

1 [Helping Hands for Animals program Policy welcoming attorneys to volunteer with the District
2 Attorneys Office to help prosecute animal cruelty cases.]

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4 **Resolution approving the “Helping Hands for Animals” Program which would welcome**
5 **private attorneys to aid in the prosecution against animal cruelty as volunteer**
6 **attorneys under the District Attorneys Office of San Francisco County.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes that animal cruelty is pervasive and
9 unacceptable; and

10 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to prosecute as many animal cruelty violations as
11 possible because cruelty animals is directly related to other crimes; and,

12 WHEREAS, Animal fighting and animal abuse is often linked to other crimes such as
13 gambling and drug trafficking; and,

14 WHEREAS, “Animal welfare misconduct,” animal abuse and animal cruelty is defined
15 by San Francisco Ordinances, and State and Federal laws pertaining to animal abuse, the
16 interest of animal welfare and animal cruelty laws specifically framed for the prevention of
17 inhumane treatment of animals, including, but not limited to, San Francisco Local Ordinance,
18 Art. I-IA, §§ 1A.3, 1A.4, 12, 32, 37, 40.5, 40.6, 41.12, 42.1, California Penal Code Sections
19 596, 596.5, 596.7, 597, 597.1, 597.3, 597a through x, 598, 598 a through d, 599 et al, 600,
20 623, 374d, 384h, 399, 399.5, and 7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.; and,

21 WHEREAS, “SF DA’s Volunteer Program” is the program whereby the San Francisco’s
22 District Attorney’s Office allows private attorneys from firms who receive compensation from
23 their private firms to help prosecute local cases. More information about applying to this
24 program can be found by contacting the SF DA’s office; and

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1 WHEREAS, This policy would allow and encourage other attorneys to help the
2 government enforce the animal cruelty statute and share duties, thus, the proposed Policy is
3 entitled Helping Hands for Animals, so that the private attorneys may alleviate some of the
4 overwhelming duties from the government; and; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 hereby acknowledges that animal abuse and mistreatment is absolutely unacceptable and
7 intolerable in any form; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco approves of the Policy that the San Francisco County's District Attorney's (SF
10 DA's) Office hereby welcomes private attorneys to join in this endeavor to prosecute animal
11 welfare misconduct under the SF DA's Volunteer Program through the SF DA's Office; and,
12 be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That those attorneys participating in this Volunteer Program
14 are encouraged to aid in the animal welfare misconduct cases.

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