

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to spend up to \$100,000 a month in each of April and August 2019 to offer free spay/neuter surgeries for cats.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Rodriguez):

AUTHORIZE the DAS to spend up to \$100,000 a month in each of April and August 2019 to offer free spay/neuter surgeries for cats through its normal means of providing such surgeries.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On March 6, 2019, your Committee considered a Motion (Koretz - Rodriguez) relative to authorizing the DAS to spend up to \$100,000 a month in each of March and April 2019 to offer free spay/neuter surgeries for cats through its normal means of providing such surgeries. According to the Motion, World Spay Day 2019 took place on February 26, 2019 and the DAS is planning to launch a two-month program offering free spay/neuter of cats to commemorate the occasion. This targeted effort is important because the live release rate for cats remains just shy of the 90 percent mark that is the DAS's goal. The DAS supports spay/neuter by funding mobile spay/neuter clinics, subsidizing surgeries in clinics in the City's shelters, and providing vouchers to companion animal guardians that can be used at veterinary providers of their choice who accept them. The DAS hopes to use \$200,000 from the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund to spay and neuter more than 1,500 cats over a two-month period. In 2018, a similar program used \$100,000 to provide surgeries to 866 cats over six weeks. Overall in 2018, the department paid for or subsidized 15,313 cat surgeries. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES
SMITH: YES
PRICE: YES

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