

NATIONAL PET WEEK

- WHEREAS,** National Pet Week was founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the AVMA Auxiliary to foster responsible pet ownership and increase public awareness of veterinary medicine and the human-animal bond; and
- WHEREAS,** The theme for National Pet Week in 2013 is "Love your pet; see your vet"; and
- WHEREAS,** Local veterinarians are trained to provide preventative healthcare as well as urgent care for pets, just as human practitioners provide it to people; and
- WHEREAS,** Moscow's neighbor, Washington State University, is home to a world class veterinary teaching hospital, one of 29 such facilities in North America and among only 45 such facilities accredited worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine is integral to the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health and home to the famed People-Pet Partnership Program, which oversees the Pet Education Partnership, Companion Animal Partnership, and Palouse Area Therapeutic Horsemanship Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** The Humane Society encourages pet owners to have their animals spayed or neutered and to arrange annual veterinary check-ups to help ensure that their pets enjoy long and happy lives; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2012, the Humane Society of the Palouse cared for 293 cats, of which 26 were returned to their owners, and 353 dogs, of which 226 were returned to their owners, and found new homes for 265 of those cats and 105 of those dogs, and for 2 rats, 3 rabbits and one guinea pig that could not be reunited with their owners; and
- WHEREAS,** Howling at the Hamilton, Moscow's annual fundraiser for the local animal shelter, drew 359 dogs to our aquatics center last September and generated over \$3,000; and
- WHEREAS,** Shelter employees, volunteers, and donors are committed to working together to rescue abandoned animals and improve their lives by finding them homes; and
- WHEREAS,** In keeping with Moscow's ongoing work to address poverty, some local food banks and a new national Pet Food Stamps Program help low income households afford to keep their companion animals;

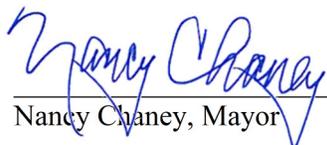
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013

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in the City of Moscow, and I call upon community members to consider that tender interaction with other creatures enhances physical, emotional, and social well-being, and that healthcare is important for companion animals, as it is for ourselves.



DATED this 6th day of May, 2013



Nancy Chaney, Mayor