

**Meeting Date (?)** 11/10/2015

**Subject Matter\* (?)** Approval of Pet Smart Master Agreement  
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**Department of Origin\*** ANIMAL SERVICES

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**Type of Meeting\***  BCD  Special  Regular

**Classification\***  Public Hearing  Consent  Statutory  Regular

**Ordinance\***  None  First Read  Second Read  First & Only Read

**Strategic Initiative\***  Public Safety  Service  
 Economic Development  Infrastructure  
 Quality of Life

**Agenda Item Description\*** Consider approving a Master Support Agreement between the City of Bryan and PetSmart Charities, Inc. to allow grant opportunities, sponsorships, and participation in adoptions events.

**Summary Statement \***

The Animal Services Department is requesting approval of a Master Support Agreement with PetSmart Charities, Inc. This agreement may allow the City opportunities to expand animal programs, such as the ability to receive grants, sponsorships, and participation in adoption events and other programs.

In 2011, the City of Bryan took over the operations of the Bryan Animal Center from the Brazos Animal Shelter (now known as the Aggieland Humane Society). The following year, the City's two divisions of animal services (Animal Control and Animal Center) were combined into a single unit to create Bryan's Animal Services. Currently, staff is comprised of 3 Animal Control Officers, 4 Kennel Care Techs, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Programs Coordinator, 6 Part-Timers, and 1 Supervisor. These employees are responsible for caring for approximately 3,000 animals a year.

Recently, the Animal Services Department entered into partnerships with Texas A&M's College of Veterinarian Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) and Blinn's Vet Tech Program. Although these programs are newly developed, they have been a success to not only all three entities, but to the animals as well.

This proposed agreement with PetSmart will be another important step for the Animal Services Department as it should aid in cultivating lasting partnerships beneficial to the City. This agreement may provide the City opportunities to participate regularly in store adoption events; the ability to apply for grants such as Adoption, Spay/Neuter, or Emergency Relief Grants; and, PetSmart may provide assistance with adoption events held at Bryan Animal Center. Other possible opportunities include the ability to receive donated supplies from PetSmart and participate in daily in-store cat adoptions at the PetSmart Cat Adoption Center (based on room availability). The City also may have the opportunity to apply for the PetSmart Rescue Waggin program, which unites transportation connections for breed specific rescue groups.

Staff believes there are many advantages to creating this partnership with PetSmart. Approving this proposed Master Agreement should establish a successful partnership, and create opportunities for the City to improve the live animal release. The possibility to receive grants may result in creating new programs and enhancing other programs with minimal negative impact to the City's budget. Enhancement of adoption events, with the help of PetSmart, may increase exposure of the Bryan Animal Center and reach individuals in the community who might not otherwise travel to the Center. Specifically, Bryan Animal Services may have a presence during the on-site cat/kitten adoptions at the PetSmart Cat Adoption Center (in College Station) where they have cat houses/kennels displaying sheltered cats available for adoption. In the end, by having more adoption opportunities, the City may save more lives and make room for other animals seeking temporary housing before finding a forever home.

While City staff is responsible for the successful operations of the Animals Services Department, ultimate success depends on countless volunteers and partnerships throughout the community. Creating this partnership with PetSmart should enable the City to expand and continue growing Bryan's Animal Services. In just four years, the Bryan Animal Center has established itself as a full-service animal facility with successful relationships throughout the community, which results in providing an animal the best opportunity to be reunited with its owner, adopted, fostered, or rescued.

**Staff Analysis & Recommendation \***

The Animal Services Department requests approval of a Master Support Agreement with PetSmart Charities, Inc. This agreement may allow the City many opportunities such as the ability to receive grants, sponsorships, and participation in adoption events and other programs.

Approving this Master Agreement should help establish a successful partnership with PetSmart and create better opportunities for animals at the Bryan Animal Center to find new homes. While City staff is responsible for the successful operations of the Animals Services Department, ultimate success depends on countless volunteers and partnerships throughout the community. Creating this partnership with PetSmart may enable the City to expand and continue growing Bryan's Animal Services. In just four years, the Bryan Animal Center has established itself as a full-service animal facility with successful relationships throughout the community, which results in providing an animal the best opportunity to be reunited with its owner, adopted, fostered, or rescued.

**Options\***

(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Approve the proposed agreement
2. Approve the proposed agreement with modifications, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting and additional negotiations with PetSmart
3. Do not approve the agreement

**Funding Source\***

As proposed, the agreement with PetSmart provides opportunities for the City to pursue PetSmart Charities' grants.

**Attachments**

CITY OF BRYAN (2)master agreement.pdf

934.38KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

**Dept. Head Signature**



*Hugh R. Walker*

**Deputy City Manager  
Signature**



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**City Attorney Signature**



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