FILE NO. 261028 RESOLUTION NO. 527-26

[Strengthening Dog Safety Protocols at City-Funded Sites]

**Resolution urging the Mayor's Office to consider amending the Citywide Good Neighbor Policy, amending other relevant policies, or enacting new policies to address resident pet management and dog safety at City-funded shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing sites; and urging the City and County of San Francisco to ensure sustained funding, staffing, and interagency coordination for the Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearing process and Unit.**

WHEREAS, On September 8, 2026, a woman was attacked by an unleashed dog on Larkin Street in the Tenderloin for approximately 10 to 15 minutes before officers were able to restrain the animal, leaving the victim in critical condition; and

WHEREAS, The Tenderloin neighborhood has long carried a disproportionate share of the City's dog bite reports, with more than a quarter of all dog bites reported to the San Francisco Police Department occurring in that neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Citywide dog bite reports have risen, from approximately 931 in 2024 to more than 1,102 in 2025, according to police statistics; and

WHEREAS, The City's Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearing process was effectively suspended for approximately ten months in 2025 and 2026 due to a staffing and funding dispute, resulting in a backlog of dozens of unheard cases against a much larger number of accumulated dog attack reports; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department's Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit has operated with minimal dedicated staffing citywide, limiting the City's capacity to investigate reports and refer dangerous dogs for hearing in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The Government Audit and Oversight Committee held a hearing in May 2026, co-sponsored by Supervisors Sherrill and Mahmood, examining the suspension of the Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearing process and the resulting backlog; and

WHEREAS, The Citywide Good Neighbor Policy, which establishes baseline expectations for City-funded shelter, transitional housing, drop-in center, access point, permanent supportive housing, and Department of Public Health client-serving sites, currently contains no provisions specific to resident-owned pets, despite covering related conditions such as litter, perimeter maintenance, and sidewalk clearance; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office announced an expanded Citywide Good Neighbor Policy on August 19, 2026, with citywide enforcement expected to begin in January 2027, presenting a timely opportunity to consider incorporating pet and dog safety provisions into that policy or other relevant City protocols; and

WHEREAS, Clear on-site pet management protocols, incident reporting requirements, and referral pathways to the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit at covered sites would help close a gap in the City's ability to identify and respond to dog safety concerns before they escalate to serious incidents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor's Office to consider amending the Citywide Good Neighbor Policy, amending other relevant policies, or enacting new policies as needed to address resident pet management and dog safety at City-funded shelter, transitional housing, and supportive housing sites, including consideration of: a requirement that providers permitting resident pets maintain basic registration and vaccination records; a requirement that dog bite or attack incidents at or near covered sites be logged through an appropriate complaint and reporting system; and a requirement that providers notify the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit of any such incident; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San Francisco to ensure that the Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearing process is funded on a sustained, baselined basis rather than through discretionary or one-time allocations, so as to prevent future lapses in hearing capacity.

# City and County of San Francisco
## Tails
## Resolution

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September 22, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Wong
Excused: 1 - Walton

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/22/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.**

**Angela Calvillo**
**Clerk of the Board**

Unsigned

**Daniel Lurie**
**Mayor**

10/02/2026

**Date Approved**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/02/2026

Date