



Program #90008 - Animal Services Animal Health FY 2024 Proposed

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Erin Grahek
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 90007
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Multnomah County Animal Services (MCAS) Animal Health program provides veterinary care 365 days a year for lost, stray, injured, sick, abandoned, abused and neglected animals found in Multnomah County. The program provides comprehensive veterinary care and contracts services with veterinary emergency hospitals in the community. In addition to standard veterinary care, the Animal Health program performs surgical procedures including spay and neuter, dental, amputations, and a variety of other procedures. The primary goal for Animal Health is improving medical and behavioral outcomes for animals, and providing palliative care to improve the quality of life for sick and injured animals.

Program Description

The Animal Health (AH) program supports Animal Care in providing a clean, comfortable, safe and healthy environment to house and care for all animals that enter the shelter by providing medical protocols and guidelines that protect animals in the shelter from infectious disease outbreaks. Animal Health also provides direct veterinary care including treatments for injuries and illnesses, preventative treatments including vaccinations, and emergency medical care for animals in distress. Animal Health provides surgical care when necessary, including performing spay and neuter surgeries for animals prior to placement into new homes, amputations, wound repair, dentals, and other procedures as needed. Animal Health facilitates enhanced care for animals in need of specialty procedures such as neurological or orthopedic care. This type of specialized care is funded by private donations via Dolly’s Fund, which was established to provide medical care for animals that otherwise would not receive the treatment they need.

In addition to surgical procedures for shelter animals, Animal Health provides spay and neuter services to low-income community members through a subsidized program called Spay & Save, which is coordinated in partnership with the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP), of which MCAS is a founding member. This program provides equitable services to underserved community members who are unable to access this vital type of veterinary care through other means. The success of this program is systemically correlated with a manageable shelter population, reduced euthanasia, and reduced pet overpopulation in the community over time.

Animal Health provides post-placement support for recent adopters, as well as longer-term support for shelter animals in need, through more than 200 volunteer foster homes that work to rehabilitate or socialize homeless animals in preparation for placement into new homes. Animal Health coordinates with Field Services and contracts with veterinary hospitals to provide emergency care for animals in the community in need of immediate intervention.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Veterinary Consultations and Treatments Provided	14,076	7,500	14,826	14,000
Outcome	Surgeries provided to improve medical and behavior conditions for shelter animals	1,182	1,500	1,400	1,500
Outcome	Low-cost spay/neuter surgeries provided to the public	N/A	300	1,500	1,500

Performance Measures Descriptions

Shelter medicine is an integral part of effective animal shelter management. Animal Health has primary responsibility for this element. Key focus of Animal Health is the health and wellbeing of the pets in the care of animal services and the goal to help manage the overall community pet population through low cost spay neuter surgeries, in partnership with the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland (ASAP).

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statute 433.340 - 433.390 pertains to Rabies Control which includes: requirements to report animal bites, impoundment, quarantine and disposition requirements, inoculations against rabies requirements, and records requirements.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$1,023,038	\$0	\$1,085,743	\$0
Contractual Services	\$91,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$147,460	\$0	\$56,532	\$0
Cash Transfers	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$5,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,261,498	\$7,500	\$1,142,275	\$5,000
Program Total:	\$1,268,998		\$1,147,275	
Program FTE	8.00	0.00	8.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Financing Sources	\$7,500	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Service Charges	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$5,000
Total Revenue	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$5,000

Explanation of Revenues

In the General Fund, the revenue represents the cash transfer from the Animal Services Fund to the General Fund. Service Charges (\$5,000) primarily includes revenue from co-pays for spay and neuter procedures performed for community members and their pets. These revenues have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 as surgery was initially fully suspended to conserve PPE at the beginning of the pandemic, and has slowly been resumed with a focus primarily on shelter animals.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 90008 Animal Services Animal Health

MCAS is partnering with the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program. A primary goal of the partnership is to ensure excellence in the quality of care we provide for animals in our shelter, including prioritizing behavioral and medical needs and providing focused, individualized care for high-needs animals. This will result in healthier outcomes for animals by redirecting resources for animals most in need and eliminating unnecessary routines. MCAS is also expanding services contracted with emergency veterinary hospitals to equitably serve community members and their animals.