



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department**

**Date:** October 7, 2009

**To:** Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety & Regulatory Services Cmt.

**Referral to:** Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.

**Subject:** Authorization for the acceptance of donated pet rescue materials.

**Recommendation:** Approve and authorize the Minneapolis Fire Department to accept a donation of pet oxygen mask kits, valued at \$1,140.00, from Invisible Fence Company of Minnesota to assist with pet rescue and resuscitation.

### **Department Information**

Prepared by: Karen Lowery Wagner Approved by: Alex Jackson, Chief Presenters in Committee:
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### **Financial Impact**

No financial impact

### **Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

### **Supporting Information**

The Minneapolis Fire Department does not make primary responses to pet emergencies but does encounter ill or injured animals in the course of their assigned Fire, Rescue and EMS duties. When this happens, the fire personnel assigned as the Incident Commander (IC) will make the decision whether or not to commit resources to the rescue and/or resuscitation of these animals. All personnel of the MFD have received BART (Basic Animal Rescue Techniques) training to provide effective rescue of pets. The donated equipment will assist with rescue and resuscitation procedures.