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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$2,882.98] and donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$28,069.49], and recognize numerous citizens and businesses who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$8,096.20] (see attached donor lists) to Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") retroactive for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

This is a recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") to accept or recognize various donations received by Washoe County Regional Animal Services for the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(f) provides that the Board has sole authority to accept cash contributions from private or public sources.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d) provides that the Board has sole authority to accept donations of personal property where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of \$5,000 or greater from a contributor during a fiscal year.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(e) provides that the Board must be notified when a county department accepts non-federal personal property for the use and benefit of the county where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of less than \$5,000 from a contributor during a fiscal year. In such event, the county department must notify the Board in writing of the acceptance.

Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been the recipient of monetary donations from numerous donors totaling [\$2,882.98]. Further, the SPCA donated animal food and treats with an estimated value of [\$28,069.49], and numerous citizens and businesses donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$8,096.20]. The

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specific donations can be found in the donation lists accompanying this staff report. These donations were received during the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and will be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Financial Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners routinely accepts donations on behalf of Washoe County Regional Animal Services.

On December 17, 2024, the Board (1) recognized numerous anonymous citizens and businesses who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$2,840.83] to Washoe County Regional Animal Services (“WCRAS”) during the period of March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024; (2) accepted monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$36,962.21] and from Petco Love in the amount of [\$1,800.00] to WCRAS retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; (3) accepted donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$7,404.37] to WCRAS retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; and (4) recognized numerous citizens and businesses who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$6,129.05] to WCRAS retroactive for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals.

BACKGROUND

For the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, Regional Animal Services received monetary donations in the amount of [\$2,882.98]. Part of this amount [\$180.00] resulted from conversion of clinic deposits into the Injured Animal Fund-Donations. These clinic deposits were forfeited due to no-shows at various clinics hosted by WCRAS. The other part of this amount [\$2,702.98] consists of monetary donations from various donors. In addition to the monetary donations, the SPCA donated animal food and treats with an estimated value of [\$28,069.49]; and numerous citizens donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$8,096.20]. Please reference the attached lists for donor information and itemization of goods received.

Donations are generally used to encourage responsible pet ownership, seek treatment of sick animals, injured animals or at-risk animals, and to promote humane treatment of animals. Goods are used at our facility and provided to at-risk pet owners. Pet food from the SPCA is distributed at our monthly senior pet food distribution event.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon receipt, monetary donations are deposited into a special Internal Order for donations, IN 20319-484000 (Injured Animal Fund-Donations). Should the Board accept the donations, the Animal Services FY25 adopted budget will be increased in the following accounts:

IN20319-484000	Injured Animal Fund-Donations	\$ 2,882.98
IN20319-710500	Injured Animal Fund-Other Expense	\$ 2,882.98

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$2,882.98] and donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$28,069.49], and recognize numerous citizens and businesses who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$8,096.20] (see attached donor lists) to Washoe County Regional Animal Services (“WCRAS”) retroactive for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$2,882.98] and donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$28,069.49], and recognize numerous citizens and businesses who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$8,096.20] (see attached donor lists) to Washoe County Regional Animal Services (“WCRAS”) retroactive for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”