

# HICKMAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

## RESOLUTION NO. 08-116

### AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE HICKMAN HUMAN SOCIETY, INC.

**WHEREAS**, Hickman County has had and continues to have a serious animal control problem, complicated by the lack of county-wide animal control ordinances, a county animal control officer and a suitable animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, at the present time these functions are primarily being performed by the Hickman Humane Society (HHS), a registered 501c3, non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, while HHS locally raises some funds for these and other animal control activities through grants and other sources, additional funding is needed to enhance efforts and continue undertaking animal control activities in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, during calendar year 2007, the Hickman Humane Society answered over 1,000 calls on their hot line to: (a) pick up and handle over 600 animal call regarding no ownership, abuse or cruelty; (b) have found new homes for over 400 dogs and several horses; (c) have obtained grant monies in the amount of \$9,600 which were utilized to spay or neuter over 400 dogs and cats for county citizens; and (d) have raised some funds through donations and memberships and from other sources;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Hickman County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008, that:

**SECTION 1:** Because the Hickman Humane Society services the animal control needs of all households in Hickman County, and because we wish to enhance their efforts, we hereby pledge to budget for the purpose of animal control activities in Hickman County an annual amount equal to or greater than \$2.00 per Hickman County household as per the most recent Census or mid-term Census estimates as may be published and available.

**SECTION 2:** This sum, based upon estimated and revised census figures release on July 1, 2006, would be \$18,582 for fiscal year 2009 ( $\$2.00 \times 9,291$  households) and shall be used solely for the purpose of helping to manage and control the growing animal problem in Hickman County.

**SECTION 3:** These finds shall not be used to deal with vicious dogs and other dangerous animals as this falls under the jurisdiction of the Hickman County Sheriff's Department.

**SECTION 4:** The provisions of this resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

