

PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (Fund) was established in 1986 (CF No. 86-1648) to receive donations and bequests from the public, in order to "augment established programs and activities of the Department of Animal Services (Department), other than those involving pet sterilization."; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance creating the Fund limited the use of the monies in the Fund to the acquisition, construction and maintenance of land and capital improvements and the purchase of equipment, services or furnishings in support of such programs and activities, subject to any special terms or conditions attached to individual gifts, contributions or bequests; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2017, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) approved a request to expand the use of the Fund to allow expenditures for new programs (except those involving pet sterilization); and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the Board established a new Pet Retention Pilot Program for the purpose of providing medical care and treatment for privately-owned pets of low-income City residents through the collection of private donations and grants; and

WHEREAS the Pet Retention Program will help reduce the City's animal shelter populations by preventing low-income individuals from having to surrender their pets due to costs of medical care and treatment; and

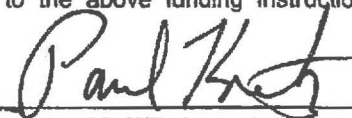
WHEREAS, the pilot program will be conducted at the Chesterfield Square Animal Services Center, be available to City of Los Angeles residents 18 years and older who are the primary caretaker of the pet, with income eligibility and self-certification of income to follow the same criteria and process as that used for the issuance of free spay/neuter vouchers; and

WHEREAS, Should the pilot program be proven to be a success, the Board has authorized the Department to permanently expand the program on a system-wide basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Animal Services be authorized to create a new program entitled, "The Pet Retention Program," to be funded in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund, Fund No. 859 to provide medical care and treatment for privately owned pets for low-income City residents through private donations and grants; and disburse the funds in accordance with City of Los Angeles rules and regulations for the care of privately owned pets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Controller is authorized to create a new Account No. 060051 within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund No. 859 entitled, "The Pet Retention Program," for the depositing of donations and grants designated for the care of privately owned pets; and that the Department of Animal Services is authorized to make any technical corrections/adjustments to the above funding instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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