

Legislation Text

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Acceptance of a PetCo Love Foundation Sponsorship

Action:

Adopt a resolution to accept a sponsorship in the amount of \$150,000 from PetCo Love Foundation for the Animal Care and Control Division of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Animal Care and Control Division (AC&C) has been awarded a PetCo Love Foundation sponsorship in the amount of \$150,000 to expand and enhance its Foster-to-Adopt program for heartworm-positive dogs.
- AC&C maintains a high inventory of adoptable dogs that are heartworm positive. This inventory is consistent throughout the year.
- Heartworms is a treatable condition but can be cost prohibitive for the average customer. This makes heartworm-positive dogs one of the most at-risk populations in the shelter environment.
- AC&C heartworm-positive dogs are currently treated in-house by the AC&C veterinarian, while being fostered, prior to adoption.
- The number of heartworm-positive dogs that can be treated is limited to approximately 100 dogs annually due to the veterinarian's schedule. Additional heartworm-positive dogs must receive treatment from outside sources.
- This investment will increase AC&C's treatment capacity of heartworm-positive dogs by using medical vouchers in partnership with local animal hospitals as well as providing funding for alternate treatment protocols. Both options will enhance the program by allowing for the immediate adoption of the heartworm-positive dogs.
- With this sponsorship, up to 200 additional heartworm-positive dogs will be adopted and receive heartworm treatment and prevention medications.
- The sponsorship is for a one-year term from May 31, 2021, through April 30, 2022.

Fiscal Note

General Grants Fund

Attachment(s)

Resolution
Sponsorship Agreement