



## Agenda Item

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**File #:** 21-1056

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**Requested Agenda Date:**

9/14/2021

**Requested Agenda Title:**

Approval of Animal Services Department Supporting Pets Affected by Hurricane Ida through Mutual Aid

**Requested Agenda Item Description:** Salt Lake County Animal Services has been asked by the National Animal Control Association and the New Orleans municipal shelter provider (LASPCA) to potentially help transport pre-hurricane shelter pets, along with post-storm owner-surrendered pets to help facilitate space for lost and stray animals during their recovery process from Hurricane Ida. Animal Services is asking for approval to support this request. Animal Services will coordinate with rescues on this end of transport to find placements for all animals prior to transport. Animal services will coordinate space available and place current shelter animals with rescues as well to facilitate this endeavor. The estimated cost of this will be \$5,000 and can be covered by Animal Services' fund balance and agency-specific reserved funding. Animal Services will also fundraise to help offset any, if not all, expenses. The expenses related to this include vehicle travel expenses, staff travel expenses, staff coordination time, and care of animals during transport. Animals will be sterilized on our end per our regular protocols. Animal Services anticipates being able to transport 50-150 pets (depending on size, species, etc.) that meet adoption and rescue requirements (no bite history, heartworm tested, etc.).

**Requested Action:** Discussion - Vote Needed

**Presenter(s) (with titles):** Talia Butler, Director, Salt Lake County Animal Services

**Time Needed:** 10 MINS

**Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain?** No

**Requesting Staff Member:** Talia Butler, Salt Lake County Animal Services Director

**Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request?** No

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