



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Animal Care Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Michael Shannon, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

San Antonio Pets Alive! Contract Amendment

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the High-Volume Pet Partnership agreement with San Antonio Pets Alive! to increase the reimbursement rate from \$75.00 to \$175.00 per animal for up to 4,000 pets. This will increase the annual amount from \$300,000.00 to \$700,000.00 and add two additional one-year renewal options for a total contract increase of \$1,493,000.00. The additional FY 2024 funding in the amount of \$93,000.00 is available from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Funding for subsequent years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2012, Animal Care Services (ACS) created the High-Volume Pet Partnership (HVPP) program in an effort to increase its Live Release Rate by contracting with rescue organizations to pull a large number of pets from ACS. In FY 2013, FY 2017, and again in FY 2021, ACS received City Council approval to enter into an agreement with San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA!), most recently for the rescue of 4,000 animals at a rate of \$75.00 per qualifying animal, or \$300,000.00 per year. Since the partnership began, SAPA! has rescued over 52,000 pets from ACS and often facilitates

rescues and adoptions for pets at immediate risk of euthanasia.

In addition to pulling a high volume of pets, SAPA! also operates the HVPP building on the main ACS campus and is able to transfer pets from ACS kennels to the HVPP building during the pet's stray wait period, which frees up ACS kennel space for incoming pets.

The current contract with SAPA! began October 1, 2020, for a one-year term, with three, one-year options to renew. For FY 2024, ACS executed the final renewal option for this contract and is now seeking to add two more one-year renewal periods to the agreement. ACS is also seeking to amend the reimbursement rate from \$75.00 to \$175.00 per animal, effective immediately. The per animal rate has been the same since the HVPP program was first created in 2012, despite significantly increased operating costs, such as staffing, equipment, supplies, and medications.

ISSUE:

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the High-Volume Pet Partnership agreement with San Antonio Pets Alive! to:

1. Increase the reimbursement rate from \$75.00 to \$175.00 per animal, thereby increasing the FY 2024 contract from \$300,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$393,000.00;
2. Increase the annual contract amount from \$300,000.00 to \$700,000.00 for the rescue of 4,000 animals per year.
3. Add two additional one-year renewal options to the current agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this amendment not be approved, ACS will be required to find alternative placement options for 4,000 animals per year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval this ordinance.