



Marcia Mayeda, Director

July 11, 2023

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:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO ACCEPT THE DONATION
OF A TRAILER AND SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) requests authority for its Director to accept the donation of a trailer and supplies from the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation (AKC Reunite) to support displaced pets and service animals in the event of a disaster or emergency and to execute the necessary agreements.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control, or her designee, to accept the in-kind donation of a trailer and supplies from AKC Reunite to support displaced animals during an emergency event and to execute any necessary agreements to effectuate that donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

AKC Reunite is a 501(c)(3) organization that specializes in pet recovery services. Once an agreement is executed, it will allow the Department to accept the donation of a trailer and supplies to be used for the protection, support, and care of displaced pets and service animals in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal 2, Strategy II.2 – Support the Wellness of our Communities, by maximizing the Department’s ability to provide emergency care, transportation, and services for displaced pets in Los Angeles County communities during disaster events such as wildfires, floods, major cases, etc.

Approval of the recommended action also supports County Strategic Plan Goal III.3 – Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by leveraging external resources in the form of an in-kind donation of a trailer and supplies to benefit residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County and in the 45 cities that contract with the Department for animal services. Services will also benefit agencies that have partnered with us to provide emergency sheltering sites for displaced animals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The trailer and supplies will be donated to the Department at no cost. Sufficient appropriation is included in the Department’s operating budget to account for nominal costs associated with the trailer’s registration, decals, training, and general maintenance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 1, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control to accept a donation of a trailer and supplies from AKC Reunite to support displaced animals during emergency events and to execute any necessary agreements to effectuate that donation. On January 17, 2023, the Department was offered the donation of a second trailer along with supplies to support it. The estimated market value of the unit and supplies to be donated is \$22,000.

Upon approval of this board letter, the Department will accept the donation of a second trailer from AKC Reunite to further augment emergency response efforts. Government Code Section 25335 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This agreement will enhance current services by allowing the Department to better serve pet owners in unincorporated Los Angeles County and in contract cities by increasing its ability to provide refuge and care for animals displaced by disaster or emergency events. The trailer will be operated by Department staff and will be used to transport and/or provide veterinary care for animals displaced during disasters such as wildfires, floods, major cases, etc.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, the Department is requested to send a letter thanking AKC Reunite for their generous donation. A draft appreciation letter is enclosed. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

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The County of Los Angeles accepts, with gratitude, the donation of a trailer and supplies from your organization.

On behalf of the County, I express our appreciation to you for this generous donation. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, this thank you letter is being issued by the Department of Animal Care and Control instead of the Board of Supervisors, but the Board did publicly recognize your generous grant at a recent televised Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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 Director

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