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July 31, 2026

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

The Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Thomas Arechiga, Office of the Mayor

**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION OF ARTICULATING HORSE MANNEQUIN
FROM THE LANGE FOUNDATION FOR THE SPECIALIZED MOBILE ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM
TRAINING OPERATIONS**

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

1. **APPROVE** the acceptance of an in-kind donation of an articulating horse mannequin valued at \$20,000 from the Lange Foundation for the Department of Animal Services (Department) Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team (SMART) training operations; and
2. **FORWARD** the acceptance of this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

SUMMARY:

Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 5.200.1 (Receipt of Property) states that any gift or bequest of property to be used by the Department that exceeds the market value of \$5,000 shall be submitted to the City Council for acceptance or rejection.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council

ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION OF ARTICULATING HORSE MANNEQUIN FROM THE LANGE FOUNDATION FOR THE SPECIALIZED MOBILE ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM TRAINING OPERATIONS

On October 13, 2025, the Department received a donation of an articulating horse mannequin valued at \$20,000 from the Lange Foundation. The donation is for the Department's SMART training operations for large animal rescue scenarios. These training operations can include employees of the Los Angeles Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Unit and Air Operations Section.

On January 13, 2026, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$20,000 in-kind donation from the Lange Foundation for an articulating horse mannequin for the SMART training operations, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

BACKGROUND:

SMART was created in 2009 to conduct search and rescue operations for City residents' pets and livestock when called upon, and during emergency declarations. SMART members, which include Animal Control Officers and Veterinary Technicians, also assist neighboring municipalities through mutual aid agreements when there are natural and human caused catastrophes.

In order to be prepared for these rescue operations, SMART members need to be trained regularly on various animal rescue scenarios. These can range from rescues where these employees scale rugged terrain or in fast moving rivers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



Gabrielle Amster
General Manager

Attachment: Adopted Board Report – Acceptance of an In-Kind Donation of Articulating Horse Mannequin from the Lange Foundation for the Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team Training Operations

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

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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
Report No. 26-002

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2026

PREPARED BY: Armando Navarrete

REPORT DATE: January 7, 2026

TITLE: Animal Control Officer

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION OF ARTICULATING HORSE
MANNEQUIN FROM THE LANGE FOUNDATION FOR THE SPECIALIZED MOBILE
ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM TRAINING OPERATIONS**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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Approved:



Annette G. Ramirez, Interim General Manager

Attachment: None

BOARD ACTION:

<u> X </u>	Approved	Disapproved	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Approved with noted modifications	Continued	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	Tabled	New Date	<u> </u>

ATTESTATION:



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President

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Secretary to the Board

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Vice-President