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**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:**  
July 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Third Amendment to Contract #08-055 with Animal Samaritans to perform Spay and Neuter Services for the Department of Animal Services

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

1. Approve the Third Amendment between Animal Samaritans and the County of Riverside Department of Animal Services for the performance period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$90,000;
2. Authorize the chairperson to execute four (4) original copies of the Agreement on behalf of the County of Riverside;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to retain one original copy and return three (3) original copies to the Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services for further processing; and,
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign amendments not to exceed 10% over the maximum authorized amount.

**BACKGROUND:**  
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Robert Miller  
Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$90,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 08/09

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

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

APPROVE  
BY: Debra Cournoyer  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 4/1/08, item 3.4 ;  
 6/24/08 item 3.12

**District:** 4

**Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.19

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

**Form 11 - Approval of Third Amendment to Contract #08-055 with Animal Samaritans to perform spay and neuter services for the Department of Animal Services**

**BACKGROUND:**

For the past six (6) years, the Riverside County 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 at less than \$25,000 in years past, however, since opening the Coachella Valley Animal Campus in January of 2006 and expanding services exponentially, the County has seen a significant increase in adoptions and, consequently, state mandated spay and neuter surgeries.

Veterinarian clinics within the Thousand Palms area are primarily small, private, for-profit agencies and charge far greater fees than Animal Samaritans, the only non-profit agency capable of performing the high number of surgeries at a low cost for the citizens of the Thousand Palms area. The Department of Animal Services wishes to continue to utilize Animal Samaritans for spay and neuter surgeries with an estimated annual cost of \$90,000.

**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.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

An increase in the Fiscal Year 2007/08 contract was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2008, item 3.4, for an annual contract amount of \$75,000. The second amendment was approved on June 24, 2008, item 3.12 increasing the annual amount by \$15,000. Funding for this year's contract in the amount of \$90,000 has been included in the FY 08/09 budget; therefore no additional funds are necessary.

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