

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho values the lives of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the community philosophy and commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter who can be saved results in at least 90% of the companion animals that enter a facility leaving that facility alive; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's animal shelters will achieve a 90% save rate if 6% more Idahoans seeking a pet choose to adopt from a shelter rather than to purchase; and

WHEREAS, many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout Idaho, and many Idaho shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to the unnecessary killing of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, adoption provides dogs and cats a second chance at life, helps reduce the strain on overcrowded shelters, promotes pet adoption, supports animal welfare, and encourages responsible pet ownership within the community; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans should work together to achieve a 90% save rate in the state in 2025, and animal shelters can do this by collaborating with local shelter and rescue partners as well as employing lifesaving programs such as foster care networks; adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness programs; and animal socialization programs to prioritize lifesaving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2025, to be

IDAHO LOVES SHELTER ANIMALS DAY

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE