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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 15, 2023

DATE: July 5, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Shyanne Schull, Director of Regional Animal Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a donation of approximately 100 dog beds of various sizes and feeding bowls, as well as monetary donations in the amount of [\$3,640.57] to Washoe County Regional Animal Services retroactive for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, from numerous donors (see attached list), to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d) states that the board of county commissioners has sole authority to receive donations of personal property where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of \$5,000.00 or greater from a contributor during a fiscal year. Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") has received a donation of personal property which is estimated to exceed the \$5,000 limit, as WCRAS received approximately 100 dog beds of various sizes as well as feeding bowls from an anonymous donor.

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(f) states that the board of county commissioners has sole authority to accept cash contributions from private and public sources. Washoe County Regional Animal Services has been the recipient of monetary donations from numerous donors totaling [\$3,640.57] for the period of April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, donated for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals. The list of donors is attached to this staff report.

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.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On April 18, 2023, the Board accepted donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$2,279.75] retroactive for the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, from numerous donors, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals.

On February 21, 2023, the Board accepted donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$8,736.31] retroactive for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, from numerous donors, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals.

On August 16, 2022, the Board accepted donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$6,966.77] retroactive for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, from numerous donors, 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 April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, Washoe County Regional Animal Services was the recipient of donations totaling \$3,640.57. (Please reference attached list for donor information). In addition to cash donations, the Department received a donation of approximately 100 dog beds of various sizes and feeding bowls. The donor of those items requested to remain anonymous.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon receipt, 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 FY24 adopted budget will be increased in the following accounts:

IN20319-484000	Injured Animal Fund-Donations	\$ 3,640.57
IN20319-710500	Injured Animal Fund-Other Expense	\$ 3,640.57

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to accept a donation of approximately 100 dog beds of various sizes and feeding bowls, as well as monetary donations in the amount of [\$3,640.57] to Washoe County Regional Animal Services retroactive for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, from numerous donors (see attached list), to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:
"Move to accept a donation of approximately 100 dog beds of various sizes and feeding bowls, as well as monetary donations in the amount of [\$3,640.57] to Washoe County Regional Animal Services retroactive for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, from numerous donors (see attached list), to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments."