



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Report and Proposal from Countywide Feline Task Force
(Discussion/Action)**

BACKGROUND:

The City annually pays Glenn County \$55,000 for animal control services, and since 2014 has maintained a program with Burnham Veterinary Clinic to partially offset the cost of feral cat services.

The City in recent months has been considering whether and how to respond to the request for financial support from Hidden Treasures Cat Rescue & Sanctuary in Orland. Hidden Treasures is requesting immediate and ongoing financial support. The City Council deferred action pending the result of a countywide feline ad hoc task force established to coordinate an approach between the County of Glenn, Willows and Orland. Vice Mayor Roundy and Councilmember Tolley represent Orland on that committee.

ANALYSIS:

Based on their most recent meeting Monday, October 30, the Feline ad hoc Committee recommends:

1. City of Orland and Glenn County would each contribute \$25,000 to a voucher program (total \$50,000 annually) to help offset costs of reducing the cat population.
2. Residents could take any cat or kitten to any veterinarian in Glenn County and pay directly for spay, neuter or euthanasia services.
 - Residents could then take their receipt to Glenn County Animal Control where they would be eligible for rebate/reimbursement of up to \$100.00 of services provided and paid.
 - There would be a limit to reimbursement of up to four (4) cats or kittens per household.
3. Disposition of cats and kittens, including return of the felines to the place where they were captured, would be at the discretion of the resident presenting the animal for veterinary services.
4. The committee would reconvene annually to review progress in reducing the cat population, and would consider adding dogs to the voucher program in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Staff and/or Feline ad hoc committee members.

Council should decide, if funding is to be provided, which fund would be used (General? ARPA?).

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

Up to \$25,000; \$12,500 this fiscal year (Jan-June 2024).