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**City Council Regular Meeting**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**FROM:** DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services

**MEETING:** March 3, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction on the animal services adoption trailer.  
(Staff Contact: DeAnna Phillips, Director of Community Services)

**SUMMARY:**

The Burleson Animal Shelter continues to experience significant increases in animal intakes in recent years. While staff continually seek innovative ways to increase adoptions, the shelter's physical space has not expanded to accommodate the influx. To extend adoption efforts beyond the shelter, staff researched temperature-controlled adoption trailers that would allow a single staff member to efficiently showcase adoptable pets at off-site events.

Despite submitting requests for funding in the last four budget cycles, the trailer remained unfunded. In 2024, staff launched fundraising efforts and sponsorship opportunities, raising over \$66,000 by January 2025. These funds will allow for the purchase of an adoption trailer, which will enhance off-site adoption opportunities and increase exposure of shelter animals.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

N/A

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$66,000  
Account Number(s): 255-26057  
Fund: Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund  
Account Description: Special Fundraising Donation

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