



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.

RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER
4580 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90065

LARRY GROSS
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Vice-President

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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda; two minutes per speaker.)

Public Comments: The Brown Act prohibits the Board and staff from responding to the speakers' comments. Some of the matters raised in public comment may appear on a future agenda.

- 2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS** - (Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Animal Services Commissioners)

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of November 27, 2018 (Action Item; Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

6. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Authorize Contract No. C-126901 – Amendment No. 2 – Between the City of Los Angeles and the Amanda Foundation for the Operation of a Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- B. Authorize Contract No. C-126900 – Amendment No. 2 – Between the City of Los Angeles and the Lucy Pet Foundation, Inc. for the Operation of a Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- C. Implementation of the Paws for Life K9 Rescue Shelter Program (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- D. Approval of Terms, Conditions and Restrictions for Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181221 SLA (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- E. Discussion on Dog Limits in the City of Los Angeles; Reference Council File No. 17-1237-S1 (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., January 8, 2019, at City Hall 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, Los Angeles, CA 90012. (Enter on Main Street).

AGENDAS - The Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) meets regularly every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meetings are held at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, in Los Angeles, CA 90012. Evening Meetings are held in various locations throughout the City, from 7:00 to approximately 9:30 P.M. The agendas for Board meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings. Board Agendas are available at the Department of Animal Services (Department), Administrative Division, 221 North Figueroa Street, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Board Agendas may also be viewed on the 2nd floor Public Bulletin Board in City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Internet users may also access copies of present and prior agenda items, copies of the Board Calendar, MP-3 audio files of meetings as well as electronic copies of approved minutes on the Department's World Wide Web Home Page site at <http://www.laanimalservices.com/CommissionAgendas.htm>

Three (3) members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Some items on the Agenda may be approved without any discussion.

The Board Secretary will announce the items to be considered by the Board. The Board will hear the presentation on the topic and gather additional information from Department Staff. Once presentations have finished, the Board President will ask if any Board Member or member of the public wishes to speak on one or more of these items. Each speaker called before the Commission will have one (1) minute to express their comments and concerns on matters placed on the agenda. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes.)

PUBLIC INPUT AT BOARD MEETINGS – **Public Participation on Agenda Items.** Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board on agenda items after the item is called and before the Board takes action on the item, unless the opportunity for public participation on the item was previously provided to all interested members of the public at a public meeting of a Committee of the Board and the item has not substantially changed since the Committee heard the item. When speaking to an agenda item other than during Public Comment (see Public Comment below), the speaker shall limit his or her comments to the specific item under consideration (California Government Code, Section 54954.3).

Public Comment. The Board will provide an opportunity for public comment at every regular meeting of the Board. Members of the public may address the Board on any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board as part of Public Comment.

Speaker Cards. Members of the public wishing to speak are to fill out one speaker card for each agenda item on which they wish to speak and present it to the Board secretary **before** the item is called.

Time Limit for Speakers. Speakers addressing the Board will be limited to one (1) minute of speaking time for each agenda item except during general public comment period which is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes each.). The Chairperson, with the approval of a majority of the Board, may for good cause extend any speaker's time by increments of up to one (1) minute.

Brown Act. These rules shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code Section § 54950 et seq.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT. Speakers are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from personal attacks or use of profanity or language that may incite violence.

All persons present at Board meetings are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from disrupting the meeting, interfering with the rights of others to address the Board and/or interfering with the conduct of business by the Board.

In the event that any speaker does not comply with the foregoing requirements, or if a speaker does not address the specific item under consideration, the speaker may be ruled out of order, their speaking time forfeited and the Chairperson may call upon the next speaker.

The Board, by majority vote, may order the removal from the meeting of any speaker or audience member continuing to behave in a disruptive manner after being warned by the Chairperson regarding their behavior. Section 403 of the California Penal Code states as follows: "Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS – Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board (3 members). When debate on an item is completed, the Board President will instruct the Secretary to "call the roll". Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted unless there is a Conflict of Interest for which the Board member is obliged to abstain from voting. The Secretary will announce the votes on each item. Any member of the Board may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Board of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of three members of the Board.

When the Board has failed by sufficient votes to approve or reject an item, and has not lost jurisdiction over the matter, or has not caused it to be continued beyond the next regular meeting, the issue is again placed on the next agenda for the following meeting for the purpose of allowing the Board to again vote on the matter.



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



MINUTES

TUESDAY, November 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, ROOM 1060
200 N. SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Audio MP-3 Recording is available at www.laanimalservices.com

Larry Gross, President
Olivia E. García, Vice President
Jose Sandoval
Alisa Finsten
Roger Wolfson

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioners present were Finsten, García, Gross and Sandoval. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) was General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette, Assistant General Manager (AGM), Tammy Watson, Commission Executive Assistant, LaTonya Dean and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

Commissioner Gross opened the meeting, introduced staff and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

1. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181221 SLA

Appellant(s): Jovita Rivas

South Los Angeles Animal Services Center: Lieutenant John Cessna

Complaining Witness: Ricardo Mesquite

AGM Watson directed the Board's attention to an error in the hearing examiners report located on page one, sub-heading 'Determination', bullet two which listed that the dog was off leash and at large. The body of the hearing examiner's report and the general manager's determination both correctly acknowledged the location of the dog as in the front yard of the property. The Board discussed the merits of the appeal, the evidence provided to the hearing examiner, and the grounds supporting the General Manager's determination.

Commissioner Gross made a motion to reverse the decision of the general manager and issue Terms, Conditions and Restrictions that required the dog owner to pay all applicable impound fees and fines to update the dogs' licenses and rabies vaccinations, have her dogs examined by a veterinarian to determine if they are altered, restrict all dogs from having access to the front yard, unless a security fence is installed in the front yard to act as a barrier that would prevent the dogs from sticking their heads through or over the gate, obey all laws pertaining to animal ownership within the City of Los Angeles and insure the dogs were not left unattended anytime they were confined to the enclosed front yard. **Commissioner Sandoval** seconded and the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Ayes: Finsten, García, Gross and Sandoval

Noes: None.

Absent: Wolfson

Public Comment:
None.

2. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181384 WLA

Appellant(s): Elizabeth Gadzimugometovas
West Los Angeles Animal Services Center: Acting Lieutenant Yvonne Rodriguez
Complaining Witness: LAPD Officer S. Torres

The Board discussed the merits of the appeal, the evidence provided to the Hearing Examiner, and the grounds supporting the General Manager's determination.

Commissioner Sandoval made a motion to reverse the decision of the General Manager and issue Terms, Conditions and Restrictions. **Commissioner Finsten** seconded and the motion was approved by a vote of 3-1.

Ayes: Finsten, García and Sandoval

Noes: Gross

Absent: Wolfson

Public Comment:
None.

II. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Daugharty, Animals Issues Movement, spoke about a playgroup which took place at the East Valley Animal Services Center.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS - (Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Animal Services Commissioners)

Public Comment:
None.

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes for Meeting of November 13, 2018.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner Sandoval moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: Finsten, García, Gross and Sandoval

Noes: None.

Absent: Wolfson

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barnette discussed the following:

- Training classes for the newly hired Animal Control Officers and Animal Care Assistants are scheduled for November 13th.
- Every year the Department requests animal control officers during the budget request process. We have strategically compared ourselves to Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control. The Department is trying to fill all of our current openings now and is utilizing the Targeted Local Hiring Program to try to fill vacant positions.
- The Board recently approved the mutual aid agreement with Los Angeles County and the agreement was enacted during the recent fires.
- The Department still has three dogs being held as a result of the recent fires. The other animals have been reunited with their families.
- The Department requested and received approval from the mayor's office to send officers to Butte County to assist with the fires. The officers are on standby until we receive notice to deploy from officials.
- The community was amazing in their responses to assist with taking in animals during the fires. There were 214 animals fostered and 285 adoptions to make space for the animals that needed to be evacuated.
- The Department took in 23 dogs, 2 horses, 2 goats, 18 cats and 16 chickens due to the evacuations.
- PAWS for Life K9 Rescue fostered 21 of our dogs and are holding them in the Lancaster State Prison.
- As of yesterday, there had not been any new cases of Typhus reported in the Downtown area. The Department's Chief Veterinarian immediately setup protocols when the outbreak began.

Commissioner Gross asked if more details regarding an incident with the DPL play groups could be provided to the Board. **GM Barnette** responded that she had requested that AGM Webber compile a thorough report on the play groups to be reported at the next meeting.

Public Comment:
None.

5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner García: Requested a report on the playgroups.

Commissioner Sandoval: Thanked President Gross for putting the voucher item on the agenda.

Commissioner Finsten: Passed.

Commissioner Gross: Passed.

Public Comment:
None.

6. Board Reports

A. Discussion on the Use of Spay and Neuter Vouchers.

GM Barnette provided a report on the numbers relative to the spay and neuter program for the past three years. The Board discussed the report and **GM Barnette** discussed future plans for the program.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugharty, cautioned the Board regarding audits and inquired about spay and neuter campaigns.

Diana Mendoza, PETA, stated she was happy that the Department is promoting spay and neuter programs and suggested that the Department had a promotional recording to the phone lines and expanding the promotion to other animals and events.

B. Discussion on Department of Animal Services Staffing Levels.

AGM Watson provided a spreadsheet and reported on the Department's allocated positions. Her report identified all of the vacancies and absences related to leaves or light duty assignments. The Board discussed the report details and **Commissioner Finsten** requested a quarterly report on the staffing levels of the Department.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugharty, spoke about the lack of animal control officer positions within the Department and the use of the Targeted Local Hire Program to fill positions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 10:54 a.m.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

PREPARED BY: Catherine Garcia

REPORT DATE: November 30, 2018

TITLE: Sr. Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NO. C-126901 – AMENDMENT NO. 2 – BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE AMANDA FOUNDATION FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOBILE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **APPROVE** extension of the contract term to December 16, 2019; and
2. **APPROVE** changes as reflected herein;

SUMMARY

The services provided by the Amanda Foundation have proven to be a necessary option to low-income City of Los Angeles residents. Since Fiscal Year 2015-16, the Amanda Foundation's mobile spay/neuter clinic has performed a total of 7,568 surgeries (2,359 cats and 5,209 dogs). Authorization of this contract will allow for the continuation of accessible spay/neuter services to low-income areas of the City of Los Angeles, where the number of intact animals tend to be higher and where there tend to be fewer stationary spay/neuter clinics.

Changes to the contract include:

- Contract extension to December 16, 2019
- Inclusion of language clarifying services are provided to "City" of Los Angeles residents.
- To allow participation in the client's Self Verification of Income and Residency via a Department approved affidavit
- Update to Fee Rates
- Inclusion of rabbits in the Pre-Release Voucher Program

BACKGROUND

A portion of dog licensing fees is transferred to The Animal Sterilization Fund (ASF) to support targeted low-income spay/neuter surgeries. An appropriation of funds was established to the ASF and authorization for the creation of mobile spay/neuter clinics to make free or low-cost sterilization surgeries available in low-income communities throughout the City.

The Department released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") on March 11, 2015, for operation of mobile spay/neuter clinics. Amanda Foundation's proposal met the requirements, and was awarded an agreement with a term of two years with three one-year renewal options for a total period of up to five years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund because all spay neuter costs are paid through the Animal Sterilization Fund.

Approved:


Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: Draft Contract Amendment – C-126901

BOARD ACTION:

_____	Passed	Disapproved	_____
_____	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	_____
_____	Tabled	New Date	_____

**AMENDMENT NO.2 TO
CONTRACT NUMBER C-126901
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
THE AMANDA FOUNDATION
FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOBILE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC**

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT to Agreement Number C-126901 is made and entered into as of December 17, 2018, by and between the City of Los Angeles ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting through the Department of Animal Services ("Department"); and The Amanda Foundation ("Contractor"), and authorized to do business in the State of California with regard to the following:

WHEREAS, under Contract Number C-126901, which was approved by the City Council on December 16, 2015, and became effective on December 17, 2015 as a two-year contract, renewable at the City's sole discretion for up to three additional years (C.F. 10-2451); and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment (Supplement No. 1) was entered into as of December 17, 2017, extending the Contract for one year to December 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Contract Number C-126901, Contractor provides spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats owned by low-income residents of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the existing Agreement expires on December 16, 2018 and the services are required by the City; and

WHEREAS, this 2nd Amendment, extends the term of the Agreement to December 16, 2019, adds a new revised rate schedule, includes rabbits in the scope of services, clarifies that the program is for City of Los Angeles residents, provides owners the ability to submit an affidavit in lieu of other proof of low income status and makes such other changes as reflected herein; and

WHEREAS, the self-certification program and affidavit has been approved by City Council on April 19, 2016 (CF #16-0114 S-1) and the revised rate schedule was previously approved by City Council on November 9, 2016 (CF 16-0114), and the contract extension was approved by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners on _____, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, both parties intend the Agreement to be amended as follows:

1. Section II. Term shall be amended to extend the term of Agreement to December 16, 2019.

The City exercises its option of renewing the Agreement for one additional year. The term shall be extended from its present expiration date of December 16, 2018 to a new expiration date of December 16, 2019. One additional one-year extension option remains under this agreement.

2. Section V. Scope of Services; shall be amended as follows:

The Contractor shall obtain, operate, and maintain a Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic from which the Contractor will provide free spay/neuter services for animals owned by low-income City of Los Angeles residents; will provide all staffing, equipment, and supplies; and will obtain

all permits, licenses, and registrations required to operate the Mobile Clinic. In particular, the veterinary services to be provided are as follows:

3. Section V. Scope of Services; (C) Fees, Billing, and Record Keeping; (1) Fees for Spay/Neuter Surgeries shall be amended to rates approved by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners on September 27, 2016. Effective December 1, 2017, these fee rates shall be as follows:

	Rates	
	Through November 30, 2017	Effective December 1, 2017
Dog Spay	\$90	\$125
Dog Neuter	\$80	\$125
Cat Spay	\$65	\$70
Cat Neuter	\$60	\$70
Rabbit Spay	\$0	\$125
Rabbit Neuter	\$0	\$125

4. Section V. Scope of Services; (C) Fees, Billing, and Record Keeping; (5) Proof of "Client's Residency and Income" shall be amended to be "Verification of Client's Income and Residency" and as follows:

To verify that the services provided under this agreement are provided to low-income residents of the City of Los Angeles including low-income seniors and low-income disabled residents, Contractor shall establish a protocol to verify clients' income and residency. Specifically, Contractor shall request each client to provide a utility bill, paycheck stub, or similar document, at the time the surgery is provided, which shows that the client is a City of Los Angeles resident with a household income that does not exceed the applicable United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Yearly HOME Income Limits. The HUD 2018-2019 Yearly HOME Income Limits are as follows:

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
COMBINED HOME INCOME LIMIT**							
\$33,950	\$38,800	\$43,650	\$48,450	\$52,350	\$56,250	\$60,100	\$64,000

**Limits are established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Income Category Limit of "Very low (50%) Income." Combined HOME Income Limits will be modified annually to conform to published HUD figures.

The low-income animal owner who lacks proof of qualification for low-income assistance may, in the alternative, fill out, sign and submit an affidavit provided by the Contractor, in the form approved by the Department, swearing low-income status and residency within the City of Los Angeles.

5. Section V. Scope of Services; (D) Operations; Pre-Release Programs Participation; shall be amended to be "Pre-Release Voucher Program Participation and as follows:

Contractor may participate in Department Pre-Release and Voucher Spay and Neuter Programs (spaying and neutering dogs, cats and rabbits eight weeks of age or older).

6. Except as herein amended, all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

**The City of Los Angeles,
Department of Animal Services**

By _____
Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager

Date: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney**

By _____
Dov S. Lesel, Assistant City Attorney

Date: _____

**ATTEST:
HOLLY WOLCOTT, City Clerk**

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR – The Amanda Foundation

By _____
Teri Austin, President

Date: _____

(second signature required of corporations)

By _____

Date: _____

Los Angeles City Business Tax License Number: **0000986065-0001-7**

Taxpayer Identification Number: **51-0183667**

City Agreement Number: **C-126901**

Council File Number: **10-2451**

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

PREPARED BY: Catherine Garcia

REPORT DATE: November 30, 2018

TITLE: Sr. Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NO. C-126900 – AMENDMENT NO. 2 – BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LUCY PET FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOBILE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **APPROVE** extension of the contract term to December 20, 2019; and
2. **APPROVE** changes as reflected herein;

SUMMARY

The services provided by the Lucy Pet Foundation, Inc. (Lucy Pet Foundation) have proven to be a necessary option to low-income City of Los Angeles residents. Since February 2015, the Lucy Pet Foundation's mobile spay/neuter clinic has performed a total of 12,798 surgeries (4,744 cats and 8,054 dogs). Authorization of this contract will allow for the continuation of accessible spay/neuter services to low-income areas of the City of Los Angeles, where the number of intact animals tend to be higher and where there tend to be fewer stationary spay/neuter clinics.

Changes to the contract include:

- Contract extension to December 20, 2019
- Inclusion of language clarifying services are provided to "City" of Los Angeles residents.
- To allow participation in the client's Self Verification of Income and Residency via a Department approved affidavit
- Update to Fee Rates
- Update to LA Animal Services' mailing address
- Inclusion of rabbits in the Pre-Release Voucher Program

BACKGROUND

A portion of dog licensing fees is transferred to The Animal Sterilization Fund (ASF) to support targeted low-income spay/neuter surgeries. An appropriation of funds was established to the ASF and authorization for the creation of mobile spay/neuter clinics to make free or low-cost sterilization surgeries available in low-income communities throughout the City.

The Department released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") on March 11, 2015, for operation of mobile spay/neuter clinics. Lucy Pet Foundation's proposal met the requirements, and was awarded an agreement with a term of two years with three one-year renewal options for a total period of up to five years, and began operations in February 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund because all spay neuter costs are paid through the Animal Sterilization Fund.

Approved:


Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: Draft Contract Amendment – C-126900

BOARD ACTION:

_____	Passed	Disapproved	_____
_____	Passed with noted modifications	Continued	_____
_____	Tabled	New Date	_____

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THIS SECOND AMENDMENT to Agreement Number C-1256900 is made and entered into by and between the City of Los Angeles ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting through the Department of Animal Services ("Department"); and Lucy Pet Foundation Inc., ("Contractor"), and authorized to do business in the State of California with regard to the following:

WHEREAS, Contract Number C-126900 was approved by the City Council on December 16, 2015, and became effective on December 21, 2015 as a two-year contract, renewable at the City's sole discretion for up to three additional years (C.F. 15-1412); and

WHEREAS, Contractor provides spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats owned by low-income residents of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Amendment, effective December 11, 2017, extended the Agreement one year from December 20, 2017 to December 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this 2nd Amendment, extends the term of the Agreement to December 20, 2019, adds a new revised rate schedule, includes rabbits in the scope of services, clarifies that the program is for City of Los Angeles residents, provides owners the ability to submit an affidavit in lieu of other proof of low income status and makes such other changes as reflected herein; and

WHEREAS, the self-certification program and affidavit has been approved by City Council on April 19, 2016 (CF #16-0114 S-1) and the revised rate schedule was previously approved by City Council on November 9, 2016 (CF 16-0114), and the contract extension was approved by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners on _____, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, both parties intend the Agreement to be amended as follows:

1. Section II. Term; shall be amended to extend the term of the Agreement to December 20, 2019.

The City exercises its option of renewing the agreement for one additional year. The Term of the Contract shall be extended from its present expiration date of December 20, 2018 to a new expiration date of December 20, 2019.

2. Section V. Scope of Services; shall be amended as follows:

The Contractor shall obtain, operate, and maintain a Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic from which the Contractor will provide free spay/neuter services for animals owned by low-income City of Los Angeles residents; will provide all staffing, equipment, and supplies; and will obtain all permits, licenses, and registrations required to operate the Mobile Clinic. In particular, the veterinary services to be provided are as follows:

3. Section V. Scope of Services; (B) Operations; (11) Verification of Clients' Income and Residency; shall be amended to be as follows:

To verify that the services provided under this agreement are provided to low-income residents of the City of Los Angeles including low-income seniors and low-income disabled residents, Contractor shall establish a protocol to verify clients' income and residency. Specifically, Contractor shall request each client to provide a utility bill, paycheck stub, or similar document, at the time the surgery is provided, which shows that the client is a City of Los Angeles resident with a household income that does not exceed the applicable United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Yearly HOME Income Limits. The HUD 2018-2019 Yearly HOME Income Limits are as follows:

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The low-income animal owner who lacks proof of qualification for low-income assistance may, in the alternative, fill out, sign and submit an affidavit provided by the Contractor, in the form approved by the Department, swearing low-income status and residency within the City of Los Angeles.

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	Rates	
	Through September 30, 2017	Effective October 1, 2017
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Dog Neuter	\$80	\$125
Cat Spay	\$65	\$70
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Rabbit Spay	\$0	\$125
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5. Section V. Scope of Services; (C) Fees, Billing, and Record Keeping; (2) Invoices; shall be amended as follows:

Upon completion of sterilization, Contractor shall bill the Department for services by sending an invoice to:

Department of Animal Services
Attention: Accounting Section
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 600

Los Angeles, CA 90012

and must include the following:

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8. Except as herein amended, all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

**The City of Los Angeles,
Department of Animal Services**

By _____
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Date: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney**

By _____
Dov S. Lesel, Assistant City Attorney

Date: _____

**ATTEST:
HOLLY WOLCOTT, City Clerk**

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Date: _____

**CONTRACTOR – The Lucy Pet Foundation,
Inc.**

By _____
Joey Herrick, President

Date: _____

(second signature required of corporations)

By _____
Dr. Karen Halligan, Chief Veterinary Officer

Date: _____

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

PREPARED BY: LaTonya Dean

REPORT DATE: November 29, 2018

TITLE: Commission Executive Assistant

SUBJECT: IMPLMENTATION OF THE PAWS FOR LIFE K9 RESCUE SHELTER PROGRAM

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE the implementation of the Paws for Life K9 Rescue Shelter Program at Los Angeles Animal Services centers; and

AUTHORIZE staff, working with the City Attorney's Office, to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with Paws for Life K9 Rescue for the administration of the Paws for Life Shelter Program with a term of one year with two one-year options to renew.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, Paws For Life K9 Rescue (PFL), a non-profit organization, developed a prison-based dog training program which trains inmates to provide obedience training to dogs from shelter systems. PFL has developed a Shelter Program to help place large breed dogs which have been housed in Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) animal services centers for up to four months or longer in homes by equipping them with socialization and obedience skills needed to deter owner surrenders while providing enrichment to inmates and training for new adopters.

SUMMARY:

LAAS is continually looking for ways to get animals adopted into permanent homes. This can be challenging when it comes to placing large breed dogs. PFL has outlined a program to assist with the management of the large breed dog population in the LAAS animal services centers.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAWS FOR LIFE RESCUE SHELTER PROGRAM

Overview

The PFL Shelter Program would provide comprehensive training to eligible dogs with a curriculum that includes:

- Crate training;
- Leash training and walking;
- Potty training;
- Basic commands; and
- Socialization skills.

The training courses would be conducted over a span of six to eight weeks within the California State Prison, Los Angeles County located in Lancaster, California. PFL professional dog trainers would train and work alongside inmates for two to four hours each day, five days a week to train the dogs as they work toward earning the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification. This training incorporates behavior modifications that would increase the possibility for the dogs to find successful, long-term placements with fewer owner surrenders.

After the training course is completed, the PFL Shelter Program would also offer four free weekly follow-up classes for owners, rescues and fosters of dogs that have completed the program. These classes would provide an overview of training techniques as well as an opportunity to address any behavior issues encountered after placement.

PFL anticipates serving 120 dogs through five rounds of training, within one year of the implementation of the PFL Shelter Program with LAAS.

Safety

Dogs would be evaluated and carefully selected to participate in the PFL Shelter Program. The evaluation would include testing the dogs' reaction to initial approach and touch, eye contact, sound and noise, food and resource handling, leash walking and dog-to-dog contact. Dogs found to be human aggressive or highly dog reactive will not be eligible to participate in the program.

Additionally, the training would be overseen by PFL professional dog trainers.

Value and Benefits

This program would be beneficial to the large breed dog population in the LAAS animal services center system, by providing them with training that may make them more favorable for adoption into a permanent home, thereby decreasing the number of animals that may need to be euthanized due to over population.

It would also provide inmates with an opportunity to give back to society and would contribute to their rehabilitation. Some studies have shown that programs such as these may lead to improvements in inmates' behavior and result in reduced rates of recidivism.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. PFL K9 Rescue will administer this program with support from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, grant making foundations and private donors at no cost to LAAS.

Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners
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Approved:

Brenda Barnette
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachments: Paws for Life Overview 1
Paws for Life Overview 2

BOARD ACTION:

_____ Passed	Disapproved _____
_____ Passed with noted modifications	Continued _____
_____ Tabled	New Date _____



Program Overview

Shelter: An Innovative Program to Save the Lives of More Dogs in Los Angeles

Made Possible Through an Alliance between Paws For Life K9 Rescue, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Los Angeles Animal Services

Presented 27 November 2018

Summary

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First and foremost, the program is an innovative means to give large dogs (pit bulls and other “power breeds”) who have languished in the shelter system for a considerable amount of time and been perpetually overlooked, a real chance for love and a place to call home.

Because of the hands-on training and socialization the dogs receive, our dogs are more likely to have successful long-term home placements and fewer owner surrenders due to temperament and correctable behavior issues.

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Specifics: Temperament Testing and Evaluation

Initial Approach

The purpose of this test is to start evaluating the dog in a non-stressful, safe and easy way to determine if it will be safe for the evaluator to conduct the further tests.

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Evaluator shall walk up to the dog within a 2' to 3' distance. The evaluator shall engage the other handler in a normal greeting then ask to pet the dog. Once permission is given, reach out to pet the dog on the top of its head. Test the following categories: *Normal Pace, Fast Pace, Slow Pace, Abnormal Pace, Cane or Walker*

4. Touch evaluation: Can the dog be touched?

The dog should be on leash, in a calm and relaxed state. Slowly approach the dog and let them sniff your hands. If necessary, evaluator may use treats or a preferred toy to distract the dog during the initial stages of the touch evaluation. The toy or treats should be faded out as soon as possible. **NO SAFE HANDS SHOULD BE USED!!!!** A safe hand will typically prime the dog to an adverse reaction. The touch should be either repeated at least three times per location or withstand 10 seconds of being in the area.

If there are any adverse reactions from the dog, doubt about the safety of the evaluator, or a chance that they may be bitten then the test needs to be cancelled or a use of a soft muzzle is to be used. Again, using a muzzle of any kind may result in priming the dog to an adverse reaction that normally it would not have. If a soft muzzle is used at first, the dog should be retested without it if no adverse or dangerous reaction is shown the first time. (Circle the Appropriate Score). Test the following categories: *Top of Head, Along the Spine, Both Sides of the Body, Stomach Area, Bottom & Front of Chest, Tail and Rear End, Ears, Legs, Around their Eyes, Paws, Nails, Sides of Face, Back of Head, Back of Neck, Around the nose, Lips & Jowls, Gums and Teeth and Tongue*

5. Other Situations

Once the dog is able to be consistently and safely touched all over, the evaluator should test various situations to insure the dog can accept being touched with no issues. Using the touch areas in Section one of Touch Evaluation, test the following situations. Accept touch from a male? Accept touch from a female? Wearing a hat? Wearing sunglasses? Wearing a uniform? Can they be brushed? Can you clean their ears with a wet wipe? Can you trim their nails?

Visual Context Evaluation

1. Eye Contact

Many dogs have a difficulty making and holding eye contact due to prior abuse and lack of confidence. Others that do not have issue with eye contact will take prolonged staring as a sign of dominance which can result in aggressive or dangerous reactions. Evaluator should do this at the specified distances to see if there is any negative reaction to staring or focused attention. Test the following categories: 10' distance, 5' distance, 2' distance, while walking around, and upon rapid approach.

Sound & Noise evaluation

The purpose of this test is to evaluate the dog's sensitivity to environmental sound and random unexpected noises that may occur on a regular basis in the rescue center or CDCR facility. Please note that the purpose of these tests is to see the dog's natural reaction to the sound as well as their ability to learn and positively deal with the sounds.



We fully expect all dogs to initially exhibit certain natural behaviors and reactions such as quickly turning to look at the source of the sound or initially backing away until they figure out the cause of the sound. Those initial reaction should not be taken into consideration for grading. Only if the reaction is disproportionate, aggressive, or the dog is unable to work through the sound should it be graded.

1. Initial Reaction to Sounds

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. If utilizing a speaker system to simulated certain sounds, the volume of speaker should be in proportionate to the actual real-life item at that distance. Using a decibel meter will insure accurate volume levels. The evaluator should simulate the following noises at the specified distance above from the dog. Test the following sounds or situations at various distances: clapping hands, jingling keys, dropped metal dishes, sudden yelling, etc.

2. Working Through a Difficult Noise

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. If utilizing a speaker system to simulated certain sounds, the volume of speaker should be in proportionate to the actual real-life item at that distance. Using a decibel meter will insure accurate volume levels. The evaluator should pick one particular noise from parts one and two of this section that the dog had difficulty with.

Food & Resource Evaluation

The purpose of this test is to evaluate the dog's natural reaction to food or resource guarding. This issue is one of the highest causes of aggression and injury. If the dog has shown negative or potentially dangerous reactions in any of the previous test, then it's highly suggested to utilize a soft muzzle during some of the initial tests for safety reasons. If the dog shows no negative signs, then the test should be repeated without the soft muzzle. A properly fitted Halti will also work along with an experienced handler so that the dog is able to eat but if shows negative reaction can be controlled. Please note that if there is any obvious chance the dog may react negatively, stop testing and ask for experienced help.

1. Taking a Treat

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. Evaluator shall evaluate if the dog will take and consume a preferred treat from the following situations: treat thrown on the floor and treat held in your fingers.

2. Food Sensitivity Testing

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. While the dog is eating treats or food from a bowl (refill as necessary), evaluator shall test the following to see how the dog behaves: approaching the dog at a slow pace, approaching the dog at a fast pace, reaching for the bowl, putting your fingers in the bowl, removing the bowl before all the food is gone, touching the dog's back while it is eating, touching the dog's tail or rear end while it is eating, touching the dog's head or face while eating, and reaction to unexpected noise while eating.



3. Toy, Bone, Chew, Or Preferred Object Sensitivity Testing

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Walking on Leash Evaluation

1. Can Dog be Responsive to Working on a Leash?

Since State law and common-sense dictates that all dogs should be on a leash and under a handler's control at all times, it is pertinent to test how the dog works with and walks on leash. These tests should be done only on a flat collar or martingale type collar. No training collar, pinch collar, figure 8, Halti, or Gentle Leader should be used at this time because the equipment limits the dog's ability to make a choice.

For the initial testing, the evaluator should refrain from utilizing treats or other motivating objects. The evaluator shall test the dog's natural reaction to the following situations with a yes or no answer: Are you able to put a leash on the dog? Are you able to put slight tension on the leash? Is the dog responsive to basic walking commands (Let's go, Heel, Come on)? Does the dog wonder from side to side while walking? Does the dog resist moving while on leash? Does the dog constantly pull while on leash? Does the dog bite at the leash? Does the dog seem fearful while on leash? Are you able to give a leash correction? Is the dog curious about its environment? Can the dog safely pass by another person on the same path? Can the dog walk safely when around other dogs? Can the dog be led around by its collar?

Dog to Dog Interaction

1. Evaluating Dog's Ability to be With/Near Other Dogs

Testing the dog's ability to safely be around, or work around other dogs is imperative for the success of the dog



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Paws For Life K9 Rescue Overview

Paws For Life K9 Rescue (PFL) is a unique non-profit that rescues dogs from local shelters and provides obedience training by inmates in the prisons. Paws for Life K9 Rescue pulls its dogs from high-kill shelters. Often, we choose dogs that are in need of training and socialization.

Implemented in 2014 as a prison-based dog training program at California State Prison – LA County, we have now grown into a multi-site rehabilitative program. With appreciation to a unique partnership with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the Paws For Life K9 Rescue program has gained strong momentum and continues to expand.

We currently have two training programs:

12 Weeks:

Inmate trainers partner with our rescued dogs to teach basic commands, behavior and socialization. Over the course of the 12 weeks, prisoners and dogs prepare for the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification, the gold-standard in canine obedience.

52 Weeks:

We also have an intensive 52-week training program that prepares our rescue dogs to be amazing Service Dogs for military Veterans with PTSD. Dogs learn to perform up to 60 commands and all the essential needs of an assistance animal. This program truly provides a second chance to the dogs, Veterans, and inmates; breaking boundaries that only the unconditional love that these dogs provide can do.

Shelter Program Overview Created by Paws for Life for Los Angeles LAAS

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3. Approach Directly (With Touch)

The dog should be on leash and either sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. The evaluator should approach the dog head on at least 8' to 10' away. Evaluator shall walk up to the dog within a 2' to 3' distance. The evaluator shall engage the other handler in a normal greeting then ask to pet the dog. Once permission is given, reach out to pet the dog on the top of its head. Test the following categories: *Normal Pace, Fast Pace, Slow Pace, Abnormal Pace, Cane or Walker*

4. Touch evaluation: Can the dog be touched?

The dog should be on leash, in a calm and relaxed state. Slowly approach the dog and let them sniff your hands. If necessary, evaluator may use treats or a preferred toy to distract the dog during the initial stages of the touch evaluation. The toy or treats should be faded out as soon as possible. **NO SAFE HANDS SHOULD BE USED!!!!** A safe hand will typically prime the dog to an adverse reaction. The touch should be either repeated at least three times per location or withstand 10 seconds of being in the area.

If there are any adverse reactions from the dog, doubt about the safety of the evaluator, or a chance that they may be bitten then the test needs to be cancelled or a use of a soft muzzle is to be used.

Again, using a muzzle of any kind may result in priming the dog to an adverse reaction that normally it would not have. If a soft muzzle is used at first, the dog should be retested without it if no adverse or dangerous reaction is shown the first time. (Circle the Appropriate Score). Test the following categories: *Top of Head, Along the Spine, Both Sides of the Body, Stomach Area, Bottom & Front of Chest, Tail and Rear End, Ears, Legs, Around their Eyes, Paws, Nails, Sides of Face, Back of Head, Back of Neck, Around the nose, Lips & Jowls, Gums and Teeth and Tongue*

5. Other Situations

Once the dog is able to be consistently and safely touched all over, the evaluator should test various situations to insure the dog can accept being touched with no issues. Using the touch areas in Section one of Touch Evaluation, test the following situations. Accept touch from a male? Accept touch from a female? Wearing a hat? Wearing sunglasses? Wearing a

uniform? Can they be brushed? Can you clean their ears with a wet wipe? Can you trim their nails?

Visual Context Evaluation

Eye Contact

Many dogs have a difficulty making and holding eye contact due to prior abuse and lack of confidence. Others that do not have issue with eye contact will take prolonged staring as a sign of dominance which can result in aggressive or dangerous reactions. Evaluator should do this at the specified distances to see if there is any negative reaction to staring or focused attention. Test the following categories: 10' distance, 5' distance, 2' distance, while walking around, and upon rapid approach.

Sound & Noise evaluation

The purpose of this test is to evaluate the dog's sensitivity to environmental sound and random unexpected noises that may occur on a regular basis in the rescue center or CDCR facility. Please note that the purpose of these evaluations is to see the dog's natural reaction to the sound as well as their ability to learn and positively deal with the sounds.

We fully expect all dogs to initially exhibit certain natural behaviors and reactions such as quickly turning to look at the source of the sound or initially backing away until they figure out the cause of the sound. Those initial reaction should not be taken into consideration for grading. Only if the reaction is disproportionate, aggressive, or the dog is unable to work through the sound should it be graded.

1. Initial Reaction to Sounds

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. If utilizing a speaker system to simulated certain sounds, the volume of speaker should be in proportionate to the actual real-life item at that distance. Using a decibel meter will insure accurate volume levels. The evaluator should simulate the following noises at the specified distance above from the dog. Test the following sounds or situations at various distances: clapping hands, jingling keys, dropped metal dishes, sudden yelling, etc.

2. Working Through a Difficult Noise

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. If utilizing a speaker system to simulated certain sounds, the volume of speaker should be in proportionate to the actual real-life item at that distance. Using a decibel meter will insure accurate volume levels. The evaluator should pick one particular noise from parts one and two of this section that the dog had difficulty with.

Food & Resource Evaluation

The purpose of this test is to evaluate the dog's natural reaction to food or resource guarding. This issue is one of the highest causes of aggression and injury. If the dog has shown negative or potentially dangerous reactions in any of the previous test, then it's highly suggested to utilize a soft muzzle during some of the initial tests for safety reasons. If the dog shows no negative signs, then the test should be repeated without the soft muzzle. A properly fitted Halti will also work along with an experienced handler so that the dog is able to eat but if shows negative reaction can be controlled.

1. Taking a Treat

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. Evaluator shall evaluate if the dog will take and consume a preferred treat from the following situations: treat thrown on the floor and treat held in your fingers.

2. Food Sensitivity Testing

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. While the dog is eating treats or food from a bowl (refill as necessary), evaluator shall test the following to see how the dog behaves: approaching the dog at a slow pace, approaching the dog at a fast pace, reaching for the bowl, putting your fingers in the bowl, removing the bowl before all the food is gone, touching the dog's back while it is eating, touching the dog's tail or rear end while it is eating, touching the dog's head or face while eating, and reaction to unexpected noise while eating.

3. Toy, Bone, Chew, Or Preferred Object Sensitivity Testing

The dog should be on leash and sitting or standing next to a secondary person or on a tie down. While the dog is playing or chewing on their preferred object such as a squeaky toy, bone, chew, or other preferred item, the evaluator shall test the dog's reaction to the following situations: approaching the dog at a slow pace, approaching the dog at a fast pace, reaching for the object, touching the object, removing the object from the dog's mouth, giving the object back to the dog, touching the dog's back while it is occupied, touching the dog's tail or rear end while it is occupied, touching the dog's head or face while occupied, and reaction to unexpected noise while occupied.

Walking on Leash Evaluation

Can Dog be Responsive to Working on a Leash?

Since State law and common-sense dictates that all dogs should be on a leash and under a handler's control at all times, it is pertinent to test how the dog works with and walks on leash. These evaluations should be done only on a flat collar or martingale type collar. No training collar, pinch collar, figure 8, Halti, or Gentle Leader should be used at this time because the equipment limits the dog's ability to make a choice.

For the initial evaluation, the evaluator should refrain from utilizing treats or other motivating objects. The evaluator shall test the dog's natural reaction to the following situations with a yes or no answer: Are you able to put a leash on the dog? Are you able to put slight tension on the leash? Is the dog responsive to basic walking commands (Let's go, Heel, Come on)? Does the dog wonder from side to side while walking? Does the dog resist moving while on leash? Does the dog constantly pull while on leash? Does the dog bite at the leash? Does the dog seem fearful while on leash? Are you able to give a leash correction? Is the dog curious about its environment? Can the dog safely pass by another person on the same path? Can the dog walk safely when around other dogs? Can the dog be led around by its collar?

Dog to Dog Interaction

Evaluating Dog's Ability to be with/Near Other Dogs

Evaluating the dog's ability to safely be around, or work around other dogs is imperative for the success of the dog

The PFL Shelter Program Process:

1. Identify eligible dogs at participating shelters. All dogs will go through PFL evaluation process.

2. Mark kennels with a sign that states: Free "SHELTER "program Training available when This dog is adopted
3. Once dog is adopted through City Shelter, Paws for Life will arrange with adopters for SHELTER training at correctional facility or within the area of the shelter.
4. SHELTER graduates will receive: CGC training and certification. This can only be given to dogs that are adopted. The owner will have the choice to do this test at the location where free follow-up classes are held.
5. Return trained dog to adopters.
6. Provide free follow up classes at one of our many locations.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018

PREPARED BY: LaTonya Dean

REPORT DATE: December 5, 2018

TITLE: Commission Executive Assistant

**SUBJECT: APROVAL OF TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR DANGEROUS
ANIMAL CASE: DA 181221**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE the Terms, Conditions and Restrictions for Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181221 SLA.

BACKGROUND:

On November 27, 2018, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners held an administrative appeal hearing for Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181221 SLA. At the hearing the Board discussed the merits of the hearing examiner's report and made the decision to reverse the general manager's decision to revoke the dog owner's license and to instead issue Terms, Conditions and Restrictions.

SUMMARY:

Department staff has drafted Terms, Conditions and Restrictions relative to the case for the Board's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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Approved:

Brenda Barnette
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: Draft Terms, Conditions and Restrictions – DA 181221 SLA

BOARD ACTION:

_____ Passed	Disapproved _____
_____ Passed with noted modifications	Continued _____
_____ Tabled	New Date _____

**NOTICE OF ORDER
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

DA 181221 SLA

Jovita Rivas

For the following animals:

TOBY: NO LICENSE OR RABIES VAC.

LULU: EXPIRED LICENSE

- 1) Prior to redeeming your dogs, you shall pay all applicable impound fees and fines to update your dog licenses and rabies vaccinations, including but not limited to a late fee of \$20.00 for reissuing Lulu's expired license and a fine of \$100.00 for Toby, if he has not been previously sterilized, plus a late fee for failure to license.
- 2) All your dogs will require an examination by a veterinarian to determine if they are spayed or neutered.
- 3) You shall restrict all your dogs from having access to your front yard unless you install a security fence in your front yard to act as a barrier that will prevent your dogs from sticking their head through or over the fence and that prevents people from reaching inside your fence.
- 4) You shall obey all laws pertaining to animal ownership within the City of Los Angeles.
- 5) You shall ensure your dogs are not left unattended anytime they are confined in your enclosed front yard.
- 6) You shall not have any additional dogs without the prior approval of the General Manager.

Failure to comply with the General Manager's Notice of Order Terms, Conditions and Restrictions will result in an Administrative Revocation Hearing.

Agreed: _____
Jovita Rivas

Date

Approved: _____
Brenda F. Barnette
General Manager

Date

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the various definitions of kennels.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending the definition of kennel in Section 12.03 of the Los Angeles Planning and Zoning Code (LAPZC) to specify its application only to kennels maintained for business purposes, with the exception of pet shops (which are separately defined in Section 12.03), and that the definition also be used to resolve any differences in language that exist with the dog and cat kennel definitions in Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), including adding cats if doing so is deemed appropriate and/or useful.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to immediately undertake a public process to make recommendations for the initiation of an Ordinance adding specific per household dog and cat limits to Section 53.00 of the LAMC, amending the dog and cat kennel definitions in Section 53.00 of the LAMC to resolve any differences in language with the proposed revision of the kennel definition in Section 12.03 of the LAPZC, and to ensure that the definition of pet shops in Section 53.00 matches that in Section 12.03, with the intention of having these amendments be considered by the City Council in conjunction with any proposed amendment of the kennel definition in Section 12.03 undertaken as a function of Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield), dated December 13, 2017, and attached to the Council file.

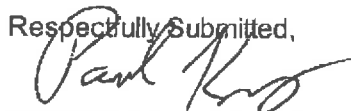
Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on January 17, 2018, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee considered Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield) regarding the definition of kennel. General Manager of the DAS and a representative of the City Attorney's Office clarified to the Committee regarding the term kennel in the various codes. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the Motion and request the City Attorney to prepare the Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
KORETZ	YES
PRICE	YES
ENGLANDER	ABSENT