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In 2014-15, the City of Los Angeles provided over \$44M to fund Department of Animal Services' programs throughout the City, including the operation and maintenance of our six Animal Shelters located in the East Valley, Harbor, North Central, South Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, and West Valley. The department's four main operating units (Enforcement, Shelter Operations, Medical/Veterinarian, and Administration) implement, monitor, and enforce a wide variety of program to serve and protect animals, pet owners, and the general population.

On an annual basis during the budget process, the City's policymakers allocate resources to support the Department's operations within the context of the overall City budget. While every effort is made to provide enough resources to meet all demands, the reality is that the Department of Animal Services could benefit and put to good use any additional resources that could be allocated or generated in support of the department. The Department of Animal Services currently receives supplemental support from other ventures, such as fundraising and donations. The supplemental revenue from these types of ventures has proved invaluable in helping to support existing programs and to help launch new initiatives.

In this era of budgetary uncertainty, the Department of Animal Services should actively explore ways to generate revenue independent of its annual budgetary allocation. One such option could be revenue-sharing partnership under which vendors would be allowed to sell pet supplies and products at the City's six animal shelters. Offering pet supplies and products at these neighborhood locations will provide owners of newly adopted pets with convenient access to needed food and supplies, while generation much needed revenue for the City's Animal Shelters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Animal Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report to the Council within 60 days on the feasibility of allowing the retail sale of pet supplies and products at the City's animal shelters, in a manner that will generate revenue to support department operations.

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