



## **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

### **Dr. Todd and Deborah Kopit**

***WHEREAS**, founded by Dr. Todd and Deborah Kopit, the Society for California Veterinary Vaccine Care (SCVVC) is a Nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization dedicated to improving pet and wild animal health, safety, and welfare; broadening public awareness and interest in animal-related issues; and providing vital education to pet owners and to the general public; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. and Mrs. Kopit owned and operated a veterinary hospital in Orange County for more than 20 years, where they provided quality and compassionate healthcare for many animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, tortoises, and exotic pets; today the Kopits continue to provide care for homeless and rescued domestic animals, including equines; and*

***WHEREAS**, in February of 2009, the SCVVC, with leadership by the Kopits, established a partnership with the City of Rancho Santa Margarita to offer a low cost pet vaccination clinic to the community. Response to the clinic was resoundingly positive and demonstrated a need for additional services. The SCVVC responded by offering clinics every other month commencing in May 2009; and*

***WHEREAS**, as the demand for vaccination services grew, clinics were held on a monthly basis starting in September of 2011, providing a greater opportunity for residents to take advantage of low-cost and convenient "after-hours" services; and*

***WHEREAS**, monthly vaccination clinics in Rancho Santa Margarita provide a consistent resource for pet owners, as regularly scheduled clinics enable pets to receive vaccinations in a timely manner, which is important in order to achieve the best possible immunity against disease; and*

***WHEREAS**, in August 2014, the Kopits donated their converted 40 foot motor home into a mobile spay, neuter, and disaster response unit to the SCVVC to further their mission of saving the lives of animals throughout Orange County;*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bradley J. McGirr, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, do hereby recognize Dr. Todd and Deborah Kopit for their years of dedicated service to the residents of Rancho Santa Margarita and their beloved pets.*

*Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.*



  
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Bradley J. McGirr, Mayor