

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the acceptance of a \$100,000 donation to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund from Petco Love for charitable purposes.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ACCEPT the grant of \$100,000 from Petco Love on behalf of the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (DAS) for lifesaving activities and thank the donor for the generous donation.
2. AUTHORIZE the establishment of a new Appropriation Account No. 060054 in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund- Fund No. 859 entitled, *Lifesaving Fund*, for lifesaving programs such as but not limited to:
  - a. The Pet Food Pantry
  - b. Pet Retention Program
  - c. Adoption Events/Promotion
  - d. Foster Program
3. REQUEST the Controller to create Appropriation Account No. 060054 within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund No. 859 entitled, *Lifesaving Fund*, for the depositing of donations, grants, and appropriations specifically designated for Lifesaving activities.
4. APPROVE the deposit of these funds into the newly established Lifesaving Fund Appropriation Account No. 060054 within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund No. 859 and restrict these funds for the designated purpose of lifesaving activities in accordance with provisions of the Petco Love grant as detailed in the May 5, 2021 DAS report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Animal Services (DAS) reports that there will be no impact to the General Fund. This donation will be deposited into the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and disbursements will be made pursuant to the provisions of the fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 4, 2021, your Committee considered a May 5, 2021 DAS report relative to

acceptance of a donation of \$49,980 from the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund. According to the DAS, Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.200.1 (Receipt of Property) states that any gift or bequest to be used by the DAS that exceeds \$25,000 must be approved by the Mayor and Council.

On April 6, 2021, the DAS received notification of an award in the amount of \$100,000 from Petco Love. These funds are a restricted grant for the purposes of Lifesaving Investment, and may be used in an unrestricted manner so long as the purpose is to responsibly achieve a reduction in euthanasia of companion animals. On April 13, 2021, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners authorized the acceptance of a \$100,000 donation from Petco Love subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the donation, as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ	YES
BONIN	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES

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