

My name is _____. I (live in/work in/was raised in/have family members who live in) (Huntsville/Madison County).

I understand that the City of Huntsville seeks to become a no kill community, meaning a place where healthy and treatable shelter animals are not destroyed.

I know that the City has made progress at Huntsville Animal Services and that more lives are being saved now than in the past.

I do not spend a lot of time thinking about the municipal animal shelter or what happens there because it is too upsetting for me. I find that it is generally easier to just not think about what happens at the shelter.

I know that if one of my pets ended up in the shelter due to circumstances beyond my control and was destroyed, I would be devastated.

I want the municipal animal shelter to save every healthy and treatable animal in its care.

I want my tax dollars spent to save the lives of shelter animals and not spent to end those lives.

I do not think it is ethical to destroy healthy and treatable animals when there are proven ways to save them.

When our shelter destroys healthy and treatable pets, it only adds to the false public perception that those animals are damaged or do not have value.

I believe that the lives of animals matter and I do not want them treated like they are disposable.

Just because an animal ends up in our shelter does not mean that animal should be at risk of being destroyed.

I believe that our community is capable not just of doing better, but of becoming a true no kill community.

I expect our local leaders to govern us consistent with our values and our potential; I do not think it is appropriate for a community as smart as ours to continue to function using outdated methods.

I know that there are hundreds of no kill communities across the country and that those places don't have any resources or skills we do not have right here.

I know that there are proven no kill programs being used across the country to save shelter pets. I want those programs fully developed and embraced here so that animals are saved immediately and not just years from now.

I think that changing the culture of how our animal shelter functions is a matter to be handled urgently because lives are at risk.

If the City makes a commitment to no longer destroy healthy and treatable animals, I am prepared to support that commitment by (volunteering at the shelter/ volunteering at an adoption event/helping with pet retention counseling/making a donation of supplies or money/adopting my next pet from the shelter/fostering an animal for a finite period of time).

I think that it is important for the City to make a commitment to stop killing savable pets before expecting people like me to make an in-kind commitment to help the City do a better job at the shelter.

I would like to see members of the shelter staff engage with the public they serve by hosting periodic public meetings in different parts of the city and county in order to address the problems and needs of those particular areas.

I want our local leaders to be focused not just on issues related to businesses and development, but also on issues related to compassion and the values of our community.

Becoming a true no kill community would be a wonderful selling point to bring more people and more families to our area and would be another item to add to our community resume.