



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2025

PRESENTER: Steve Wilkins, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: California for All Animals UC Davis Shelter Services Grant (SW)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution accepting grant funds and approving Shelter Services Agreement with Regents of the University of California relating to statewide animal assistance program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Kerman continues to address the growing challenge of free-roaming and feral cat populations, which pose risks to public health, animal welfare, and the local ecosystem. In support of the State of California's policy goal that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat should be euthanized, the City is committed to reducing the number of dogs and cats that are euthanized through progressive, humane strategies. Traditional methods such as euthanasia are being replaced with sustainable alternatives like Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) programs. These initiatives are currently being implemented with support from local volunteers and funding from previous grants. The UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program team of veterinary shelter medicine experts supports this work through a holistic approach to animal shelter assessments—evaluating community capacity, partnerships, local ordinances, and organizational culture, while identifying operational bottlenecks that, if resolved, can rapidly improve efficiency and lifesaving outcomes.

To further these efforts, Kerman Animal Control Services has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the California for All Animals program, administered by the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program. These funds will support spay/neuter services, vaccinations, essential supplies, and equipment, while also expanding community-based solutions to reduce pet surrenders, prevent abandonment, and improve access to veterinary care for both owned and impounded animals. The funding will also help create a fee-waiver program for impounded animals when owners agree to spay or neuter their pets upon reclaim, further enhancing the care provided to animals in custody and contributing to the State's goal of reducing euthanasia of adoptable or treatable pets.

As part of the grant conditions, Kerman Animal Control Services will provide historical data from 2020 to 2024, and annual data through 2026 to UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program in support of the California for All Animals program. The department is already collecting historical data for quarterly reports and will not require additional staffing to fulfill these reporting requirements. This grant reinforces the City's commitment to innovative, humane, and effective animal services while advancing California's broader policy goals in animal welfare.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution w/Exhibit

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN ACCEPTING GRANT
FUNDS FROM UC DAVIS AND THE KORET SHELTER MEDICINE PROGRAM AND
APPROVING THE SHELTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO STATEWIDE ANIMAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman provides Animal Control Services, which include the responsibility of providing care to impounded animals, and assisting with solutions in the field to avoid the surrender or abandonment of animals within the city limits of Kerman; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to face the growing challenge of managing free-roaming and feral cat populations, which pose risks to public health, animal welfare, and the local ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the State of California's policy goal that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat should be euthanized, and is committed to reducing the number of dogs and cats that are euthanized through progressive, humane strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) programs in partnership with community volunteers to address these challenges with non-lethal methods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman is eligible, and was awarded funding from California for All Animals UC Davis Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 to support spay/neuter services, vaccinations, essential supplies, and equipment, while also enabling community-based solutions to reduce pet surrenders, prevent animal abandonment, and improve access to veterinary care for both owned and impounded animals; and

WHEREAS, under the program, the City of Kerman will provide data to the Davis Campus School of Veterinary Medicine on behalf of its Koret Shelter Medicine Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Council authorizes acceptance of the grant and approves the Services Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 'A'** and incorporated by reference.
3. The Council authorizes the City Manager, or his representative, to sign the Services Agreement.
4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Josie Camacho
City Clerk