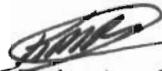


**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Responsible Pet Ownership Day

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety      **DIVISION:** Animal Services

**AUTHORIZED BY:**  Kenneth M. Roberts      **CONTACT:** Mike Wittmer      **EXT.** 5202

<b>Agenda Date</b> 8/8/06 <b>Regular</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Briefing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 1:30</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing – 7:00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve sponsoring "Responsible Pet Ownership Day" to be held on September 16, 2006, and authority to sell animal identification microchip implants during this event. (Mike Wittmer)

**BACKGROUND:**

Animal Services would like to sponsor a "Responsible Pet Ownership Day." Nationwide, during the month of September, the American Kennel Club promotes the "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day."

Throughout the month, public shelters and other pet-related organizations hold free community events. Event activities include educating new dog owners about the responsibilities of dog ownership and helping current owners enhance their relationships with their pets. Animal Services will feature dogs, cats and other pets that may be owned by our citizens. A new pet owner equipped with the knowledge to make them a responsible pet owner is a win win situation for the pet, the owner and the community. This event will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006, during shelter hours, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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The goals of this event are to educate participants about responsible pet ownership.

Activities that day would include:

- A microchip clinic where residents can get their pet's microchipped for \$5.00 and enrolled in a National Recovery Database.
- Obedience training demonstrations.
- Education booths that will be staffed by knowledgeable people to provide information on health and animal behavior, animal bite prevention, grooming, feeding, and properly caring for your pet.

Animal Services volunteers and other knowledgeable persons would assist staff with the event activities.

Education and awareness is the key to having your pet become a welcome addition not only to your family but to the community.