



Spay and Neuter Program

Agenda Item: 32 – Shane Palsgrove, Police Captain presenting

Purpose of this Report

Inform the Council of the Santa Clara County's Spay and Neuter Program and receive direction for participation for Fiscal Year 16/17 budget development

Council On-going and Annual Priorities:

- **Enhancing Public Safety**
- **Protecting the Environment**
- **Maintaining fiscal responsibility**

Questions Answered in this Report

- Program Guidelines and Background
- Participation of Other Cities
- Fiscal and Resource Impact

Program Guidelines and Background

- The County of Santa Clara Spay/Neuter Program has been in effect for approx. 15 years
- The program subsidizes the costs of spaying/neutering of cats and dogs
- The county allocates \$111,000 a year to subsidize the spay /neuter of cats and dogs in Santa Clara County

Program Guidelines and Background

Benefits to our residents when participating in the county program

- Lower co-pay to spay/neuter feral cats

Program Guidelines and Background

- Non-participating Cities:
 - County pays \$30 per cat
 - “Resident/Guardian” pays \$25 co-pay
- Participating Cities:
 - City pays \$45 per cat
 - “Resident/Guardian” pays \$10 co-pay

Program Guidelines and Background

- The Program exhausts all the of the funds from the contributing city toward the spay/neutering costs prior to using County funds.
- City contributed \$9,495 for the 211 feral cats in FY 14/15
- County realizes a savings of \$6,330 as they no longer contribute until the City's funds are exhausted

Program Guidelines and Background

- The non-profit organizations would also realize a benefit if the City were to participate in the Program with the reduction of operational costs.
- Based on FY 14/15 (211 cats)--\$3,165

Program Guidelines and Background

- An alternative that is free to Morgan Hill residents is the San Martin Animal Shelter which provides a free spay/neutering service as time permits
- FY 14/15, 130 cats

Participation of other Cities

- Gilroy, pop. 52,000, allocates \$20,000.
- Mountain View, pop. 75,000, allocates \$2,000
- Sunnyvale, pop. 150,000, allocates \$4,000

Fiscal and Resource Impact

1. Continues to not participate in the Program.
2. Provide specified funds to be implemented this fiscal year (a budget amendment would be required).
3. Participate without any restrictions either this fiscal year or FY 16/17 (a budget amendment would be required if implemented this fiscal year).

Questions?