

Date of Hearing: June 9, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 45 (Castillo) – As Introduced June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Animal Rights Awareness Week.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the week of June 15, 2025, as Animal Rights Awareness Week in the State of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Animals play a significant role in the lives of Californians, from household pets and service animals to livestock and working animals, and their proper care is a reflection of responsible stewardship and community values.
- 2) Humans have a unique role and responsibility in overseeing the well-being of the animals under their care, ensuring that they are treated humanely and not subjected to unnecessary harm or neglect.
- 3) California law has long recognized that the humane treatment of animals is not only a moral responsibility, but one that promotes public health, safety, and social responsibility.
- 4) Local animal shelters, nonprofit organizations, and veterinary professionals provide essential services, including rescue, adoption, treatment, and education, and often operate with limited resources.
- 5) Continued investment in animal welfare infrastructure, including appropriate funding for shelters, local enforcement of anticruelty laws, and public education about the importance of spaying and neutering pets, will ensure that animals are properly cared for in every community across the state.
- 6) Animal Rights Awareness Week promotes education on proper animal care, the importance of preventing cruelty, and the value of responsible ownership, particularly for pets and livestock.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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