# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAMPA, FLORIDA 33601

#### **BOARD POLICY - SECTION NUMBER 09.06.02.00**

**SUBJECT:** RELEASE OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

AND TEACHING

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** AUGUST 25, 1982

**SUPERSEDES:** BOCC ACTION - RABIES CONTROL CENTER

### Purpose:

To provide Board of County Commissioners guidance on the release of unclaimed animals for medical research projects and teaching.

### Policy:

The Board of County Commissioners agrees in the need for the use of animals in medical research projects and teaching and authorizes the release of unclaimed animals by the Animal Control Department to the Medical Center, University of South Florida.

## Responsibilities:

The Department of Animal Control is responsible for implementing the Board of County Commissioners' policy for the release of unclaimed animals for medical research projects and teaching and to establish an agreement with the University of South Florida to assess charges to defray expenses for providing this service.

**Approved by:** Board of County Commissioners

Approval Date: August 25, 1982