

Communication from Public

Name: David Moskowitz

Date Submitted: 06/14/2025 07:35 PM

Council File No: 23-0452

Comments for Public Posting: It is critical from a humanitarian and cost-benefit perspective that you also include rabbits in the spay and neuter voucher increase. They reproduce exponentially faster than cats and dogs and there are so few vets who can do the surgery safely, we cannot let the numbers overwhelm their schedules--which would lead to even greater overpopulation and suffering.

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Name: Patricia Susann Dillon

Date Submitted: 06/14/2025 08:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please include the rabbits in the s/n voucher increase. I am asking as a long-time volunteer and someone who has donated \$1,000's to the West LA Shelter (Amazon Wish List and requested supplies). Rabbits can have babies every 3 months! If any animal needs spay/neuter allocations at a level sufficient to get qualified vets to do the spay/neuter surgeries, it is rabbits. Yes, money is tight, but we can't simply ignore the pressing necessity to take care of the rabbits. Let's get this taken care of before the problem gets any more out-of-hand. I have the greatest admiration for all of you in management and trust that you will make the decisions best for the animals. Thank you.

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Name: Terry Schuller

Date Submitted: 06/14/2025 09:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: When 23-0452, "Spay Neuter Voucher Program / Monetary Value Adjustment / Subsidized Veterinary Services" comes up for a vote, please ask for an amendment to the previous committee's recommendation, so that rabbits are included in the voucher increases. Please ask that Alternative 1 in the CAO's report be implemented for the "free" vouchers for dogs, cats AND rabbits. The old saying of "breeds like a rabbit" is literally true with these animals. They have 2 uterus and can have a litter 30 days from the last litter. From a cost - benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters should be a no-brainer. When people buy rabbits from a breeder, get one from a neighbor or friend, the cost to fix them is extremely high, from \$400-\$1,000 per rabbit. Most if not all of the city's animal shelters are full of rabbits because they are abandoned almost as much as cats and dogs. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. As a result, NO clinics are currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits for members of the public. This defeats the main purpose of the vouchers, to help alleviate overpopulation of pets and assist low-income Angelenos. Please include rabbits in voucher increase Terry

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Name: Alabama Sarah

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Comments for Public Posting: Please include the most necessary monetary value adjustment for the subsidized veterinary services fo the spay/neuter voucher program. Rabbits reproduce at rates FAR exceeding those of cats and dogs. From a cost-benefit perspective, the investment in rabbit neuters is a incontrovertible. Rabbits are the third most commonly abandoned mammal in the U.S. after dogs and cats and they are in all our City animal shelters. Veterinary hospitals cannot break even with the current reimbursement amounts for rabbit spay/neuter vouchers. As a result, NO clinics are currently accepting the free vouchers for rabbits for members of the public. This defeats the main purpose of the vouchers, to help alleviate overpopulation of pets and assist low-income Angelenos.

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