

CITY OF **DOUGLAS** WYOMING

HOME OF THE JACKALOPE.



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From: Chief Todd Byerly

To: City Administrator Cox

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This memorandum is to commemorate our discussion regarding the intent of the Douglas Police Department in the manner in which it enforces section 2.C. of Ordinance 1024. The spirit, or intent of this section, is to give the animal control officer, or police officer, greater options in dealing with abandoned or stray animals, specific to dogs and cats.

While it is the primary goal of the Douglas Police Department and animal control to rehome as many animals as possible, it is our intent to utilize this section that refers to "humanely euthanized" as a measure of last resort and will be reserved to those animals that pose a serious public safety issue if released back into the community or housed with a "foster family." The reasons used by the animal control officer, or police officer, will be articulatable. Thus, if the situation were to arise whereby the animal is deemed vicious by the officer and concurred with by a local veterinarian, then the euthanasia will be conducted appropriately by a local authorized veterinarian.

We WILL NOT be euthanizing animals just because they are stray or abandoned. Nearly every member of the police department has animals we consider family members and can speak for each and every one of us that when faced with this decision, it will not be taken lightly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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