

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: February 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Animal Trust Fund Grant Awards

ACTION REQUESTED:

- a. Approve the award of four 2009 Animal Trust Fund Grants to Friends of Auburn/Tahoe Placer County Animal Shelter, FieldHaven Feline Rescue, A New Hope Animal Foundation, and Angels Rescuing Kritters totaling \$60,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting grant agreements.
- b. Approve a Budget Revision in the amount of \$60,000 to move funds from the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals to the Animal Services Division budget. There are no County General Funds in this action.

BACKGROUND:

Animal Services has recently concluded its periodic grant application process, receiving and reviewing a total of seven grant projects from local nonprofit groups. As a result of this review, Animal Services is recommending the following five projects to be funded by the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals for a total of \$60,000:

1. ***"Placer County Spay/Neuter Voucher Program 2009"*** awarded to Friends of Auburn/Tahoe Placer County Animal Shelter for \$17,674 from the Spay and Neuter Fund with any remaining balance paid out of the Greatest Need Fund.
2. ***"Let's Talk About Animal Health and Well-Being"*** submitted jointly by Friends, AAARF, and FieldHaven and awarded to Friends of Placer County Animal Shelter as the lead agency for \$5,500 from the Advertising and Education Fund with any remaining balance paid out of the Greatest Need Fund.
3. ***"Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)"*** awarded to FieldHaven Feline Rescue for \$17,674 from the Greatest Need Fund.
4. ***"Angel Kitties"*** awarded to Angels Rescuing Kritters for \$10,958 from the Edna Robinson Estate Trust Fund.
5. ***"Lend a Hand for Shelter Animals"*** awarded to A New Hope Animal Foundation for \$8,194 from the Greatest Need Fund.

Your Board may recall that similar grant agreements with several of these groups have been approved in the past. The 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, the Greatest Need, education and publicity projects, spay and neuter subsidies and the Edna Robinson Estate Small Animal Trust Fund. The five projects included in this action are drawn from several of these categories.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These grants are fully funded by the Placer County Trust Fund for Animals. The attached budget revision moves \$60,000 from the Trust Fund to the Animal Services budget for these grant expenditures. 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.

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