CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Jeanine D'Errico, Director, Administrative Services

Recommendation:

Approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution to provide County funds in an amount up to \$200,000 to Heaven Can Wait Animal Society to support the sterilization of cats and dogs in unincorporated Clark County for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2500.00	Fund Name:	Veterinary Services Fund
Fund Center:	10807140000	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	Up to \$200,000		
Description:	Animal Control		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

Clark County partners with the Heaven Can Wait Animal Society to provide low cost and free sterilization to the citizens of unincorporated Clark County. The Heaven Can Wait Animal Society received a \$120,000 grant at the June 1, 2021 Clark County Board of County Commissioners meeting, with a goal to sterilize 1,600 owned cats and dogs for little to no cost to unincorporated Clark County residents. Additionally, Heaven Can Wait Animal Society had a goal to sterilize at least 3,900 feral or community cats.

From July 2021 to April 2022, Heaven Can Wait Animal Society sterilized 1,397 owned dogs and cats and 6,423 feral cats at the weekday and monthly feral cat clinics. Heaven Can Wait is on track to exceed its established goals for Fiscal Year 2022. Of the owned dogs and cats, 12 owners were eligible for food stamps (SNAP) and 180 were on Medicaid. Additionally, of the 1,397 owned dogs and cats that were sterilized, 200 of them were a result of Clark County Animal Control citations. Funds generated from the sale of Animal Appreciation special license plates and impound fees will be granted to support these on-going efforts to reduce the number of unwanted and free-roaming animals born each year.

Approval of this resolution will provide the additional necessary funds to Heaven Can Wait Animal Society for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

Cleared for Agenda