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### City Council to Feature Pets of the Month

The Tulsa City Council will begin featuring adoptable pets at the first regular council meeting of each month. The pets will come from Tulsa Animal Welfare. Councilor G.T. Bynum spearheaded the idea as an opportunity to raise awareness of the City's animals available for adoption.

"We as a community should always be striving to reduce the number of animals euthanized at our shelter," Bynum said. "In visiting with colleagues in other cities and states around the country, I discovered this was an inexpensive and highly effective way to increase pet adoption. I'm eager to give it a try in Tulsa and hopefully yield similar results."

Last year, 11,500 dogs, cats and other animals came to Tulsa Animal Welfare, according to TAW Manager Jean Letcher. Sixty-two percent of those animals were euthanized.

To help reduce the number of animals euthanized, pets should be spayed or neutered and kept inside or confined, Letcher said. Finding homes for pets can also reduce the number of unwanted animals.

"The reason we are doing this is because we want people to know about the wonderful animals at Tulsa Animal Welfare," Letcher said. "We want to get the word out to the community where to come to get their next family pet."

One dog and one cat from Tulsa Animal Welfare will be introduced at the start of the Jan. 10 council meeting at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the second floor of City Hall.

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