

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
James T. Gandley, D.D.S., M.P.H., Assistant Director

DATE: January 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Approve contract for Veterinary Services with Roberta Lynn Peterson, D.V.M.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract for on-site veterinary services with Roberta Lynn Peterson, D.V.M. from January 24, 2007 through December 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

Animal Services has contracted with various veterinarians to provide services at the Auburn shelter since 2003. Services required for the treatment of stray or unwanted animals may include follow-up treatment on animals returning from local veterinary hospitals, emergency treatment for strays brought directly to the shelter by Animal Control Officers when our contract veterinarian is at the shelter, treatment of animals that become sick or suffer injuries while in our custody, treatment of animals we discover have minor medical problems while we are processing them into the shelter, and preventive medication to prevent a variety of illnesses that prevail in animal shelters. Services hours may vary from eight to twenty hours per week based on shelter requirements.

Dr. Peterson has experience treating animals in a shelter environment, and is currently contracted to provide similar services for both Sacramento City and Sacramento County shelters, as well as local non-profit animal organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These services are funded with County General Funds, and are partially offset through city and user fees. The portion of the cost pertaining to the FY06/07 budget period is included in the current budget.

The following Agreement for:

**Contract for Services
Roberta Lynn Peterson, DVM**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

January 23, 2007