

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services Division**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Mark Starr, D.V.M., M.P.V.M., Director of Community Health, Clinics, and Animal Services

**DATE:** May 24, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 2010 Animal Trust Fund Grant Awards

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the award of Animal Trust Fund grants, totaling \$50,264, with Animal Spay Neuter Clinic, Wylie Animal Rescue Foundation, FieldHaven Feline Rescue, Placer SPCA, A New Hope Animal Foundation, and Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting agreements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Placer County Trust Fund for Animals is comprised solely of donations which are largely from Placer County employees, given as part of the Placer County Combined Giving Campaign. The Fund provides resources to help meet the needs of neglected, abused, and adoptable animals within Placer County. Donations may be designated to one or more of the following categories: Auburn Shelter, Tahoe Shelter, the Greatest Need, Education and Publicity projects, Spay and Neuter subsidies, and the Edna Robinson Estate Small Animal Fund. The six grants included in this action are funded from several of these categories and are an appropriate use of these donations for the overall benefit of animals in the County.

Placer County Animal Services has recently concluded a grant application solicitation and review process whereby it requested, received, and reviewed project proposals from local nonprofit groups. The Grant Review Committee determined that six applications met grant criteria and recommended that they be funded at varying levels. Animal Services is recommending all six of these projects for funding, totaling \$50,264, from the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals. The recommended awards are:

1. ***"Placer Co Spay/Neuter Bonanza 2011"*** submitted by Animal Spay Neuter Clinic: **\$6,000.**
2. ***"Spay/Neuter Fund and Special Needs Veterinary Fund"*** submitted by the Wylie Animal Rescue Foundation (WARF): **\$7,500.**
3. ***"Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)"*** submitted by FieldHaven Feline Rescue: **\$15,000.**
4. ***"Rebates for Rescues"*** submitted by Placer SPCA: **\$10,494.**
5. ***"Shelter Assist"*** submitted by A New Hope Animal Foundation: **\$9,970.**
6. ***"S.I.C.K. Project"*** submitted by Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation: **\$1,300.**

In recognition of the crucial role played by our non-profit partners in helping to meet the animal care needs in Placer County, similar grant agreements with several of these groups were approved for funding last year and the year before. Some results of the grants over those two years include that 889 pets have been altered, resulting in the prevention of numerous unwanted pets, and 624 animals have been placed with non-profit groups that have assisted their placements with families seeking pets. This has enabled the Placer County Animal Shelters to avoid all euthanasia of healthy adoptable animals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Animal Services has sufficient funding in the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals to fulfill these grant requests. There is no County General Fund contribution included in this action.

Copies of these Grant Agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

