



PROCLAMATION

ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8, 2025

WHEREAS, animal shelters across the nation provide essential services that protect and care for stray, lost, abandoned, and surrendered animals; and

WHEREAS, shelter staff and volunteers work tirelessly and compassionately to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in need, often going above and beyond to ensure every animal receives the chance at a better life; and

WHEREAS, shelters play a vital role in public safety and community health, providing resources such as pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, humane education, and disaster response; and

WHEREAS, National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, observed annually during the first full week of November, offers an opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions of animal shelters, as well as the dedicated individuals who serve in these life-saving roles; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the organizations and individuals who embody compassion, resilience, and hope for animals in need, and to encourage members of the public to support and engage with their local shelters through volunteering, fostering, donating, or adopting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding service the Valdez Animal Shelter provides daily to the citizens of our community, and specifically recognize the following employees for their work:

Animal Control Officer Michael Clupper, Animal Shelter Manager Alissa Schaeffer, Animal Shelter Attendant Rhiannon Pierce, and Temporary Animal Care Attendants Jane Churchill, Kaitlyn Morgan, and Rebecca Ineck; and

Whereas, the City of Valdez recognizes the Animal Shelter Staff for the many dedicated and long hours of service they provide in serving both the animals and residents of our community, and for fulfilling the City's commitment to providing the highest level of customer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Fleming, Mayor of the City of Valdez, do hereby proclaim the week of November 2 – November 8, 2025, to be

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

in Valdez and encourage all residents to recognize the important work of animal shelters and consider how they can support their mission of care, compassion, and community service.

Dated this 4th day of November 2025.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk