

National Summit to End Companion Animal Overpopulation Resolutions

2009

1. All pounds and shelters to implement strategies embodied in the No Kill Equation and Getting to Zero Model (see attached).
2. Animal Welfare and Animal Management to work together to develop a stronger commitment to getting to zero.
3. Relevant government bodies to introduce breeder permits for anyone who keeps an entire animal for breeding purposes.
4. State coalitions to progress Summit resolutions and present a united message to governments and the community.
5. Pounds/shelters/rescue groups/dog trainers etc to network within each community to share resources, increase rehoming and prevent surrender.

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1. Relevant government bodies to introduce legislation for all cats and dogs to be desexed and microchipped prior to sale or exchange (unless to another registered breeder)
2. Comprehensive uniform statistics be required from all states, to include incoming and euthanased numbers from all pounds and shelters (perhaps driven by Aust Animal Welfare Strategy group) Other data requirements to be determined to identify and track sources of unwanted companion animals and target desexing and education programs to reduce numbers.
3. Funding for research, education and legislative initiatives to be addressed e.g. through Victorian DPI model of levies on registration.
4. National and state initiatives to develop understanding and training of veterinarians in early age desexing, including pilot projects and university vet courses.
5. A National Coalition of stakeholders be formed to pursue all of the above Summit resolutions.
6. Formation of a Policy Development Committee for the development of strategies for the humane management of unowned free-roaming cats. Focus on the prevention of domestic cats entering the free-roaming cat population, the prevention of breeding in free-roaming cats, and the care and management of free roaming cats.