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The survey is composed of 11 questions. Candidates are encouraged to respond in writing with enough detail to adequately represent the candidate's view of the current state of the ordinance that mandates animal shelter operation, and his or her views on how the animal shelter should operate in coming years.

Survey Questions

1. Do you see animal welfare as an issue the municipal government should care about?
If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, are you committed to supporting/enforcing the No Kill Implementation plan recommended by Fort Bend Pets Alive? ?

Response:

Yes

No

2. If the animal welfare issue were to come before you, would you commit to making "No Kill" the official policy of City of Rosenberg and support any laws or policy changes necessary to allow provisions of life saving programs and appropriate funding to implement no kill initiatives in City of Rosenberg ?

Response:

Yes

No

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3. If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support the animal shelter taking proactive measures to ensure the shelter adoption program would have adopter friendly hours such as open on Saturday or Sunday for longer hours and staying open till 7:00pm during the week?

Response:

Yes

No

4. People frequently surrender animals to shelters when they perceive they cannot feed, train or medically care for them.

If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support programs which have been proven to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters, such as surrender counseling, a pet food bank, pet behavior assistance, and distribution of heartworm preventative?

Response: Yes

No

I feel I would need more information about these programs before I could commit. Can we get volunteer counselors? How much does a counselor cost?

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- 5 If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support an internal review, and if necessary, a restructuring of the City's "Return to Owner" program to a higher success rate?
The quicker an animal is reunited with owner, the less the cost of care will be incurred.

Response: Yes

No

This is something we can look
into.

6. Many dog breeds are being banned in many of the rental housing markets in Fort Bend County. This makes finding appropriate housing very difficult for owners of these dogs, despite high levels of owner responsibility and great dog temperaments and training. This slows adoptions of these breeds and forces many owners to surrender their pets to shelters or abandon them.

If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you take proactive action to find lasting solutions to this problem, in working with the apartment associations and property managers in Rosenberg ?

Response: Yes

No

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7. If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support the implementation of performance standards that measure for the city shelter leadership's performance, particularly with regard to the number of live releases, to salary increments or continued employment at the city shelter? If not, please explain why not.

Response: Yes

No

I believe we could look at this

8. If elected, or re-elected, what do you envision as the role of Fort Bend Pets Alive! in providing oversight for the city shelter?

What kind of person will you appoint to the Animal Advisory Committee as the terms of current members expire?

Would you consider appointing No Kill advocates as members to provide an alternative viewpoint to others already on the committee?

Response: Yes

No

I have no problem having Pets Alive involved in the shelter. I am a big believer of ^{outside} oversight of the public ~~applied~~ to all forms of government.

Regarding applicants, we have to look at each applicant and do our best to pick the best one that applies.

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9. If elected or re-elected to City of Rosenberg city council, would you support a city mandate that the animal shelter in Rosenberg to provide and publish statistics, on their websites, regarding the numbers and types of animals that the shelter takes in and euthanizes? (Note: some states, such as Colorado, already mandate that all shelters and rescue groups must provide their statistics to the state so that it is available to the public).

If so, why do you feel this important? If not, why not?

Response: ☒ Yes

☐ No

I do not have a problem with this.

10. With so many community cats roaming in neighborhoods, do you believe and support Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) to be the only humane solution to control population of outdoor cats in City of Rosenberg? Would you support any laws or policy changes necessary to allow appropriate provisions and to provide funding to implement TNR in City of Rosenberg?

Response: Yes

☐ No

Right now we have a leash law in Rosenberg, that I have received a lot of complaints about. The policy suggested here is something I would need to consult more of the constituents about. Perhaps the city could do a survey on this.

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11. Do you agree with the saying "Helping people help pets" makes the community a better place?

Response:

Yes

No

Thank you for responding to this survey. Please make sure your response is returned to Fort Bend Pets Alive! by Friday April 7th, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact info@FortBendPetsAlive.org

You may email your completed survey form to:
info@FortBendPetsAlive.org

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Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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