

# Policy Makers

can help create a Socially Conscious  
Animal Community by:



Demonstrating an understanding of the significance of the human-animal bond and the impact animals have on peoples' physical and mental health, quality of life, and social engagement



Supporting the passage of laws and policies that prevent harm to people and animals



Considering the impact of these laws and policies on underserved communities to ensure they are equitably implemented



Including animals in public safety and civic planning



Using community needs and expectations assessments to thoughtfully allocate comprehensive funding that supports progressive animal welfare solutions



Recognizing that animal welfare is an important value held by constituents who expect this key tenet to be valued and considered by their elected representatives



Acknowledging the staff and volunteers' important work as essential workers in protecting people and animals



Judiciously evaluating concerns raised about animal services and using objective, qualified professionals to provide advice and guidance on operational practices



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