

Department: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs: 90007

Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The Animal Health program is dedicated to the wellbeing and medical support of all animals that enter MCAS' care and custody. The Animal Health program is crucial in assessing the medical needs of each pet while delivering essential vaccinations, treatments and medications. The Animal Health program screens pets for potentially infectious diseases to mitigate disease spread and outbreaks in the shelter population. The program is not only vital to the medical care of the pets but also the behavioral health of pets who may be experiencing fear, anxiety or stress while in the care of MCAS.

The Animal Health program extends direct veterinary care to animals under the care and supervision of MCAS including a wide network of pets in foster care. The care the Animal Health team provides encompasses a wide range of services, from routine check-ups and vaccinations to managing complex medical conditions.

The Animal Health program provides spay and neuter surgeries for cats, dogs and rabbits that come into the care of MCAS. Surgery is performed onsite for high risk pets, pets who have been accepted into a rescue placement and/or those who require additional surgical procedures (such as hernia repairs, wound treatment, etc). The Animal Health program works closely with Portland Community College's Vet Tech program to provide spay and neuter surgery as part of the student education curriculum and to most effectively manage our resources. In addition, MCAS utilizes a spay and neuter coupon program program to help offset the post-adoption cost of spay and neuter surgery for newly adopted pets. Animal Health also facilitates enhanced care for animals in need of specialized procedures, such as orthopedic care or dentistry by coordinating with partnering organizations to ensure the medical needs of the pet are met. The Animal Health program also provides post-placement medical support for recent adopters, as well as long term support for shelter animals in 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 focuses on quality of life for all pets in our care whether they are stray, owned or part of a legal case. The Animal Health program supports a culture of equity, compassion, and well-being by providing medical resources and pet care education to community members and owners who are adopting or reclaiming a pet from MCAS.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Veterinary Consultations and Treatments Provided	11,125	12,500	13,000	15,086
Output	Number of Surgeries provided on site or pre-adoption at partner clinic	844	800	1,300	1,500
Output	Spay/Neuter surgery points used	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,800

Performance Measures Descriptions

Animal Health is performing approximately 1.8 exams per shelter animal intake each year. Exam estimates are based on projected intake for Fy 2025 and Fy 2026.

In FY 2025 MCAS leadership applied a points system to determine surgical capacity for in house spay/neuter surgery. This calculation is based on surgical days per year MCAS can schedule with current staffing. Current surgical points per day

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.

MCC Section 13.004 encourages spay & neuter, and requires the practice as a condition for adoption.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$1,170,309	\$0	\$1,163,833	\$0
Contractual Services	\$160,000	\$0	\$126,013	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$83,731	\$0	\$94,756	\$0
Cash Transfers	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,414,040	\$5,000	\$1,384,602	\$5,000
Program Total:	\$1,419,040		\$1,389,602	
Program FTE	8.00	0.00	8.00	0.00

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

Explanation of Revenues

MCAS is primarily funded by the General Fund, with the exception of special projects or pilots that are funded with Donation Funds (see separate program offer about donation fund). In addition, MCAS collects fees for the licensing of pets and those fees go back into the General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 90008A Animal Services Animal Health

MCAS is initiating a significant renovation to the hospital intended to benefit staff and animals, the project will be completed in spring of 2024 and will include upgrades to hospital and surgery areas.

MCAS collaborates with a number of animal health partners to enhance our operational reach and expand surgical capacity. Partners offer internships and pre-adopt spay and neuter support. Due to significantly rising intake numbers of unaltered animals, contracted support for spay and neuter surgery is needed.

Spay & Neuter is essential to manage the growth of dog and cat populations in our community, which impacts shelter intake numbers. Despite the significant cost barriers we face to spay and neuter all animals prior to adoption, investing in these programs today will help forestall a potentially greater animal overpopulation crisis in coming years.