



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Glenn E. Howell, Animal Services Director  
Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: Animal Services Rolling Cat Cages

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute on behalf of the Animal Services Department, a purchase order with Tri Star Vet in an amount not to exceed \$139,928.08 to procure specialized stainless steel stackable rolling cat cages.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The purchase is 100% funded by donations to the Animal Services Department. No additional County costs are anticipated.

**BACKGROUND:**

The standards of care for animal housing within the Animal Shelter industry have dramatically increased and have been redefined over the last 10 years. One standard that was changed was the required space necessary for feline housing to prevent stress related diseases. The need for improved housing was also due to the animals' length of stay in a Shelter which has tripled over time. Severe confinement over an extended period of time has been shown to be the main cause of diseases in a shelter environment. The old feline housing at the Animal Services Department was outdated and considered, by current standards, to be inhumane. Presently we have a portion of the feline housing that has been here since the 1960s. It must be changed. In addition, the new, larger cages are mobile and easier to handle making the care of the animals more easily facilitated by Shelter staff.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/03/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS  
RECOMMENDED

☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 3, 2015

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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**CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

The Contra Costa County Animal Services Department will be operating the shelter with below-standard feline cages, causing stress related diseases within the Shelter.

**CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:**

No impact.