

## NATIONAL PET WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** National Pet Week was jointly founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the AVMA Auxiliary to foster responsible pet ownership, recognize the human-animal bond, and increase public awareness of veterinary medicine; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme for National Pet Week in 2011 is "Save a Life—Adopt a Pet," promoting the idea that adopting a pet from an animal shelter may save its life; and

**WHEREAS,** Shelter employees, volunteers, and donors are committed to working together to rescue abandoned animals, and to improve pets' lives by finding them homes; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2010, the Humane Society of the Palouse cared for 380 cats and 463 dogs, and found new homes for 332 of those cats and 167 of those dogs that could not be reunited with their owners, as well as finding new homes for three rabbits, one ferret, one guinea pig, and one rat; and

**WHEREAS,** Moscow's neighbor, Washington State University, is home to a world class veterinary teaching hospital, one of only 29 such facilities in North America; 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,** Students from the University of Idaho have organized a series of events from April 17 through 22 to raise more than \$2,500 for construction of each new fenced kennel in the back of the shelter here; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Moscow recognizes the physical, social, and emotional health benefits that companion animals and their owners provide each other every day;


**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2011 as

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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 adopting pets improves lives, in addition to saving them.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011



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Nancy Chaney, Mayor