

HCC Recommendation

DATE: October 28,2004

TOPIC: Lewis and Clark Humane Society Spay/Neuter clinic

SUMMARY: There is a serious problem in the City and surrounding area with the number of unwanted dogs and cats. A successful program has been put together by the people in Hamilton where they provide a portable operating room with volunteer Veterinarians and agree to provide a free clinic to address the problem. They are planning on being in Helena in the fall. If the program is successful, the humane society would like to make it an annual event.

RECOMMENDATION:The HCC recommends that the City Commission support the Spay/Neuter clinic planned for this fall and depending upon the success of the project, consider providing funding in the future.

VOTE:

Proponents 9

Opponents 2

Abstain 0

PROPONENTS:

The clinic will reduce the number of cats and dogs that have to be euthanized.

The amount of time required by the Animal Control Officer to capture stray animals will be reduced.

OPPONENTS:

The cost of the clinic has the potential to impact the operating budget of the humane society

We don't need another fee

**HCC REQUESTS THE COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS
RECOMMENDATION AND TO PROVIDE COMMENT IF APPROPRIATE**

