

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



843

FROM: Community Health Agency/Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:

SUBJECT: Approval of the agreement with the Pet Overpopulation Coalition (POPCO) for Telephone Service Cost Reimbursement

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve Agreement between the Pet Overpopulation Coalition (POPCO) and the County of Riverside; and,
- 2) Authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County of Riverside; and,
- 3) Return the original Agreement to the Director of Animal Services for processing.

(Continued)

Departmental Concurrence

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

SEP 14 2005

BY *[Signature]*

RM:pmh

[Signature: Robert Miller]

Robert Miller, Director
Department of Animal Services

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 1,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 1,000	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 1,000	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% funded by the General Fund	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

[Signature: Dan Matting]

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
02 SEP 17 PM 2:11
OFFICE EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
02 SEP - 5 PM 15: 00
OFFICE RECEIVED RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Prev. Agn. Ref.: none. | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

3.13

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BACKGROUND:

The HSUS audit report recommended that the Department of Animal Services (DAS) "subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for all pet owners, not just adopters, who would normally be unwilling or unable to pay for the procedure." HSUS also recommended spay/neuter outreach & collaborations among animal groups and organizations.

In addition to the Spay/Neuter Clinic at the Riverside City/County Shelter and spay/neuter activities to be developed at future animal shelters, the Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of a proactive Pet Population Control Project in the Fiscal Year 2005/06 budget. Each of the programs encompassed in this plan, one of which is the Spay/Neuter Voucher program, will be managed by the Director of Animal Services with assistance from the Community Outreach and Education Division and the Veterinary Services Division. The Board of Supervisors approved \$150,000 for spay/neuter vouchers during Fiscal Year 2005/06.

To efficiently distribute spay/neuter vouchers throughout Riverside County, the Department of Animal Services will undertake a county-wide advertising campaign for the Spay/Neuter Voucher program, as well as work with the veterinary community to promote voucher acceptance and encourage participation in the program. The POPCO telephone number will be listed on all advertising. When constituents call POPCO, they will be directed to the best resource for their particular situation. Sometimes there are grants for specific breeds or specific situations and POPCO will direct callers to utilize those resources. When no alternative exists, Riverside County constituent information will be forwarded to the Department of Animal Services and the constituent will be mailed spay and neuter vouchers to offset the cost or reduce the cost of spaying/neutering their pets, along with a list of participating veterinarians. Once they have contacted a participating veterinarian and surgery has been performed, the veterinarian will return the vouchers and supporting documentation to the Department for reimbursement of \$25 for each cat surgery and \$50 for each dog surgery.

POPCO operates on a volunteer basis and is requesting a \$1,000 annual payment to help offset the cost of the telephone number used to provide these services.