

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reconfirming the City's commitment to achieving the accepted no-kill live release for all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - Ryu):

RESOLVE that the City of Los Angeles:

- a. Reconfirms its commitment to achieving the accepted no-kill live release for all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats at Los Angeles Animal Services by December 31, 2017, or by as soon thereafter as possible.
- b. Will work in collaboration with the No Kill Los Angeles coalition, other rescuers and rescue organizations, humane organizations and the general public to develop a comprehensive strategy to reach and maintain a life-saving rate consistent with accepted no-kill standards.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 5, 2017, your Committee considered a Resolution (Koretz - Ryu) relative to reconfirming the City's commitment to achieving the accepted no-kill live release for all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats. According to the Resolution, the stated goal of the City is to save the lives of all of the healthy and adoptable dogs and healthy cats in the possession of the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and help them find good "forever homes." Additionally, a no-kill community is generally considered as saving 90 percent or more of the cats and dogs coming through the sheltering system and over the course of the last 50-plus years, the DAS and its predecessor, the Department of Animal Regulation, have worked in cooperation with the public, the humane community and the City's elected officials to improve its "live release" rate from well less than 50 percent to a level where it is approaching the accepted standard for no-kill.

The DAS continues to invest energy and resources in the collective and collaborative drive to improve its equipment and facilities, enhance support and training for its staff, and strengthen its relationships with rescuers, rescue groups, humane organizations and others in the community and across the country in the effort to increase adoptions, spay/neuter and protection from cruelty and abuse for animals in Los Angeles, while maintaining a strong commitment to public safety. Finally, while the no-kill goal is in sight and potentially within reach, there is more to be done in order to save all of the adoptable and healthy animals in the department's care and jurisdiction.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. 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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