



# Napa County

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## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steve Lederer, Director of Public Works

**REPORT BY:** Katie Ribardiere, Animal Shelter Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amend Agreement No.170684B with Humane Society of Napa County & SPCA, Inc. for providing in shelter veterinary care.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 170684B with Humane Society of Napa County & SPCA, Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$35,000 for a new maximum of \$150,000 and amending the scope of work to include providing in-shelter veterinary care.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Napa County Animal Shelter to have a veterinarian on site to provide veterinary care services that are deemed necessary and appropriate to dogs, cats, and rabbits by mutual agreement of the veterinarian and Animal Shelter Manager.

Services to be performed at County Shelter may include:

- a. General veterinary services, including but not limited to at-Shelter exams, bloodwork, vaccinations, microchipping, assistance with euthanasia determinations, treatments, record keeping, assistance with development or writing of protocols for the Shelter, and providing veterinarian advice to Shelter staff as needed.
- b. Minor surgical procedures such as treatment of abscesses, minor lacerations, and foxtail removal and neutering of cats with normal anatomy as determined by the veterinarian, upon request of Animal Shelter Manager or Supervisor.
- c. Behavior/training services for mutually agreed upon projects, as approved in writing by the Animal Shelter Manager

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	50400
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of this agreement will allow the Animal Shelter to continue to receive discounted spay, neuter, and provide in shelter veterinary care from Napa Humane
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Funding for this service will be budgeted each fiscal year for the term of the agreement
Consequences if not approved:	The Animal Shelter would not receive discounted rates from Napa Humane and animals in the care of the Animal shelter that need spay/neuter and medical services might be sent to other veterinarians who may not offer discounted rates or not be able to accommodate the large number of required services in a timely manner as well as the shelter would need to provide transport.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Effective and Open Government
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### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Prior to the adoption, foster arrangement, or other release of domestic animals in the custody of the Animal Shelter, animals are examined, spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated. The Animal Shelter also provides no-cost vouchers to County residents to have domestic animals spayed or neutered as an animal population control measure and to help manage feral cat populations. On average, the Animal Shelter funds a combined total of over 1200 spay/neuter surgeries annually for dogs, cats and rabbits. Spay and neuter services have been shown to be effective means of population control, can lead to a longer and healthier life for the animal, and can result in a generally better-behaved animal.

Napa Humane has a long-standing history of providing spay, neuter and other veterinary services for the Animal Shelter and community. Through their fundraising efforts as a registered non-profit, they are able to offer service rates below costs helping them to meet their mission of promoting the welfare of companion animals.

On December 20, 2016, the Board of Supervisors authorized a sole source award and approved Agreement No.170684B with Napa Humane to provide, at a discounted rate, spay, neuter and other veterinary care services for all animals in the care of the Animal Shelter. Napa Humane is also the only local clinic dedicated to these services that can accommodate the volume of services the County requires.

Today's action will increase maximum compensation by \$35,000 for a new maximum of \$150,000 per fiscal year effective May 16, 2023. It will also allow for at-shelter services, providing a Napa Humane veterinarian to perform medical treatment at the Napa County Animal Shelter up to three (3) days per week, as scheduled and agreed to by at-shelter veterinarian and Animal Shelter Manager.