

Rumor 8: Mr. Boks has not used available monies from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to promote his Bottle Baby Program.

Fact: There has been no need to spend money from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to fund the Baby Bottle Foster Program. LA Animal Services fully equips its more than 60 foster parents with all the supplies, medicine and support they need to care for the foster babies in their care without having to tap the Animal Welfare Trust Fund. Animal Services is constantly recruiting and training new foster caregivers. This is why our orphaned kitten neonate kill rate for the month of May 07 (328) dropped 59% compared to May 06 (804). This is the lowest number of neonate kittens ever killed in the month of May thanks to our Baby Bottle Foster Program.

LA Animal Services foster caregivers are freely provided for the animals in their care enough formula until the animals are fully weaned, dry food from weaning until adoption, bottles, an instruction manual with weight chart and feeding schedule, medical check ups every three weeks and medical treatment as needed, age appropriate vaccination and de-worming, fecal exams as needed, and access to foster care support staff.

The monies in the thirty-two accounts that comprise the Animal Welfare Trust Fund are restricted by the donors for specific purposes and are encumbered for those specific programs. There is \$5,000 in a Neonate Care account in the Animal Welfare Trust Fund but to date we have been able to manage the program without drawing from this account. It is good to know we have these funds in reserve and we will use them as necessary to support the health and welfare of neonates.