

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Animal Control Division**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: June 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Umbrella Contract for Emergency Veterinary Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an umbrella contract with various veterinary providers (attachment A) for emergency veterinary services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for fiscal year 2006-2007, and authorize Health and Human Services to amend the list of providers as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

Emergency veterinary services are sometimes necessary when injured animals are picked up in the community. The animal is taken to the nearest veterinarian who is willing to perform services for the County. These services are performed at the usual and customary fees for each veterinary practice. As these services may be provided by any willing veterinary office, the providers may include any Placer County veterinarian.

The veterinarians willing to perform these services for the County change as the veterinarians change within the community. Some will perform emergency services, but not spay and neuter services, or vice versa. In order to maximize the number of facilities providing services to these animals, an umbrella contract is being recommended. The umbrella contract will allow multiple providers to be tied to one aggregate total contract amount controlled through the Performance Accounting System. This offers the County the flexibility to use the most appropriate provider available at the time that services are needed, within the funding limits authorized by the Board. It is also requested that HHS be authorized to update the provider list throughout the year as additional providers are identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These services are included in the proposed Animal Control budget for FY2006-07. Emergency veterinary services are not generally fee reimbursed and primarily require County General Funds.

Attachment A

Animal Services
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Veterinarians providing emergency services:

Animal Spay & Neuter

Bowman Veterinary Hospital

Cirby Sunrise Vet Clinic

Colfax Veterinary Hospital

Companion Veterinary Clinic

Critter Creek Veterinary Hospital

Edgewood Veterinary Clinic

North Fork Veterinary Hospital

Sierra Pet Clinic

Stanford Ranch village Animal Medical Center

Sunset Whitney Vet Hospital