

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's animal shelter care for animals other than cats and dogs.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - O'Farrell):

NOTE and FILE the Department of Animal Services report dated August 13, 2019, relative to the care provided by the Department for animals other than cats and dogs at City animal shelters.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated August 13, 2019, the Department of Animal Services discusses its care for animals other than cats and dogs City animal shelters. The Department has rabbit rooms and aviaries at its six services centers. The West Valley, East Valley, and West Los Angeles Services Centers have reptile rooms. The West Valley and North Central Services Centers have stalls for equine or hooved animals. Pocket pets - hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, and rats are housed in individual caging at all six centers. Most of these cages are in the lobby area at each services center.

The Department makes a concerted effort to find homes for rabbits and other smaller animals in our care. Signs are posted in shelter lobbies advertising these animals. On occasion, volunteers walk around with an animal such as a snake, hen or iguana to promote adoptions. These animals are available for adoption at Mobile Pet Adoption events, and are promoted on the Department's social media platforms and with specialized rescue organizations.

At its special meeting held August 28, 2019, the Personnel and Welfare Committee discussed this matter with Department of Animal Services staff. The Department representative summarized the report and discussed the improvement of care of rabbits and the Department's shelters. Committee recommended that Council note and file the Department's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER: VOTE:

KORETZ: YES

PRICE: YES

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