

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** July 16, 2025

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Travis Grimm - Chief of Police

**Subject:** Approval of K-9 Sponsorship and Donation to the Belle Isle Police Department

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**Background:**

The Belle Isle Police Department recently acquired a new K-9, "Belle," to support law enforcement efforts and enhance community engagement. Two local businesses have generously offered to sponsor and support Belle through in-kind donations and services.

- **Kindred Spirits Animal Clinic** (Dr. Kindred) will provide ongoing veterinary care, including routine checkups and medical support, at a discounted rate.
- **Pet Orlando** (Owner: Deb Lynch) has officially sponsored Belle and is donating two pounds of raw food per day. The K-9 handler will pick up the food each Wednesday.

In recognition of their support, both businesses will be acknowledged as official sponsors during the upcoming media release.

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**Staff Recommendation and Council Discussion Points:**

Staff recommends City Council approval to formally accept the in-kind donations and sponsorships from Kindred Spirits Animal Clinic and Pet Orlando in support of the Police Department's K-9 program.

**Discussion Points:**

- Positive community engagement through local business partnerships
  - Cost savings for the K-9 program through in-kind support
  - Upcoming media release to highlight sponsorships
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**Suggested Motion:**

"I move to approve the acceptance of sponsorships and in-kind donations from Kindred Spirits Animal Clinic and Pet Orlando in support of the Belle Isle Police Department's K-9 program."

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**Alternatives:**

Do not accept the donations and fund all K-9 expenses from the general budget.

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**Fiscal Impact:**

The donation of food and discounted veterinary services will reduce costs associated with the care and maintenance of the K-9 unit.

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**Attachments:**

- K-9 Belle Sponsorship Summary Letter