




Memorandum



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To: Alex Muñoz, Director, Animal Services Department

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General 

Date: February 7, 2018

Subject: OIG's Review of Animal Services Department's Shelter Operations,
Ref. IG14-39

On June 26, 2017, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued its final report regarding the Animal Services Department's (ASD's) Shelter Operations. In our final report, we requested ASD to provide us with a status report detailing its implementation of the adopted recommendations. We have reviewed the status report dated October 27, 2017, and ASD's subsequent response to a request for additional information dated January 31, 2018.¹

The OIG considers our review of ASD, which resulted in the final report referenced as IG14-39, to be closed. We are pleased that ASD has implemented a majority of the recommendations related to the intake, care and release of animals, recordkeeping, procedures, and security of the facility. The OIG is cognizant that the full value of any of the adopted recommendations will be best measured in time. As such, the OIG may revisit certain issues. In particular, the OIG, at a future date, will review the use and staffing of the Medley facility, and ASD's tracking of the disposition of pets to rescue organizations.

The OIG appreciates the time and effort of ASD's Director and staff members during this review process.

cc: Hon. Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Hon. Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

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