

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: August 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Amendment to Umbrella Contract for Emergency Veterinary Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Amend Umbrella Contract CH000013 with various veterinary providers for emergency veterinary services, increasing funding by \$2,500, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$27,500 for fiscal year 2008-09.

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 in place for each veterinary practice. As these services may be provided by any willing veterinary office, the providers may include any Placer County veterinarian. The original contract amount is nearly exhausted due to three unusually high cost cases that occurred unexpectedly near the end of the contract period, as described below:

- An adoptable dog with two broken rear legs requiring surgical correction.
- A horse neglect/abuse case involving four horses, two of which had to be euthanized by a large animal veterinarian.
- A case involving 12 Chihuahuas and a German Shepherd impounded in a dog shooting case. These animals were treated by emergency veterinarians for mange and housed at the Auburn Shelter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Animal Services Division will close FY2008-09 with sufficient salary savings to offset these additional expenses. No additional County General Funds are needed to increase the Umbrella Contract to the requested level.

