

At Next Tuesday's Meeting, Board of Supervisors to Consider Contracting with Town of Truckee for use to its Animal Shelter

Placer County Animal Services provides legally mandated services to the entire county. In unincorporated eastern Placer County, which includes all areas from Emigrant Gap to the Nevada state line, services are run out of the Tahoe Vista shelter. For much of eastern Placer County, the aging Tahoe Vista shelter is out of the way and inconvenient. Next Tuesday at its Tahoe City meeting in Granlibakken, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will consider contracting with the Town of Truckee to use its modern Animal Shelter for the eastern side of Placer County. The proposal to shift the services to Truckee comes after the county's analysis showed that the move would not only save the county a significant amount of money, but more importantly, improve the level of service and care provided to the animals.

Facts about Placer County's Tahoe Vista Animal Services Facility

- 42 years old, 1,500-square foot, cinderblock building;
- Average stay: 4 months for dogs, 8 months for cats;
- Location in Tahoe Vista is out of the way and inconvenient to much of Eastern Placer County;
- Kennel structure is approaching the end of its operations life;
- Porous flooring difficult to clean, traps odors, and increases disease transmission;



The porous floors in the Tahoe Vista Shelter are difficult to clean, trap odors and increases disease transmission.

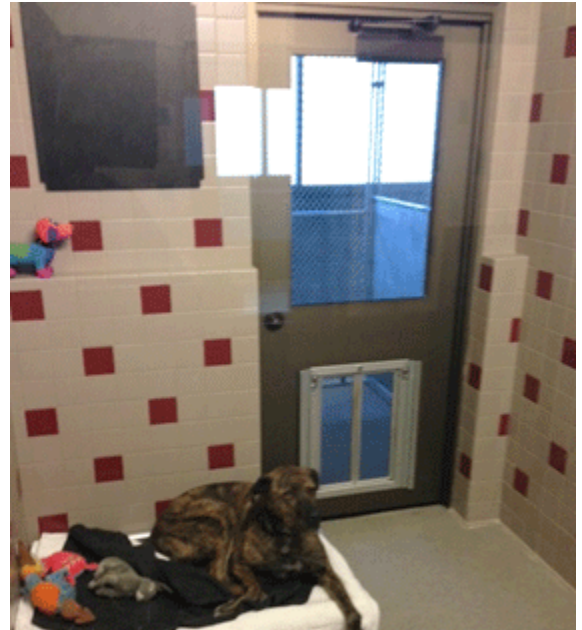


Kennels in the Tahoe Vista Animal Shelter are small and old.

- Maximum capacity of 12 dogs and 10 cats;
- Inadequate space for a socializing room where those wanting to adopt can interact with animals;
- Outside play area has limited use: unusable in the snow, unshaded in summer;
- Handles less than 100 animals per year;
- Limited office and storage space for staff; inadequate restroom facilities;
- No direct sunlight inside shelter;
- Replacement shelter cost is \$5.6 million; and
- Per animal cost is \$340.

Facts about the Town of Truckee Animal Shelter

- Built in 2013;
- Average stay is 17 days for dogs, 38 days for cats;
- Adoption rates have increased by 150 percent since new shelter was built;
- State-of-the-art, 10,000 sq. ft. facility with surgery suite;
- Capacity to house animals for all of Eastern Placer County for more than the next 30 years;
- Design allows plenty of natural light;
- Community room allows for outreach and training classes;
- Covered outside animal play area;
- Personnel for adoption services available at all times;
- Annually shelters more than 600 animals;
- Dogs not housed in view of each other;
- Each Kennel has dog run access;
- Annual Placer County savings is \$100,000;
- 30-year agreement savings is \$2,250,000;
- Lost/found animals can be seen online; and
- Per animal cost is \$250.



In the Town of Truckee Shelter, dogs cannot see other dogs.

If the Board approves the contract, the Tahoe Vista facility would no longer house animals but service for Placer County



The Town of Truckee Shelter includes a covered animal play area.

Animal Control Officers would remain at current levels. Response times would remain the same and officers will operate in the same patrol areas. A “Free Ride Home” Program for microchip and licensed Placer County animals who have been lost or found will be offered to Tahoe Basin residents. Placer County will use the same software system allowing seamless collaboration with the Town of Truckee data. A kiosk will be provided for licensing at the shelter and the officers will have the

ability to issue licenses in the field.

Tuesday’s meeting at the Granlibakken Conference Center and Lodge, 725 Granlibakken Rd., Tahoe City, will begin at 9 a.m. The meeting agenda is available online by clicking this link: [Agenda](#).