

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to how the public-private partnership is working out with Best Friends at the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the July 2, 2013 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report relative to how the public-private partnership is working out with Best Friends at the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 3, 2013, your Committee considered a July 2, 2013 DAS report relative to how the public-private partnership is working out with Best Friends at the Northeast Valley Animal Shelter. According to the DAS, the City of Los Angeles executed a contract with Best Friends Animal Society in January 2012. Best Friends is investing approximately \$4 million per year through 2017 to end the needless killing of shelter animals. Additionally, Best Friends had invested close to \$2.4 million into the NEV operations as a pet adoption and spay/neuter center. Their budget for 2013-14 is about the same. In 2012, Best Friends pulled 3,115 dogs and cats from LA shelters and are on track for 3,800 in 2013. Finally, they created a neonatal nursery that has a goal of saving 1,800 kittens in 2013 and have already pulled and saved over 100 kittens year-to-date. Finally, representatives from the DAS answered questions from the Committee members.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to receive and file the DAS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

O'FARRELL: YES

FUENTES: ABSENT

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

