



Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

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Item Number: 2022-214-AR

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SUBJECT: Recognize the adoption for Shelter Ambassador, Norman, by beloved caretaker and best friend, Nathan Golden.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On December 12, 2018, Norman arrived at the Shelter with severe injuries after being hit by a car; two broken legs, a shattered pelvis, and open wounds. Norman was given pain medication and observed for severity while we searched for his owners. Three days since his arrival and Norman had still not stood up. Shelter Veterinarian, Dr. Kent Glenn, observed Norman for what he thought was the last time. He told Norman, that if he didn't stand up, we were going to have to make some tough humane decisions for him. At that moment, Norman mustered up the strength to stand up and slowly wagged his tail. That was all it took – Dr. Glenn knew at that point he HAD to save Norman.

Like many of the animals in our care, Norman wouldn't have made it had it not been for the passion of our vet at the time, Dr. Glenn, Veterinarian Technician Jackie Ortiz, and the rest of the Shelter team. Since that day, he has proudly served as our Shelter Ambassador-- greeting visitors, supervising staff, and testing treats, toys, and beds for our Shelter pets!

In early 2020, when COVID struck and the daily buzz of the Shelter was silenced, Kennel Tech Nate Golden noticed Norman was becoming more and more depressed. So Nate took Norman home with him! Nate says on the first night, Norman walked around the house, then settled right in. The next day at work, when it was quitting time, Norman was waiting for Nate to take him home again. So, as any normal person would do, Nate gave in that night... and every night since! And Norman has never been happier!

Earlier this month, Nate turned in his notice to start building a business of his own. Shelter staff agreed to grant his request that the two stick together – that Norman be officially adopted by Nate!