

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** community and commitment to saving healthy or treatable dogs and cats in shelters results in at least 90% of companion animals that enter shelters, leave shelters to loving forever or foster homes; and

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

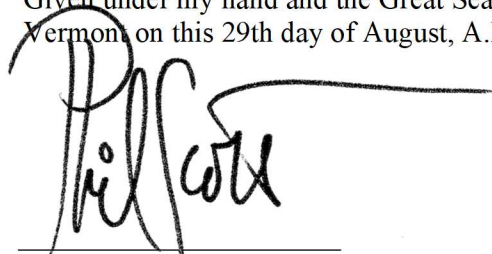
**WHEREAS,** many loving and healthy animals are waiting for homes in shelters and rescues throughout Vermont, and many Vermont shelters implement proven programs and policies to provide alternatives to unnecessary euthanizing; and

**WHEREAS,** animal shelters can employ lifesaving programs such as foster care networks; adoption programs; medical and behavioral programs; public education and awareness programs; community cat trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs; and animal socialization programs to prioritize lifesaving.

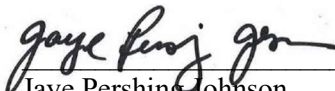
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the month of September, 2025 as

**VERMONT LOVES SHELTER ANIMALS MONTH**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of August, A.D. 2025.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Jaye Pershing Johnson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs