

Department: Community Services **Program Contact:** Mike Oswald
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs: 91005, 91006, 91007
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

This Program Offer would fund essential seven-day-a-week veterinary services for shelter animals and establish a sustainable veterinary services "safety net" for homeless and low income eligible pet owners. Our current staffing level enables us to provide full veterinary services four days a week. On the other three days of the week, we employ relief veterinarians to provide essential health care and spay/neuter surgeries. This Program Offer would fund a veterinary team consisting of one veterinarian and one certified veterinary technician.

Program Summary

The Animal Services division's veterinary team provides essential health care, 365 days a year, for the entire shelter population; performs spay/neuter surgeries for shelter animals, and serves low income pet owners with subsidized spay/neuter surgeries and additional medical procedures. In FY2013 the division cared for 7,745 shelter animals in our small – yet mighty - American Animal Hospital Association accredited, full-service veterinary medical hospital at the shelter. The veterinary program is staffed with one full-time veterinarian and three full-time certified veterinary technicians.

Each year the division's veterinary medical program performs approximately 2,300 spay/neuter surgeries at the shelter. Nearly 30% of the surgeries were for pets owned by low income pet owners. Our current, regular staffing levels enable us to provide full veterinary services four days a week. On the other three days of the week, we employ relief veterinarians to provide essential health care and spay/neuter surgeries. Our regular staff performed 1,314 surgeries and the relief veterinary team performed 986. The relief veterinary team is funded with private donations. However, private donations are not a sustainable funding method due to the unpredictability of donations.

Current medical staffing levels can cause delays in scheduling surgery. This can extend the stay of animals at the shelter. Delays mean that adopted animals must stay at the shelter waiting for surgery, occupying kennel space for other animals in need. Certified Vet Tech staff regularly run into overtime to complete exams and treatments.

This program would fund one additional full-time licensed veterinarian and one additional full-time certified veterinary technician. The addition of a full-time veterinarian and certified vet tech would enable the division to:

1. Provide sustainable, high standards of health care for all shelter animals seven-day-a-week.
2. Reduce waiting times for spay/neuter surgeries – which results in adopted animals going home to their owners without delay.
3. Sustain the number of days medical services are available to low income pet owners, such as low-cost spay/neuter and safety net veterinary services.
4. Reduce overtime for Certified Vet Techs

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY13 Actual	FY14 Purchased	FY14 Estimate	FY15 Offer
Output	Co-pay Revenue collected	na	na	na	\$5,000
Outcome	Low Income Pet Owners Served	na	na	na	1,000

Performance Measures Descriptions

Low Income Pet Owners Served is a measure of the number of spay/neuter surgeries performed for pets owned by low income pet owners. Co-pay revenue is a measure of the funds collected from pet owners for spay/neuter services.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

ORS 609.010 to 609.190 pertains to Animal Control mandates. Includes: Dogs running at large prohibited; Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dogs regulations; Dogs as Public Nuisance prohibited; Impoundment and shelter requirements for violations; Dog License requirements; Impoundment of Dogs harming livestock requirements. ORS 609.205 pertains to prohibitions against keeping wild or exotic animals. ORS 433.340 to 433.390 pertains to Rabies Control - includes: requirement to report animal bites; impoundment, quarantine and disposition requirements; inoculations against rabies requirements; records requirements; and requirement for all fees to go to the County dog control fund.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2014	2014	2015	2015
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$196,162	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$196,162	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$196,162	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a new Program