

Resolution Number 175
Animal House Fund

Whereas, Animal House Fund is an independent, nonprofit, stray cat rescue organization. They are dedicated to creating and maintaining an environmentally friendly, no-kill shelter and adoption center for the homeless cats and kittens of St. Louis City; and

Whereas, Animal House opened in August of 2010, with the arrival of dozens of cats and kittens from the city's overcrowded animal control facility. The mayor of St. Louis had shuttered the decrepit animal control building just weeks earlier. Had it not been for Animal House, those cats and kittens would have had nowhere to go; and

Whereas, the Animal House staff handles the adoptions as well as being a part of a team that responds to calls from St. Louis residents about cats in need. The Animal House shelter provides a safe environment and medical care for the abandoned and homeless cats; and

Whereas, all the cats at Animal House come to the shelter from challenging circumstances that include neglect, abandonment and illness. Despite their sad histories, they are each provided with nutritious food, medical care, socialization, individual attention, love and the very best effort to find each a loving and forever home; and

Whereas, the Animal House facility is large, airy, inviting and to the delight of their residents, exclusive to felines. Most days, there are at least 200 happy, healthy cats and kittens in the building, waiting to be adopted; and

Whereas, in 2013 Animal House has successfully adopted nearly 100 cats to loving families. They do so with limited staff and resources. Their goal for 2014 is to provide save, loving homes to all their cats and kittens. As a no-kill facility they offer state of the art care in an open environment to enhance the lives of cats and kittens in the city of St. Louis. "We Believe" improves the St. Louis Community by improving the relationship between people and their pets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Animal House Fund and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of December, 2013 by:

Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of December, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen