



**STAFF REPORT**  
**2/12/2025**

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

**FROM:** Rene Rosales, Code Enforcement Manager

**SUBJECT:** Authorize a Community Sponsorship to Animal Action League in the Amount of \$25,200.00 to Support Public Spay/Neuter Clinic Events

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a sponsorship to Animal Action League in the amount of \$25,200.00 to support upcoming spay/neuter clinic events for residents of the City of Coachella.

**BACKGROUND:**

Animal Action League (AAL), a 501(c) 3 non- profit corporation, was founded in 1989 for the express purpose of providing spay/neuter services for underprivileged cats and dogs. After working for 15 years in affordable spay/neuter clinics, it became obvious that those in most desperate need of this service were not being reached. Although this service was offered free to low income pet owners, there was as high as a 50% “no show” rate. In checking with these owners, the “no show” cause was due to transportation problems or they forgot, other plans intervened – in other words – such service was not high on the owner’s agenda.

Studies have determined that 3% of the pet-owning population is creating an overpopulation problem, which are primarily low income and/or non-motivated pet owners. AAL determined that a mobile clinic would be the most effective way to address this issue. It was determined that AAL could offer quality, “no frills” service and bring it directly to these communities, where these animals most desperately need help. In 2005, their goal was realized by acquiring a 32 foot, custom built, mobile, spay/neuter trailer.

In 2024, Animal Action League received a city sponsorship for \$16,000.00, which led to remarkable achievements. They organized five clinics, successfully completing 146 surgeries and vaccinating over 2,000 pets. These initiatives not only improved the health of numerous animals but also fostered a stronger bond between the community and its furry companions.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

Animal Action League (AAL) is requesting funding support to conduct seven (7) public spay/neutering clinic events for the residents of the City of Coachella. AAL will plan seven free upcoming spay/neutering clinics in the City of Coachella for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 for any resident that shows proof of residency, such as a government issued identification card, utility bills/credit card statement, rental/lease agreement, etc. Each clinic has a cost recovery of \$3,600. During each clinic event, the following items below will be included:

- Professional Veterinary staff for an average of 27 to 33 spay/neuters surgeries.
- Office staff for paperwork, money collection and receipts.
- Staff and Volunteers to organize check-in table and clients.
- Surgical Trailer to house pets safely and comfortably.
- Pain shot and preventive antibiotic injection at time of surgery.
- Aftercare Medical phone line for clients for any questions or concerns after surgery.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize sponsorship request to AAL for \$25,200 to conduct seven (7) public spay/neutering events in the City of Coachella.
2. Not Authorize sponsorship request to AAL to conduct any public spay/neutering events in the City of Coachella.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Should the City Council approve the staff recommendation, an appropriation of \$25,200 from the City General Fund will be required to authorize this sponsorship request.

**RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):**

Staff recommends Alternative #1 as noted above.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. AAL Proposal for the Public Spay/Neuter Clinic Events