

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed microchip donation agreement with the Michaelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc (MFAF).

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the Board of Animal Services Commissioner's (Board) November 12, 2019 action to approve a microchip donation agreement, attached to the Council file, for the provision of 26,000 microchips and 40 microchip scanners to the Department of Animal Services (DAS).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DAS reports that approval of the agreement with the MFAF will not impact the General Fund. This agreement will provide 26,000 microchips and 40 microchip scanners at no cost to the DAS.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 15, 2020, your Committee considered a November 21, 2019 DAS report relative to proposed microchip donation agreement with the MFAF for the provision of 26,000 microchips and 40 microchip scanners. According to the DAS, it's seeking approval to accept a donation of 26,000 electronic animal identification devices (microchips), 40 scanners, and free access to the Found Animals Registry. This in-kind donation will be used to offset the need for a microchip provider. The DAS will provide its adopted Animal Services Center cats, dogs, and rabbits with a microchip, train relevant staff on Registry features and functions, register microchips with required customer data, and provide education materials to customers regarding how to access and use the Found Animals Registry.

The proposed Donation Agreement is for a one-year term with a retroactive effective date of October 12, 2019. In order to facilitate the annual transition upon agreement expiration, the DAS seeks authorization to accept future one-year in-kind microchip donation agreements annually from Found Animals for the benefit of Animal Services Center animals. On November 12, 2019, the Board authorized the acceptance of these funds subject to the approval of the City Council. Per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15., the DAS is required to implant each dog, cat, and rabbit adopted from its Animal Services Centers with a microchip. The Michaelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to minimizing shelter euthanasia. On April 14, 2015, the Board approved Found Animals' proposed agreement for the donation of microchips, scanners, and Registry access for the Department. On August 5, 2015, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee recommended its approval to accept the proposed agreement and donation as submitted by the City Administrative Officer, dated July 30, 2015. Council approval was granted on November 23, 2015. A two-year Memorandum of Understanding was entered into effective February 8, 2016. A subsequent agreement was entered into on October 11, 2018, and has expired effective October 11, 2019. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend concurring with the Board's November 12, 2019 action. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

LEE: YES

PRICE: YES

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