

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0054

LOG NAME: 23SILCOX ANIMAL SHELTER PLAY YARDS - CAPITAL DONATION

SUBJECT

(ALL) Accept Donation of Capital Equipment in the Form of Dog Play Yards for the Chuck and Brenda Silcox Adoption Center from Cowtown Friends of Fort Worth Animal Care and Control

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize acceptance of a donation of capital equipment in the form of dog play yards valued at \$78,000.00 for the Chuck and Brenda Silcox Adoption Center located at 4900 Martin St. from Cowtown Friends of Fort Worth Animal Care and Control to enhance animal care and behavioral management.

DISCUSSION:

The Chuck and Brenda Silcox Adoption Center is dedicated to providing quality care for the animals housed there and creating an environment that fosters positive socialization and behavior is essential. The donated dog play yards, valued at \$78,000.00, will be provided by Cowtown Friends through funds secured from a private donor. Play yards are an integral component in animal shelters, offering dogs much-needed physical exercise and mental stimulation, which contribute to reducing stress and anxiety. Regular time in play yards can improve dogs' social behavior, enhance adoptability, and support more successful interactions with potential adopters.

The play yards will allow animal care staff to conduct supervised exercise sessions, interactive play, and behavioral assessments in a safe, enclosed area. These enhancements not only improve the dogs' well-being but also contribute to lower rates of undesirable behaviors that can arise in shelter environments, ultimately improving the adoption rates and quality of life for animals in our care. Acceptance of this donation aligns with the City's ongoing commitment to improving animal care and shelter operations through partnerships with community organizations and private donors.

This donation will be allocated as capital equipment for the Chuck and Brenda Silcox Adoption Center, enhancing the facility's resources without impacting the current operating budget.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds. Any assets donated will be recorded in the City's financial records as appropriate.

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