

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 24th Anniversary of Sean Casey
Animal Rescue of Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that all living creatures have value and to recognize and appreciate the service, companionship, loyalty, unconditional love and happiness animals bring to the lives of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body hereby recognizes and pays tribute to those organizations and individuals who would faithfully dedicate themselves to the care and protection of animals; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 24th Anniversary of Sean Casey Animal Rescue of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Registered with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Sean Casey Animal Rescue is a nonprofit, no-kill shelter specializing in the rescue, rehabilitation and placement of dogs, cats, reptiles, birds and small mammals; and

WHEREAS, Proudly serving New York City's homeless animals since 1998, Sean Casey Animal Rescue takes in over 2,000 animals per year, the most of any other private rescue in the State of New York; furthermore, since its inception, this vital organization has saved more than 8,000 animals from the city's Animal Care and Control (ACC) alone; and

WHEREAS, With a mission to aid unfortunate animals in the interest of a higher quality of life, Sean Casey Animal Rescue takes in rescued, confiscated, neglected, injured, ill, unmanageable, or otherwise unwanted animals from private owners, zoos, shelters, and other public organizations; and

WHEREAS, These animals are cared for and/or rehabilitated before they are found healthy, happy homes, whether it be through adoption to qualified candidates or legally released into habitats suitable to the specific species; and

WHEREAS, A community-based and family friendly organization, Sean Casey Animal Rescue welcomes visitors and remains focused on educating pet owners and animal lovers about the needs and responsibilities of pet ownership as well as behavior and training issues and health and wellbeing concerns; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing local children the opportunity to volunteer to help take care of the animals while learning compassion and proper feeding, grooming and handling skills, Sean Casey Animal Rescue also accepts SCAR participates in innovative job training and community service programs through high schools in Brooklyn; these programs teach

disadvantaged students about care and responsible ownership of domesticated animals; and

WHEREAS, Sean Casey Animal Rescue also strives to educate the public about respecting, understanding and coexisting with the natural wildlife of New York City through its various programs and events; in conjunction with its licensed wildlife rehabilitators, the organization can inform the public on the way to handle situations involving wildlife as well as rehabilitating injured and orphaned animals; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Founder and Director Sean Casey was licensed by New York State as an Assistant Wildlife Rehabilitator, and thus wildlife such as squirrels, possums, ducks and geese were added to the list of animals coming through the shelter on their way to appropriate habitats; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 24-year history, Sean Casey Animal Rescue of Brooklyn has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Sean Casey Animal Rescue is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Sean Casey Animal Rescue; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 24th Anniversary of Sean Casey Animal Rescue of Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sean Casey Animal Rescue, Brooklyn, New York.