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**Resolution to Conduct a Companion-Animal-Related
Needs, Resources and Strategic Planning Study in the City of Chicago**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago desires to reduce the overall population of stray, homeless and at-risk animals; to increase save rates of impounded animals, thus saving lives and reducing costs; to improve the quality of life for domesticated dogs and cats; to eliminate brutal dog attacks and the phenomenon of dog fighting; to provide access to resources in communities that are most in need; and to protect the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the City with a safer, more humane environment through community education, animal welfare programs, resources, and progressive regulations and policies; and,

WHEREAS, Best Friends Animal Society, one of America's foremost animal rescue organizations which operates the country's largest sanctuary for abused and abandoned animals in Kanab, Utah, and advances nationwide initiatives that promote community involvement and a kindness revolution that transforms the way people relate to animals, nature and each other, will conduct an analysis and assessment of all available and relevant data and develop a community-wide strategic plan that includes sustainable measures over a realistic and achievable timeframe by working with an appropriately constituted advisory panel; and,

WHEREAS, Best Friends and its agents and subcontractors will require access to current and historical data from several sources including, but not limited to: animal control offices, law enforcement departments, animal shelters, judicial circuits, state agencies and other sources, which will require the cooperation of several state and local governmental agencies and employees to speak with and share information with Best Friends, its agents and subcontractors; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago and Best Friends recognize that solutions will involve the entire community and that collaboration and cooperation will lead to successful programs, as evidenced in *Safe Humane Chicago*, an unprecedented alliance with comprehensive programming founded on the principle that a safe community is a humane community and recognized by Best Friends in its national sponsorship of it as a model that Best Friends will take to other cities across the country; and,

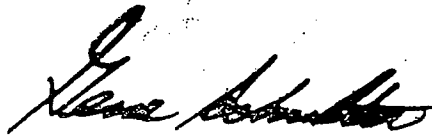
WHEREAS, Best Friends will invest funds and resources to support the analysis and assessment described; and nothing in this resolution commits the City of Chicago to any financial obligation to Best Friends Animal Society or this study; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion of the analysis and assessment, Best Friends will present the results with all supporting data and recommend a strategic plan to Chicago officials; now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 8th Day of October, 2008 A.D., do hereby commend Best Friends for its initiative in conducting a strategic planning study of companion-animal-related needs and resources in the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that city agencies and representatives are encouraged to cooperate with Best Friends in the development of this study by providing all available relevant data and information to the individuals conducting the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a final study report with recommendations be presented to the City Council of the City of Chicago.



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ADOPTED
by the City Council of the
City of Chicago

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Clerk CITY OF CHICAGO

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