

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE relative to fully utilizing the Orange List to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz – O’Farrell):

INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) to fully utilize the Orange List to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals.

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:

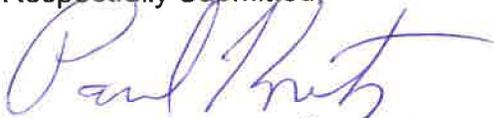
On October 24, 2022, the Chair of the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare (PAAW) Committee considered a Motion (Koretz – O’Farrell) relative to fully utilizing the Orange List to be sure that organizations and individual who would be willing to cover the costs of expensive vet care are always notified and given the opportunity to save the lives of these sick and injured animals. According to the Motion, the DAS maintains a primarily color-coded system to identify the status of animals in its care at any given time. The Green List is for adoptable animals. The Red List is for animals in danger of being euthanized within 48 hours. The FAS list is for animals suffering from fear, anxiety, or stress and are in danger of being moved to the Red List. The Orange List is for animals in need of serious veterinary care which the DAS can’t provide. Finally, the Blue List is for animals experiencing any kind of ailment.

The DAS uses these lists to notify staff, New Hope Partners, and, in some cases, other rescuers and the public, of each animal’s current status in the shelter system. In recent years, Red listed animals are almost always pulled from the shelters before a decision would have to be made on euthanizing them. However, based upon a recent review of City animal shelter operations, the Orange List, whose animals by policy are supposed to be brought to the attention of New Hope Partners, appears to be inconsistently shared with a wider audience that could provide these sick or injured animals a better chance of survival.

The DAS has an important program called Good Samaritan whereby members of the public can step in and provide unwell animals the veterinary care they need. However, it does not appear to be being widely implemented. It’s also not clear that would-be Good Samaritans regularly are made aware of Orange listed animals. After consideration, the

Committee Chair moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Koretz", written over a faint printed name.

Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair
Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES
HARRIS-DAWSON: ABSENT
BONIN: ABSENT

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