

**Date:** August 9, 2022

**Resolution No. 22-688**

**Title:** Resolution to Introduce the Homeward Bound Initiative to Waive All Reclaim Fees and Citations for Dogs Wearing a Current Dog License Upon Their First Visit to the Canine Care & Control Center

**Department/Agency:** Canine Care & Control

**Contact:** Kelly Sears, Director

**Summary/Background:** Stray dogs continue to enter animal shelters at alarming rates across the United States, while the number of licenses purchased by pet owners continuously declines and reclaim numbers remain low. Under the Homeward Bound Initiative, Canine Care & Control will waive all reclaim fees and citations for dogs wearing a current dog license upon their first visit to the shelter. This initiative will work to quickly return lost or stray dogs to their owners as well as encourage more dog owners to purchase licenses. Dog owners are required by law to purchase annual licenses, ensuring that stray or lost dogs are returned to their homes.

**Budget Impact:** 2090.220001.19.417004.00000.00000

**Statutory Authority/ORC:** 955.18

**Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak offered the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes the Director of Lucas County Canine Care & Control to implement the Homeward Bound Initiative, which will waive all reclaim fees and citations for dogs wearing current dog licenses upon their first visit to the shelter.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

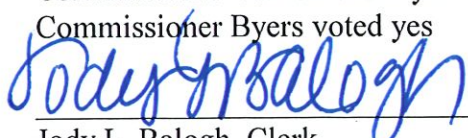
Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Action Taken:**

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes

Commissioner Gerken voted yes

Commissioner Byers voted yes

  
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Jody L. Balogh, Clerk