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Marcia Mayeda, Director

ADOPTED

July 16, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 July 16, 2019

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF FLEA, TICK, AND HEARTWORM CONTROL TREATMENT
FOR DOGS AND CATS IN COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CENTERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Animal Care and Control is seeking Board approval to accept a donation of a one-year supply of flea, tick, and heartworm control medication from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Department of Animal Care and Control to accept a one-year in-kind donation valued at up to \$630,000 in the form of flea, tick, and heartworm control medication from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation to provide flea, tick, and heartworm control treatment for dogs and cats in County animal care centers.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health and the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation for their generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) is pleased to inform the Board that the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) received the offer of a donation valued at up to \$630,000 in flea, tick, and heartworm control medication from Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health to treat and prevent flea, tick, and heartworm parasites in dogs and cats. This donation will be used to enhance the Department's animal care and medical programs and to increase the health

and comfort of dogs and cats at all County animal care centers.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of this donation will support the County’s Strategic Plan, Goal I, Make Investments That Transform Lives, by increasing focus on prevention initiatives, and Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, by leveraging a public-private partnership to support the wellness of our communities. This donation will also support the County’s Strategic Plan, Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by making use of external resources to further improve conditions for cats and dogs at all County animal care centers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Foundation will procure and arrange for the delivery of the flea, tick, and heartworm medication from Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health in accordance to the agreement between the Foundation and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. There is no impact to Net County Cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept grants, donations, or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit foundation. The Foundation’s sole purpose is to assist and promote the programs of the Department. The Board approved an agreement between the Foundation and the Department on October 21, 2002, pursuant to County policies requiring Board approval of agreements between County departments and their supporting non-profit foundations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The donation of flea, tick, and heartworm medication will greatly enhance the health and medical care of dogs and cats housed at County animal care centers. Fleas and ticks carry certain pathogens, create skin disorders, and make animals very uncomfortable, while heartworms cause deadly parasitic infections in dogs. Dogs and cats are less likely to be adopted if they are harboring internal and external parasites. Customer service to adopters and pet owners will be enhanced by ensuring the animals are free from these parasites. By providing flea, tick, and heartworm prevention, the animals will be healthier, happier, and more adoptable.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, the Executive Officer is requested to send a letter thanking Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health and the Foundation for their generous donation. Draft appreciation letters are enclosed. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/16/2019

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature appears to read "M Mayeda" in a cursive script.

MARCIA MAYEDA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

Mr. Kin Sweet
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health
3239 Satellite Boulevard, Bldg. 500
Duluth, Georgia 30096

Dear Mr. Sweet:

At its meeting on July 16, 2019, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted the generous donation of a one year supply of NexGard®, Frontline®, and Heartgard® flea, tick, and heartworm medications for dogs and cats sheltered by the County of Los Angeles, valued at up to \$630,000.

This donation will greatly enhance the health and well being of animals sheltered by the County of Los Angeles and create greater customer satisfaction among our adopters. We deeply appreciate your kindness in helping homeless animals.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Sincerely,

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Ms. Abby Douglass
Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation
P.O. Box 100515
Pasadena, CA 91189

Dear Ms. Douglass:

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Very Truly Yours,

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors