

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

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**FROM:** Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 14, 2008

**SUBJECT: RATIFY A SOLE SOURCE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL SAMARITANS TO PERFORM SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES.**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify a services contract for spay and neuter services from Animal Samaritans without seeking competitive bids, and;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign future amendments as needed within the authorized amount.

**BACKGROUND:** For the past five (5) years, the Community Health Agency Department of Animal Services has contracted with Animal Samaritans, a non-profit spay/neuter and adoption facility in Thousand Palms, to perform spay and neuter surgeries for the animals adopted from the County-run Thousand Palms and Blythe shelters. The contract has remained less than \$24,999 in years past, however, since opening the Coachella Valley Animal Campus in January, 2006 and expanding services exponentially, the County has seen a significant increase in adoptions and, consequently, state mandated spay and neuter surgeries.  
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*Robert Miller*  
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 Director, Dept of Animal Services  
*Robert M. Garner, Division Director*

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 75,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 07/08

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 75% Patient fees; 25% Spay/Neuter Subfund	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
 BY: *Michael R. Shetler*  
 Michael R. Shetler

**County Executive Office Signature**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY: *Neal R. Kipnis*  
 DATE: *3/14/08*

*Mark Seller*  
 Mark Seller, Assistant Director  
 Purchasing

Dept's Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

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**Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services  
Form 11 – RATIFY A SOLE SOURCE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL  
SAMARITANS TO PERFORM SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES.**

**BACKGROUND (continued):**

Because there are only small privately owned veterinarian clinics within the Thousand Palms area that charge far greater fees and are for-profit agencies, Animal Samaritans remains the only non-profit agency capable of performing the high number of surgeries at a low cost for the citizens of the Coachella Valley area. Because of this, the Department of Animal Services wishes to continue to utilize Animal Samaritans for spay and neuter surgeries with an estimated annual cost of \$75,000. This is an increase to the Fiscal Year 2007/08 contract in the amount of \$50,000, as well as providing for \$75,000 annually for the next two fiscal years. There is no impact on the General Fund as sufficient funds have been included in the department's budget.

**PRICE REASONABLENESS:** The price rendered by Animal Samaritans for spay and neuter services is considered to be fair and reasonable based on their pricing being lower than normal for-profit veterinary clinics in the surrounding area. Also, Animal Samaritans is associated with the Society for the Prevention of Animal Cruelty (SPCA) and is a certified non-profit agency. Pricing for a dog procedure is \$75.00 and for feline animals, \$50.00. This compares favorably against for-profit clinics which charge significantly above \$100.00 for a feline procedure, on average. Based on this comparison, the price is deemed to be fair and reasonable.

**Fee Schedule:**

**Spay and Neuter**

Unadopted County Animals:	Canine \$75.00	Feline \$50.00
Feral Felines	No charge	

**Clinical Services**

*Vaccinations, upon request:*

Feline FVRCP	\$10.00 per vaccination
Feline FELV	\$15.00
Rabies	\$10.00
Canine DHPPC	\$15.00 per vaccination
Canine rabies, required for license	\$10.00

*License for the unincorporated areas of Riverside County:*

Altered Dog license – 1 year	\$8.00
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*Additional charges:*

Spay pregnant female	\$10.00
Crypt Orchid males	\$10.00
Microchip (Avid) implant	\$25.00
Registration with national data base	\$15.00
Deworm	\$8.00