

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of a \$75,000 grant from the Petco Foundation for enrichment items to maintain the mental health of animals in Department of Animal Services (DAS) facilities.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ACCEPT \$75,000 from the PETCO Foundation as a grant award for enrichment items to maintain the mental health of animals in DAS facilities.
2. APPROVE the deposit of these funds into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859 and restrict these funds for the designated purpose of providing enrichment items for the animals.
3. AUTHORIZE the creation of a new appropriation account within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859 entitled PETCO Foundation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that there will be no financial impact to the General fund. This grant will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund-Fund No. 859 and be used in accordance with the grant's terms and conditions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 11, 2020, your Committee considered an April 14, 2020 DAS report relative to the acceptance of a \$75,000 grant from the Petco Foundation for enrichment items to maintain the mental health of animals in DAS facilities. According to the DAS, in accordance with the grant's terms and conditions, it seeks to use the grant funds to purchase enrichment items for the animals in DAS care. Enrichment items identified for purchase include Kuranda beds, Nylabones, Kongs, brushes, Boomer Balls, treats, broth, essential oils/scents, cat nip, cat toys, scratchers, pheromone products, and clickers. Grant funds will also be used to purchase supplies for making toys/treats such as pupsicles, peanut butter to smear in the kennel, pipe cleaners for cat's toys, and other necessary supplies.

In accordance with the grant conditions, the Department will work with the Petco Foundation, Petco, and any other corporate partner or organization designated by the Petco Foundation to recognize and promote this generous grant. The DAS will utilize various facets of outreach such as our email and media lists, press releases, social media posts, and other forms of promotion to recognize and promote the award. The Department is constantly seeking new and innovative avenues for encouraging animal adoptions in the City of Los Angeles and this grant will help to accomplish this goal while increasing the Department's live save rates. The grant funds will be used to increase lifesaving efforts by providing enrichment items for the animals in the Animal Services Centers to maintain their mental health so that our guests show well to adopters and increase the chances of rehoming every healthy and adoptable animal. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the May 1, 2020 Personnel Department report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES

PRICE: YES

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