



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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**SUBJECT: NAMING THE NORTH ANIMAL CAMPUS IN HONOR OF HENRY**

This report provides information regarding a request to formally rename the North Animal Campus as **Henry's Animal Campus**, in honor of Henry, the long-time canine ambassador of Fort Worth Animal Care & Control.

The North Animal Campus currently operates without a formal name designation. Following the recent passing of Henry, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control's official canine ambassador, a request was submitted to consider formally naming the campus Henry's Animal Campus in recognition of his extraordinary service to the City and its animal welfare mission.

Henry played a unique and highly visible role in Fort Worth's animal welfare efforts, serving for more than 12 years as the City's official canine ambassador for Fort Worth Animal Care & Control. Rescued in 2011 as a thin and ailing stray, Henry was nursed back to health by shelter staff and went on to become a powerful symbol of the value of lifesaving shelter work. As a working canine ambassador, Henry accompanied City leadership to local and national events, traveled with the Mayor, visited veterans in nursing homes, and spent hundreds of hours with thousands of children in schools, summer programs, and community events across Fort Worth. His calm demeanor, gentle disposition, and consistent presence helped humanize shelter operations and foster trust between the community and the City's animal welfare system.

During a period when public shelters nationwide were facing overcrowding and high euthanasia rates, Henry served as a living example of what positive outcomes could look like. Through his outreach and fundraising efforts, Henry helped support the raising of **nearly \$5 million** to advance critical animal welfare infrastructure, including the construction of the City's first-of-its-kind Medical Treatment Ward for sick and injured animals and later contributed to broader efforts that supported funding for a modern animal shelter. His legacy is closely tied to Fort Worth's progress in animal welfare, including sustained improvements in live release rates and recognition as one of the nation's most pet-friendly cities.

City Council has previously established procedures governing the naming of City-owned facilities, including requirements for Council consideration and documentation of an individual's contributions. The request to rename the North Animal Campus as Henry's Animal Campus aligns with those procedures and reflects recognition of sustained, citywide impact and public service.

For questions regarding this item, please contact Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director, at [Brian.Daugherty@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Brian.Daugherty@fortworthtexas.gov) or 817-392-6322.

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