

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to using funds from the Animal Sterilization Fund for a free spay and neuter campaign fro cats and kittens.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to use the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to facilitate a free spay and neuter campaign on cats and kittens with said program to run for the month of May 2018..

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 18, 2018, your Committee considered an April 10, 2018 DAS report relative to using funds from the Animal Sterilization Fund for a free spay and neuter campaign fro cats and kittens during the month of May 2018. According to the DAS, on April 10, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners considered and approved an item to allow the DAS to use the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to facilitate a free spay and neuter campaign on cats and kittens. The use of this funding will allow the DAS to strategically launch a campaign advertising and educating members of the public in the free spay and neuter of cats or kittens, will address the maximum number of cats/kittens allowed per household and would provide literature in both English and Spanish. The campaign advertisement would start in mid April when cats/kittens are being born and are at higher risk of being relinquished to the DAS. All of these options provide a proactive approach to helping our cats and kittens get the needed sterility surgery that inevitably brings us one step closer to ending our community's pet overpopulation and places animals in permanent homes.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the April 10, 2018 DAS report. 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
PRICE:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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