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	Donor Recognition and Memorial Policy	Approved By:

Purpose The purpose of this policy is to define the scope, standards, responsibilities, and approach for charitable gift donor naming opportunities and memorials. The DuPage County Animal Services department encourages the use of private philanthropy to enhance animal related services and further Animal Services’ mission. Philanthropy is an integral part of the Animal Services department’s success, aiding its animal care, public outreach, and service activities now and in generations to come. In appreciation and recognition of generous gifts, some donors qualify for naming opportunities. Animal Services also encourage donors to perpetuate their association with compassionate animal care through naming opportunities that honor or memorialize themselves, their families, loved ones, friends, or organizations.

Definitions

- DuPage Animal Friends – a 501(c)(3) charitable partner established to solicit donations with the intent of granting it to DuPage County Animal Services or by directly funding requests of the DuPage County Animal Services department.

Policy Philanthropic naming proposals are required to be reviewed by the Veterinarian Administrator, or Deputy Administrator in the event the Administrator is not a licensed veterinarian, and Operations Manager. Once reviewed, proposals will be submitted through the DuPage County Animal Services Committee for final approval. This policy provides that DuPage Animal Friends is:

- Authorized to negotiate terms of a named gift, including exclusivity of a naming opportunity or term of years for such recognition;
- Authorized to set gift levels for specific naming opportunities as they fit within the larger context of a campaign or project;
- Able to develop appropriate recognition levels for structured and planned gifts that reflect the present value of a structured gift or the potential of a planned, estate gift;
- To ensure that ethical and legal fundraising practices are followed;
- To draft the Gift Agreement that must accompany each named gift.

Notwithstanding the above, Animal Services and the Animal Services Committee shall have final word for every Recognition location and whether the terms of the agreement between DuPage Animal Friends and the donor(s) are consistent with the guidelines set forth in this policy.

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DuPage County Animal Services shall consider the following when reviewing naming proposals. Naming proposals should:

- Enhance the reputation of the County,
- Conform with the Animal Services' commitment to serving people and saving animals, while advancing the Animal Services' mission, without endorsing an ideological position or commercial product and/or service.
- Recognize a reasonable and consistent proportion of the cost of the area or program to be named, as well as other considerations that relate to donor recognition.
- Plaques shall not contain the following content: a) obscene or vulgar language or images; b) references to or images of tobacco, alcohol, drug paraphernalia or illicit substances, or the use thereof; c) with a proprietary component; d) which constitutes a criminal act; e) that promotes, advocates or endorses any criminal, terrorist, seditious, supremacist, or segregationist organization or activity; f) that is patently offensive, derogatory, or demeaning of any person or persons on account of their race, religion, gender, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation; g) that promotes, advocates, or endorses any partisan political organization or activity, or which involves electioneering.

Donor naming opportunities should consider the following considerations:

- Proportionate – The naming opportunity must fit well with other areas in terms of giving level and expense to produce the recognition.
- Traffic – The higher the traffic (people using, walking through, or viewing virtually), the higher the dollar amount to recognize as this is greater perceived value by the donor.
- Visibility – This pertains to who is likely to see or use the area and what the value that has for donors.
- Type of Use – the area may have high appeal in terms of how it is used.
- General Appeal – Some areas have naturally high appeal, such as lobbies, building names, space names, and endowments.
- Creativity – Areas may be combined or sub-divided, for instance. Recognition is planned, but opportunities may justify changing aspects of that plan.

Upon approval, Animal Services will administer the implementation of the naming opportunity in collaboration with the donor and the DuPage County Facilities Management. Animal Services shall pay directly for the Recognition and the placement thereof, and Animal Services may take into consideration when reviewing an application if the up-front donated amount is of an amount which will cover the installation cost.

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Stewardship and Maintenance

Animal Services reserves the right to remove any plaque from public display, and to rescind any prior approvals to install a Recognition, in the event the Animal Services Committee determines that the continued display of the subject plaque would not be in the County's best interests or the if the agreed-upon philanthropic contributions are significantly reduced or not received. The Animal Services Committee shall determine what matters are in Animal Services' best interest but will specifically consider whether the plaque's honoree engaged in any unlawful, immoral, or notorious conduct.

The Animal Services Committee may revoke previously approved recognition materials, or direct that a recognition, or portion(s) of a recognition, be removed or relocated, at any time and in the Committee's sole discretion. After the County has incurred expenses ordering goods or performing work the Donor is not eligible for reimbursement or restitution for the revocation of a Recognition. The decisions of the Animal Services Committee regarding this policy are final and not appealable to the County Board.

The duration of a name on any structure ordinarily continues as long as the structure is used in the same manner or for the same purpose for which the naming occurred. Upon demolition, replacement, substantial renovation, or redesignation of purpose, Animal Services may deem that the naming period has concluded. The appropriate Animal Services representative will make all reasonable efforts to inform the donor and his or her representatives in advance when the naming period is deemed to have concluded. Animal Services may, but is not required to, provide for the appropriate recognition of the previous name in or near new and renovated facilities. The donor shall be responsible for keeping their, or their designee's, contact information updated with DuPage Animal Friends and Animal Services Management.

All Recognitions installed under this policy become the property of the County of DuPage. In the event a Recognition is damaged by accidents, Acts of God, vandalism, or other criminal act, the Recognition, or any damaged component thereof, may be removed, replaced, or repaired at Animal Service's discretion. If a plaque can be salvaged, Animal Services will use its best efforts to return it to the donor or donor's designee.

Nothing herein shall prevent the immediate removal of any Recognition deemed by the Animal Services or the County to constitute an immediate threat or danger to the public's health, safety, or welfare without notice to the donor. This policy specifically includes removing a Recognition tree, without notice to the donor, whenever such tree is infested or diseased and there is a risk of such infestation or disease spreading to other trees.

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Animal Services and County staff charged with carrying out this policy may report to the Animal Services committee from time to time on the effectiveness of this policy, the need to amend the policy and to seek direction on policy matters involving:

- Policy updates;
- Resolution of disputes;
- Financial implications; and
- Other matters as deemed appropriate

Applicability

Veterinarian Administrator, Deputy Administrator in the event the Administrator is not a licensed veterinarian, Operations Manager, and, Animal Services Committee Members

Related Documents

- None