

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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 and Clinics

DATE: September 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Animal Services Spay/Neuter Grant

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign a spay and neuter grant agreement in the amount of \$5,000 with the Placer Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Placer SPCA), and to sign future spay and neuter grant agreements not to exceed \$5,000 each. There are no County General Funds in this grant and these costs are reflected in the Department's 2008/09 Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2008, a grant request was received from the Placer SPCA, a local non-profit organization for operation of spay and neuter subsidy programs for animals of residents within Placer County. Animal Services has reviewed this request and, with the approval of Health and Human Services, is recommending this organization for receipt of a grant in the amount of \$5,000. This grant will be funded by the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals, Spay and Neuter Subsidies program. Your Board may recall that similar grant agreements have been approved in the past for Friends of Auburn/Tahoe Vista Placer County Animal Shelter, Animal Spay & Neuter, and FieldHaven Feline Rescue, as well as Placer SPCA.

Placer County Trust Fund for Animals provides resources to meet the needs of neglected, abused, and adoptable animals within Placer County. Gifts to the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals help to provide for the needs of sheltered animals which are not funded by the County or any other agency, group or foundation. Donations to the trust fund are solicited in multiple ways, including the Placer County Combined Giving Campaign and the inclusion of inserts for voluntary contributions with annual property tax statements. The Trust Fund includes multiple categories to which donations may be designated; including Auburn Shelter, Tahoe Shelter, where the need is greatest, education and publicity projects, and spay and neuter subsidies. The grant included in this action is drawn from the spay and neuter subsidies category.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

A copy of the Spay and Neuter Grant Recipient Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

