

Department: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs: 90007

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

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

Animal Health is dedicated to the wellbeing and medical support for all animals that enter MCAS' care and custody. Beyond delivering essential vaccinations tailored to each species and age, crucial in mitigating infectious disease outbreaks, the Animal Health program extends direct veterinary care to animals in need. This encompasses treatments for injuries and illnesses, microchipping services and emergency medical care for animals facing distressing situations.

The Animal Health program provides surgical care when necessary, including performing spay and neuter surgeries for animals prior to placement into new homes. Animal Health also performs, on a regular basis amputations, wound repair, dentals, and other procedures. Animal Health facilitates enhanced care for animals in need of specialty procedures, such as orthopedic care or further intensive diagnostics. 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.

In addition to providing care and consultation on current MCAS pets, Animal Health collaborates with external organizations, including the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), to uphold state and local laws. This vital partnership ensures the safety and well-being of both pets and people within the broader community. The Animal Health program is not just about care; it's about fostering a culture of equity, compassion, and well-being for every animal under our care.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Veterinary Consultations and Treatments Provided	13,008	14,000	11,440	12,500
Outcome	Surgeries provided to improve medical and behavioral conditions for shelter animals	957	1,500	752	800
Output	(FY23 & FY24) Low-cost spay/neuter surgeries provided to the public	1,021	1,500	2,824	350
Outcome	Percentage of vouchers redeemed	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%

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).* MCAS contributes to the spay/save program by purchasing surgery via OHS.

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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$1,177,908	\$0	\$1,170,309	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$160,000	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$78,367	\$0	\$83,731	\$0
Cash Transfers	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,256,275	\$5,000	\$1,414,040	\$0
Program Total:	\$1,261,275		\$1,414,040	
Program FTE	9.00	0.00	8.00	0.00

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

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 include 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 2024: 90008 Animal Services Animal Health

One additional dispatcher was added in FY 2024 was moved to Program Offer 90006A (Animal Field) to better serve the mission.

In FY 2025, what was previously accounted for in "other funds", is now a separate program offer for donation funds (PO 90004).