



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** July 12, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Agreement with Animal Spay and Neuter, A Nonprofit Clinic

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an agreement with Animal Spay and Neuter, a Nonprofit Clinic for animal sterilization services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$500 consistent with the contract's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

To comply with California law, reduce pet overpopulation and to increase successful pet adoptions, Placer County Animal Services (PCAS) performs spay/neuter services for dogs, cats, and bunnies prior to their release to an adoptive family. Additionally, PCAS offers spay/neuter services to owners redeeming lost pets or residents managing feral cats/kittens to decrease unwanted behaviors and reduce the number of unwanted/unplanned litters in the community. Most of the spay/neuter procedures, approximately 1,500 per year, are performed by a contract Veterinarian working at the Animal Care Facility in Auburn, however during certain times of the year, the number of animals needing these services, may exceed the capacity and resources available at the shelter, causing a delay in spay/neuter and increasing the length of time a pet may stay at the shelter. This can result in crowding at the shelter, decreasing kennel space for incoming animals and increasing stress and the potential for outbreaks of illness for shelter animals.

To maximize spay/neuter services during these seasonal increases and create a contingency plan should the contract Veterinarian be unavailable, PCAS would like to work with the Animal Spay and Neuter clinic in Auburn to provide supplemental spay/neuter services when requested. Animal Spay and Neuter, A Nonprofit Clinic (Animal Spay & Neuter) in Auburn has been in operation since 1993. They are currently the only low-cost, high-volume spay and neuter clinic in operation in Placer County. Their mission is to provide excellent and affordable dog and cat spay and neuter surgeries to the public, rescue groups, and shelters with a goal of decreasing domestic animal overpopulation in Placer County. PCAS has a strong working relationship with the staff at the Animal Spay and Neuter clinic in Auburn and is hopeful that,

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through this increased partnership, pets can continue to be quickly and reliably returned to their owners or adopted families.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs for spay and neuter services are covered primarily by existing animal adoption fees. Remaining incidental cost will be absorbed in the existing budget. No additional County General Fund contribution is required.

ATTACHMENTS

None

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.