



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Health  
Department No.: 041  
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director & Health Officer  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Jan E. Glick, MS, Director of Animal Services (934-6953)  
**SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Donation from ASPCA**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors considers the following recommendations:

- A) Approve and authorize the Public Health Department Director to accept a \$15,000 donation from American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) designated for the care of animals that were seized from a County resident and are now available for adoption.
- B) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment,

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to accept a \$15,000 donation from ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). ASPCA is making this generous donation to the County to cover the costs of the care and feeding of more than 430 animals, most of which are birds which were seized in an animal cruelty case. The funding will support food, care and medical treatment for the animals.

**Background:**

On December 2, 2011, an Animal Services Officer and a lieutenant from the Sheriff's Department responded to a location in Santa Barbara County where there had been complaints and concerns related to the care and condition of a large number of animals. As a result of the site visit and subsequent investigation regarding the conditions and the risk of future harm to the animals, more than 430 animals

were removed from the premises on December 10, 2011. All but six of the animals were birds including roosters, chickens, turkeys, pigeons, and turkens.

Animal Services has worked collaboratively with the Santa Barbara Humane Society to assure the animals have received proper care and treatment since they came into the County's care. A veterinarian who specializes in birds has been brought in to our local facility for consultation and treatment.

Following court procedures and the development of an agreement with the owner, a small number of animals were returned to the care of the owner. Animal Services is now working diligently with many community partners to facilitate adoptions of the animals to owners who can and will provide safe and sanitary care. For those animals that are not adopted locally, transfer to other appropriate long-term shelter and rescue facilities is being pursued. The ongoing health and well-being of the animals is a prime concern.

The generous donation by ASPCA will assist in defraying the costs of providing food, care and medical treatment for more than 430 animals. The adoption of animals began after the animals were in the care of Animal Services for more than 5 months. It is likely to take many more months before all of these animals are no longer in the care of the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Acceptance of this donation does not affect mandates or service levels. It assists with the care of hundreds of birds.

**Fiscal Analysis:** Acceptance of the \$15,000 donation from ASPCA to the Santa Barbara County Animal Services will be used for animal food, maintaining sanitary shelter and kennel facilities, cleaning, medications and veterinary treatment.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at: [PHDCU@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDCU@sbcphd.org)

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