



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: George A. Ralls, M.D. Deputy County Administrator

SUBJECT: House Bill 871 Update
Discussion Agenda Item - March 21, 2017

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On March 7, 2017, during BCC open discussion, Commissioner Clarke expressed support for House Bill 871, which would establish a statewide animal abuser registry to avoid placing companion animals in the hands of persons known to have abused animals in the past. As part of the discussion, Mayor Jacobs instructed staff to explore immediate measures at a county and/or regional level that could address the possibility of animals unknowingly being turned over to adopters with animal abuse convictions in their past.

As a follow up, I will provide a brief update on the status of the bill, as well as information about options to address this issue as we await the outcome of the legislative process.

This presentation is informational only; no Board action will be requested.

GR/cr