

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Animal Services	(2) MEETING DATE 9/10/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Eric Anderson, DVM / 781-4400	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an amendment to the Contract with Woods Humane Society, Inc., to increase the service fees for spay and neuter services provided to Animal Services, with all other provisions remaining the same.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign an amendment to the Contract with Woods Humane Society, Inc., to increase the service fees for spay and neuter services provided to Animal Services, with all other provisions remaining the same.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Adoption Fees	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$9,800	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$9,800	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>December 8, 2009</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Eric Anderson, Animal Services Manager

DATE: 9/10/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve an amendment to the Contract with Woods Humane Society, Inc., to increase the service fees for spay and neuter services provided to Animal Services, with all other provisions remaining the same.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign an amendment to the Contract with Woods Humane Society, Inc., to increase the service fees for spay and neuter services provided to Animal Services, with all other provisions remaining the same.

## **DISCUSSION**

California Food and Agriculture Code 30503 requires that all dogs adopted from a public animal shelter be spayed or neutered prior to being released to their new owners. A similar code, Food and Agriculture Code 31760 establishes the same requirement for the adoption of cats. Since 2007, Animal Services has complied with these requirements by contracting with Woods Humane Society to provide spay and neuter surgeries for animals adopted from the County shelter. These surgical services have been provided at a significantly lower cost compared to the fees charged by local veterinary clinics, which can exceed \$350-400 per animal depending on its sex and overall size. Additionally, the proximity of the Woods facility to the Animal Services shelter provides additional cost savings benefits in that it eliminates the need to have Animal Control officers make multiple vehicle transports of animals to area clinics.

The fees assessed for these surgeries were established in the original 2007 contract (which runs through September 2015) and have not increased since. However, in light of increasing personnel costs as well as increases in the cost of medical and surgical supplies, Woods Humane Society has updated the service fees which they will be assessing. Most surgical procedures will be subject to a \$5 increase, though a more specific cost accounting is detailed in the attached *Amendment to Contract for Spay and Neuter Services*. Despite the proposed fee increase, these costs remain substantially below the standard fee assessed by local veterinary practices.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

None.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Approval of this request will result in a modest increase in the fees assessed to Animal Services for spay and neuter services with an estimated total cost increase in FY2013-14 of \$9,800. However, these increases will be offset by an associated \$5 increase in animal adoption fees that took effect in July 2013. As a result, no net financial impact is expected.

## **RESULTS**

Approval of this request will allow continued provision of spay and neuter services for dogs and cats adopted from Animal

Services in compliance with state law. Additionally, the pre-adoption alteration of dogs and cats will help Animal Services meet its objective of rehoming stray animals and promoting responsible pet ownership throughout the community. This goal is in keeping with the County's desired community-wide result of a "Livable Community."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Amendment to Contract with Woods Humane Society, Inc.