



Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Animal Wellbeing Commission

Jamie McDole, Chair
Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Vice Chair
Shannon Asquith
Ignacio Barragan
Denise Bell
Kellee Benedict
Samantha Christie
Brenda Contreras

Kathleen Garcia
Julia Hayes
Itzel Martinez
Leah Morris
Paula Treat
Julie Virga
Aimee Wells

Open Session**Roll Call****Land Acknowledgement****Pledge of Allegiance****Welcome New Commissioner - Itzel Martinez****Consent Calendar**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion.

1. Approval of Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00020

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 2026.

Contact: Haley Arata, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-5204, harata@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, Office of the City Clerk

Attachments: [2026-00020 STAFF REPORT](#)

2. Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log

File ID: 2026-01451

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** adopting the Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log as developed by proposals and discussion from the commission.

Contact: Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Attachments: [2026-01451 STAFF REPORT](#)

Discussion Calendar**3. Strategic Planning for Community Spay and Neuter Clinics**

File ID: 2026-01453

Location: Citywide**Recommendation:** Review and comment.**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department**Attachments:** [2026-01453 STAFF REPORT](#)**4. Animal Care Services Monthly Managers Report**

File ID: 2026-01450

Location: Citywide**Recommendation:** Review and comment.**Contact:** Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department**Attachments:** [2026-01450 STAFF REPORT](#)**Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions****Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda****Adjournment**

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-June 10, 2026, Animal Wellbeing Commission DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: It is best practice for the Animal Wellbeing Commission to approve the minutes for each meeting.

Policy Considerations: The City Clerk keeps a permanent record of the Animal Wellbeing Commission proceedings, showing all action considered and taken and the vote of each member on matters before the Commission.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: After each Animal Wellbeing Commission meeting, the City Clerk composes the DRAFT Minutes noting the action taken by the Commission. The attached DRAFT

Minutes are presented to the Commission for its approval as a permanent record of the meeting's actions.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None.



DRAFT Minutes

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Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Jamie McDole at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Brenda Contreras, Kathleen Garcia, Leah Morris, Julie Virga, Aimee Wells (arrived at 5:57 p.m.), and Chair Jamie McDole.

Commissioners Absent: Denise Bell, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, and Paula Treat.

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Ignacio Barragan.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Ignacio Barragan.

Consent Calendar

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Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Barragan / Commissioner Virga.

Yes: Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Brenda Contreras, Kathleen Garcia, Leah Morris, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

Absent: Commissioners Denise Bell, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, Paula Treat, and Aimee Wells.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approval of Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00019

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving Animal Wellbeing Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 13, 2026.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

2. Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log

File ID: 2026-01115

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** adopting the Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log as developed by proposals and discussion from the commission.

Contact: Ryan Hinderman, Interim Animal Care Services Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Discussion Calendar**3. Discussion of Steps to Build a New Shelter**

File ID: 2026-01106

Location: Citywide**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Morris / Commissioner Garcia.

Proposed a **Motion** to move Item 3 to the Animal Wellbeing Commission meeting on August 12, 2026.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Virga / Commissioner Bagley.

Yes: Commissioners Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Julie Virga, and Chair Jamie McDole.

No: Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Brenda Contreras, Kathleen Garcia, Leah Morris, and Aimee Wells.

Absent: Commissioners Denise Bell, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, and Paula Treat.

Passed a **Motion** to amend the original motion to instead move Item 3 to an Animal Wellbeing Commission meeting on a date uncertain.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Virga / Commissioner Bagley.

Yes: Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Brenda Contreras, Kathleen Garcia, Julie Virga, Aimee Wells, and Chair Jamie McDole.

No: Commissioners Shannon Asquith and Leah Morris.

Absent: Commissioners Denise Bell, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, and Paula Treat.

Passed a **Motion** to move Item 3 to an Animal Wellbeing Commission meeting on a date uncertain.

4. Review of Interim Shelter Improvements

File ID: 2026-01114

Location: Citywide

Members of the public provided comments.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Ryan Hinderman, Interim Animal Care Services Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

5. Animal Care Services Monthly Managers Report

File ID: 2026-01105

Location: Citywide

Members of the public provided comments.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Contact: Ryan Hinderman, Interim Animal Care Services Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Virga / Commissioner Benedict.

Yes: Commissioners Shannon Asquith, Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Ignacio Barragan, Kellee Benedict, Samantha Christie, Brenda Contreras, Kathleen Garcia, Leah Morris, Julie Virga, Aimee Wells, and Chair Jamie McDole.

Absent: Commissioners Denise Bell, Julia Hayes, Noemi Phew, and Paula Treat.

Pursuant to Council Rules of Procedure, Chapter 8 (D)(6) passed a **Motion** to extend the meeting past 2 hours.

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions

Commissioners provided comments.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Members of the public provided public comments.

Adjourned – 7:38 p.m.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Follow-Up Log is a resource managed by City staff. It is a running list consisting of items of interest for which the Animal Wellbeing Commission would like to be agendized. To place an item on the Follow-Up Log for a future agenda members may make a request during "Commission Ideas - Comments and Questions".

At future meetings, Commissioners will continue to be able to add items to the log by introducing the suggestion during Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions. The committee will then approve those additions by approving a Consent Calendar item at the following meeting.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: By developing and implementing the Follow-Up Log, Animal Wellbeing Commission Members can request specific items be added to a future agenda and provide staff with any accompanying criteria in a format that is easy to monitor, track, and change as necessary.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

City of Sacramento Animal Wellbeing Commission Follow-Up Log				
	Item Title	Question to be answered and/or specific request	Date Added	Status
1	Increasing number of dogs residents can own	Currently, county residents can own 4 dogs and 7 cats, city residents can own 3 dogs and 7 cats. Increasing the number of owned dogs would increase licensing revenue and potentially increase adoptions. The AWC will discuss and decide whether or not to recommend the revision to the ordinance.	3/12/2025	The Draft Ordinance Review Committee (DORC) meets periodically to ensure any code changes are legal and stylistically consistent. This item has been in the review, but unfortunately wasn't expected to be reviewed until after this month's agenda was due. If a change had been made, the wrong version would have been presented to the AWC and it would need to be moved to a future meeting anyway. We have confidence this item will be presented for review at the April 25/13/26 Update: Staff are working on next steps to get this item presented to council.
2	Euthanasia Numbers	Commissioner Treat requested an in-depth breakdown of euthanasia numbers and the associated reasons behind each category	3/12/2025	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
3	Bi-Annual Workshop	Commissioner Treat asked to hold two bi-annual retreats outside of the regular commission meetings.	11/12/2025	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
4	Audit Update	Commissioner Treat asked for a monthly follow-up on the Animal Care Services Audit.	11/12/2025	Audit updates will be sent to the AWC quarterly, in line with audit updates provided to council.
5	Friends of Front Street Presentation	Commissioner Treat asked if a presentation by Friends of Front Street would be possible	11/12/2025	Staff would like the MOU to be completed before a Friends of Front Street presentation takes place.
6	Redemption policy, applicable laws, and spay/neuter incentivization.	Vice Chair Bagley requested to discuss laws and codes related to spay/neuter requirements on second stray impound, followed by a discussion of fees and other ways to incentivize spay/neuter on first redemption.	1/21/2026	Staff will determine what month this presentation can be added. Several commission members indicated this was a high-priority discussion item.
7	Request to author policies and procedures	Commissioner Bagley and others have expressed interest in writing or working in consultation with vendor for the shelter's policies and procedures.	1/21/2026	Recruiting an outside organization to assist in writing policies and procedures was a request of the former city manager, the cost of which will not come out of budget. Ideal candidates will possess significant shelter expertise while being able to provide impartial feedback, perspective from working with other shelters, and timelines for completion due to contractual obligation. The proposal review process will begin late January/early February. There will be at least one presentation to the Animal Wellbeing Commission by the vendor after they are selected. Commissioners requesting to discuss working on consultation with vendor on drafting a potential project on which commissioners can collaborate with the shelter.
8	Cat euthanasia list	Commissioner Virga stated that there wasn't a euthanasia list for cats and requested written policies related to this.	2/11/2026	This item will be addressed in the FAQ for rescue-related questions (described below).
9	Animals not on rescue list	Commissioner Virga stated that not all animals appear on rescue list prior to euthanasia and requested written policies related to this.	2/11/2026	Staff will provide the commission with a rescue process overview or FAQ for rescue-related questions via BCC email.
10	Regional shelter emergency communications	Commissioner Virga suggested creating a protocol for local shelters to notify each other of disease outbreaks or other emergencies.	2/11/2026	COMPLETE. The communications manager will reach out to other local shelters (Sacramento County, Sacramento SPCA, Elk Grove, Yolo County) and propose an email list to keep each other informed during emergencies where other shelters may be affected, or where help could be needed.
11	Community Survey	Commissioner Barragan asked for a discussion or sharing of information about what it would take to do another community survey similar to the survey in 2021. The rationale being that the world looks different now than 2021, and that there is opportunity to evaluate sentiment from traditionally marginalized communities and non-English speakers.	2/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
12	Availability of information to underserved or multilingual communities	Commissioner Barragan requested report outlining what mechanisms and practices are in place about existing services at shelter accessible to traditionally underserved and non-English speaking communities.	2/11/2026	Staff have relayed information to Commissioner Barragan about existing language access mechanisms, as well as opportunities for improvement. Several ideas for reaching Spanish-speaking residents were exchanged, including Meta ads and community. Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion, or alternatively may coordinate with individual commission members outside the commission meeting if they are interested in working on a specific project.
13	Policy and Procedure changes	Commissioner Benedict request shelter P&P changes come to the commission for review and public comment	2/11/2026	As part of the RFP for policy and procedure development, the selected vendor will be required to make at least one presentation to the AWC. To focus the presentation, commission members are welcome to specify what information they are hoping to have presented (i.e. all policies, certain policies, the process of creating policies, etc.)
14	Site Improvement Review	Commissioner Barragan requests to revisit site improvement plan and to evaluate if funds are being put to best use	2/11/2026	The prior needs assessment (which includes discussion of interim improvements) was sent to commission for review in January 2026. Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

15	2025 Ad Hoc Committee on Dog Adoption Increase	Commissioner Morris would like to discuss implementation of findings and recommendations of the 2025 Ad Hoc Committee to increase Dog Adoptions. 4/15/26 update: Commissioner Morris suggested formation of a work group to potentially collaborate with work group for at risk dogs.	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
16	Steps towards a new shelter	Commissioner Morris would like to discuss next steps to locate site options for the construction of a new shelter (city owned or private landowner donation), as well as discuss a capital campaign to raise the required funds (bond, parcel tax, or private fund-development)	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
17	Discussion and presentation on state and local shelter law	Vice Chair Bagley requested to present information and have a discussion related to laws governing animal shelters, including intake, duties, etc.	3/11/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
18	Facebook advertising for adoptable animals and shelter services	Commissioner Barragan would like a discussion item for a pilot Facebook advertising program to expand awareness of adoptable animals and increase the utilization of animal services. Commissioner Barragan expressed interest in this being a motionable item.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
19	Bottle baby kitten solutions	Commissioner Treat expressed interest in discussing the possibility of partnering with senior homes for bottle feeding. Staff is interested in the commission's assistance in finding homes for finding bottle baby fosters.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
20	Commission workplan	Commissioner Garcia suggested bringing back the workplan item to track and organize projects commission members are working on.	4/15/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
21	Daily Inventory List	Vice Chair Bagley would like shelter to create a daily inventory list similar to County Shelter that shows intake and disposition of animals from the day before. Commissioner Morris suggested including number of animals in foster care on that list.	5/13/2026	Staff will get clarification on the details of this list, as well as an example, and will consider creating the list. Staff may also place this item on the agenda for necessary.
21	Mandatory Spay/neuter ordinance	Commissioner Benedict would like to take steps towards a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance	5/13/2026	Commission to decide - is the first step a discussion item, or forming
22	RTO spay/neuter reporting	Vice Chair Bagley requested future reports on number of animals who are spayed/neutered on 2nd (or subsequent) impounds	5/13/2026	Staff will provide a report to the comission quarterly via BCC email or during the Monthly Manager's Report.
23	Increasing number of volunteers and fosters	A commission member suggested having an item to discuss increasing the number of volunteers and fosters	5/13/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
24	Final Plea behavior assessments	Commissioner Benedict would like to discuss behavioral assessment guidelines for Final Plea dogs	6/10/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.
25	Discussion with Citygate	Commissioner Virga expresed interest in having a conversation with Citygate to ensure they know what the laws are related to shelters.	6/10/2026	The current contract and budget with Citygate only includes a presentation to the Animal Wellbeing Commission. It does not include a preliminary meetir Commission. However, the presentation will allow the Commission to ask questions and share opinions on legal issues related to the policies.
26	Discussion of Spay and Neuter funding	Commissioner Barragan requested a discussion on how best to expend the \$500,000 spay and neuter budget	6/10/2026	This item is anticipated as a discussion item at the August meeting of the Commission.
27	Stray animal Field Services response	Vice Chair Bagley expressed interest in discussing the shelter's response to healthy stray animal calls	6/10/2026	Staff will determine what month this item can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

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Strategic Planning for Community Spay and Neuter Clinics

File ID: 2026-01453

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Presenter: Ryan Hinderman, Communications and Customer Service Manager, (916) 808-7911, rhinderman@cityofsacramento.org, Community Development Department

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-PowerPoint Overview of \$500,000 Spay and Neuter Funding
- 3-Animal Intake Heat Map

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: During the preparation of the FY 26/27 budget, the Community Development Department made a budget augmentation request for \$500,000 from the City's General Fund for the Animal Care Services Division to partner with the nonprofit organization Animal Balance to conduct 10 high-volume spay and neuter clinics for community-owned pets. Each clinic is anticipated to perform approximately 200 surgeries for a total of approximately 2,000 surgeries. This request was made to help meet the need for spay and neuter services for underserved community members not able to afford this vital surgery with the goal of reducing unplanned litters and thereby decreasing the number of animals being brought to the Front Street Animal Shelter. On June 9, 2026, City Council adopted the FY 26/27 budget which included \$500,000 to hold 10 clinics with Animal Balance.

This item was added to the Animal Wellbeing Commission's (Commission) Follow-Up Log on June 10th, 2026. Recognizing that spay and neuter is a priority for the Commission, staff are bringing this item for discussion to gather input from the Commission. Specific questions for the Commission include:

- Which areas of the City have the greatest need for spay and neuter of community-owned pets (see attached map of stray animals and areas designated as disadvantaged communities by

the State)?

- Which facilities would have the capacity and meet the criteria required to hold these high-volume spay and neuter clinics?
- Do you have thoughts on which pet owners (e.g. lower-income, transportation barriers, etc.) and breeds to prioritize?

As next steps, the Animal Care Services Division will review the input from the Animal Wellbeing Commission, develop a schedule, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Animal Balance that conducts the 10 clinics within FY 26/27 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) and being working with Council offices and the community to plan and advertise the clinics.

Based on initial conversation with Animal Balance, it is anticipated that the first clinic will be held in December 2026.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

Review and comment on Strategic Planning for Community Spay and Neuter Clinics is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it consists of an organizational activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)). Any actions that could result in a physical change in the environment would be identified as projects and would be subject to CEQA review. This report simply provides an opportunity for review and comment on how to effectively expend the funding for community spay and neuter.

Sustainability: Not Applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: This funding will provide substantial benefit to the community and has the potential to prevent future intakes at the Animal Care Services Division by reducing roaming behaviors and preventing litters of puppies and kittens. A discussion of strategies for implementing these clinics can help maximize the benefits produced by this funding.

Financial Considerations: On June 9, 2026, City Council adopted the FY 26/27 budget which included \$500,000 to hold 10 high-volume spay and neuter clinics with Animal Balance. This review and comment staff report on Strategic Planning for Community Spay and Neuter Clinics has no financial impact for the City of Sacramento.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.



Ryan Hinderman
August 12, 2026

A dark blue silhouette of the Sacramento skyline, including various buildings and the two towers of the Bay Bridge, set against a light blue background.

Community Spay and Neuter

Funding background and strategic planning

Overview

- Background on funding for spay/neuter clinics
- History of collaboration with Animal Balance
- Map of neighborhoods in highest need
- Animal Wellbeing Commission areas of input

Background

- City Council approved the budget augmentation request of **\$500,000** in the FY 26/27 budget to expand spay and neuter services for underserved community members.
- Council directed Staff to coordinate **ten mobile clinics** with Animal Balance.
- Each clinic is expected to spay or neuter approximately 200 animals.



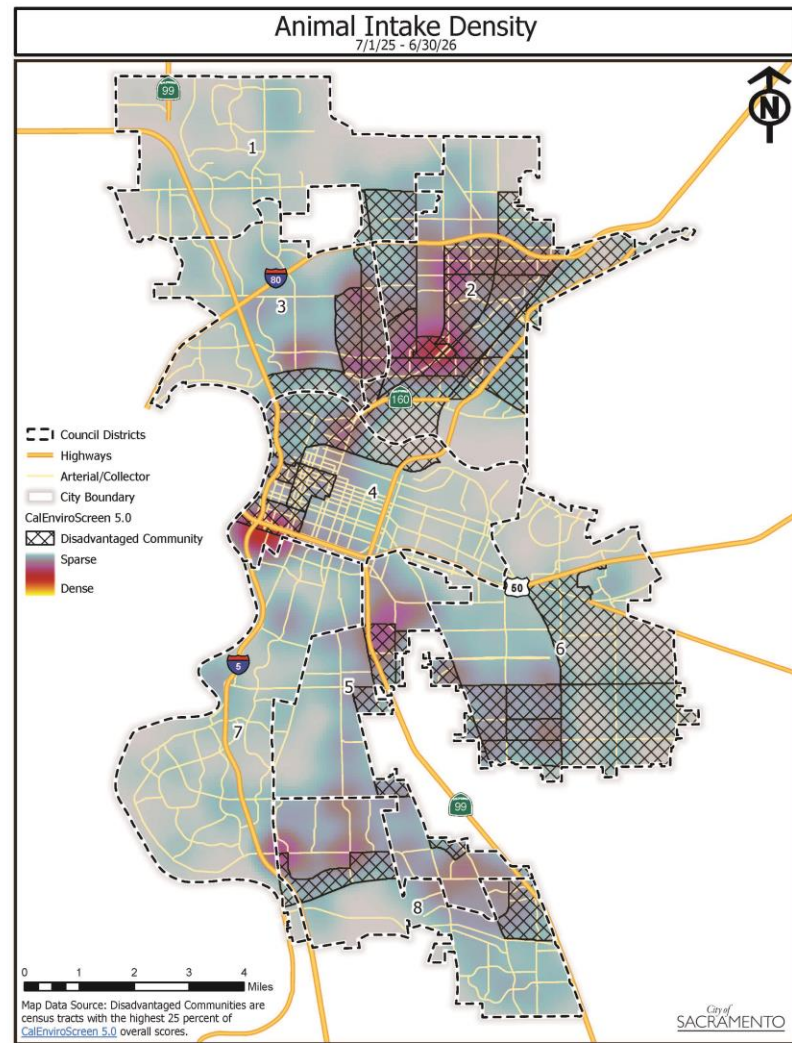
Animal Balance

- Five Animal Balance clinics in 2025 (one community clinic)
- Consistently the most affordable vendor
- Spayed/neutered 988 animals



Animal intake and neighborhood map

- Map includes statistics from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
- Includes city areas of disadvantaged neighborhoods and animal intake locations



Facility Requirements

- Room the size of a small gymnasium - accommodates prep/recovery/dog housing - needs to have multiple outlets and a reliable power source.
- Separate surgery suite with doors that close - needs to be attached to the main room
- Separate holding area with door for cats (this can be a large bathroom if needed) - must be attached or close by, cannot be in a separate building
- Sink area to wash and clean surgical instruments- preferably attached or close by
- Parking area or ability to conduct drive through drop offs
- Access to building from Thursday at 2pm through Sunday at 7pm (2pm -7pm on Thursday and 7am to 7pm Friday-Sunday)
- All areas being utilized must have working heating/air conditioning

Areas of commission input



Neighborhoods in need

What neighborhoods have the greatest need for spay/neuter services?



Clinic facilities

Identifying potential facilities that meet the criteria to hold spay/neuter clinics

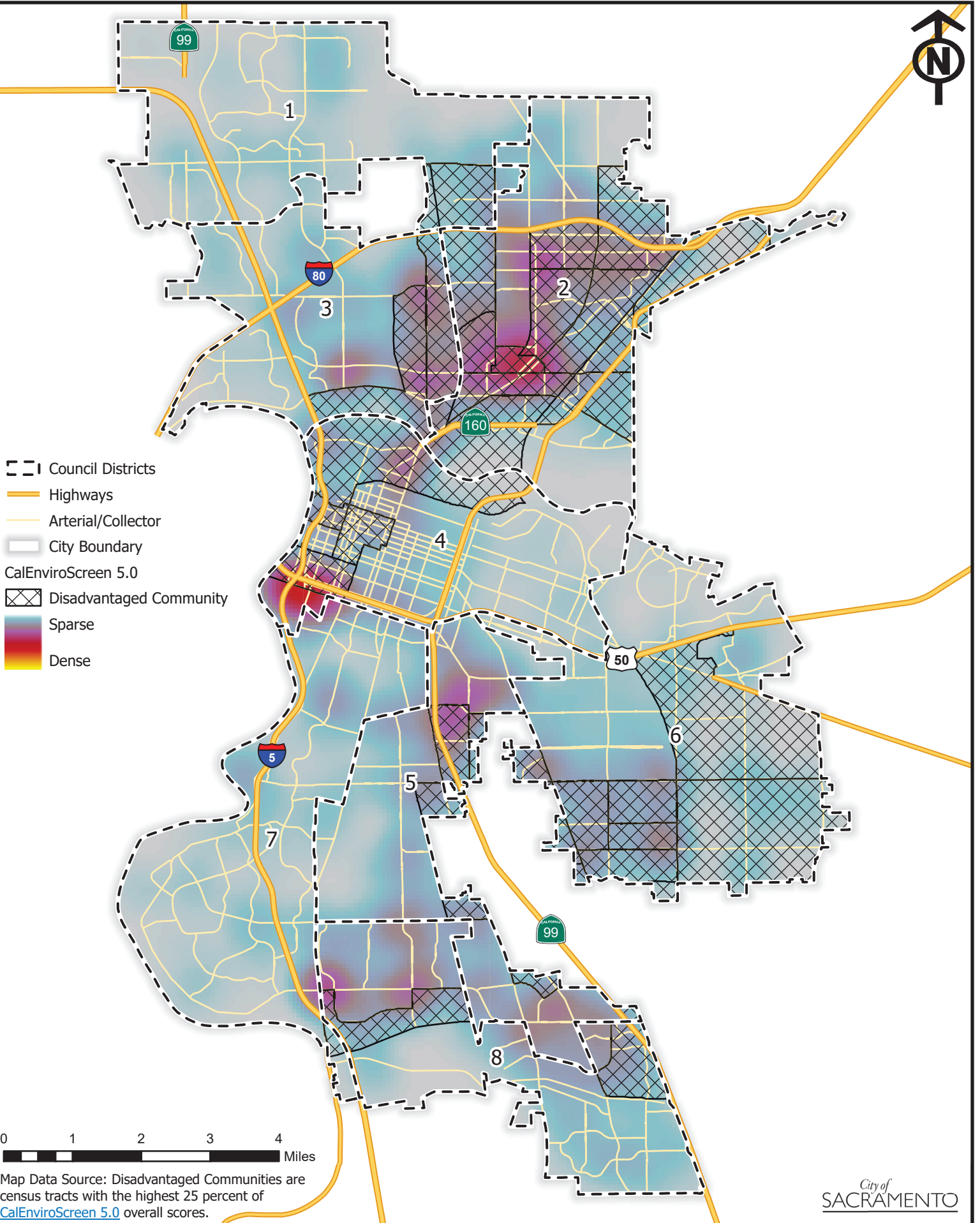


Requirements

Discuss potential qualifying requirements for the service (income, breed, etc.)

Animal Intake Density

7/1/25 - 6/30/26



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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Animal Care Services Monthly Report Presentation - August 2026

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Animal Wellbeing Commission requests that at each meeting, the Animal Care Services Division provide an update on upcoming shelter events, statistics, staffing updates, and any other updates that may impact shelter operations.

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Animal Wellbeing Commission requested a shelter update from the Animal Care Services Division at each meeting.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

July 2026 statistics

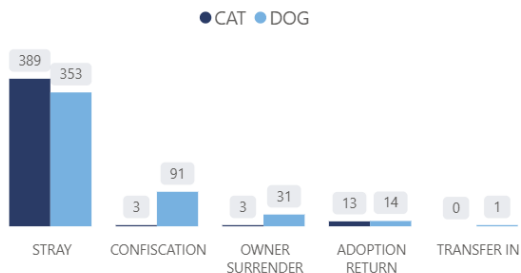
Shelter Statistics Monthly Report

Year-Month Selection

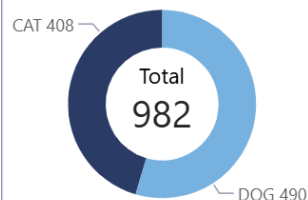
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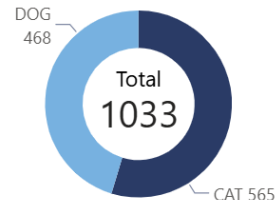
Shelter Intake by Animal Type



Total Intake by Animal Type



Total Outcome by Animal Type



Live Release Rate

Overall

81%

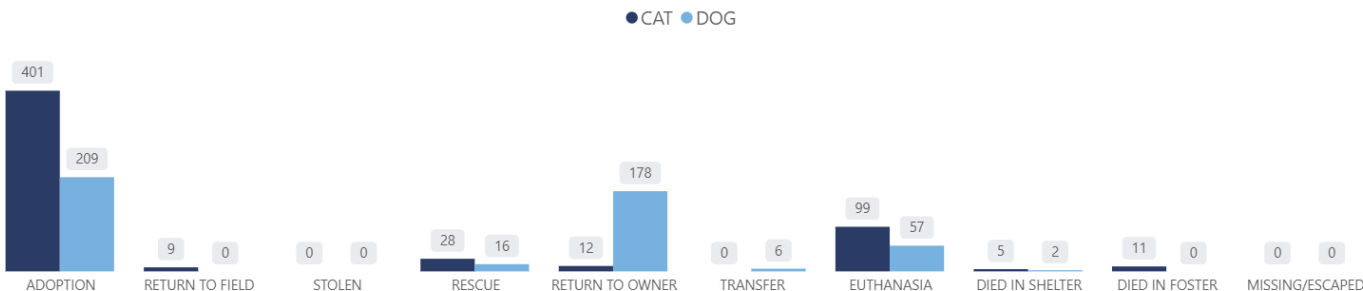
Cats

72%

Dogs

88%

Shelter Outcome by Animal Type



Kitten Connection (KITCO) stats



460

CALLS DIVERTED

Calls diverted from ACO
to KITCO in **2025**



7.5%

OF ALL STRAYS INTAKEN

KITCO services **7.5%** of all
strays intaken by the shelter



309

CATS SERVED

Healthy kittens and cats
served through KITCO in **2025**

Other updates



- Kennel improvements – mockup version 3 coming soon
- 4 dog ordinance – In effect August 23rd
- Policies and procedures – Citygate completed onsite visit August 3rd-5th.

Shelter disease info

- Canine Infectious Upper Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRDC)
- Factors that lead to pneumonia
- Brief overview of disease prevention and treatment protocols

July successes



39 dogs sent to foster in a single day
for emergency dog foster event

102 kittens adopted offsite during
PetSmart National Adoption Week



Introduction of new shelter manager April Stevenson

