

Department: Community Services
Program Offer Type: Operating
Related Programs: 90005, 90007, 90008, 90009
Program Characteristics:

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Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Program Description

Field Services is dedicated to delivering professional animal control services with a focus on engagement with the community in order to achieve public safety and successful pet ownership. In order to shift from an historical punitive approach to a community focused approach the center of the work of field services must be rooted in equity. The comprehensive services provided by field services encompass responding to various incidents including, but not limited to, animal attacks, animals in need, facilities inspections and ensuring compliance with public health requirements for rabies through the quarantine of animals. Additionally, field officers act as first responders in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, addressing situations such as house fires, emergency hospitalization, incarceration, vehicle accidents and evictions, that impact both pets and people in the community.

Field Services officers play a vital role in responding to and investigating cases of suspected animal abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Officers ensure that humane standards of care are maintained in all licensed animal facilities, including boarding facilities, breeding kennels and retail stores. Field Services also addresses animal nuisance complaints and actively engages in community education, providing resources and information related to successful pet ownership and compliance with city, county, and state laws.

Officers are dedicated to assisting community members and disadvantaged pet owners in retaining and caring for their animals. This includes direct support for residents, where possible, who are experiencing low income or homelessness, as well as historically underserved marginalized communities. Services provided often involve responding to pet crises within camps for people experiencing homelessness, facilitating both emergency and non-emergency veterinary care when able, offering education and resources for stray dog issues and providing boarding during unanticipated emergency crises. Officers carry pet food and other supplies to meet the immediate needs of the community, emphasizing a compassionate and inclusive approach to animal welfare. They consider equity and possible community bias in filed complaints and respond with the goal of helping community members and disadvantaged pet owners retain and care for their animals.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of Calls Responded to by Officer	7,728	8,500	7,908	8,092
Output	Number of pounds of pet food provided to residents of Multnomah County	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,000
Output	Injured Wildlife Pickup	169	N/A	132	103

Performance Measures Descriptions

MCAS receives approximately 8,000 requests for its Field Services Officers to address each year. The majority of requests and complaints can be resolved with education, warnings, and follow-up. MCAS has added a new performance measure for FY 26 to reflect the humane engagement and resource work that is at the center of the Field Services charge. MCAS Field Officers pick up injured wildlife in public spaces, and work with Bird Alliance of Oregon, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and veterinarians to provide rescue, rehabilitation, and humane euthanasia when necessary.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 609.010 to 609.190 pertains to state Animal Control mandates, which include dangerous dogs regulations, prohibits dogs running at large and dogs as public nuisance, and requirements for impoundment of dogs harming livestock. ORS 609.205 pertains to prohibitions against keeping wild or exotic animals. ORS 433.340 - 433.390 pertains to Rabies Control which includes requirements to report animal bites, impoundment, quarantine and disposition requirements. Multnomah County Code 13.150-13.999 pertains to county Animal Control mandates.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$2,173,589	\$0	\$2,251,357	\$0
Contractual Services	\$370,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$76,566	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$271,117	\$0	\$383,198	\$0
Cash Transfers	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,891,272	\$10,000	\$2,804,555	\$10,000
Program Total:	\$2,901,272		\$2,814,555	
Program FTE	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Financing Sources	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$10,000: Others/Misc comes from animal citation, Fines and Forfeitures estimated to generate during FY26. This revenue is collected at Animal Control Fund 01508. Then, the revenue will be transferred to General fund under Financing Sources (offset by the Cash Transfers in Expenses under Animal Control Fund).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 90006A Animal Services Field Services

With the additional Animal Control Officer positions, we have full coverage in 4/5 districts . We have bi-weekly consultations with the Oregon Humane Society Humane Law Enforcement team, which provides better coordination for investigations across the County. An additional significant change for FY 2026 will be the end of an After Hours emergency response program. This is due to a constraint budget and includes the termination of contracts for an after hours call center, a contract for in person response to sick or injured strays after hours, and a reduction of our contract with Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital, so that we will no longer authorize payment for after hours emergency medical services for pets brought to Dove Lewis by good Samaritans or local law enforcement.