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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Shelter Locations

Downey Shelter
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

Carson Shelter
216 W. Victoria St.
Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 523-9566

Baldwin Park Shelter
4275 N. Elton St.
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 962-3577

Lancaster Shelter
5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 940-4191

Castaic Shelter
31044 N. Charlie Cyn.
Road
Castaic, CA 91384
(661) 257-3191

Agoura Shelter
29525 Agoura Rd.
Agoura, CA 91301
(818) 991-0071

Major Case Unit
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 658-2000

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

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APRIL 14, 2009

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
DONATION OF \$85,000 IN SERVICES FROM THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
EQUINE HOLDING AREAS AT THE AGOURA, BALDWIN PARK AND
CASTAIC ANIMAL SHELTERS AND THE INSTALLATION OF A MISTING
SYSTEM IN THE OUTDOOR DOG KENNELS AT THE BALDWIN PARK
ANIMAL SHELTER
(All Districts)(3-Votes)**

Approval of the recommended action will provide for the acceptance of donated services to the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) to refurbish horse stabling areas at the Agoura, Baldwin Park, and Castaic animal shelters, as well as installing a misting system to cool the outdoor dog kennel runs at the Baldwin Park animal shelter.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept the donation of \$85,000 in the form of services from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) to improve housing areas for horses at the Agoura, Baldwin Park and Castaic shelters and install a misting system at the Baldwin Park animal shelter.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is pleased to inform the Board that it has recently received the offer of \$85,000 in services from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation to improve the housing areas for horses sheltered at several

Department shelters as well as installing a misting system for dogs at the Baldwin Park animal shelter. This funding will be used to improve footing and shelter for horses at the Agoura, Baldwin Park, and Castaic shelters and increase the comfort of dogs at the Baldwin Park animal shelter by providing a misting system for the outdoor dog kennel runs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The improvements contemplated at the animal shelters as a result of the acceptance of the donated services to the Department support the organizational goal of service excellence (Goal 1) by enhancing the care of animals at County shelters, thereby supporting the public interest of providing safe and humane animal shelters for County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Foundation will procure and arrange for the refurbishment of the current horse housing areas at the Agoura, Baldwin Park, and Castaic shelters and installation of the misting system at the Baldwin Park shelter. The misting system is estimated to cost \$17,000 - \$20,000. The horse areas are estimated to cost \$20,000 each at the Baldwin Park and Agoura shelters and \$25,000 for the Castaic shelter. The projects will be fully funded by the Foundation. The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

Operating Budget Impact

There will be no impact on the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose.

The Los Angeles County Animal Care 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. Your 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.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department has obtained the required approvals for the project from the Department of Public Works, as well as the language for the contractor's insurance and indemnification requirements from CEO/Risk Management.

The Foundation shall utilize licensed contractors to perform the work and require that the contractors indemnify both the Foundation and the County against any liability arising out of the contracted work. The contractor shall be required to have the appropriate level of liability, property and workers compensation insurance coverage, and limits in place suitable for the nature of the work as required by CEO/Risk Management.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The current horse housing areas at the shelters are dilapidated and require improvements to the footing and sheltering. Improving these areas will improve animal welfare and customer service for those owners whose horses are impounded, or for persons adopting horses into their homes. The installation of a misting system at the Baldwin Park animal shelter will increase the comfort of the dogs during the summer months, enhancing animal care and customer service.

The installation of the misting system can occur during regular shelter operations. Therefore, there will be no disruption in services while improvements are in process. The repairs to the horse facilities will require the relocation of horses from the one shelter under repair to other County shelters while the repair work is underway. We will stagger the repairs to horse facilities so only one shelter is affected at a time, and we will be able to house the horses at another County facility. We estimate each shelter will take up to two weeks for repairs.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Counsel