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October 29, 1980

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Neuter/Spay Deposit Program

SUMMARY:

Submitted is a two year report on the Neuter/Spay Deposit Program which had been instituted at the recommendation of the City/County Animal Control Advisory Committee. The results of a two year data analysis indicate that the program is about 20% effective, which is the same level as reported after one year. Data continues to indicate that requiring the neuter/spay deposits has resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of animals purchased from the City Animal Control facility.

BACKGROUND:

On May 16, 1978, the Council acted on the City/County Animal Control Advisory Committee's recommendation and passed an ordinance requiring a neuter/spay deposit for all animals purchased at the City Animal Control facility. The amount of this deposit is \$15.00 for cats and \$20.00 for dogs. This deposit is to be applied towards the cost of spaying and neutering the animal. The purchaser is given a referral list put out by the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medical Association listing veterinarians and clinics providing low-cost spay-neuter services and the number and address of the SPCA spay-neuter clinic. The owner is also given the option of utilizing the services of any veterinarian or clinic he prefers, whether on the referral list or not. Animal Control makes out a three-part receipt for the purchaser. A copy is sent to the Accounting Department along with the money, and Animal Control retains a copy and the purchaser keeps the original. The owner then either presents the original receipt to the veterinarian or clinic which does the surgery and they forward that receipt to the Animal Control for reimbursement, or the purchaser mails or returns in person the receipt, along with a spay-neuter certificate, to Animal Control. Weekly, Animal Control forwards all returned receipts to Accounting, who then mails out reimbursement checks.

By the City Clerk
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*referred to Bud/Fin Comm
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The program was initiated in August 1978. On July 20, 1979, Staff reported that approximately 26% of the deposits had been returned. Approximately 20% were returned upon verification of surgery and the remaining 6% were returned because the animals had died, were lost, or brought back to the Animal Control office.

As of June 30, 1980, deposits had been received for 943 animals. Of these, 257 (27%) had been returned. Approximately 20% were returned upon verification of surgery and the remainder for the reasons noted above. Therefore, the results after about two full years of the program verify those obtained after one year.

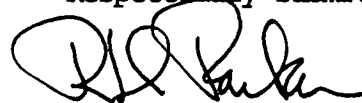
Last year's report noted that imposition of the neuter/spay deposit fee had an adverse effect upon the amount of animals purchased from the Animal Control facility. An additional year's data shows that this continues to be the case. Recent year's data is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Animals Purchased</u>
77/78	1,003 (No deposit required)
78/79	535 (Deposit required Aug.- June)
79/80	515 (Deposit required all year)

FINANCIAL:

As of June 30, 1980, the Neuter/Spay Fund contained \$13,720 which represents funds being held for 686 pet owners. Section 50050-53 of the Government Code requires that these funds remain on deposit for three years before they can be transferred to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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LORRAINE MAGANA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: LORRAINE MAGANA, CITY CLERK *LM*

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF ITEM NUMBER 36, COUNCIL
AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 5, 1980

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 1980

Pursuant to Council action, the following subject matter is referred to your Committee for hearing, report and recommendation:

REPORT ON NEUTER/SPAY DEPOSIT PROGRAM

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