

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Animal Services Division**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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James T. Gandley, D.D.S., M.P.H., Assistant Director of HHS

DATE: June 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Umbrella Contracts for Emergency Veterinary and Spay/Neuter Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Take the following actions related to spay and neuter and emergency veterinary services to Placer County's animals:

- a. Approve a maximum payment authorization ("umbrella contract") with seven veterinary providers for spay and neuter services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10, and authorize Health and Human Services (HHS) to amend the list of providers as necessary. These services are fully funded through animal adoption fees.
- b. Approve a maximum payment authorization ("umbrella contract") with various veterinary providers as shown in Attachment A for emergency veterinary services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, and authorize HHS to amend the list of providers as necessary. These mandated services are primarily funded with County General Funds.

BACKGROUND:

Animal Control embarked on a program in 2000 where adopted animals would be spayed or neutered prior to release to the adoptive family. In order to facilitate this process, agreements were signed with various veterinarians willing to accept shelter animals into their practices and to provide this service to the County at a reduced fee. These services will result in approximately 530 adopted dog and cats spayed or neutered each year. The seven current contractors include Animal Medical Center, Animal Spay & Neuter, Bowman Veterinary Hospital, Colfax Veterinary Hospital, Sierra Pet Clinic, Stanford Ranch Village Animal Medical Center, and Sunset Whitney Vet Hospital.

Emergency veterinary services are also necessary when injured animals are picked up in the community. The animal is taken to the nearest veterinarian who is willing to perform services for the County. These services are performed at the usual and customary fees for each veterinary practice. As these services may be provided by any willing veterinary office, the providers may include any Placer County veterinarian. An estimated 325 injured and homeless animals will be treated during the term of this payment authorization. The current list of 16 providers is shown in Attachment A.

The veterinarians willing to perform these services for the County change as the veterinarians change within the community. Some will perform emergency services, but not spay and neuter services, or vice versa. In order to maximize the number of facilities providing services to these animals, umbrella contracts are being recommended. These umbrella contracts will allow multiple providers to be tied to one aggregate total contract amount controlled through the Performance Accounting System. This offers the County the flexibility to use the most appropriate provider available at the time that services are needed, within the funding limits authorized by the Board. It is also requested that HHS be authorized to update the provider list throughout the year as additional providers are identified. Animal Services has worked closely with the veterinarian community over the past year to increase the number of spay and neuter and emergency services providers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These services are budgeted in the Animal Control proposed budget for FY2008-09. Costs for spay and neuter services are covered by animal adoption fees and require no County General Fund contribution. Emergency veterinarian services are not generally fee reimbursed and, thus, require \$25,000 in County General Funds.

Attachment A

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Veterinarians providing emergency services effective July 1, 2008:

Agate Bay Animal Hospital, Kings Beach

Animal Emergency Center, Reno

Animal Medical Center, Auburn

Animal Spay & Neuter, Auburn

Atlantic Street Veterinary Hospital, Roseville

Bowman Veterinary Hospital, Auburn

Colfax Veterinary Hospital, Colfax

Companion Veterinary Clinic, Auburn

Critter Creek Veterinary Hospital, Lincoln

Edgewood Veterinary Clinic, Auburn

Loomis Basin Large Animal Veterinary Clinic, Loomis

Loomis Basin Small Animal Veterinary Clinic, Loomis

Meadow Vista Veterinary Clinic, Meadow Vista

North Fork Veterinary Clinic, Auburn

Sierra Pet Clinic, Truckee

Sunset Whitney Vet Hospital, Rocklin

The following documents:

Contracts for Spay & Neuter:

- 1. Animal Medical Center**
- 2. Animal Spay & Neuter**
- 3. Bowman Veterinary Hospital, Inc.**
- 4. Colfax Veterinary Hospital, Inc.**
- 5. Sunset Pet Hospital, Inc.**
- 6. Sunset Whitney Vet Hospital**
- 7. Sierra Pet Clinic**

are on file with Clerk of the Board

for BOS meeting:

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