairman
John Sullivan, Vice Chairman
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Bradford County Commissioners Office
PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY
AUGUST 15, 2009


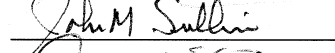
- WHEREAS,** the overpopulation of our nation's most popular animals, dogs and cats, results in the killing of millions of dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies each year in shelters across the United States, and
- WHEREAS,** the only reason for taking these healthy, adoptable innocent animals' lives is due to the fact that there are too many cats and dogs born as there are families willing to adopt them, and
- WHEREAS,** the taking of the innocent victims' lives forever leaves its mark on the caring shelter personnel who must perform the mass killing of cats and dogs each day to make room for the new arrivals, and
- WHEREAS,** the dog and cat overpopulation crisis can readily be solved, first by having dogs and cats spayed and neutered before their first litter and secondly by adopting a dog or cat from your local animal shelter, and
- WHEREAS,** the irresponsible dog and cat custodians who do not have their pets spayed or neutered are the ones accountable to the taxpayers in this country, for the millions of dollars spent each year on killing unwanted animals they are responsible for bringing into this world, and
- WHEREAS,** humans domesticated dogs and cats, they depend on us, therefore, it is our obligation to provide responsible, humane care for them throughout their life, and

Now, therefore, we, the Bradford County Commissioners proclaim **August 15, 2009** as **INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY** and call upon all dog and cat custodians to accept responsibility for the care of their dogs and cats, including having them spayed or neutered to prevent the birth of animals destined to be homeless, unwanted and killed.

Attest:


Gayle Kershner, Chief Clerk

Signed this 15th day of August 2009



Bradford County Commissioners