

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Currently, the Spay Neuter Voucher Program increase as listed does NOT include rabbits. I urge this committee, when 23-0453 comes up for a vote, to amend the previous committee's recommendation, so that it includes rabbits in these voucher increases. Specifically, I'm asking for Alternative 1 in the CAO report to be implemented for dogs, cats, AND rabbits. Rabbits reproduce prolifically. An unaltered rabbit pair has the potential to have more than 900 offspring (directly and as descendants) after just 1 year. The benefit of investing in rabbit spaying and neutering has a massive, immediate impact. In addition to helping reduce the number of abandoned pets on our streets, rabbit spaying is critical for the health of pet rabbits, as rabbits beyond 4 years of age are highly likely to develop ovarian cancer. My local veterinarian office, ACCESS Specialty Animal Hospital in Culver City, cannot even accept the current vouchers for rabbit spay/neutering, as they would not even break even with the amount available. This is not limited to this hospital; there are currently ZERO clinics in the greater Los Angeles area that accept free vouchers for rabbits for the public. Thank you for considering the health and wellbeing of Angelenos and their pets, and working to reduce pet overpopulation.