



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: October 7, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Sarah Aguilar, CAWA, Animal Services Director
SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Grant Award from Petco Love to Santa Barbara County Animal Services in the Amount of \$25,000

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: CEO Budget

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to accept a grant award received by Santa Barbara County Animal Services in the amount of \$25,000 from Petco Love for any purpose that has a lifesaving impact for pets in the county;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to make and sign all required certifications under this Petco Love grant award;
- c) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010702 in the amount of \$25,000 for unanticipated revenue for use in the Animal Services FY 2025-26 budget; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because the recommended actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for the Board to approve, ratify, and authorize the County Health Director, or designee, to accept a grant award from Petco Love in the amount of \$25,000 expected to fund veterinary care and DocuPet mailers for the licensing and rabies abatement program, and to approve a budget revision request to incorporate the funds into the FY2025-26 Animal Services program budget (Attachment C).

Discussion:

The funds granted by Petco Love in the amount of \$25,000 may be used for any lifesaving purpose; but shall not supplant or replace existing government funding, and must be utilized and become an additional part of the funding of the animal control sheltering department. Santa Barbara County Animal Services is requesting to use these funds to provide expansion support to our pet licensing and rabies abatement program through the issuance of mailers through Docupet, not to exceed \$16,500, with a target revenue generation of \$59,000. The remainder of the \$25,000, estimated \$8,500, will be used for veterinary care for lost pets that find themselves in the care of Santa Barbara County Animal Shelters, in support of reunification efforts.

Background:

Petco Love is one of the nation's largest funders of animal welfare, proudly investing in organizations doing life-saving work in their communities. Petco Love, a partnering non-profit animal welfare organization started in 1999 (as the Petco Foundation) has empowered communities across the country to save pet lives with more than \$30 million invested in local animal welfare partners during FY 2022-23 alone.

On July 2, 2024, Santa Barbara County Animal Services submitted a grant application to Petco Love describing how an investment from Petco Love would significantly enhance the ability to staff and expand Project PetSafe, a community program dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of pets through spay/neuter services, microchipping, ID/licensing, and vaccinations.

The County Health Department's Animal Services Program was also awarded grant funding from the Petco Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 accepted by this Board on July 18, 2017, as a generous local investment in adoption and medical care programs to support lifesaving efforts of pets, and from Petco Love in the amount of \$15,000 accepted by this Board on June 4, 2024 to provide veterinary care for lost pets in support of reunification efforts with their families.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Accepting the grant award from Petco Love in the amount of \$25,000 does not impact mandates, service levels, or general fund contribution. The grant is expected to fund DocuPet licensing mailers (\$16,500) and veterinary care (\$8,500). A budget revision in the amount of \$25,000 is necessary to amend the adopted FY 2025-2026 Animal Services budget to reflect the unanticipated revenues and expenditures.

It is the intention of the pilot program to increase the number of licensed animals, which would increase licensing revenues. County Health will return to the Board with an unanticipated revenue BJE if license revenues increase more than budgeted for FY 2025-26.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Petco Love grant is expected to be one-time in nature.

Funding Source	FY 2025-2026	Total
Private Grant	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	\$25,000	\$25,000

Special Instructions:

Request the Clerk of the Board to email a copy of the Minute Order to the County Health Department, Attention: PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Petco Love Grant Application and Award Notification

Attachment B – Petco Love Grant Report

Attachment C – Petco Love BJE Number 0010702

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