



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/13/2022

REQUESTER: Kellee Robertson, Manager, Animal Welfare Division

PRESENTER: Kevin Foster, Chief of Police

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-31: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$4,225 FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE DONATIONS ACCOUNT TO BE USED AT THE NORMAN ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.

BACKGROUND:

The Norman Animal Welfare Center often receives general, unsolicited donations for unspecified uses. These donations are accepted and deposited within a dedicated account, where they are maintained until requested and approved for disbursement for use by our facility. This item is being brought forward for that purpose.

DISCUSSION:

A project was brought to the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee and approved on June 13, 2022. Norman Animal Welfare is currently over capacity, and as of August 22, 2022, we have 233 animals in our care. To combat this problem, we have partnered with the Souris Valley Animal Shelter in North Dakota and Dog is My Copilot to transport animals out of the State of Oklahoma. Dog is My Copilot is a 501(c)3 non-profit that works with shelters and rescue groups to transport animals to no-kill shelters throughout the country. These shelters will often have our dogs adopted before they even arrive in their state. Dog is My Copilot has agreed to charter an airplane for transport that is exclusive for animals from Norman Animal Welfare, and Souris Valley Animal Shelter has agreed to receive our animals once they arrive in North Dakota.

Animal Welfare Manager Kellee Robertson has built a manifest of over 50 animals to go on this transport. The only cost that Norman Animal Welfare will incur is the cost of the kennels that the dogs must be placed into prior to the flight. The cost of the kennels totals \$4223.38 and the kennels become the property of the receiving shelter (Souris Valley Animal Shelter). This will be a one-time cost once this partnership is established with Souris Valley and Souris Valley has agreed to multiple transports as needed to assist Norman Animal Welfare in transferring dogs out of state.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that \$4,225 be appropriated from the Other Revenues / Animal Control account (10-22431) into the Animal Welfare account Other Sup-Mat-Animal Sup Misc (10660270-43115).