



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
February 25, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager  
Submitted by: Kate O'Connor, Animal Shelter Manager  
Subject: Donation: Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation, the Raymond Family Foundation, and Every Dog has Its Daycare to the Dona Spring Animal Shelter

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation in the sum of \$10,000, the Raymond Family Foundation in the sum of \$7,500 and Every Dog has its Daycare in the sum of \$1,850.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The three donations totaling a sum of \$19,350 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99. The appropriation of these funds will be included in the Second Amendment to the FY 2014 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Three generous donors wish to contribute funds to the City's Dona Spring Animal Shelter in support of the many programs and services that help animals in need at the shelter and in the broader community. The Dona Spring Animal Shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption.

The economic climate has caused many people to give up their animals, often when they need medical attention. Donations are often used to care for these animals, to cover the cost of veterinary care and to provide critical community programs. This year, for example, \$10,000 of donated funds will be used to cover the low-cost spay/neuter program for Berkeley residents.

BACKGROUND

The Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation wishes to donate \$10,000 as a thank you for the continued efforts on behalf of our most vulnerable animals and to support the efforts to preserve the lives of abandoned animals.

Every Dog Has Its Day Care has collected \$1,800 from its clients to donate to the Animal Shelter to support the work we do for the animals in our care. The clients at

Every Dog also donated many goods for our animals such as dog and cat beds, toys, treats, leashes and collars.

As part of its community support, The Raymond Family Foundation is making a contribution of \$7,500 to the Animal Care Shelter to help continue the many valuable programs that are in place to help our stray and abandoned animals.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The shelter already receives donations from the public and the funds are used for the programs outlined above. The cost of goods and services continue to increase. Donations are greatly appreciated as they ensure that the animals in our care receive the best treatment possible and that the spay/neuter voucher program exists for our community's pets.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

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DONATION: STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH FOUNDATION, THE RAYMOND FAMILY FOUNDATION, AND EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAYCARE TO THE DONA SPRING ANIMAL SHELTER

WHEREAS, these three generous donors' wish to donate funds to support the many programs run by Animal Care Services that help animals at the shelter and in our community; and

WHEREAS, the shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption and donations are often used to cover these extraordinary veterinary bills; and

WHEREAS, this year, \$10,000 of donation funds are also being used to cover the low-cost spay/neuter program for the residents of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer program is flourishing and with that comes the need to provide leashes, collars, treats, beds, and toys; and

WHEREAS, the animal shelter already collects donations from the public for various shelter programs that enhance the lives of animals:

WHEREAS, the three donations totaling a sum of \$19,350 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council accepts a donation from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation in the sum of \$10,000, the Raymond Family Foundation in the sum of \$7,500 and Every Dog has its Daycare in the sum of \$1,850.

