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The Department of Animal Services maintains a primarily color-coded system to identify the status of animals in its care at any given time. The Green List is for adoptable animals. The Red List is for animals in danger of being euthanized within 48 hours. The FAS list is for animals suffering from fear, anxiety, or stress and are in danger of being moved to the Red List. The Orange List is for animals in need of serious veterinary care which the Department can't provide. The Blue List is for animals experiencing any kind of ailment.

The Department uses these lists to notify staff, New Hope Partners, and, in some cases, other rescuers and the public, of each animal's current status in the shelter system. In recent years, Red-listed animals are almost always pulled from the shelters before a decision would have to be made on euthanizing them.

However, based upon a recent review of City animal shelter operations, the Orange List, whose animals by policy are supposed to be brought to the attention of New Hope Partners, appears to be inconsistently shared with a wider audience that could provide these sick or injured animals a better chance of survival.

The Department has an important program called Good Samaritan whereby members of the public can step in and provide unwell animals the veterinary care they need. However, it does not appear to be being widely implemented. It's also not clear that would-be Good Samaritans regularly are made aware of Orange-listed animals.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Department of Animal Services to fully utilize the Orange list to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals.

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