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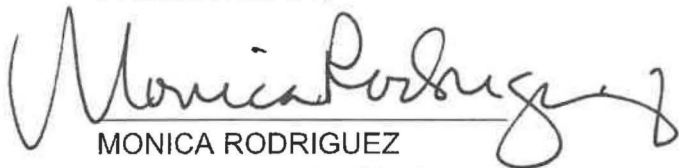
The initial cost of new pet ownership can vary widely depending on how the pet is acquired and the supplies needed to get started. Adoption fees from City shelters are generally more affordable. Beyond the adoption fee of the pet itself, owners need to budget for essential items such as food, collar and leash, identification tags, microchips, food and water bowls, a bed, toys, and cleaning supplies. These basics can quickly add up, typically costing between \$100 and \$500 depending on preferences.

Additional setup costs depend on the type of pet and its living needs. For example, dog owners may need a crate, leash, and collar, while cat owners will need a litter box and scratching post. Altogether, even without considering veterinary care, the upfront cost of bringing a new pet home can still range from a few hundred to over a thousand dollars depending on the animal and level of preparation.

When a resident of Los Angeles adopts from a City operated shelter they have to go to the commercial business to purchase all needed supplies. The City should explore operating or leasing space at each facility that allows for the purchase to be made on site with the revenue going to operations of the shelter.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council direct the Department of Animal Services to report on establishing retail space in each facility to sell pet supplies with revenue going back into operations of animal shelter. The report should also look at the possibility of leasing space to a 3rd party with the same goal.

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