

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Environmental Health, Public Health, 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
Patricia Orme, Assistant Director of Environmental Health, Public Health, and Animal Services

DATE: November 6, 2012

SUBJECT: FY 2012-13 Animal Trust Fund Grant Awards

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the award of Animal Trust Fund grants, totaling \$45,000, to Animal Spay & Neuter – A Nonprofit Clinic (\$10,000), Wylie Animal Rescue Foundation (\$4,000), FieldHaven Feline Rescue (\$5,000), Placer County SPCA (\$6,000), A New Hope Animal Foundation (\$8,000), Angels Rescuing Kritters (\$3,000), Friends Forever – A Cat Sanctuary (\$7,000), and Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation (\$2,000), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting agreements. (No net County cost.)

BACKGROUND:

The Placer County Trust Fund for Animals is comprised solely of donations which are largely from Placer County employees. 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 eight 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.

In a process supported by the Placer County Animal Advisory Committee, local non-profit groups submitted funding applications to a Grant Review Committee, comprised of two veterinarians, an animal advocate, and leadership from Animal Services. The Grant Review Committee determined that eight applications met the published grant criteria and recommended that these applications be funded in the amounts shown below. Animal Services supports these recommendations, totaling \$45,000, to be awarded from the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals. The recommended awards are:

1. ***“Educating Pet Owners of Placer County and Reducing Animals Abandoned Due to Behavior Issues”*** submitted by Auburn Area Animal Rescue Foundation: **\$2,000.**
2. ***“True Catch Feral Mama Project”*** submitted by Angels Rescuing Kritters: **\$3,000.**
3. ***“Mission Possible – No Dog or Cat Left Behind”*** submitted by Animal Spay & Neuter – A Nonprofit Clinic: **\$10,000.**
4. ***“Spay/Neuter Fund”*** submitted by the Wylie Animal Rescue Foundation: **\$4,000.**
5. ***“Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)”*** submitted by FieldHaven Feline Rescue: **\$5,000.**
6. ***“Rebates for Rescues”*** submitted by Placer County SPCA: **\$6,000.**
7. ***“Partners in Compassion”*** submitted by A New Hope Animal Foundation: **\$8,000.**
8. ***“Wounded/Injured/Sick Kitty Rescue (WISKR)”*** submitted by Friends Forever, A Cat Sanctuary: **\$7,000.**

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 in previous years. The result of the Trust Fund grants over the last two years has been the spaying and neutering of 889 dogs and cats and the placement of 624 animals with non-profit groups who have assisted with their adoptions. 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. These awards contain no County General Funds.

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