

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director, Animal Services

SUBJECT: Accept a Gift from the Deborah K. Oldham Trust

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept a gift of \$72,599 from the Deborah K. Oldham Trust to Santa Barbara County Animal Services and the Public Health Department without restrictions.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1 An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and Goal No. 2 Provide a Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Animal Services was notified August 12, 2004 by Stephen T. Frank, Esquire, that the program was one of the beneficiaries named in the Deborah K. Oldham Trust. Mrs. Oldham was a regular patron. Records indicate she adopted nine (9) dogs over the course of the past thirteen years, some of them old and/or with medical issues. She frequented the shelter and was known to staff and volunteers as a real dog lover. Santa Barbara County is lucky to have such generous and committed members in our community.

The Trust designated three recipients to receive \$10,000 each. After expenses, Santa Barbara County Animal Services was to receive ten (10%) of the balance of the estate, amounting to \$72,599. These funds were raised by the sale of her home. The estate was settled in March of 2005 and a check was issued to Animal Services. There was no restriction placed on the funds by the donor.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Acceptance of this gift does not affect mandates or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This \$72,599 donation was deposited in the Animal Services operating budget as unanticipated revenue. These one-time funds will be used update vehicles in the aging Animal Services fleet and to cover the costs for updated radio communications equipment. The move to more modern vehicles will provide for more efficient patrol operations and will decrease the opportunity for injuries to staff and animals. A budget revision to designate these funds for this purpose will follow this action.

Special Instructions:

Return one (1) copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Margaret A. Granger (extension 5367).

Concurrence: None Required.