

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the donation of microchips and scanners from the Found Animals Foundation, Inc. (Found Animals Foundation) valued at \$125,000 annually.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Animal Services (DAS), or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), attached to the Council file, with the Found Animals Foundation to partner with the Found Animals Microchip Registry and receive up to 26,000 microchips and 60 microchip scanners per years, for a period of two years, at no cost to the City, in order to meet the microchipping requirements of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and assist in reuniting owners with their lost pets with the following inclusions:

- a. The Found Animals Foundation will provide the DAS access to the Found Animals Microchip Registry free of charge with said access to continue beyond the conclusion of the MOU.
- b. The Found Animals Foundation will emphasize a 24/7 access telephone number for pet owners to obtain information regarding their lost pet in informational, promotional, and communication materials.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the MOU with the Found Animals Foundation and the recommendations contained in the July 30, 2015 CAO report will provide 26,000 microchips and 60 microchip scanners per year to LAAS at no cost for a period of two years. Approval of the MOU is anticipated to generate savings in the Electronic Animal Identification Device (Microchip) Fund and the General Fund in excess of \$125,000. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 5, 2015, your Committee considered April 15, 2015 DAS and July 30, 2015 CAO reports relative to the donation of microchips and scanners from the Found Animals Foundation valued at \$125,000 annually. According to the CAO, the DAS is required to implant each dog, cat and rabbit adopted from DAS shelters with an electronic animal identification device (microchip), per LAMC Section 53.15.5.

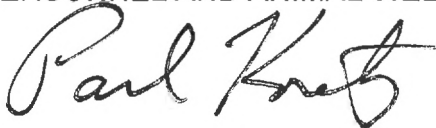
The microchip, with the use of a scanner, may help the DAS identify lost pets and return them to their owners. The DAS implants approximately 25,000 microchips per year in animals adopted from its shelters. Found Animals is a non-profit organization dedicated to minimizing shelter euthanasia. One of its initiatives is the Found Animals Microchip Registry, which helps reunify lost pets with their owners using implanted microchip technology. The proposed MOU stipulates that Found Animals will provide LAAS a maximum of 26,000 microchips and 60 universal microchip scanners per year for a period of two years, at no cost to the City. Also, the MOU also requires the DAS to submit to Found Animals the adopter contact and pet identifying information for each microchip implanted in animals adopted from City shelters. This information will be directly submitted to the Found Animals Microchip Registry, which offers free access to the public and for the DAS.

Under the MOU, Found Animals also strongly encourages the DAS to upload to the Registry adopter and microchip information from its records for the past 10 years. Found Animals will contact all pet owners to confirm their microchip registration, and will ask owners to "opt-in" to further communications or marketing information. Found Animals will not be able to use owner information for communication or marketing outside of contacting owners regarding pet registration unless positive consent is provided.

Representatives from the DAS and CAO provided an overview of the proposed MOU and answered questions from the Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the July 30, 2015 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
HARRIS - DAWSON:	YES

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