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To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **03/27/2025**

From: **THE MAYOR**

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KAREN BASS

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March 18, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A \$150,000 GRANT FROM PETCO LOVE INTO THE ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR LIFESAVING EFFORTS AND FOR NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE 2025 WINDSTORM AND FIRE EVENT

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. **ACCEPT** a \$150,000 grant from Petco Love; \$135,000 for Lifesaving, and \$15,000 for the natural disaster emergency relief efforts in response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event;
2. **APPROVE** the deposit of these funds into the following accounts within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund - Fund No. 859:
 - a. \$135,000 to Account 060054 – Lifesaving Fund
 - b. \$15,000 to Account 06000A – Available;
3. **APPROVE** the disbursement of these funds restricted for the designated purpose of animal lifesaving and for natural disaster emergency relief efforts;
4. **FORWARD** the acceptance of these grant funds to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

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BACKGROUND:

Petco Love has been a committed supporter of animal welfare initiatives and has provided funding to assist shelters in implementing programs that save lives. The foundation focuses on adoption efforts, medical care, and disaster response to improve outcomes for pets and communities.

Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) operates six shelters throughout the city, providing care to thousands of animals annually. LAAS has partnered with organizations like Petco Love to expand its efforts in reducing euthanasia rates, increasing adoptions, and improving the overall well-being of animals in its care. The funds from this grant will be used to strengthen these efforts.

LAAS and Petco Love have a long-standing relationship built on a shared commitment to improving animal welfare. Petco Love has supported LAAS through multiple initiatives, including adoption events, funding for medical treatments, and community outreach programs. Through this partnership, LAAS has been able to connect more animals with loving homes, provide essential veterinary care, and promote responsible pet ownership throughout the city. Petco Love's financial support has played a crucial role in enabling LAAS to develop innovative programs that enhance the lives of shelter animals and engage the community in animal welfare efforts.

This grant is designated to be used as follows:

\$135,000 for Life-Saving Programs: These funds will be utilized to enhance adoption programs, medical care for shelter animals, enrichment activities, and community outreach to increase placement opportunities.

\$15,000 for Wildfire Relief and Recovery: These funds will support emergency response efforts, including the care and housing of animals displaced by wildfires, provision of supplies, and coordination with emergency services.

SUMMARY:

LAAS seeks approval to accept a generous grant from Petco in the amount of \$150,000. This grant will provide \$135,000 in funding to support life-saving programs for shelter animals and an additional \$15,000 for wildfire relief and recovery efforts. Acceptance of this grant will enhance LAAS's ability to care for animals in need, increase adoptions, and support emergency response efforts during wildfire events. The Petco grant represents a significant contribution to LAAS's mission to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. With this funding, LAAS can enhance its services, provide support animals affected by wildfires. Approval of this grant will directly benefit the animals and residents of Los Angeles by ensuring more resources are available to promote animal welfare and disaster response efforts.

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$150,000 grant from Petco Love into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund for lifesaving efforts and for natural disaster emergency relief efforts in response to the 2025 Windstorm and Fire Event, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. The funds from this grant will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and disbursements will be made pursuant to the provisions of the Petco Love grant for lifesaving, and disaster relief and emergency response activities for animals impacted by the 2025 Fire and Windstorm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette G. Ramirez
Interim General Manager

Attachment: Acceptance of a \$150,000 Grant from Petco Love into the AWTF for Lifesaving Efforts and for Natural Disaster Emergency Relief Efforts

cc: Jacqueline Reyes, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Lee, Los Angeles Animal Services

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Curiel

REPORT DATE: January 31, 2025

TITLE: District Supervisor

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Approved:



Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

Attachment

BOARD ACTION:

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