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Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. is the only pet food manufacturer offering 57% rebate incentives for dry food purchases. Current rebate level for the Town is \$0.28 per lb. and is expected to reach \$0.15 per lb. level during the next fiscal year. Nutro Products, Inc. offers a similar in-shelter feeding program at \$0.35 per pound with no rebate incentives and canned food is not available. Staff is satisfied that Hill's offers the most nutritional food source at a significant cost savings.

While it is anticipated that the numbers of animals housed at the Shelter will increase for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010, staff believes that the additional savings through rebates will keep the expenditures for food at current budget levels. Estimated 2008/2009 year-end expenditures for feeding the animals in our care is \$11,500. Budget requests for 2009/2010 will be at the same level.