

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: June 12, 2007

SUBJECT: Umbrella Contract for Emergency Veterinary Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a maximum payment authorization ("umbrella contract") with various veterinary providers as shown in Attachment A for emergency veterinary services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008, and authorize Health and Human Services to amend the list of providers as necessary. These mandated services are primarily funded with County General Funds.

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. Prompt veterinary treatment is mandated in California Civil Code Section 1846(b).

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 Health and Human Services 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 FY2007-08. Emergency veterinary services are not generally fee reimbursed and primarily require County General Funds.

Attachment A

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Veterinarians providing emergency services effective July 1, 2007:

Animal Medical Center

Animal Spay & Neuter

Bowman Veterinary Hospital

Colfax Veterinary Hospital

Companion Veterinary Clinic

Critter Creek Veterinary Hospital

Edgewood Veterinary Clinic

Loomis Basin Large Animal Veterinary Clinic

Loomis Basin Small Animal Veterinary Clinic

Sierra Pet Clinic

Sunset Whitney Vet Hospital