

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 13-95

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INCREASED FINES AND
PENALTIES FOR CASES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY**

Mr. DuPont offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, animals, as living beings and occupants of the homes and lands of the residents of the State of New Jersey offer service and companionship to the human race; and

WHEREAS, cruel mistreatment of said animals is an offense to moral decency; and

WHEREAS, all owners, overseers and caretakers of domesticated animals and livestock must provide adequate medical care for the treatment of injury or illness and reduction of pain resulting from said ailments, provide clean and adequate food and water and provide a clean and comfortable living environment; and

WHEREAS, mistreatment of domesticated animals, livestock and wild animals by means of abuse, torture, training for sport-fighting and the act of sport-fighting should be recognized and treated as a most heinous offense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank call upon our State Legislators to enact the harshest penalties and fines allowed under the law for those found guilty of animal cruelty to include fines, imprisonment, forfeiture of said animals and prohibition from owning animals in the future and to increase the grade of criminal offense for serious injuries to animals under Title 2c.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to our State Senator, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Seconded by Ms. Horgan and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Lewis	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. DuPont	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Lee	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Murphy	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: April 10, 2013