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**Caption:**

Discussion and consider adopting the American Pets Alive! model to further the No Kill initiative in San Angelo

**Summary/History:**

The purpose of American Pets Alive! is to help communities save more lives faster. They accelerate development into a true No Kill community by providing flexible opportunities for in-depth education and hands-on training in the proven most-effective strategies with expert support along the way.

Although we've made tremendous improvements increasing San Angelo's save rate from 20% release live to as much as 78% released live, it is necessary to adopt a true road map defining our next steps.

American Pets Alive! defines the following programs as successful in increasing the live release rate.

1. Lifesaving Vision
2. Population-Based Foster Program
3. Progressive Adoption Policies
4. Sheltered Community Cats
5. Intake Diversion
6. Progressive Return-to-Owner Policies
7. Large Scale Transfer/Transport Programs
8. Disease Prevention
9. Immediate Make Ready
10. Targeted Safety Net Programs
11. Appropriate Capacity for Large Adult Dogs
12. Euthanasia List Scrutiny and Sharing

When beginning a Pets Alive! model for your community, they recommend focusing on 2-4 programs first until well-established then launch other programs later. The first programs should include:

- Progressive Adoption Policies
- Sheltered Community Cats
- Large Scale Transfer/Transport Programs
- Disease Prevention

Formally adopting a San Angelo Pets Alive! model will allow us to work more efficiently in defining our next steps in increasing our live release rate. Being more organized will help us identify those opportunities most necessary to reach

vulnerable pets.

**Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Other Information/Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the American Pets Alive! model for San Angelo.

**Attachments:**

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**Presentation:**

Yes

**Approvals/Reviews:**

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