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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 23, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

Meeting Location: BOS Chambers, 701 Ocean St., Rm. 525, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

2.0 Introductions

3.0 Consideration of Late Additions or Changes to the Agenda

4.0 Oral Communications – Any person may address the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors during the Oral Communications period. All Oral Communications should be directed to items or issues that would be within the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter but not on today’s Agenda. Board members will not take actions or respond immediately to Oral Communications presented, but may choose to follow-up at a later time, either individually or on a subsequent Agenda

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Consent Agenda Item 5.1

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Approve Minutes of August 14, 2023 Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve the minutes from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors Meeting held August 14, 2023.

**Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
August 14, 2023 11:00am
In-Person Meeting – Santa Cruz County BOS Chambers**

VOTING KEY: Bu=Burnett B=Bush, Ch=Chung, Cl=Clark, Co=Coburn, , D=Dally,
F=Figuroa, S=Schmidt, V=Vides, W=Walpole

First initial indicates maker of motion, second initial indicates the “second”; upper case letter=“yes” vote; lower case letter=“no” ()=abstain; /=absent

Abbreviations: Board Member (BM), General Manager (GM), Field Services Manager (FSM)

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- 1.0 Called to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by ASA Chairperson Bush. BM Clark was absent and was replaced by BM Burnett. BM Schmidt was absent.
 - 2.0 Introductions: Lieutenant William Burnett, Santa Cruz County Sheriff, was introduced.
 - 3.0 Consideration of Late Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None
 - 4.0 Oral Communications: None.
 - 5.0 Consent Agenda
 - 5.1 Approved minutes of the June 12, 2023 Board meeting
 - 5.2 Accepted reports from the General Manager and Management Team for June and July 2023.
 - 5.3 Accepted and filed statistics for June and July 2023
 - 5.4 Approved revision of SCCAS Change Fund Policy and Procedure #360
 - 5.5 Accepted and approved quarterly report for all claims under \$10,000
 - 5.6 Accepted and approved journal entry payments with the County of Santa Cruz
 - 5.7 Accepted gifts totaling \$14,196 from the SCCAS Foundation

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Vote: W V Bu B Ch /Cl/ Co D F /S/

Item approved unanimously.
 - 6.0 Regular Agenda
 - 6.1 General Manager’s Report – GM Rowland summarized comments:

- Highlighted statistics, much higher intake statistics during this period as compared to last year. Increased intake may be due to reduced access to affordable spay/neuter services during and after COVID.
- Additional statistics have been added, and new charts have been added. More changes will be made in the future to align with Shelter Animals Count.
- Secured a grant from CalAnimals and UC Davis for new cat portals
- The Benefits Shop is contracting to a smaller footprint as the Parks Dept. (from whom we rent the space) needs to reclaim the garage bay we had used for inventory storage. Inventory reduction sales are underway and will continue.
- Financials: SCCAS ended the fiscal year June 30 with a deficit of \$251,000 which is much lower than the budgeted deficit of \$467,000 and an estimated actual of \$397,000. This smaller than budgeted deficit is primarily due to much higher than budgeted donations of \$796,000 when compared to the budgeted revenue of \$460,000.
- Licensing revenue year to date is understated in July by \$9,000 as those funds were not deposited until August. Licensing overall has declined in recent years. SCCAS plans to prioritize license enforcement and sales this year with the support of a fully staffed Animal Control Unit. Voluntary licensing for cat owners could also be considered.
- Animal Control Officer II George De Leon retired after 17 years of excellent service. He is already missed, and SCCAS wants to acknowledge his service.
- SCCAS is in the process of filling the vacant Registered Veterinary Technician position as a job offer was made and accepted.
- SCCAS interviewed a candidate for the Veterinarian position and reference checks are underway.
- A salary study was completed in June for the Veterinarian position, and it is clear the salary must be increased. Board support and direction will be required to implement the increase.
- A meeting is scheduled with County Personnel to discuss parameters for a salary study for SCCAS positions which is expected to be completed in the next 30-60 days. Serious misalignment exists between the salary for Shelter positions compared to similar positions in other County departments.
- The Parks and Rex event is happening Saturday, August 19 at the Simpkins Family Swim Center.
- A 3% COLA is taking effect for all staff in September.

Board Comment:

BM Coburn: Can the statistics be disaggregated to show the impact of animal surrenders coming from out of county. GM Rowland: Out of county surrenders amount to approximately 2% of intake totals.

BM Coburn: Regarding the salary studies, those items will need to be returned to the Board in closed session. If it is helpful, we can establish a sub-committee to assist with reviewing the salary study and determining a course of action.

BM Figueroa: When does the general rep. contract expire?

BM Coburn: September 2024

BM Figueroa: Volunteered for sub-committee

BM Vides: Expressed interest in a sub-committee

BM Chung: Year over year statistics show a regression in intake statistics. What can we do to assist in preventing further population growth?

GM Rowland: A shortage in vets has led to decreased access to vet care and increased retail spay/neuter costs. Vet salaries have also increased quickly in the past few years. Free and low-cost spay-neuter options have been greatly reduced. Local resources are in peril as two non-profits are struggling for funding and space. Also, the cat population has really increased over previous years.

BM Vides: Complemented GM Rowland re: efforts to educate the community.

GM Rowland: We are working to encourage education through our Animal Control Unit and potentially funding an education coordinator position.

Public Comment:

Joanie De Neffe: Staff and volunteers are very dedicated. We need to reach out to the community to emphasize the importance of spaying/neutering their animals. Spay/neuter costs are extremely expensive. SCCAS outreach needs to emphasize that the community plays a role in solving the problem.

Nancie Newbie, SCCAS Foundation Board Member: The Foundation wants to support bringing the Planned Pethood Program back so the shelter can offer low-cost spay-neuter option to the public.

6.2 Considered and approved financial report for June and July 2023.

GM Rowland read the written financial report.

Board Comment:

BM Coburn: With the increase in intakes and adoptions, why are licensing revenues down?

GM Rowland: We are adopting lots of cats, and cats are not licensed. Animal Control Officers are too busy to conduct any outreach or licensing in the field as

in the past. \$9,000 in July licensing revenues are being counted in August due to the timing of the deposit.

Clerk Phares: As GM Rowland stated, much of the July licensing was included in the August deposit so will be counted in the next report. Licensing in general is trending down. The majority of animal adoptions are not handled by the SCCAS but rather privately via Craigslist, etc. and licensing is not part of those transactions. The public needs to be educated that dog licensing is mandatory. Additional outreach via mailers or public service announcements are needed.

BM Coburn: Social media may be helpful in educating the public about licensing.

Public Comment:

Joanie DeNeff: Stated she has experience with cat licensing and it was not a good solution. We need to change the narrative about licensing so the public doesn't think of it as simply a tax but instead as funding to support shelter activities. Also, we can utilize the area vet clinics/hospitals to help with licensing efforts by providing them with licensing informational material that they can pass out to clientele.

Vote: Co Ch Bu B /Cl/ D F /S/ V W Item approved unanimously.

6.3 Accepted and filed audit report for fiscal year 2021-22.

Staff Report: GM Rowland: requested the Board consider and approve the report.

Clerk Phares: we had one finding in the report regarding compliance with the JPA fixed asset disposal procedure. While County asset disposal procedure was followed, SCCAS is also required to request JPA Board approval of asset disposal. SCCAS has since corrected this by requesting the JPA Board ratify disposal of fixed asset vehicles.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Vote: Co F Bu B Ch /Cl/ D /S/ V W

Item approved unanimously

7.0 Adjourned to Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Cal. Govt. Code §54957(b)] Joint Powers Authority Performance Evaluation of General Manager at 11:38.

ATTEST: _____
Chairperson Bush

Clerk Phares

Consent Agenda Item 5.2

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Approve Minutes of September 18, 2023 Special Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve the minutes from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors Special Meeting held September 18, 2023.

**Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
September 18, 2023 10:30am
In-Person Meeting – Santa Cruz County BOS Chambers**

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Abbreviations: Board Member (BM), General Manager (GM), Field Services Manager (FSM)

1.0 Called to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 10:38 am by ASA Chairperson Bush. BM Dally, BM Figueroa, BM Schmidt, and BM Vides were absent.

2.0 Introductions: None.

3.0 Consideration of Late Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None

4.0 Oral Communications: None.

5.0 Regular Agenda

5.1 Approved a change to the 2023 Board of Directors meeting schedule for October.

GM Rowland: Requested a change to the schedule, shifting the October meeting from October 16 to October 23.

Vote: Co Ch B Cl /D/ /F/ /S/ /V/ W

Item passed unanimously.

5.2 Accepted and filed a compensation survey for Veterinarian classification and approved a 20% salary increase for the position.

GM Rowland: Presented the Board report on the Veterinarian study recommending a 20% salary increase for the position.

Board Comment:

BM Coburn: Requested confirmation that the 20% was over and above the 3% COLA received by staff as part of the new middle management contract on September 16, 2023.

GM Rowland: Confirmed that yes, it is on top of the 3%.

BM Chung: Thanked GM Rowland for the detailed analysis on the Veterinarian pay and asked the question: Is a 20% increase sufficient to recruit and retain qualified candidates?

GM Rowland: The increase is definitely necessary. We do have a highly qualified candidate who is interested if the salary is increased. Another consideration is that the shelter Veterinarian is more of a medical director than simply a surgeon. This is very important when evaluating comparable salaries in the market.

BM Coburn: This requested increase is in line with the 20% salary increase approved by the JPA Board for the General Manager position in 2022.

Clerk Phares: This proposed increase will position SCCAS near the top of salary ranges offered by public sector shelters, and reasonably competitive with the private sector employers, especially considering the County medical and retirement benefits.

GM Rowland: This should provide us a little “futureproofing.”

BM Clark: Stated he agreed that this salary increase is a good first step and appreciated the analysis.

Public Comment:

Unidentified Speaker: What is the process moving forward if the JPA Board approves the salary increase? Many of us are very anxious to get this position filled as it is long overdue.

GM Rowland: We have a great candidate who is considering the position. The next step is that the County Board of Supervisors will need to consider and approve the increase, hopefully in October, and we will then move forward as quickly as possible to make a job offer and hire the candidate.

Vote: C/ Ch B Co /D/ /F/ /S/ /V/ W

Item passed unanimously.

6.0 Adjourned Meeting at 10:51 am.

ATTEST: _____
Chairperson Bush

Clerk Phares

Consent Agenda Item 5.3

TO: Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Reports from the Management Team for August and September 2023

This report is provided to give you a brief synopsis of the programs provided, and services rendered through the dedication and commitment of Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's (SCCAS) staff and volunteers. Shelter statistics for this period are attached.

General:

The shelter has continued to experience high intake rates and somewhat slower adoption rates than we'd like to see. If trends continue, it's looking like our intake for this calendar year will end up 22-25% above last year and 52-56% above that of 2021. The staff has been resilient and dedicated as ever, maintaining excellent standards of care for both animals and people, but the increases take a very real toll, impacting our ability to work on prevention efforts and making systems and/or communications improvements we'd like to make, but we persevere!

The County Board of Supervisors last week approved our recommendation on the Veterinarian salary and we're moving forward as quickly as possible so we can extend an offer and make a much-anticipated hire for that position. We've also brought our 2nd new full-time RVT on board, so our clinical operations are beginning to stabilize. The team is working wonderfully together, along with our contracted and extra help clinicians, to stay on top of the medical needs of our large shelter population and to try to "catch up" on spay/neuter surgeries for fostered and adopted animals.

We have 10 staff currently enrolled in an excellent training course on dog and cat behavior in the shelter setting, which may generate some ideas & synergy for program or systems improvements in that area. We've also invested in a course for 10 employees on managing stress and preventing burn-out and compassion fatigue, and we look forward to the benefits that will bring to the entire staff. I will be attending the CALPELRA Conference in mid-November to increase my knowledge of personnel matters and management in California.

Our Foundation has once again earned a spot in the Santa Cruz Gives campaign, which was very successful last year. They recently applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Animal Philanthropy Partnership and are actively seeking both additional grant opportunities and new board members.

I also applied for a grant recently – requesting funds from California for All Animals and the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine to ensure that spay/neuter services for feral cats can continue in our County. This is not currently a program offered by our shelter, but it has been provided by Project Purr, a small non-profit, for over 30 years, but they are running out of funding. Grant awards will be announced in late November or early December.

Statistics:

Please see attached.

Recommendation:

Accept and file the reports of the management team for the months of August and September 2023.

Administrative Services Board Report
August and September 2023
Prepared by: Joe Phares, Admin. Svcs. Officer II

Personnel

New Hires

- Animal Services Assistant – Sophia Mandranis was hired into a permanent position effective 09/30/23. She had been filling the position as a substitute appointment for an employee out on leave for almost two years. Recently, the employee on leave opted to resign so we were able to hire Sophia into the position as a permanent employee.
- Animal Health Specialist #1 – Ashley Thomas was promoted from Animal Care Worker into this position effective 09/02/23. The position became available due the previous incumbent being promoted into an Animal Services Coordinator position.
- Animal Health Specialist #2 – Caitlin Cota, who has served in an extra help capacity for the past year, was hired into a position vacated by a retiring employee. Caitlin's start date was 10/14/23.
- Animal Care Worker – Omar Alejo Llanas has served as a substitute appointment for an employee on leave for almost a year. Omar was recently hired into a permanent position with a start date of 10/14/23.
- Registered Veterinary Technician – Sheyenne Harlacher was hired into this position effective 09/18/23. This position has been vacant for over six months. The hiring and retention incentive approved by the JPA Board at the February meeting has been very helpful in increasing the number of RVT applicants, and we have been able to hire two new staff since the program was implemented.

Under Recruitment

- Animal Control Officer I – Interviews have been completed and we expect to make a hire in October.
- Animal Health Specialist – this position became available 10/06/23 due to the incumbent accepting a job in another county. The recruitment was opened on 10/06/23. We expect to make a hire and have the new hire on board by mid-November.
- Animal Health Specialist Extra Help – this position became available on 10/14/23 due to the incumbent being hired into a full-time position. The recruitment was opened on 10/06/23. We expect to make a hire and have the new hire on board by mid-November.
- Veterinarian – The Veterinarian salary increase approved by the JPA Board at the Special Meeting on 09/18/23 was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on 10/17/23. With the new higher salary in effect, we expect to make a job offer and potentially fill the position by early November.

Facilities

Santa Cruz Shelter

- Surgery Suite –the A/C ducting in this suite was revised to provide better cooling in the main surgery room.

- Gates – Eight exterior gates were installed in August. These gates added visibility for staff and volunteers to safely enter/exit with dogs in tow. The work was funded exclusively by a private donor.
- Fencing – estimates have been obtained for replacement chain link fencing for the dog exercise yards. A private donor and the SCCAS Foundation are considering funding this project.
- A new mp3 player was installed in the IT closet to facilitate streaming music throughout the Shelter via the intercom speaker system. Music can be calming for both shelter animals and humans.

Watsonville Shelter

- Security Camera System – a security camera system will be installed in late October or early November by Bandit Systems. This is the same vendor who installed the system last year at the Santa Cruz Shelter. The cost for this project is \$9,343.25 and was included in the FY 23-24 budget approved by your Board.
- New large banner signage was installed highlighting the shelter hours of operation.
- A new folding exam table was installed in the emergency room.
- Grant-funded portals for the cat cages will be installed in November or December.

Information Services

- Shelter staff and ISD are evaluating the need for more network bandwidth due to some ongoing pc latency issues experienced in client services.
- SCCAS is working with Chameleon support staff to update shelter reporting.

Purchasing

- An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was purchased and will soon be installed at the Watsonville Shelter.

Fiscal

- Monitoring budget expenditures vs. revenues to ensure we are on target.

Client Services

- Client services continues to be extremely busy with intakes of owner surrendered animals and strays, and processing outcomes in the forms or returns to owners and adoptions. The shelter is running a “Share the Love” donation-based adoption special throughout October to help reduce the shelter population, especially cats & kittens.

Animal Control Board Report
August and September 2023
Prepared by: Todd Stosuy, Field Services Manager

1. The charges we filed against two women in the City of Santa Cruz for cat neglect due to animal hoarding at a homeless encampment were adjudicated. Both were found guilty of animal neglect and sentenced to probation and prohibited from owning animals.
2. Officer Cynthia Meidinger and Officer DelRosario passed their one-year probation and are passionately providing animal control services to the animals and humans we serve.
3. We assisted Adult Protective Services with a cat situation in Boulder Creek. We were able to safely rescue and impound five cats. We worked closely with APS and were able to assist the owner in getting one of the cats back. The owner has been relocated from Boulder Creek. This case also led to assisting a neighbor with an overpopulation of cats.
4. We impounded a dog in Aptos that was in violation of its Potentially Dangerous Dog order. The dog's designation was upgraded to Vicious based on the violation and the animal owner was issued a citation. We conducted an additional site inspection in an attempt to ensure containment of the dog and prevent future violations.
5. We continue to respond to assist local law enforcement on animal related issues within their respective jurisdictions.
6. Due to the high number of cats and kittens in the shelter, we have paused proactive cat trapping unless the cats are sick or injured. With the assistance of the G.M. we created new signs to be posted in areas of cat trapping in an effort to have people keep their own cats inside, put identification on their cats and/or come to the Shelter to look for their cat if it is missing. An additional sign was created to give to citizens who rent cat traps.
7. Officers continue to conduct proactive outreach in underserved areas of the communities we serve. Our four officers have embraced the community policing model of animal care and control, and they do their due diligence to work with families and keep animals in homes.

Consent Agenda Item 5.3

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Accept and file Statistics for the Months of August and September 2023

Recommendation:

Accept and file the attached statistical report for the months of August and September 2023.



Santa Cruz County's Open-Door
ANIMAL SHELTER
 Serving Our Community's Neediest Animals

Kennel Statistics Report
 Animals Taken Into Shelter from 08/01/23 to 09/30/23
All Jurisdictions Combined

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	BIRD	RABBIT	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	TOTAL
Adoption Return	4	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	16
Born@Shelt	5	0	9	4	0	0	0	0	18
Dead on Arrival	16	0	10	1	0	0	1	13	41
Owner Requested Euthanasia	31	0	36	5	4	1	0	4	81
Pph	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Protective Custody	43	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	54
Quarantine	3	0	2	6	0	0	0	3	14
Stray	134	40	209	322	12	12	0	9	738
Surrendered by Owner	74	31	96	147	23	35	0	14	420
Transfer	2	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	13
Wildlife	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	62	94
TOTAL	331	86	375	490	72	48	1	105	1,508

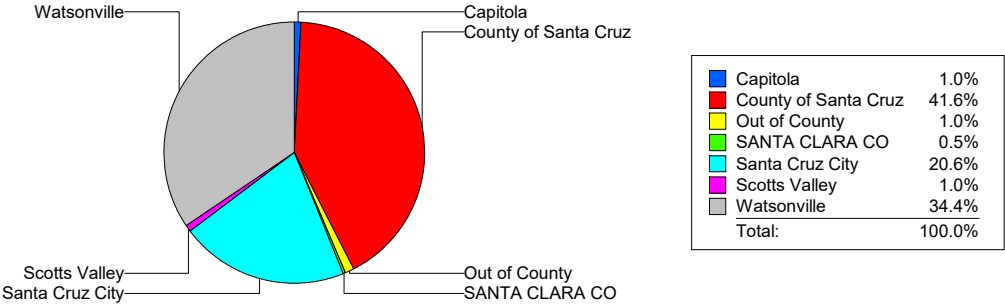
Kennel Statistics Report
Animals That Left Shelter from 08/01/23 to 09/30/23
All Jurisdictions Combined

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	BIRD	RABBIT	OTHER	TOTAL
Adopted	74	38	103	270	15	8	19	527
Died	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Disposal	2	1	16	3	0	0	2	24
Euthanized	23	1	94	78	9	1	3	209
Pph	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Returned to Owner	125	2	44	6	0	2	0	179
Transferred to Another Shelter	24	5	59	73	3	39	5	208
TOTAL	255	48	318	432	27	50	29	1,159

Euthanasia Totals from
08/01/23 to 09/30/23
All Jurisdictions Combined

<u>Reason for Euth</u>	<u>Animal type</u>							Total
	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	BIRD	RABBIT	OTHER	
	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	8
< 8 Weeks	0	0	13	4	0	0	0	17
Aggressive	7	0	2	6	0	0	0	15
Fail2Thrv	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Field Hist	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6
Medical	2	1	17	17	0	0	1	38
Observed Behavior	7	0	3	2	0	0	0	12
Prewean	5	0	9	6	0	0	0	20
Ringworm	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	7
Soiling Hx	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Space	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Suffering	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	5
Unsocial	1	0	39	23	0	0	0	63
Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	23	1	93	79	9	1	3	209

Monthly Percentage of Euthanasia by Jurisdiction



CO:County, SC:Santa Cruz City, CP:Capitola, SV:Scotts Valley, OO:Out of County, UC:UCSC, WA:Watsonville

Animals on hand on September 30, 2023 = 318

**Animals Taken Into the Shelter From All Jurisdictions
CombinedY-T-D Beginning 07/01/15**

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	BIRD	RABBIT	LIVESTOC	OTHER	Total
Adoption Return	213	39	97	63	16	6	0	3	437
Born@Shelt	22	14	26	137	0	67	0	46	312
D2D	20	2	13	1	0	0	0	3	39
Evacuation	94	0	205	12	195	16	35	24	581
Flood	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
Pph	233	20	240	62	0	0	0	0	555
Protective Custody	1,079	88	144	41	751	12	28	65	2,208
Quarantine	144	5	54	20	0	0	0	76	299
Safe Hold	77	6	22	3	5	1	0	135	249
Stray	8,682	999	7,072	6,030	679	424	67	454	24,407
Surrendered by Owner	3,165	718	2,770	2,141	996	531	66	1,378	11,765
Transfer	281	115	67	189	880	5	0	14	1,551
Total	14,011	2,008	10,712	8,700	3,522	1,062	196	2,198	42,409

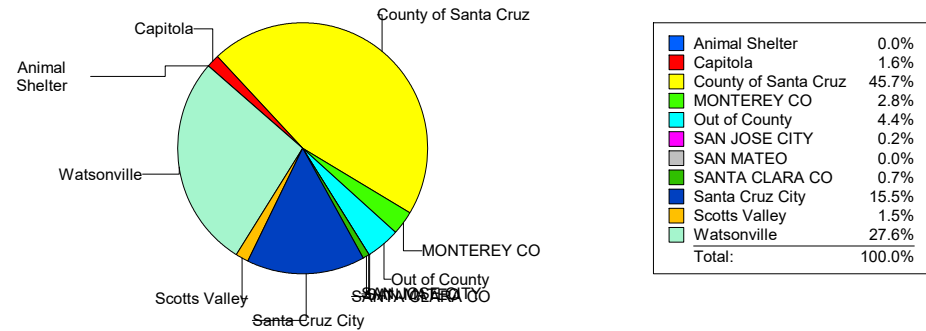
**Animals That Left the Shelter From
All Jurisdictions Combined Beginning 7/1/2015**

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	BIRD	RABBIT	LIVESTOCK	OTHER	Total
Adopted	3,722	1,322	3,275	5,189	1,722	292	43	447	16,012
Died	14	1	60	59	35	7	1	12	189
Disposal*	304	10	852	81	113	14	4	101	1,479
Euthanized	1,831	115	2,667	926	738	99	9	414	6,799
Found	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Missing	3	0	19	2	4	0	0	6	34
Pph	121	12	157	39	0	0	0	0	329
Returned to Owner	6,777	204	1,776	155	571	70	68	107	9,728
Transferred to Another Shelter	1,089	150	1,977	1,718	278	577	58	1,094	6,941
Wildlife Relocated	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	6
Total	13,863	1,814	10,783	8,169	3,461	1,063	183	2,182	41,518

* Doa intakes and euthansia requests are not included in these overall stats. The exception are the disposals which may be listed above. These are dead animals that were confiscated for investigation and then disposed of after completion of investigation.

Y-T-D Percentage of Intake Total By Jurisdiction

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CO:County, SC:Santa Cruz City, CP:Capitola, SV:Scotts Valley, OO:Out of County, UC:UCSC, WA:Watsonville

Consent Agenda Item 5.5

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Approve First Quarter Report of all Claims under \$10,000 Approved by the General Manager for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

Recommendation:

Approve the first quarter report of all claims under \$10,000 approved by the General Manager for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Discussion:

As recommended by the Santa Cruz County Auditors-Controllers Office management letter dated 11/17/2010 SCCAS has resumed provision of the quarterly report of all authorized claims under and in excess of \$10,000 which have been approved and forwarded to the Controller of the Authority for payment.

The next quarterly report of expenditures for October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 will be included on the February 2024 meeting agenda and every quarter thereafter.

DATE: 10/23/23
 TO: Board of Directors, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter
 FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
 SUBJECT: Item 5.4 July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 Claims Report

The following SCCAS claims under \$10,000 have been approved by the General Manager without prior Board of Directors action, and submitted to the County Auditor-Controller for payment from the Operating Budget for the period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Quarterly Expenditure Reports 2023

Post On	Document No	Amount	Description	Vendor No	Vendor Name
Object: 61125 – UNIFORM REPLACEMENT					
9/22/2023	2023 0822	88.29	UNIFORM PANTS G34	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
Object: 61310 – FOOD					
7/28/2023	000257709	25.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
7/28/2023	000257965	67.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
7/28/2023	000258722	67.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
8/02/2023	000259206	8.00	SP2847 WATER DISPENSER RENTAL	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
8/02/2023	111574	62.97	GEEKS PELLETS/HEN SCRATCH	V741	GENERAL FEED & SEED
8/02/2023	245960633	321.60	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/02/2023	246047886	-17.88	CAT FOOD RETURN	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/02/2023	246100841	153.30	CAT FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/02/2023	246100842	378.74	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/02/2023	2853360	24.61	RAT FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
8/02/2023	2855978	124.26	CAT FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
8/02/2023	436460	54.48	COB DRY MIX	V741	GENERAL FEED & SEED
8/04/2023	246029695	198.60	CAT FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/04/2023	2847235	122.88	RABBIT, RAT, GERBIL FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
8/04/2023	2851243	61.01	TURTLE AND RABBIT FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
8/04/2023	435574	181.92	HEN SCRATCH, GRASS AND STRAW	V741	GENERAL FEED & SEED
8/11/2023	2023 0724	1,529.29	SHELTER PET FOOD	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/17/2023	000260558	75.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
8/17/2023	2023 0814	117.20	CANNED CAT FOOD	E616291	CRIVELLO, TINA
8/17/2023	434176	30.99	ANIMAL FOOD	V741	GENERAL FEED & SEED
8/17/2023	436981	136.20	HOG PELLETS	V741	GENERAL FEED & SEED
8/21/2023	246224167	282.91	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/21/2023	246281322	234.07	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/21/2023	246281323	76.95	CAT FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
8/25/2023	000261248	21.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
9/10/2023	246228652	76.95	CAT FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
9/10/2023	246343897	110.86	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
9/10/2023	246343899	219.49	CAT FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
9/10/2023	246419834	264.77	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
9/10/2023	2866504	124.26	CAT FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
9/11/2023	000261625	115.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
9/15/2023	000262067	8.00	SPW2847 WATER DISPENSER RENTAL	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
9/15/2023	000270368	83.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
9/19/2023	2877727	242.23	CAT FOOD	V8645	PET PALS
9/22/2023	2023 0822	4,736.91	CAT, DOG, RABBIT FOOD	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	246419833	264.77	CAT AND DOG FOOD	V126091	HILLS PET NUTRITION INC
9/28/2023	000271732	119.00	SPW2847 DRINKING WATER	V34903	DAMM SOFTWARE SERVICE INC
Object: 61412 – JANITORIAL SERVICES					
7/20/2023	32642	875.00	INV 32642 JUNE JANITORIAL	V129185	ALVAREZ INDUSTRIES INC
8/10/2023	32835	808.00	INV32835 JULY JANITORIAL	V129185	ALVAREZ INDUSTRIES INC
9/10/2023	33020	875.00	INV 33020 JANITORIAL	V129185	ALVAREZ INDUSTRIES INC
Object: 61525 – LIABILITY INSURANCE					
7/06/2023	74044	66,790.92	23-24 LIABILITY INSURANCE	V122952	SDRMA
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV					
8/04/2023	90654	99.15	OIL CHANGE FOR ACO TRUCK	V39608	HENLEY PACIFIC SF LLC
Object: 61725 – MAINT-OFFICE EQUIPMNT-SERVICES					
8/04/2023	30893461	164.66	CANON COPIER LEASE	V15391	CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC
8/25/2023	31057291	264.77	CANON COPIER LEASE	V15391	CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC
9/25/2023	31222260	139.66	CANON COPIER LEASE	V15391	CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC
9/29/2023	454997	582.78	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE	V125978	MONTEREY BAY SYSTEMS

Object: 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES

8/02/2023	26091	183.67	CHECK EXHAUST FAN ALARM	V127948	AIRTEC SERVICE
8/04/2023	20430638	887.52	WATER LEAK REPAIR	V38346	ACCO - WILSON INC
8/18/2023	26231	675.00	DUCT DETECTOR REPLACEMENT	V127948	AIRTEC SERVICE
9/10/2023	20444596	1,336.75	BOILER REPAIR	V36507	ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS INC
9/22/2023	26541	252.00	CLINIC AC WORK	V127948	AIRTEC SERVICE

Object: 61845 – MAINT-STRUCT/IMPS/GRDS-OTH-SRV

8/18/2023	79123	5,723.00	CIRCUIT FOR OUTDOOR FREEZER	V45361	JENSCO INC.
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Object: 61922 – OTHER MEDICAL MATERIALS & SUPP

7/20/2023	2023 0701	-309.78	CREDIT FOR OVERPAYMENT	V41124	ELANCO US INC
7/20/2023	48556363	216.21	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/20/2023	48556521	6.74	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/20/2023	48607522	1,640.12	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/20/2023	8045189411	344.77	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
7/20/2023	99999902639743	142.24	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
7/24/2023	2023 0630	86.11	ACCT 157635 SNAP TETS	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
7/28/2023	48726312	1,101.27	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48749704	528.52	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48805525	258.57	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48846782	63.46	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48853668	1,132.09	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48936029	1,744.75	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
7/28/2023	48994979	2,458.18	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/02/2023	4844672	101.38	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/04/2023	3026351345	212.55	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
8/04/2023	3026378962	870.91	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
8/04/2023	3026435966	32.70	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
8/04/2023	5001398786	344.82	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
8/04/2023	99999902651491	339.59	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
8/04/2023	99999902663316	189.66	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
8/08/2023	49087062	1,070.17	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/08/2023	49157379	1,155.63	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/11/2023	2023 0724	291.27	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	6102187040	1,095.91	NEXGARD	V38957	BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ANIMAL HEALTH USA INC
8/17/2023	2023 0731	780.08	ACCT 157635 SNAP TESTS	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
8/17/2023	49246501	1,763.85	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/17/2023	49253551	1,305.95	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/17/2023	49302603	6.71	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/21/2023	49377198	4,539.10	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/21/2023	5001463504	344.82	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
8/23/2023	3026892932	29.43	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
8/25/2023	49371926	629.64	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
8/25/2023	49462114	52.06	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/01/2023	49503450	751.54	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/05/2023	49653823	355.85	GLOVES, SHOE COVERS, BRUSH	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/10/2023	360857	96.20	OXYGEN	V125202	ANALGESIC SERVICES INC
9/10/2023	5001502643	344.82	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
9/11/2023	49559455	519.47	FATAL PLUS	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/11/2023	49614398	3,208.98	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/15/2023	3027192942	2.45	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
9/15/2023	3027192945	51.44	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
9/15/2023	3027198796	152.60	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
9/15/2023	49891943	935.70	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/15/2023	8045249170	181.62	BAYTRIL TAB	V41124	ELANCO US INC
9/15/2023	99999902689566	386.68	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
9/15/2023	99999902689567	142.24	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
9/15/2023	99999902689570	92.04	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V43263	WA BUTLER COMPANY
9/18/2023	49776899	1,233.79	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/18/2023	49847650	4,053.22	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/19/2023	2023 0831	511.76	ACCT 157635 SNAP TESTS	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
9/19/2023	8045169407	344.77	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
9/19/2023	8045183944	344.77	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
9/19/2023	8045240435	344.77	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC
9/20/2023	49908499	313.53	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/22/2023	2023 0822	169.50	MEDICATION FOR CLINIC	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	3027290629	244.56	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V128735	PATTERSON VETERINARY SUPPLY INC
9/22/2023	8045260765	344.77	ADVANTAGE FOR DOGS	V41124	ELANCO US INC

9/26/2023	50015072	386.92	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/26/2023	50021415	103.77	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/26/2023	50036180	1,061.75	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/26/2023	50050567	124.19	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO
9/28/2023	50098749	543.66	CLINIC SUPPLIES	V120453	MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY CO

Object: 62111 – MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE-SERVICES

8/11/2023	2023 0724	147.25	CONSTANT CONTACT SUBSCRIPTION	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/23/2023	8182023	150.00	HAULING SERVICES	V44718	HOGUE, JESSICA JEAN
9/22/2023	2023 0822	239.88	ADOBE ACROBAT RENEWAL	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	147.25	CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL SVC	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506

Object: 62112 – CASH SHORTAGES

7/05/2023	DU97825	0.11	CASH SHORTAGE	C99999	DEP
8/09/2023	DU98737	0.07	CASH SHORTAGE	C99999	DEP
9/13/2023	DU99671	0.07	CASH SHORTAGE	C99999	DEP
9/14/2023	DU99708	4.00	CASH SHORTAGE	C99999	DEP

Object: 62214 – DUPLICATING SERVICES

9/25/2023	00002731	162.40	ANIMAL CONTROL FORMS	V115600	BLUE HERON DESIGN GROUP
9/25/2023	00002731	116.60	BUSINESS CARDS	V115600	BLUE HERON DESIGN GROUP

Object: 62221 – POSTAGE

7/20/2023	0016955400	257.36	POSTAGE METER LEASE	V129092	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC
8/01/2023	2023 0724	1,513.50	POSTAGE FOR METER	V129092	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC
9/10/2023	2023 0824	503.50	POSTAGE FOR METER	V129092	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC
9/19/2023	3106266269	257.36	POSTAGE METER LEASE	V129092	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC
9/28/2023	2023 0924	1,008.50	POSTAGE FOR METER	V129092	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC

Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES

7/07/2023	2023 0706	100.00	INCREASE CHNGE FUND 041023 5.7	V127899	SANTA CRUZ ANIMAL SHELTER, COUNTY OF
7/11/2023	JE517710	-100.00	RECLASS FUNDS/ANIMAL SHELTER		
7/17/2023	2846698	588.11	CAT LITTER	V8645	PET PALS
7/17/2023	8070757323	372.53	OFFICE SUPPLIES	V14384	STAPLES, INC.
7/20/2023	AN25009	572.87	CAT CARRIERS	V127179	BUTLER SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH HOLDING COMPANY LLC
8/04/2023	823575	4,750.00	MICROCHIPS	V37541	DATAMARS INC
8/08/2023	AR21289	519.60	CAT CARRIERS	V127179	BUTLER SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH HOLDING COMPANY LLC
8/11/2023	2023 0724	305.26	STICKER, PRICE LABEL, NAME TAG	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	763.51	HORSE SUPPLIES, DOG TROLLEYS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	633.08	ANIMAL CARE SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	350.01	SUPPLIES FOR FAMILY FUN DAY	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	25.23	CREDIT CARD MACHINE TAPE	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	768.12	OFFICE SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	35.75	LANDFILL FEE FOR TRASH	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	4,519.83	ANIMAL CONTROL SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	94.74	TOOLS FOR CLINIC	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	303.33	FILE FOLDER, TONER	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0724	80.55	APRON, SCALE, COMP MONITOR	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	2023 0801	48.67	STORAGE CABINET/LOCK-ENRICHMEN	V46074	SKEMP, KARYN
8/18/2023	8071110647	139.58	OFFICE SUPPLIES	V14384	STAPLES, INC.
8/23/2023	AU05495	375.07	MICROCHIP SCANNER	V127179	BUTLER SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH HOLDING COMPANY LLC
8/30/2023	2023 0823	500.00	INCREASE CHNGE FUND 081423 5.4	V127899	SANTA CRUZ ANIMAL SHELTER, COUNTY OF
8/31/2023	JE518177	-500.00	RECLASS CHANGE FUND EXPENSE		
9/10/2023	2870916	725.31	CAT LITTER	V8645	PET PALS
9/10/2023	AU15081	779.40	CAT CARRIERS	V127179	BUTLER SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH HOLDING COMPANY LLC
9/10/2023	INV42389	760.58	BLEACH	V124747	HEALTH TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS INC
9/18/2023	2877502	588.11	CAT LITTER	V8645	PET PALS
9/19/2023	8071451979	50.38	OFFICE SUPPLIES	V14384	STAPLES, INC.
9/22/2023	2023 0822	495.48	ANIMAL CARE SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	99.96	DEPOSIT BAGS, PAPER, SHARPIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	4.25	SHARPIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	64.85	KEYS, MAGNETIC KEY HOLDER	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	316.71	KENNEL SUPPLIES, STAPLER, KEYC	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	48.25	HEADPHONES, STAPLERS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	1,179.12	FOOD TRAYS, METAL TAGS, HOSE R	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	38.12	ROTARY TOOL ACCESSORY KIT	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	232.09	ADMIN SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	19.87	NOTEBOOKS FOR ACOS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	2,943.00	DOG LICENSE TAGS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506

9/22/2023	2023 0822	1,021.87	DOG ENRICHMENT SUPPLIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	AW54217	287.30	MICROCHIP SCANNER	V127179	BUTLER SCHEIN ANIMAL HEALTH HOLDING COMPANY LLC
9/25/2023	00002731	780.60	#10 WINDOW ENVELOPES	V115600	BLUE HERON DESIGN GROUP

Object: 62310 – BANKING SERVICES

7/05/2023	DU97824	162.68	JUNE PAYPAL FEES	C99999	DEP
7/05/2023	DU97826	235.05	WEB FEES 070323	C99999	DEP
7/31/2023	DU98461	947.83	BANK FEES 072623	C99999	DEP
8/09/2023	DU98736	159.22	JULY 2023 PAYPAL FEES	C99999	DEP
8/30/2023	DU99293	258.79	BANK FEES WEB 080123	C99999	DEP
8/30/2023	DU99303	980.67	BANK FEES 082423	C99999	DEP
9/13/2023	DU99670	138.72	AUGUST PAYPAL FEES	C99999	DEP
9/25/2023	DU99944	312.61	WEB BANK FEES	C99999	DEP

Object: 62317 – CONSULT/MGT/PC SERVICES

8/04/2023	190288	141.05	JUNE WEB TRANSACTION FEES	V11567	HLP INC
8/18/2023	190348	26,220.00	CHAMELEON ANNUAL SUPPORT/MAINT	V11567	HLP INC
8/18/2023	190430	115.50	JULY WEB LICENSE TRANSACTIONS	V11567	HLP INC
9/10/2023	190488	3,840.00	WEBLICENSE SERVICES	V11567	HLP INC
9/25/2023	00002731	239.76	WEB HOSTING SVCS	V115600	BLUE HERON DESIGN GROUP
9/25/2023	190571	128.45	WEB LICENSE FEES	V11567	HLP INC

Object: 62360 – LEGAL SERVICES

8/30/2023	2023 0731	3,075.58	JULY LEGAL SERVICES	V42012	TOWNSEND, CARA
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Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER

7/06/2023	2023 0701	51.00	ANNUAL ALARM FEE	V9813	WATSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
7/17/2023	2023 0715	1,920.00	BENEFIT SHOP MGMT	V37693	GOODMAN, LEA M
7/20/2023	8998	1,050.00	JUNE PICK UP SVCS SC	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
7/20/2023	8998	1,050.00	JUNE PICK UP SVCS WATS	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
7/20/2023	9617	1,705.00	JUNE CREMATION SERVICES	V43417	THOMPSON, GRACE
7/24/2023	2023 0630	594.10	ACCT 157635 LAB WORK	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
8/01/2023	765666	310.31	ALARM MONITORING	V129086	FIRST ALARM
8/04/2023	73898	50.00	SHREDDING SERVICES	V12521	SANTA CRUZ RECORDS MANAGEMENT
8/10/2023	74390	50.00	SHREDDING SERVICES	V12521	SANTA CRUZ RECORDS MANAGEMENT
8/10/2023	9017	700.00	PICK UP SVCS	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
8/10/2023	9017	700.00	PICK UP SVCS	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
8/17/2023	2023 0731	1,024.96	ACCT 157635 LAB WORK	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
8/17/2023	8142023	2,000.00	BENEFIT SHOP MGMT	V37693	GOODMAN, LEA M
8/17/2023	9652	1,110.00	CREMATION SERVICES	V43417	THOMPSON, GRACE
9/08/2023	DU99573	-316.00	RABIES TESTING FEES	C99999	DEP
9/14/2023	DU99708	158.00	RABIES TESTING FEE	C99999	DEP
9/15/2023	09132023	2,000.00	BENEFIT SHOP MGMT	V37693	GOODMAN, LEA M
9/15/2023	771615	142.50	PERMIT FEES -FIRE ALARM INSTAL	V129086	FIRST ALARM
9/15/2023	771616	559.00	ADD CELL COMMUNICATION TO ALAR	V129086	FIRST ALARM
9/15/2023	771617	322.50	ALARM MONITORING	V129086	FIRST ALARM
9/15/2023	9039	700.00	WATSONVILLE PICK UP SVCS	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
9/15/2023	9039	700.00	SC PICK UP SVCS	V35604	FLINTSTONE ENTERPRISES
9/19/2023	2023 0831	1,085.78	ACCT 157635 LAB WORK	V10638	IDEXX DISTRIBUTION INC
9/20/2023	DU99827	-158.00	RABIES TESTING FEE	C99999	DEP
9/27/2023	DU100007	-158.00	RABIES TESTING FEE	C99999	DEP
9/28/2023	9212023	240.00	B. SHOP GARAGE CLEAN UP	V37693	GOODMAN, LEA M
9/28/2023	9688	2,550.00	CREMATION SERVICES	V43417	THOMPSON, GRACE

Object: 62399 – VETERINARIAN SERVICES

7/01/2023	EZ700001RV	202.50	ACCRUE SCVH FEES JUNE 2023		
7/06/2023	DU97857	-202.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
7/13/2023	DU98040	-340.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
7/20/2023	2023 0630	372.00	REIM VET FEES A302191	V45915	HAMMONS, JASON
7/20/2023	2023 0630	4,963.61	JUNE EMERGENCY VET SERVICES	V108476	SANTA CRUZ VETERINARY HOSPITAL
7/24/2023	DU98288	-591.90	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
7/26/2023	DU98351	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
7/31/2023	DU98461	-227.00	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
8/02/2023	DU98549	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
8/04/2023	23	4,252.50	JULY SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES	V42810	CLAY, JOHN W
8/08/2023	2023 0803	1,548.50	OPHTHALMOLOGY FOR NENA A303456	V45804	BLINK VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY P C
8/09/2023	DU98744	-126.59	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
8/11/2023	2023 0724	649.00	RABBIT SPAY/NEUTERS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/11/2023	DU98812	-227.00	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP

8/21/2023	2023 0818	2,921.25	SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES	V42926	SULLIVAN, RHIANNON MARIE
8/21/2023	239435	2,962.00	CUPCAKE FHO	V8622	ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF SOQUEL
8/23/2023	2023 0731	4,879.75	JULY VET SERVICES	V108476	SANTA CRUZ VETERINARY HOSPITAL
8/24/2023	DU99144	-308.25	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/01/2023	DU99400	-227.00	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/08/2023	DU99573	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/10/2023	24	6,648.75	AUGUST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES	V42810	CLAY, JOHN W
9/12/2023	DU99608	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/14/2023	DU99708	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/15/2023	490726	887.64	SONNY A302511 VET SVCS	V128367	COAST EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES INC
9/15/2023	490728	278.48	SONNY A302511 VET SVCS	V128367	COAST EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES INC
9/15/2023	490850	253.33	SONNY A302511 VET SVCS	V128367	COAST EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICES INC
9/18/2023	2023 0831	5,231.57	AUGUST EMERGENCY VET SVCS	V108476	SANTA CRUZ VETERINARY HOSPITAL
9/22/2023	2023 0822	1,161.00	RABIT SPAY/NEUTERS	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/25/2023	2023 0831	2,422.00	MUMMY PIG/GEORGE SPAY/NEUTER	V39228	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CA, DAVIS
9/27/2023	DU100007	-227.00	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/27/2023	DU100008	-113.50	SCVH FEES	C99999	DEP
9/28/2023	2023 0810	75.00	A303796 CHOCO OPHTHALMOLOGY	V45804	BLINK VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY P C

Object: 62610 – RENTS/LEASES-STRUC IMP & GRNDS

7/07/2023	25445	5,231.47	WATS SHELTER RENT	V1728	CITY OF WATSONVILLE
7/28/2023	25996	5,231.47	WATS SHELTER RENT	V1728	CITY OF WATSONVILLE
9/01/2023	26581	5,231.47	WATS SHELTER RENT	V1728	CITY OF WATSONVILLE

Object: 62801 – ADVERTISING & PROMOTION SUPP

9/25/2023	00002731	71.33	WATS AND HPFA SIGNS	V115600	BLUE HERON DESIGN GROUP
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Object: 62842 – INVENTORY MATERIALS PURCHASED

9/22/2023	2023 0822	4,314.50	TANK TOPS AND HOODIES	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
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Object: 62914 – EDUCATION & TRAINING(REPT)

8/11/2023	2023 0724	125.00	DOG AGGRESSION TRAINING	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
9/22/2023	2023 0822	25.00	FORENSICS WORKSHOP G35	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506

Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL

7/17/2023	90416107	2,554.43	FUEL FOR FLEET	V14942	WEX BANK
8/10/2023	91065828	2,571.26	FUEL FOR FLEET	V14942	WEX BANK
8/11/2023	2023 0724	96.51	FUEL FOR BMW, TRACTOR	V998506	U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS-AS 8506
8/24/2023	2023 0823	85.96	FUEL FOR VAN	E613142	MANRIQUEZ, RODOLFO
9/25/2023	91709325	2,762.58	FUEL FOR FLEET	V14942	WEX BANK

Object: 63070 – UTILITIES

7/17/2023	2023 0711	191.20	ACCT 33115 INTERNET SVCS	V125912	THE INTERNET STORE INC
7/20/2023	189336	802.28	WATSONVILLE UTILITIES	V100856	WATSONVILLE CITY UTILITIES
7/20/2023	2023 0624	101.74	JULY INTERNET SVCS	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
7/20/2023	2023 0707	110.55	ANNEX PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
7/28/2023	0006855556	1,563.85	TRASH/RECYCLE - JUNE	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
7/28/2023	0006855843	328.53	BENEFIT SHOP TRASH/RECYCLE JUN	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
7/28/2023	2023 0712	3,941.17	SC UTILITIES	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
7/28/2023	2023 0713	712.67	WATS PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
7/28/2023	2023 0715	101.74	INTERNET SVCS	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
7/31/2023	204466	793.56	WATSONVILLE UTILITIES	V100856	WATSONVILLE CITY UTILITIES
8/02/2023	2023 0726 1	26.94	ANNEX FIRE/WATER	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
8/02/2023	2023 0726 2	86.83	SC WATER/FIRE	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
8/02/2023	2023 0726 3	1,102.83	SC WATER/FIRE	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
8/08/2023	2023 0724	101.74	INTERNET SVCS	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
8/10/2023	0006917510	1,875.69	SC TRASH/RECYCLE	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
8/10/2023	0006917796	351.50	BENEFIT SHOP TRASH/RECYCLE JUL	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
8/17/2023	2023 0806	95.08	ANNEX PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
8/21/2023	2023 0715	-86.32	ACCT 33115 INTERNET SVCS	V125912	THE INTERNET STORE INC
8/21/2023	2023 0810	3,617.42	SC PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
8/21/2023	2023 0811	670.49	WATS PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
8/21/2023	2023 0811	104.88	ACCT 33115 INTERNET SVCS	V125912	THE INTERNET STORE INC
8/25/2023	219618	913.79	WATSONVILLE UTILITIES	V100856	WATSONVILLE CITY UTILITIES
9/01/2023	2023 0815	101.74	INTERNET SVCS	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
9/05/2023	2023 0824	101.74	ANNEX INTERNET	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
9/15/2023	2023 0825 1	31.31	SC UTILITIES	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
9/15/2023	2023 0825 2	85.81	SC UTILITIES	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
9/15/2023	2023 0825 3	1,155.42	SC UTILITIES	V125932	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

9/15/2023	2023 0906	106.09	ANNEX PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
9/15/2023	2023 0910	104.88	ACCT 33115 INTERNET SVCS	V125912	THE INTERNET STORE INC
9/19/2023	0006979319	1,673.29	SC TRASH/RECYCLE	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
9/19/2023	0006979604	351.50	BENEFIT SHOP TRASH/RECYCLE	V124657	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC
9/19/2023	2023 0911	3,023.37	SC PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
9/19/2023	2023 0912	851.62	WATS PGE	V129169	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO
9/28/2023	2023 0915	101.74	INTERNET SVCS	V12280	COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
9/28/2023	234814	922.84	WATSONVILLE UTILITIES	V100856	WATSONVILLE CITY UTILITIES

Consent Agenda Item 5.6

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: First Quarter Report of all Journal Entries made to the County of Santa Cruz and Interfaces for the County ISD Telecom Services for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Recommendation:

Accept the fourth quarter report of all Journal Entries made to the County of Santa Cruz and interfaces for the County ISD Telecom Services for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Discussion:

The Santa Cruz Auditor-Controller's Office management letter dated January 3, 2013 recommended the Shelter Manager review all JE made to the County of Santa Cruz and ensure all support is on file and present this report to the Board during regular Board meetings.

A list of all Journal Entry payments to the County of Santa Cruz has been downloaded and checked against department files to insure hard copy support for each transaction. Staff compared monthly amount interfaces for ISD Telecom to the "Extension Detail Report", which shows complete charges, and found no discrepancies. The interfaces for ISD Telecom are included on the Journal Report.

The next quarterly report of Journal Entries and interfaces for October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 will be included on the February 2024 agenda and every quarter thereafter.

DATE: 10/23/23
 TO: Board of Directors, Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter
 FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
 SUBJECT: Item 5.5 July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 County Journal Entry Report

The following SCCAS journal entry claims are for services paid directly to Santa Cruz County and submitted to the County Auditor-Controller for payment from the Operating Budget for the period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Actual Transactions

Post On	Document No	Amount	Description	Department
7/01/2023	EZ420004RV	-321.51	JUNE 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS ESTIM	ISD - TELECOM
7/01/2023	EZ420004RV	-2,875.04	JUNE 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS ESTIM	ISD - TELECOM
8/02/2023	IB240008	319.71	JUNE 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS ACTUA	ISD - TELECOM
8/02/2023	IB240008	2,684.73	JUNE 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS ACTUA	ISD - TELECOM
9/15/2023	IB240015	5,301.80	JULY 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS	ISD - TELECOM
9/15/2023	IB240015	594.96	JULY 2023 TELEPHONE CHGS	ISD - TELECOM
Department Total		5,704.65		ISD - TELECOM
9/07/2023	IB241022	9,008.28	ASA CHARGEBACK INV# 3108772	ISD - PC SOFTWARE
Department Total		9,008.28		
9/05/2023	GS240001	573.38	WAREHOUSE CHRGS MONTH 6/23 ACT	GSD - WAREHOUSE
9/05/2023	GS240001	595.44	WAREHOUSE CHRGS MONTH 6/23 ACT	GSD - WAREHOUSE
9/21/2023	GS240002	426.22	WAREHOUSE CHARGES MONTH 7/2023	GSD - WAREHOUSE
Department Total		1,595.04		
7/11/2023	JV240011	3,057.71	JULY SCR911 SERVICES	SCR 911
7/27/2023	JV240036	3,057.71	SCR911 AUGUST SERVICES	SCR 912
8/30/2023	JV240112	3,057.71	SEPT SCR911 SVCS	SCR 913
9/26/2023	JV240153	3,057.71	OCTOBER SCR911 SERVICES	SCR 914
Department Total		12,230.84		
8/16/2023	JV240086	49,417.25	1ST QTR 23-24 CERTS LEASE PMT	COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
Department Total		49,417.25		
7/01/2023	EZ330002RV	-561.80	Q4 22-23 EST Fleet Chgs	GSD - FLEET
7/27/2023	JV240035	2,366.57	RADIO & AMBER LIGHTS INSTALL	GSD - FLEET
9/11/2023	GS240103	35.92	June23 ACT Fleet Chgs	GSD - FLEET
Department Total		1,840.69		

Consent Agenda Item 5.7

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Accept Donations Totaling of \$23,511.17 from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation and Direct that the Checks be Deposited

Recommendation:

Accept a donation of \$23,511.17 from the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation and direct that the check be deposited.

Discussion:

The Foundation has provided a donation of \$12,267 to match July and August license donations received from the public, \$5,240.65 for July and August green envelope matches, and \$6,003.52 to double-match September license donations.

Consent Agenda Item 5.8

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Accept a \$5,000 Donation from Adobe Inc. and Direct that the Check be Deposited

Recommendation:

Accept a \$5,000 donation from Adobe Inc. and direct that the check be deposited.

Consent Agenda Item 5.8

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Accept and File SDRMA Claims Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Recommendation:

Accept and file the Special District Risk Management Agency (SDRMA) Claims Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Discussion:

SCCAS had no property or liability claims for FY 2022-23, which is quite noteworthy considering the significant risk involved in the operation of an animal shelter.



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September 21, 2023

Mr. Stephen Walpole
Chief of Police
Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority
1001 Rodriguez Street
Santa Cruz, California 95062

Re: No Paid Property/Liability Claims in 2022-23

Dear Mr. Walpole,

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority’s Governing Body, management, and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention training. Your agency’s efforts have resulted in no “paid” property/liability claims for program year 2022-23. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year and excludes property claims. This is a great accomplishment!

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no “paid” claims during 2022-23 earned one credit incentive point (CIP), thereby reducing their annual contribution amount.

As SDRMA is dedicated to serving its members and preventing claims, we would appreciate your agency taking a moment and sharing with us what made your District successful in preventing property/liability losses. Our goal is to incorporate your successful ideas and suggestions into our loss prevention programs to benefit all members of SDRMA. Please forward any comments or suggestions to us at memberplus@sdrma.org.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my honor to congratulate the Governing Body, management, and staff for their commitment to proactive risk management and loss prevention training.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson, President
Board of Directors

Regular Agenda Item 6.1

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: General Manager's Oral Report

General Manager Rowland will present an oral report on the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter.

Regular Agenda Item 6.2

TO Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Board of Directors
FROM: Amber Rowland, General Manager
DATE: October 23, 2023
SUBJECT: Consider and Approve the Financial Report for Quarter 1 of FY 2023-24

Recommendation:

Approve the Financial Report as presented for Quarter 1 of FY 2023-24.

Discussion:

The fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 financial report for Quarter 1 reflects total revenues of \$971,755 and expenditures of \$1,258,780. Total FY revenues were 18.86% of a potential 25.00%. The revenue shortfall is due to September member contributions being deposited in October. Q2 revenues will offset this shortfall. Total expenditures were 22.51% of a potential 25.00%.

Licensing revenues for Q1 were \$56,165. Last year's licensing revenues for the same period were \$65,850.

**Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority
Financial Summary for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
For Months Ending September 30, 2023**

Revenues:	2023-2024 Final Budget	2023-2024 Adj Budget	2023-2024 Est/Actuals	2023-2024 YTD Actuals	YTD Remaining	2022-2023 YTD Actuals
SALES TAX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
INTEREST	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$13,001	\$31,999	\$6,026
RENTS & CONCESSIONS	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$25	\$475	\$11
RENTAL DEPOSIT/FORFEIT REVENUE	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$10
HUMANE SERVICES	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$30,700	\$219,300	\$59,720
ADOPTION FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,529	(\$51,529)	\$0
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$735	\$2,265	\$670
COST RECOVERY-OTHER	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$817	\$4,183	\$910
MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	\$3,683,973	\$3,683,973	\$3,683,973	\$669,506	\$3,014,467	\$1,339,627
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADMIN FINE FEES	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$525	\$4,475	\$925
GRANT SERVICES-NON INTERGOV	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$3,570
ANIMAL MICROCHIP FEES	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,100	\$8,900	\$1,645
ANIMAL RABIES FEES	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$959	\$8,041	\$1,222
ANIMAL SPAY&NEUTER FEES	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$2,606	\$37,394	\$1,727
SALES-OTHER-TAXABLE	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$16,999	\$78,001	\$18,754
CASH OVERRAGES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONTRIBUTIONS and DONATIONS	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$119,656	\$530,344	\$73,152
NSF CHECKS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$89)
OTHER REVENUE	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$7,432	\$32,568	\$7,711
LICENSES - CAPITOLA	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$1,656	\$7,344	\$2,029
LICENSES - SANTA CRUZ	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$11,214	\$48,786	\$13,232
LICENSES- SCOTTS VALLEY	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$2,688	\$14,312	\$3,189
LICENSES- COUNTY	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$34,267	\$145,733	\$41,072
LICENSES- WATSONVILLE	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$6,340	\$28,660	\$6,328
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$5,152,673	\$5,152,673	\$5,152,673	\$971,755	\$4,180,918	\$1,581,440

Less Expenditures:

Salaries and Benefits	\$3,704,296	\$3,704,296	\$3,704,296	\$765,128	\$2,939,168	\$601,236
Services and Supplies	\$1,380,414	\$1,380,414	\$1,380,414	\$389,592	\$990,822	\$284,362
Other Uses	\$149,020	\$149,020	\$149,020	\$0	\$149,020	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
Operating Transfers Out	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$0	\$103,030
Intrafund Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$5,377,790	\$5,377,790	\$5,377,790	\$1,258,780	\$4,119,010	\$988,628

Plus Contingency:

TOTAL EXPENDITURES INCLUDING CONTINGENCY:	\$215,112	\$215,112	\$215,112	\$0	\$215,112	\$0
	\$5,592,902	\$5,592,902	\$5,592,902	\$1,258,780	\$4,334,122	\$988,628

NET REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURE **(\$440,229)** **(\$440,229)** **(\$440,229)** **(\$287,025)** **(\$153,204)** **\$592,813**

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - UNDESIGNATED \$1,384,065 \$1,384,065 \$1,384,065 \$1,384,065 \$1,384,065 \$1,384,065
(unaudited ending balance from 6/30/22)

ENDING FUND BALANCE - UNDESIGNATED \$943,836 \$943,836 \$943,836 \$1,097,040 \$1,230,861 \$1,976,878

ANIMAL LICENSE DETAIL

	2022-23 YTD Actuals	2021-22 YTD Actuals	PY COMPARISON
LICENSES - CAPITOLA	\$1,656	\$2,029	(\$373)
LICENSES - SANTA CRUZ	\$11,214	\$13,232	(\$2,018)
LICENSES- SCOTTS VALLEY	\$2,688	\$3,189	(\$501)
LICENSES- COUNTY	\$34,267	\$41,072	(\$6,805)
LICENSES- WATSONVILLE	\$6,340	\$6,328	\$12

* Fund Balance Assigned for B. Jean Donation - balance as of 6/30/22 is \$472,501 (Unaudited)

* Fund Balance - Non spendable for change fund/petty cash - balance as of 6/30/22 is \$900 (Unaudited)

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62226	INVENTORABLE ITEMS	20,000	20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	0.00%	9.11%	\$3,189	(\$3,189)	\$0	\$35,000
62301	ACCOUNTING & AUDITING	16,000	16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	0.00%	-42.67%	(\$6,400)	\$6,400	\$0	\$15,000
62310	BANKING SERVICES	17,500	17,500	\$1,399	\$451	\$3,196	\$14,304	18.26%	18.56%	\$3,248	(\$52)	\$1,144	\$17,500
62316	COMPUTER PROF SVCS	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
62317	CONSULT/MGT/PC SVCE.	34,000	34,000	\$26,477	\$4,208	\$30,685	\$3,315	90.25%	95.73%	\$30,634	\$51	\$3,959	\$32,000
62318	COUNTY COUNSEL	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62325	DATA PROCESSING	87,739	87,739	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87,739	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,496
62330	DPW SERVICES - GENERAL MONEY	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62360	LEGAL SERVICES	20,000	20,000	\$3,076	\$0	\$3,076	\$16,924	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$3,076	\$0	\$85,000
62381	PROF & SPECIAL	120,000	120,000	\$9,003	\$10,883	\$32,372	\$87,628	26.98%	13.54%	\$18,959	\$13,413	\$6,442	\$140,000
62399	VETERINARIAN SERVICES	150,000	150,000	\$16,438	\$16,050	\$36,550	\$113,450	24.37%	13.62%	\$32,015	\$4,535	\$28,970	\$235,000
62500	EQUIPMENT RENTS & LEASES-	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62610	RENTS & LEASES-	265,665	265,665	\$49,417	\$5,231	\$65,112	\$200,553	24.51%	18.69%	\$50,017	\$15,094	\$600	\$267,673
62710	FIELD EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,524
62715	SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	1,000	1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
62801	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	2,000	2,000	\$0	\$71	\$71	\$1,929	3.57%	7.33%	\$220	(\$149)	\$80	\$3,000
62810	S/APP CNTR SRV-PLNT MNT & RPR	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62842	INVENTORY MATERIALS PURCHASED	30,000	30,000	\$0	\$4,315	\$4,315	\$25,686	14.38%	0.00%	\$0	\$4,315	\$0	\$34,000
62857	SPECIAL MISC EXP-SUPPLIES	500	500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.00%	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62890	SUBSCRIPTIONS/BOOKS	500	500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
62893	TOWING	500	500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.00%	0.00%	\$347	(\$347)	\$0	\$600
62914	TRAVEL-EDUCATION	2,500	2,500	\$125	\$25	\$150	\$2,350	6.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$1,712
62920	GAS, OIL, FUEL	25,000	25,000	\$2,754	\$2,763	\$8,071	\$16,929	32.28%	14.07%	\$3,096	\$4,975	\$1,226	\$22,000
62922	TRAVEL-LODGING	1,500	1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,688
62924	TRAVEL-MEALS	500	500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$785
62926	TRAVEL-MILEAGE	500	500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
62928	TRAVEL-OTHER	100	100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
62930	REGISTRATIONS	1,000	1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
62935	SERVICE CENTER	500	500	\$0	\$36	(\$526)	\$1,026	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	(\$526)	\$0	\$2,585
62940	TRAVEL ADVANCES	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
63070	UTILITIES	100,000	100,000	\$8,861	\$8,611	\$26,120	\$73,880	26.12%	15.57%	\$18,994	\$7,125	\$7,336	122,000
74230	PRINCIPAL ON LEASE PUCHASES	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
61000	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$1,380,414	\$1,380,414	\$164,216	\$109,007	\$389,592	\$990,822	28.22%	17.79%	\$284,362	\$269,122	\$92,766	\$1,598,240
75239	CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
75315	COUNTY OVERHEAD (see 3550)	\$149,020	\$149,020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$149,020	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167,525
700000	OTHER CHARGES	\$149,020	\$149,020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$149,020	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167,525
86204	EQUIPMENT	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,049
86208	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,160
86209	MOBILE EQUIPMENT	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	0.00%	54.22%	\$41,235	(\$41,235)	\$0	\$41,235
86210	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
86204	FIXED ASSETS	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$41,235	(\$41,235)	\$0	\$79,444

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90000	OPERATING TRSF OUT	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$0	\$104,060	\$0	100.00%	135.47%	\$103,030	\$1,030	\$103,030	\$103,030
90000	OTHER FINANCING USES	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$104,060	\$0	\$104,060	\$0	100.00%	0.00%	\$103,030	\$1,030	\$103,030	\$103,030
95390	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
95000	INTRAFUND TRANSFERS	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
98700	APPROP FOR CONTINGENCIES	\$215,112	\$215,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,112	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
98700	CONTINGENCIES	\$215,112	\$215,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,112	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40100	PROPERTY TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40171	SALES TAX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$101)
40230	ANIMAL LICENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$0)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40430	INTEREST	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$4,154	\$4,478	\$13,001	\$31,999	28.89%	14.01%	\$6,026	\$6,975	\$2,388	\$43,000
40440	RENTS & CONCESS	\$500	\$500	\$25	\$0	\$25	\$475	4.92%	8.55%	\$11	\$14	\$0	\$125
40441	RENTAL DEPOSIT/FORFEIT REVENUE	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	0.00%	5.00%	\$10	(\$10)	\$10	\$200
40810	ST-NATURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40872	ST-MANDATED COST REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40984	STATE-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
41093	FED-FEMA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
41096	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
41148	FED-CARES ACT CRF FUNDING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
41510	HUMANE SERVICES	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$29,396	(\$19,687)	\$30,700	\$219,300	12.28%	28.44%	\$59,720	(\$29,020)	\$21,038	\$210,000
41880	ADOPTION FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,529	\$51,529	(\$51,529)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$51,529	\$0	\$0
42010	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$350	\$251	\$735	\$2,265	24.50%	26.80%	\$670	\$65	\$241	\$2,500
42022	COST RECOVERY-OTHER	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$257	\$285	\$817	\$4,183	16.35%	17.16%	\$910	(\$92)	\$472	\$5,300
42044	MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	\$3,683,973	\$3,683,973	\$366,558	\$302,948	\$669,506	\$3,014,467	18.17%	40.00%	\$1,339,627	(\$670,121)	\$967,040	\$3,349,066
42047	OTHER CHARGES CURRRENT SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$0)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42073	ADMINISTRATIVE FINE FEES	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$425	\$100	\$525	\$4,475	10.50%	30.83%	\$925	(\$400)	\$175	\$3,000
42074	GRANT SERVICES-NON INTERGOV	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$3,570	(\$3,570)	\$3,570	\$15,000
42202	ENDOWMENT CARE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42205	ANIMAL MICROCHIP FEES	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$490	\$350	\$1,100	\$8,900	11.00%	25.31%	\$1,645	(\$545)	\$920	\$6,500
42206	ANIMAL RABIES FEES	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$389	\$425	\$959	\$8,041	10.66%	24.44%	\$1,222	(\$263)	\$646	\$5,000
42207	ANIMAL SPAY&NEUTER FEES	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$1,100	\$806	\$2,606	\$37,394	6.52%	11.51%	\$1,727	\$879	\$936	\$15,000
42234	SALES-OTHER-TAXABLE	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$7,905	\$8,198	\$16,999	\$78,001	17.89%	20.17%	\$18,754	(\$1,754)	\$5,756	\$93,000
42362	CASH OVERAGES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	#DIV/0!	\$0	(\$0)	\$0	\$0
42372	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$70,770	\$53,107	\$119,656	\$530,344	18.41%	9.82%	\$73,152	\$46,503	\$18,178	\$745,000
42375	INSURANCE PROCEEDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42380	NSF CHECKS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$0)	0.00%	25.87%	(\$89)	\$89	\$0	(\$344)
42381	NSF CHECKS-RETURNED CHECK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40
42384	OTHER REVENUE	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$4,647	\$2,021	\$7,432	\$32,568	18.58%	19.28%	\$7,711	(\$279)	\$3,353	\$40,000
42390	UNCLAIMED MONEY-ESCHEATED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42500	BOND PROCEEDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42981	LICENSES - CAPITOLA	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$1,192	\$261	\$1,656	\$7,344	18.40%	0.00%	\$2,029	(\$373)	\$656	\$8,000
42982	LICENSES - SANTA CRUZ	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$6,047	\$3,832	\$11,214	\$48,786	18.69%	0.00%	\$13,232	(\$2,018)	\$4,661	\$50,000
42983	LICENSES- SCOTT'S VALLEY	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$1,734	\$606	\$2,688	\$14,312	15.81%	0.00%	\$3,189	(\$501)	\$1,294	\$14,000
42984	LICENSES- COUNTY	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$19,698	\$10,586	\$34,267	\$145,733	19.04%	0.00%	\$41,072	(\$6,805)	\$15,373	\$160,000
42986	LICENSES- WATSONVILLE	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$3,700	\$2,263	\$6,340	\$28,660	18.11%	0.00%	\$6,328	\$12	\$2,883	\$27,000
40100-42500	REVENUES	\$5,152,673	\$5,152,673	\$518,836	\$422,359	\$971,755	\$4,180,918	18.86%	33.01%	\$1,581,440	(\$609,686)	\$1,049,590	\$4,791,286

Dear Animal Shelter JPA Board Member,

I am sending you an article. This article articulates and explains the crisis that now exists in animal shelters due to the many factors that have come together over the last four or five years. It succinctly tells us what we are up against in animal sheltering and rescue today.

For years the JPA Board has been managing the Shelter budget based on a municipal animal sheltering model put in place years ago. As this article outlines, times have drastically changed.

You have a difficult job. As a member of the JPA board, you oversee a very complex program where your decisions could mean the death of hundreds of animals whose only crime it is to exist. It is my hope that you will read this article to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the current issues facing our community shelter.

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter has a great reputation because of our "Open Door" philosophy and the dedication of its employees and volunteers, but they are being overwhelmed. You have an opportunity to slow down the tsunami of pet overpopulation already at our doors and make real strides to solving this problem.

The community expects the Animal Shelter program to be structured to effectively deal with the animals and employees in a progressive humane way. If we don't take steps now to reduce the flow of animals, and support staff with a living wage, the program will fail, and we will lose the good will of the community we have worked so hard to build.

Presently, the budget accommodates the problem rather than creating the solution. If we continue down the path in place, we know we will be swept along with *certain* financial cost, loss of more innocent lives, and as a result, lose community support. We will be referred to as the "**KILL Shelter**".

The only way to prevent this is by **reinstating the low cost spay neuter program**. Not an easy task but necessary. I believe this will be cost effective over time, by reducing the number of animals, it will reduce the cost of handling and housing and killing hundreds of animals.

Just step back for a moment. Think what it is like to be an animal lover, housing and caring for animals that have no one else that cares, and getting to appreciate how special each one is, *then you kill them*.

I know I am speaking plainly to you. It's not to upset you or to pull at your heart strings it is to help you understand the reality your job.

Most respectfully,

Joan E. DeNeffe

Please, no response due to the Brown Act.

Americans can't afford their pets: It's pushing animal shelters to the brink.

How animal shelters are coping with a crisis of abandoned cats and dogs.

By [Kenny Torrella@KennyTorrella](mailto:KennyTorrella@KennyTorrella)

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A young beagle mix at an animal shelter in Central Islip, New York. *John Paraskevas/Newsday RM via Getty Images*

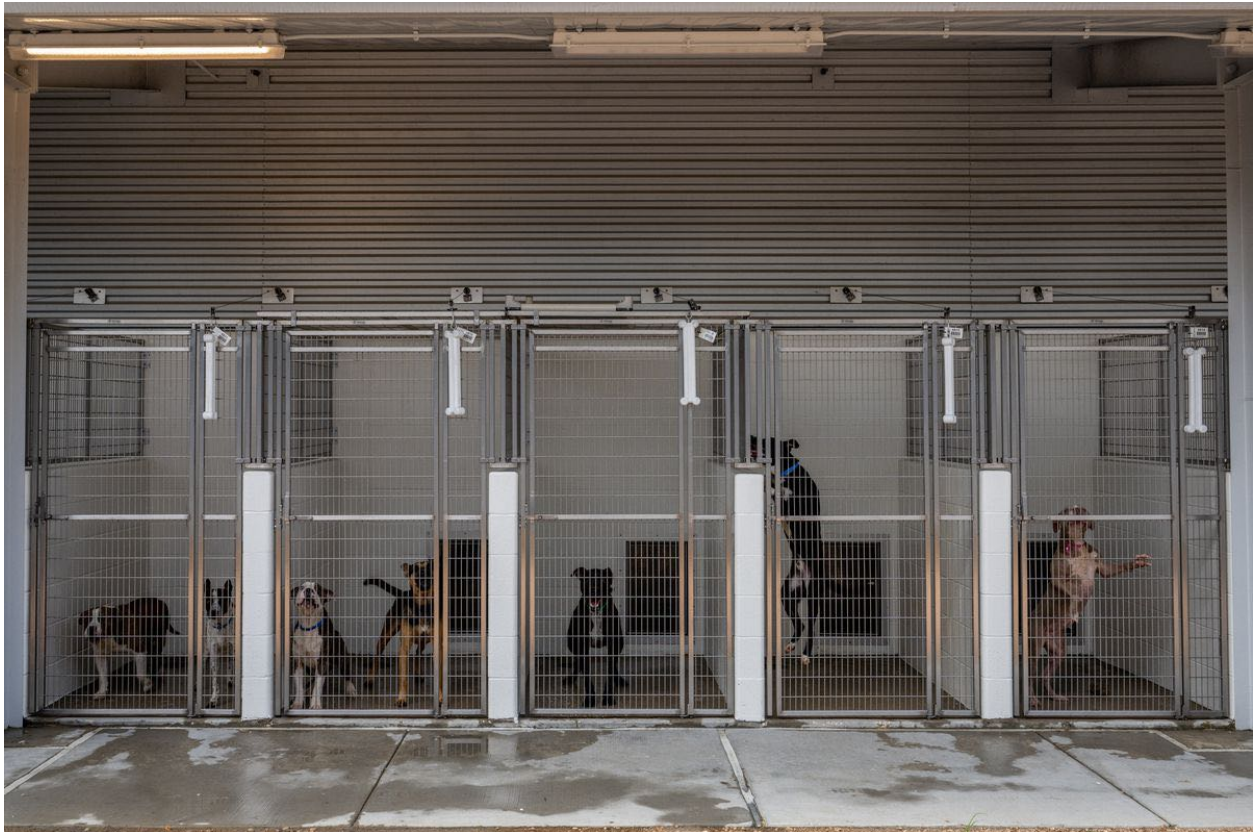
Lonely and stuck at home, [millions of Americans](#) turned to animals for comfort in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, adopting and fostering cats and dogs from shelters at [record rates](#). Videos of [empty animal shelters](#) went viral; [Wired](#) called it “the feel-good pandemic story you need right now.”

“It was a really fun time to be in [animal welfare](#),” said Bobby Mann, chief programs officer of the Humane Rescue Alliance, the largest animal shelter in the Washington, DC, metro area. “We did absolutely see an uptick in adoptions.”

But starting in 2021, shelters began filling back up as there were more animals entering than leaving, and now many are packed to the brim. From [Rhode Island](#) to [Seattle](#) and [everywhere in between](#),

shelters are reporting they're at capacity, forcing an increase in the number of dogs killed due to space constraints. Earlier this year, almost half of shelters **surveyed** reported an increase in euthanized dogs, while only 10 percent reported a decrease.

"Perfectly adoptable dogs are losing their lives and it is a crisis," said one municipal shelter that was surveyed. "We need volunteers, fosters, and adopters."



Dogs are kept in cages at the Harris County Pets animal shelter in Houston, Texas. In 2022, the shelter reported being over capacity and understaffed as a steady increase in animal returns and rescues overwhelmed the facility. *Brandon Bell/Getty Images*

"By and large, shelters are screaming from the rooftops that they've been in crisis for a while, and it's not letting up," said Stephanie Filer, executive director of Shelter Animals Count, an organization that **collects and publishes data** from thousands of animal shelters and conducted the euthanasia survey. The group predicts the situation will continue to worsen this year.

The trend threatens the immense progress that animal shelters have made to reduce the number of animals put down since the 1970s, when **13.5 million** of the 65 million dogs and cats in the US — more than one-fifth — were euthanized. In 2019, fewer than **a million dogs and cats**, about 0.7 percent of the country's **135 million**, were put down.

It's one thing for, say, **Peloton bikes** to pile up in some warehouse as Americans return to normalcy and consumer demand rebalances in response. But when the product is an animal — and make no mistake, we treat **animals as products** — the rebalance of demand and supply can result in mass

suffering, as shelters are forced to make the hard choice between packing more and more animals together in crowded, noisy environments, euthanizing them, or turning them away.

What's driving America's animal shelter crisis?

The state of animal shelters can largely be tracked by a simple metric: how many animals are entering shelters versus how many are leaving, known as the **population gap**. An animal can be taken into a shelter because they were picked up as a stray (the most common reason), surrendered by their owner, or rescued from a cruelty case or **puppy mill**. Animals leave shelters when they're found by their owners, adopted, transferred to another shelter, or euthanized (almost **15 percent of cases** in 2019).

In 2020, when people were adopting shelter animals at record rates, 2 percent more animals left shelters than came in over the course of the year, according to Shelter Animals Count. But in 2021, that figure reversed — **2 percent more** animals entered shelters than left, either as strays or surrendered by their owners. In 2022, the trend worsened: 4 percent more animals entered shelters than left. That may not seem like much, but each percentage point amounts to tens of thousands of animals.

Shelter Animals Count projects that by the end of 2023, the population gap will tick up to 5 percent.

Many of the animals currently entering shelters are strays. While owner surrender rates have fallen in recent years, there's been an **8 percent** increase in stray intakes from January to June 2023 compared to the same time period in 2022, and a 26 percent increase compared to the same period in 2021. But why so many are coming in off the streets is a bit of a mystery.

One theory is that some of these strays are just owner surrenders in disguise. In 2020, due to Covid-19 precautions, many animal shelters stopped allowing people to walk in and surrender their animals, instead requiring them to make an appointment — a practice many shelters have kept in place. The demand for surrender appointments is now so high that many shelters have long waitlists. So the uptick in strays could simply represent people trying to jump the surrender line by claiming they found a stray animal (which doesn't require an appointment). Or they could be simply abandoning them on the street.

It's tempting to judge people who surrender their animals, and some surely do so for shallow reasons, like deciding a pet is too much of an inconvenience or failing to properly train them. But the main reason so many people are giving up their pets — especially dogs — is because they simply can't afford to keep them.

For low-income families, it's hard enough to find affordable housing, and affordable pet-friendly housing is even harder to secure. Many apartment buildings ban certain breeds or dogs over a certain weight. Shelters are taking in especially high numbers of large dogs over 40–50 pounds, Mann of the Humane Rescue Alliance said.

"The same [economic] trends that affect people always affect animals," said Filer with Shelter Animals Count, referring to high inflation and the national housing crisis that has led to a rise in **eviction rates** and **homelessness** in recent years. Housing insecurity is the top reason people are surrendering their animals, according to Mann and Filer. If someone gets to the point where they're

surrendering their animal out of financial hardship, they've generally tried everything else and they have no other option, she added.

The high stray rates, Mann speculates, could also be a consequence of high pet acquisition rates early in the pandemic: There are now simply more animals out in the world who can become strays by, for example, slipping out of their homes and getting lost.

Veterinary costs have also heavily outpaced inflation from July 2022 to July 2023 because of increases in the cost of medical supplies and rising wages due in part to a veterinarian shortage. Some veterinarians partly blame the corporate and private equity takeover of clinics and hospitals for rising vet care costs. There's also a shelter worker shortage, which is part of an economy-wide labor market shortage.

Some people may be surrendering their pets because pet ownership is just difficult, especially with animals that are having a hard time adjusting to post-pandemic life after years cooped up with their owners. Many dog owners report behavioral issues as they head back to the office or bring their poorly socialized animals into public spaces.

Pandemic pets are having a hard time adjusting to their people going back to work

Which of the following have you seen in your pet as you spend more time away from home? (Surveyed February 2022)

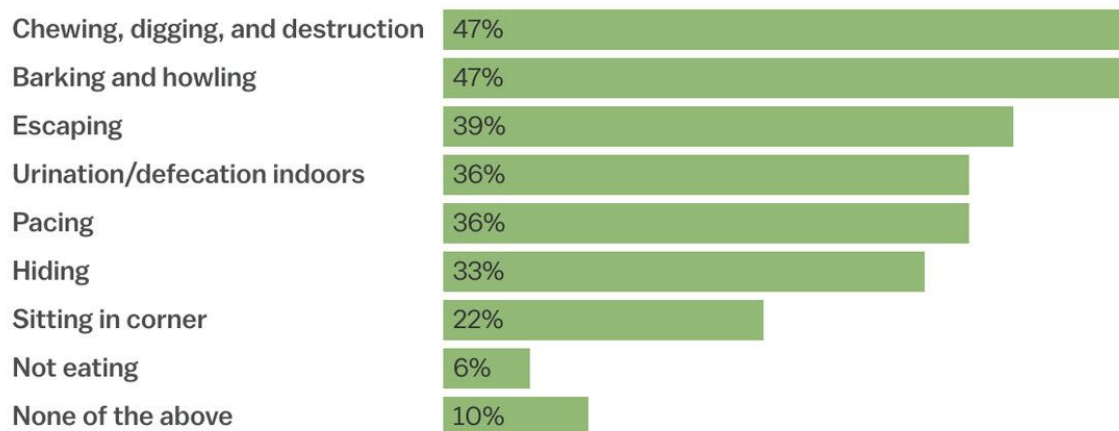


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“We’re just overstimulating these animals that have never had this level of stimulation,” said Mann.

It may just be too much for some pet owners to handle; training can require a lot of time and effort that some people aren’t willing to spend.

“I encourage people not to take on more than they can handle,” said [Crystal Heath](#), a veterinarian who works with shelters and veterinary clinics in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. “And I don’t think that dog ownership or cat ownership or pet ownership in any way is a right that people should have. But I also am not going to be judgmental about somebody who brings an animal in or takes care of an animal who would be killed otherwise and provides them with the best care that they can.”

Heath suspects part of the stray problem could also be due to reduced spay and neuter access in the initial months of the Covid-19 pandemic, as veterinary offices suspended nonessential services.

[The case against pet ownership](#)

Spay and neuter surgeries were down [13 percent](#) in 2020 compared to 2019, according to a paper by veterinary researchers at the University of Florida. By the end of 2021, spays and neuters had bounced back close to 2019 levels, but a year of reduced access, according to the researchers, “may have the potential to undermine progress made in controlling pet populations and euthanasia in shelters.”

Spaying and neutering pets is key to keeping shelter populations down and reducing the number of euthanized animals because it prevents them from having babies that may wind up in a shelter. Intact animals — those who haven’t been spayed or neutered — also tend to have higher rates of certain [behavioral issues](#), like increased aggression and escape attempts (in the effort to find a mate), which could result in more strays and surrenders.

Amid all this bad news, there’s one silver lining: Cats are having a moment. Cat adoption rates are much higher than those for dogs, which makes sense in the context of the housing crisis and inflation, as cats are more affordable and have fewer housing restrictions.



A kitten peeking out of a box at Long Beach Animal Care Services in Long Beach, California. *Brittany Murray/MediaNews Group/Long Beach Press-Telegram via Getty Images*

“Cats were previously our challenge ... now cat adoption rates are in the 60 [percent range],” Filer said. “Dog adoption rates are in the 50s.”

What your local animal shelter needs

Adopt, foster, volunteer, and donate: Those four actions, Filer said, are needed to help

shelters climb out of the hole they’re in.

The first one is obvious: Every animal adopted (instead of purchased from a store or breeder) means one less animal suffering and potentially euthanized in a shelter. If everyone who buys an animal chose to adopt instead, the need for euthanasia in shelters would drastically fall because there are far more dogs [purchased](#) every year than [euthanized](#). The hard part is persuading the many people

who only want to buy a dog with a particular look or size (even if how they've been bred can increase their risk for **serious health issues**).

“I wish they had to look into the eyes of who we have to kill before bringing more lives into this world,” said Heath, who sometimes performs euthanasia, about dog and cat breeders. She wishes there were more public funding to care for animals — and argues some of it should come from puppy mills and dog breeders who are driving pet overpopulation.



Gina Knepp, manager of Front Street Animal Shelter in Sacramento, California, evaluates a year-old white and brindle pitbull mix slated to be euthanized (photograph from 2014). Knepp ultimately took her off the euthanasiation list. *Manny Crisostomo/Sacramento Bee/Tribune News Service via Getty Images*

To help with the staff shortage at shelters, try volunteering at a shelter or even fostering animals. I know some people who don't feel they have the time, money, or lifestyle to properly care for a cat or dog long term, so they foster regularly instead. It's also a great way to test out adoption if you're unsure it's for you.

Shelters really need money, too. Donations to shelters are down, Filer said, while the amount of work is up. And more and more shelters are implementing critical but costly programs that make pet adoption, and pet keeping, more affordable.

For example, Humane Rescue Alliance in Washington, DC, runs a pet food bank and a low-cost vaccine clinic (and vaccines reduce additional vet bills down the road). It also has a veterinarian who travels to people's homes to help in emergency situations.

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“That has been a big shift in our strategy over the last probably three or four years,” Mann said. “I believe if we did not have these comprehensive programs in place, we would see a significant increase in owner surrender.”

If you’re not in a position to adopt a pet anytime soon, giving money might help someone else hold on to theirs.

The animal shelter crisis is a window into the national housing crisis and its ripple effects. It’s also a telling example of our twisted relationship to animals: We consider dogs to be man’s best friend, yet we **breed so many to suffer** while millions languish in shelters, many of whom are ultimately killed to make room for ever more strays and surrenders.

Declining euthanasia rates in shelters has been one of the few success stories in the animal welfare movement over the last several decades. But that progress is at risk if we don’t do more to change how pets are acquired — and if more of us don’t open our homes, or at least our wallets, if we can afford it, to shelter animals.

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Dear Board Members,

I have been volunteering at the SC County Animal Shelter since January of this year. I do a two-hour shift each week with dogs, taking them out of their kennels to give them some exercise and love. It has been a great experience for me, and is a win-win for both me and the dogs!

I'm writing to you today to ask you to fully support the Shelter in terms of staffing and budget. It is clear to me every week how hard the staff there is working, and how dedicated they are to the well being of the animals there and to serving the people who come through the doors. It is also clear to me that they are counting on volunteers not only as "extra help," but as essential to the operation of the shelter. When there are inevitable gaps in volunteer staffing, the pressure on the staff to make everything work is obvious.

I am continually amazed by the variety of services that the shelter provides for the people of Santa Cruz County, as well as for the animals. Taking in every animal that needs help is a public service that is far beyond what non-profit shelters and rescue organizations do. The range of people who come to the Shelter needing help is astounding, both in terms of the varied clientele and the myriad reasons they are there.

I do not pretend to understand all the ins and outs of how the JPA operates, nor what the specific details are that you are working out regarding staffing and budget. I am aware that all of you are part of other jurisdictions that have their own unique staffing and budget challenges. However, the shelter serves ALL of the county and provides essential services on a daily basis that cannot be "deferred" or otherwise left undone. I have been nothing but impressed by the level of dedication and professionalism of the Shelter staff. I urge you to support them to the fullest extent that you can!

Thank you for your consideration.

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PS - Attached is a picture of my "new best friend" from my shift last week. Great dog! I hope she finds a new home soon!



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Thank you, Michele, for reaching out with your thoughtful feedback, and I'm sincerely sorry that your experience with our shelter was frustrating. I also apologize for the delay in getting back to you. While we have addressed this concern with the staff member, and with the entire staff, I have failed to respond to you in a timely fashion.

I want to assure you that I consider anyone who's interested in providing humane care to an apparently unowned cat as an extremely important ally for the shelter and our mission, and I have emphasized that point to our entire staff. We refreshed our supply of humane cat traps over the summer, and they are available now at both of our shelter locations (for rent at a low rate, or for free if being used to TNR cats through Project Purr). Depending upon when this incident occurred, we should have been able to get a working trap to you at the Watsonville shelter – if not that same day then within a day or two, and the customer service you received should not have included such a strong dose of “attitude” or “opinion.”

While the information shared with you was to some degree correct (yes, there are fees associated with reclaiming animals from the shelter, and yes, someone who has claimed ownership of a particular animal by providing veterinary or other care may be responsible for problems or nuisances caused by that animal), a lecturing tone or attitude is never helpful, nor is negativity toward a truly remarkable all-volunteer organization that has worked so hard for so many years to control the outdoor cat population in our County.

Project Purr has altered over 10,000 cats at no cost to caretakers (or taxpayers) just since 2012, preventing literally MILLIONS of unwanted kittens from being born in Santa Cruz County. This has, in turn, prevented **untold** suffering, nuisances, disease, and other negative environmental impacts, in addition to **vastly** reducing intakes and euthanasia of cats at our shelter. Unfortunately, as you may or may not know, Project Purr no longer has its main source of income, so I am deeply concerned about what the future holds for them and the critical services they offer. Also unfortunate is the strong negative attitude you encountered toward TNR and Project Purr at SCCAS. Informing and adjusting the attitude and culture around the issue of outdoor and community cats is one of my goals for my first year as General Manager. Updating strategies, policies, and programs for managing cat populations may take a bit longer, but I'm hoping **your email can serve as a catalyst**.

I know and appreciate that cats are not indigenous to our ecosystems, but it is unrealistic to expect that all cats will, or can be, managed as indoor-only pets. It is critically important that municipal shelters like ours carefully consider our policies and programs, as well as every interaction we have with the public and any partners in the community, to ensure we're always focused on the overarching goals of 1. **engaging and working positively with cat caretakers**, in all their diversity, and 2. **using whatever means necessary to humanely limit the population of unmanaged outdoor cats**. TNR and Community Cat programs have proven to be the most efficient and effective means to

meet these goals. Together, we can prevent disease, suffering, needless shelter intake and euthanasia, as well as limiting the negative environmental impacts of outdoor cats.

Thank you again, both for your concern for “your” cat, and for caring enough about your community to reach out with your feedback. I hope you’ll continue to be engaged and concerned about what’s going on in your neighborhood and community!

Sincerely,



Amber Rowland

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Ms. Rowland,

After much thought, I decided to reach out and share a recent experience that I had with Project Purr and the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in Watsonville. My goal in writing is not to speak poorly of a Shelter staff member, but to provide you with information, based on

my experience, that may be used as a learning opportunity for staff.

Recently, a young cat was in our neighborhood and clearly did not have a home. Several neighbors, including myself, would provide food and water. I understand feral cats are a concern in Watsonville, so I wanted to do the responsible thing for this cat and have him neutered. I learned about Project Purr and contacted the East Lake Animal Hospital. Despite the fact the cat was friendly, the hospital required us to bring the cat in an animal trap. I was informed I could rent a trap at the Watsonville Animal Shelter.

I went to the Watsonville Animal Shelter to inquire about renting a trap and was surprised by the staff member's attitude towards Project Purr. It was clear by her tone and words that she did not support the trap and release program despite the fact I was willing to continue to provide food and water for the cat. She responded, "a cat needs more than food and water" and "if you work with Project Purr you will be responsible for the cat and if it gets in a fight and hurts another animal you will have to pay for it." She suggested I surrender the cat to the Animal Shelter. I asked if I could rent a trap and she said the ones they had were broken and she didn't have anything available. I left there confused and conflicted about what was best for the cat. Leaving the cat in the care of this staff member did not feel right.

I decided to purchase a trap and go to East Lake Animal Clinic where they took very good care of the cat. He was neutered, given necessary immunizations, had a microchip inserted, and had his ear tipped. Several weeks later, I received a call from the Watsonville Animal Shelter that the cat was dropped off by a neighbor. The same staff member that I dealt with initially displayed the same negativity as the first encounter. She said I took the cat to the vet under the Project Purr program so I was responsible for him, and it would cost \$30 if I chose to pick up the cat or I could surrender him. She also warned if the cat was returned to the Shelter again, I would be charged \$50 and \$75 the time after that. Again, I was lectured about being responsible for the cat and if the cat were to fight another animal, I would be liable for damages.

I chose to pay the \$30 and fortunately was able to find the cat a good home where it will be kept as an indoor cat. I have a family member who is allergic to cats so that was never an option for me. For a second time, I left the Watsonville Animal Shelter feeling frustrated. I was only trying to help this young cat and both times that I went to the Shelter I received a lecture and felt penalized for wanting to help. Through this experience I have developed a great appreciation for Project Purr and the East Lake Animal Hospital. If the staff member at the Watsonville Animal Shelter would set aside personal bias about Project Purr and the catch and release practice, customer service at the Shelter would improve and better reflect the great work the Shelter does for the animals in our County.

Sincerely,

Michele Garza

Cc: SCCAS Board of Directors