



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 18, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Kate O'Connor, Animal Services Manager

Subject: Grant: Maddie's Fund, Pet Rescue Foundation to the Animal Care Shelter

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement and any amendments with Maddie's Fund, Pet Rescue Foundation to accept \$20,000 to support the collection of Berkeley Animal Care Service's shelter statistics and other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Approval will result in the execution of a contract with Maddie's Fund, Pet Rescue Foundation for \$20,000 in revenue within the Animal Care Services budget. No local matching funds are required for this grant. The grant funds will be deposited into Fund 139 - Animal Shelter Fund and an appropriation of the grant funds will be made in a subsequent Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Board of directors of Maddie's Fund has approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000, to be paid to Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) to support the collection of BACS 's animal shelter statistics and other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats. The Maddie's fund Board of Directors has also approved a \$10,000 supplement to this grant to support the public reporting of such statistics and to support other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats.

Currently, Animal Services uses money collected through donations to supplement the volunteer program, adoption advertising and extraordinary veterinary bills for sick and injured animals. The shelter supplements the spay/ neuter program (SNYP), with money saved elsewhere in the BACS budget.

## BACKGROUND

Maddie's Fund, The Pet Rescue Foundation, is a family foundation funded by PeopleSoft Founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl to help establish a no kill nation. The first step is to help develop programs that guarantee loving homes for shelter dogs and cats throughout the country. The next step will be to save the sick pets in animal shelters nationwide. Maddie's Fund is named after the family's beloved Schnauzer who passed away in 1997.

The Animal Shelter runs a low-cost spay/neuter program for the pets of residents of Berkeley and for animals adopted from the shelter. This program has helped many people be able to afford to alter their pets thus reducing the numbers of unwanted animals being born. The City funds this program with \$30,000 each year and as the program become better known the shelter has had to supplement the funds from elsewhere within the animal shelter budget.

The shelter often goes the extra mile in treating animals that have a good chance of recovering and being adopted. This is very costly and donations to the shelter are often used to cover these special medical cases.

The shelter has an active volunteer program that is not funded other than the Volunteer Coordinator position. This program requires that leashes, grooming equipment, collars, toys and treats must be purchased and replenished regularly.

## RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The funding for this grant will be used to support general operations on behalf of homeless dogs and cats to increase adoptions, pay for more spay/neuter surgeries, provide care for sick and injured animals, fund the volunteer program etc.

## CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

GRANT FROM THE MADDIE'S FUND, PET RESCUE FOUNDATION TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE SUM OF \$20,000

WHEREAS, the Board of directors of Maddie's Fund has approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000, to be paid to Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) to support the collection of BACS 's animal shelter statistics and other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the Maddie's fund Board of Directors has also approved a \$10,000 supplement to this grant to support the public reporting of such statistics and to support other activities on behalf of lost, stray, or homeless dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, currently, Animal Services uses money collected through donations to supplement the volunteer program, adoption advertising and extraordinary veterinary bills for sick and injured animals; and

WHEREAS, the shelter supplements the low cost spay/ neuter program (SNYP), with money saved elsewhere in the BACS budget; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this grant will be used to support general operations on behalf of homeless dogs and cats to increase adoptions, pay for more spay/neuter surgeries, provide care for sick and injured animals, fund the volunteer program etc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a grant agreement and any amendments with Maddie's Fund, Pet Rescue Foundation in the sum of \$20,000.

