

Yucca Valley
Animal Shelter 90
Day Review,
Interim Update #1

April 1, 2025 Town
Council Meeting





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Town Council Meeting April 1, 2025.

- Recommendation:
- That the Town Council receives and files the Animal Shelter Interim Update Report and Provides Direction as Deemed Necessary.



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Background and Commitment to Transparency

- Town Council Directed Operational Review on March 4, 2025
- Updates scheduled as follows:
 - Update #1 – April 1, 2025
 - Update #2 – May 6, 2025
 - Report Submission – June 3, 2025
- Project Website Available for information, staff reports, presentations and input



Background and Commitment to Transparency

- Town Council receives an annual review of Shelter operations
 - May 2019 – No Public Comment
 - June 2020 – No Public Comment
 - May 2021 – No Public Comment
 - June 2022 – No Public Comment
 - June 2023 – No Public Comment
 - June 2024 – 1 Public Comment desiring better outreach
- Historically minimal comments received from the public, neighborhood, partners & positive survey results
- Indicated a proper balance among the many factors that impact shelter operations
- What changed, why, and what is the Town's response?

What did the Town Council recently hear from the public?



Public Comments

- Euthanasia Rates
- Adoption Rates
- Return to Owner
- Rescue Groups
- Foster Program
- Volunteer Program
- Animal Intake Online Available Photographs
- View Animals at the Impound Kennel
- Euthanasia without sedation
- Temperament Assessment
- Extended Hours and Days
- Friendlier Facility

A desire for increased positive outcomes for animal intakes.



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Early Assessment and Findings





Early Findings Addressing Recent Public Comments and Input

1. Reduce Euthanasia and Increase Live Release/Return Rate
2. Significant Outreach, Communication and transfer of animals to Rescue Groups. Without significant transfers to Rescue Groups, the Town's Live Release/Return Rate will not significantly change.
3. Establish and Implement Volunteer Program
4. Establish and Implement Foster Program
5. Increase/Expand Adoption Events



Early Findings Addressing Recent Public Comments and Input

6. Modify Adoption Fee/Rates
7. Enhanced Spay/Neuter Program Support
8. Increase/Expand Social Media Marketing & Outreach
9. Software evaluation, purchase, training and operation.
10. Evaluate appropriate level of Animal Shelter staffing and structure
11. Identify required resources and timeframes to implement identified findings

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Background

- Town contracted for shelter services prior to 2006 (appx. \$60,000 annually)
- Town Purchased Hi Dez Kennels in 2006 from Kay Baker
- Town assumed Animal Shelter Operations at that time.
- Town Formed Joint Powers Authority with San Bernardino County and Began Plans for Constructing a New Shelter Facility.
- Facility Completed on December 1, 2013.





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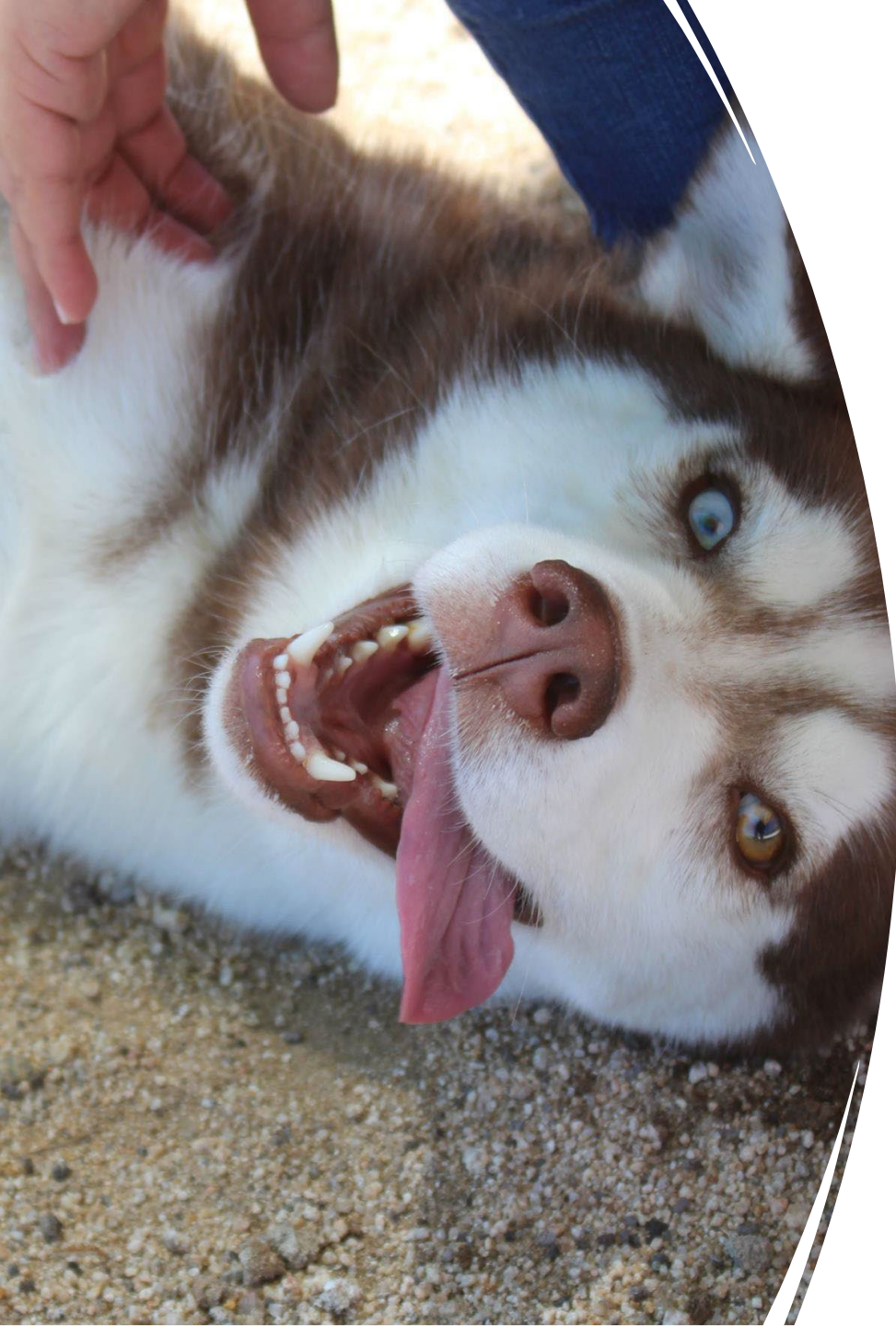
BEFORE YOU GO
Please do not leave
animals in cages for
long periods of time.
Check on animals
regularly and provide
water and food as
needed.

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- **Animal Shelter Mission Statement**

The Animal Shelter Division will provide impounded animals a caring and safe environment, will implement a program that maximizes the adoptability of companion/domestic animals, and will support community efforts to help decrease the number of unwanted pets.





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- Yucca Valley Animal Shelter is an open admission shelter as defined by California State law.
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- In California, an "open admission animal shelter" means a shelter that accepts any animal, regardless of age, health, or temperament, from the areas it serves, unlike limited admission shelters that may restrict intake.
 - Town of Yucca Valley and Unincorporated San Bernardino County

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Food and Ag Code
17005 and Penal
Code 599d

- Adoptable animals include only those animals eight weeks of age or older that, at or subsequent to the time the animal is impounded or otherwise taken into possession, have manifested no sign of a behavioral or temperamental defect that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet, and have manifested no sign of disease, injury, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal or that is likely to adversely affect the animal's health in the future.





YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER ANIMAL EVALUATION

Animal ID Number: [REDACTED] Kennel Number: [REDACTED]

Animal Description: M - Brindle Akita [REDACTED]

Date of Evaluation: 3/12/25 Evaluate: [REDACTED]

Evaluation Summary: extremely aggressive.

owner surrender for "increased aggression" Owner

requesting euthanasia

Staff Recommendation: Adoption Rescue Euthanasia Take No Action

DETERMINATION: Adoption Rescue Euthanasia Take No Action

Approved by: _____ Date: _____



San Bernardino County
Department of Public Health – Animal Care and Control Program

RELINQUISHMENT (Give up) OF ANIMAL / EUTHANASIA (Put to Sleep) REQUEST

Person ID# _____

 CDL #: _____

Animal ID# _____
 Name: _____ Sex: F
 Breed: GREAT PYRENEES
 Color: WHITE

- I. Relinquishment:
- A. I certify under penalty of perjury that I am the owner of the animal described on this form. I have supplied proof of ownership to San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Animal Care and Control Division ("ACC") as indicated below.
 - B. I have been advised by ACC that Food and Agricultural Code sections 31108.5 and 31752.2 state, in part, that, any person who provides false information regarding his or her ownership of any dog or cat shall be liable to the true owner of the dog or cat in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - C. I hereby give up my ownership of this animal and request that it be accepted by ACC, and considered for adoption.
 - D. I understand that ACC reserves the right to determine this animal's disposition, which may include euthanasia or adoption.
 - E. Furthermore, I understand this animal may be euthanized (put to sleep) without notice if ACC determines euthanasia is necessary to alleviate suffering.
 - F. I also understand ACC cannot guarantee the adoption of this animal, or any animal, that enters the adoption program and that all fees paid for the release of this animal are non-refundable.
 - G. In the event this animal is not adopted and you would like the opportunity to reclaim it prior to euthanasia you must contact the Yucca Valley Shelter at 760-365-1807 before 5 pm and reclaim the animal by the end of business on 2/21/23 otherwise you give up all rights to reclaim the animal and the animal's final disposition will be at ACC's discretion. Additional fees may apply to reclaim the animal.

- II. Proof of Ownership Supplied:
- Current dog/cat License Veterinary Records A.K.C. Registration Receipt of Purchase Microchip Information Tattoo Information
 - Rabies Certificate Do not presently have in my possession any proof of ownership, will return with proof of ownership
 - Other _____

III. Reason(s) for Relinquishment: (Please specify): AGGRESSIVE TO LIVESTOCK, FAMILY DOGS, AND MYSELF

IV. Description of Animal: WHITE 21 MONTH OLD GREAT PYRENEES FEMALE

To the best of my knowledge, the following checked boxes describe my animal and may result in my animal being put to sleep immediately:

My animal is irremediably suffering from a serious illness or severe injury. (Please specify) _____



YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER ANIMAL EVALUATION

Animal ID Number: [REDACTED] Kennel Number: [REDACTED]

Animal Description: Tan/BK German Shep [REDACTED]

Date of Evaluation: 2/28/25 Evaluated By: [REDACTED]

Evaluation Summary: Friendly w/ staff. Barks @ other dogs.

Owner surrender for killing livestock. Owner said not good w/ children or cats.

Staff Recommendation: Adoption Rescue **Euthanasia** Take No Action
DETERMINATION: Adoption Rescue Euthanasia Take No Action

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

I unconditionally release the animal described below [REDACTED] and I certify that the information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge:

Dog's Full Name: Dawson Blue Nickname: [REDACTED]
Breed: German shepard Sex: M F Color: Sable Brown and Black
Spayed or Neutered? Yes No Age: 3 Weight: 60 lbs

Please provide accurate dates for the latest vaccinations:

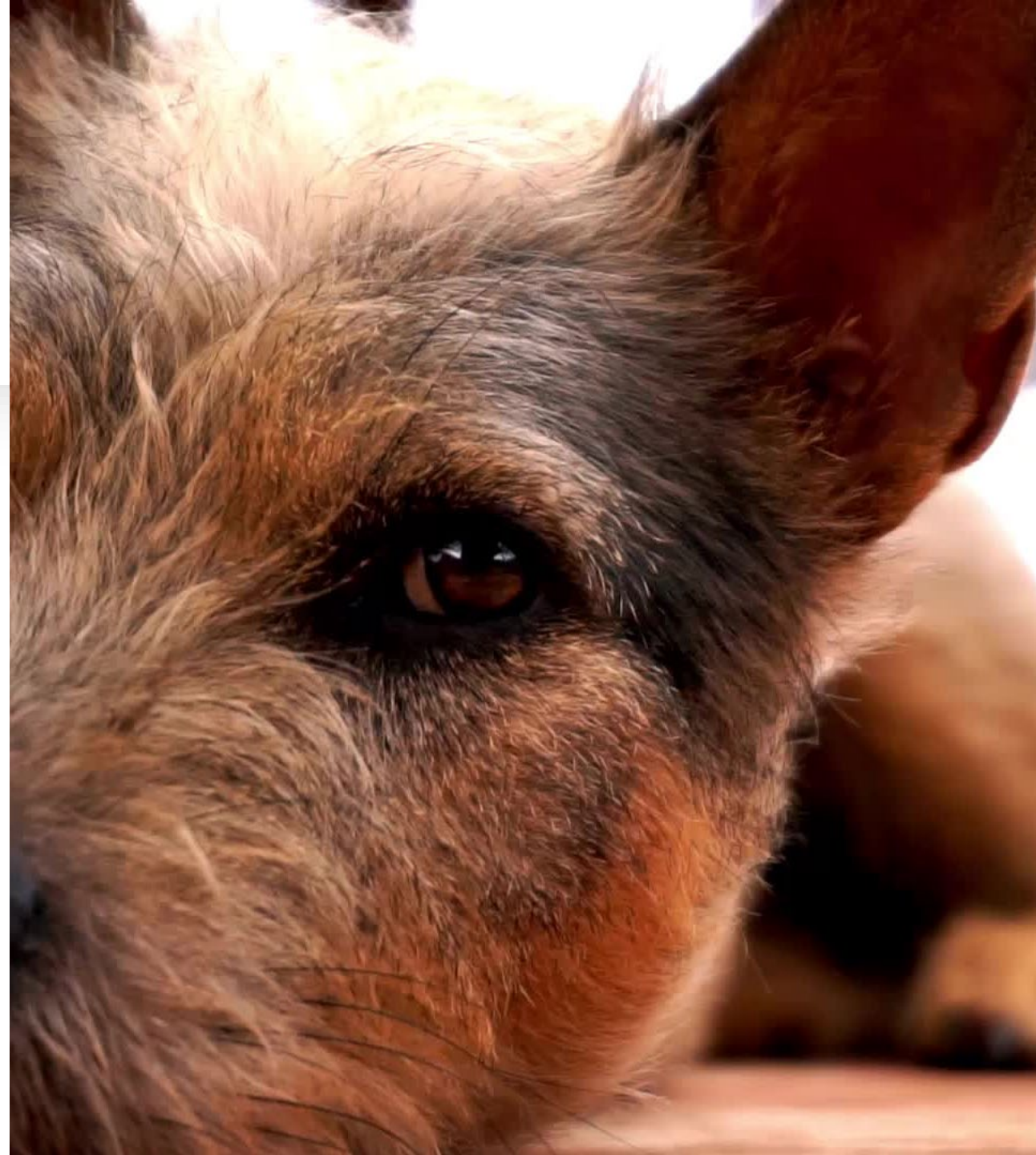
DHLP-P: July 2025 Bordatella: Never
Rabies: Never Other: _____

Do you have the receipts for the vaccinations? Yes No
If NO, name of vet/clinic where vaccines given: Self Administered

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Total Dog Intake

- **2021: 775 Total Dogs**
- Town 462
- Town 313 County
- 214 Holding Pens (27.6%)
- **2022 950 Total Dogs**
- 567 Town
- 383 County
- 244 Holding Pens (25.6%)
- **2023 1009 Total Dogs**
- 540 Town
- 469 County
- 307 Holding Pens (30.42%)





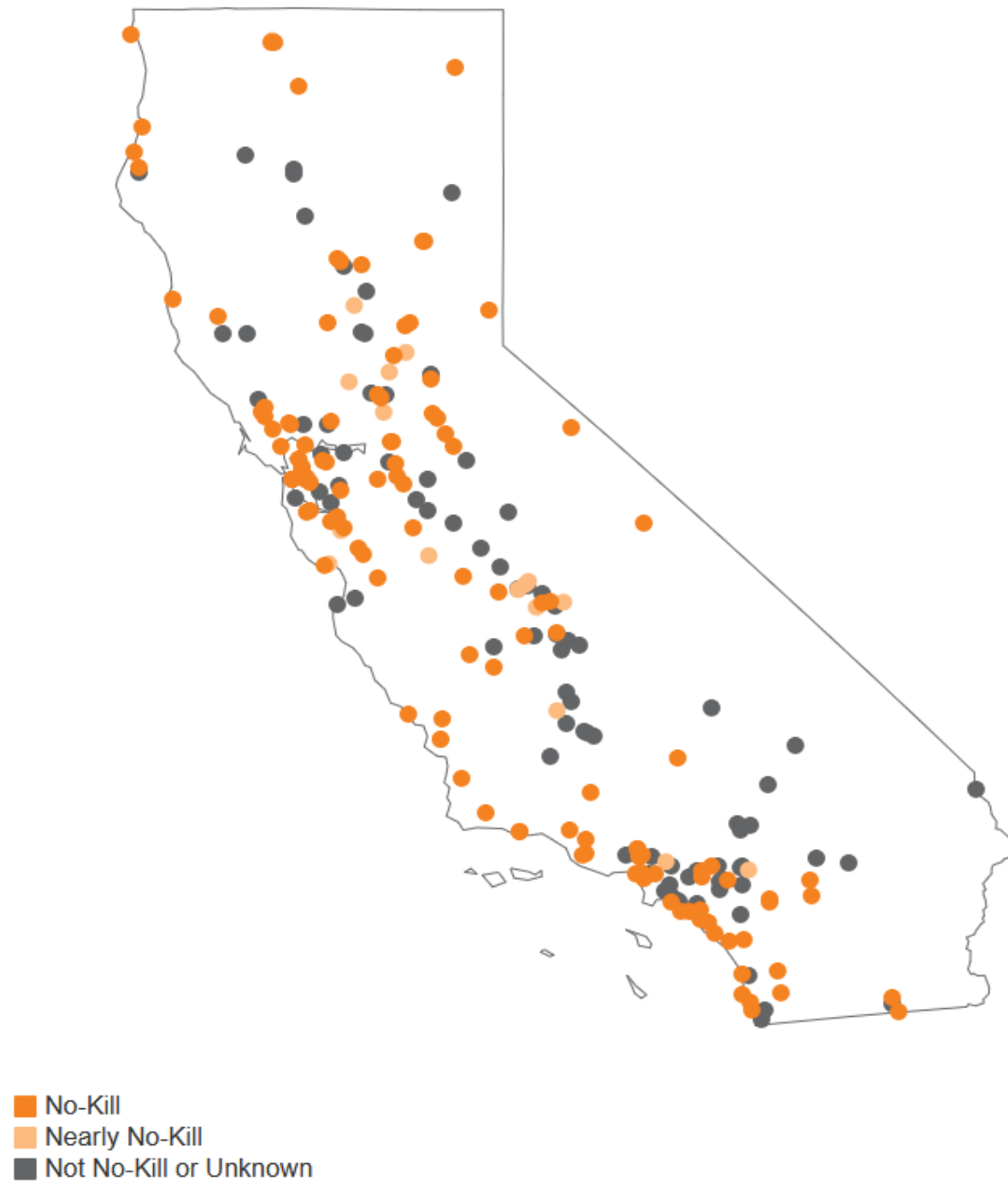
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Shelter Staffing and Team

- Shelter and Field staff are absolutely committed to the well-being of intake animals
- Shelter staff undergo thorough background checks during employment process
- Shelter staff operates as a team approach to make incredibly difficult decisions daily as an Open Admission Shelter
- Shelter staff operates to the highest level within the parameters, policy and resources provided by the Town

YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	(hours)	Name/ Position
	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM		40	Animal Care and Control Manager (FT)
	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM		40	Administrative Assistant (FT)
		8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8AM-5PM	8 AM - 5PM	40	Senior Shelter Specialist (FT)
7:30AM-11:30AM*	7:30AM - 5:30PM	7:30AM - 5:30PM	7:30AM - 5:30PM			7:30AM - 5:30PM	40	ACO - I (FT)
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	7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 2:30PM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 10:45AM		19	KT (PT)
7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 10:45AM			7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 2:30PM	19.75	KT (PT)
		7:30AM - 10:45AM		7:30AM - 2:30PM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	15.75	KT (PT) Emergency Hire
		7:30AM - 5:00PM	7:30AM - 10:45AM		7:30AM - 2:00PM	7:30AM - 10:45AM	20.5	KT (PT) Emergency Hire

STAFF AT WORK PER DAY AS SCHEDULED:

4 Staff AM Feed/Clean	1 Manager	1 Manager	1 Manager	1 Manager	1 Manager	
*On Call Person does afternoon care	2 SS 2 KT (AM Only)	1 Senior Shelter 1 SS 4 KT (3 AM Only)	1 Senior Shelter 2 SS 2 KT (AM Only)	1 Senior Shelter 2 SS 3 KT (2 AM Only)	1 Senior Shelter 2 SS 4 KT (AM Only)	1 Senior Shelter 3 SS 3 KT

After Hours On-Call Person (subject to change)

Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1	Rotates between ACO-1

SS/ACO Shelter Specialist/Animal Control Officer KT Kennel Technician
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*Emergency/Temp Position

Effective: 1/4/2025

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• Mon:	Tues:	Wed	Thur.	Fri.	Sat	Sun
• ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man		
• Adm III	Adm III	Adm III	Adm III	Adm III		
• 2 FT 8 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	3 FT 8 hrs	3 FT 4 hrs
• 2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 7 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 3 hrs	3 PT 3 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 4 hrs
•	1 PT 8 Hrs		1 PT 6 hrs	1 PT 6 hrs	1 PT 6 hrs	
•	1 FT 8 HRS					

- Shelter Specialist Position has been vacant for one year due to medical leave
- Full Time ACO 1 positions are hybrid positions, with both Shelter and Field duties.
- The Town does not have a dedicated Field Only Animal Control Officer
- Staff Transports to/From San Bernardino for Spay/Neuter Services, therefore staff not available at the Shelter.

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YV Animal Shelter Expenditures	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Salaries	\$369,048	\$383,910	\$397,599	\$345,044	\$398,399	\$444,893	\$431,731	\$444,742	\$458,067	\$504,874	\$521,646
Operating Supplies	\$135,515	\$149,216	\$146,730	\$147,146	\$162,900	\$153,269	\$140,617	\$135,124	\$160,977	\$227,073	\$223,988
Administrative Overhead	\$59,573	\$63,147	\$69,500	\$71,585	\$73,733	\$75,945	\$78,220	\$80,570	\$80,570	\$85,294	\$91,690
Total	\$564,136	\$596,273	\$613,829	\$563,775	\$635,032	\$674,107	\$650,567	\$660,436	\$699,614	\$817,241	\$837,324
Annual Percent Increase		5.70	2.94	(8.15)	12.64	6.15	(3.49)	1.52	5.93	16.81	2.46

Agency Animal Shelter Budget Comparison:					Rancho			
2023	Apple Valley	Redlands	Moreno Valley	SB City	Cucamonga	29 Palms	SB County	Yucca Valley
Salaries	\$1,696,277	\$482,067	\$1,701,949	\$7,139,475	\$2,720,726	\$397,032		\$504,874
Operating Supplies	\$530,657	\$315,588	\$92,246	\$3,895,682	\$490,203	\$137,795		\$227,073
Total	\$2,226,934	\$797,655	\$1,794,195	\$11,035,157	\$3,210,929	\$534,827	\$0	\$817,241
As a % of General Fund Budget Exp:	6%	1%	1%	6%	2%	3%		5%
As a % of General Fund Budget Rev:	5%	1%	1%	6%	2%	4%		5%
2024								
Salaries	\$1,715,587	\$499,488	\$1,829,121	\$9,637,251	\$3,171,000	\$444,050		\$521,646
Operating Supplies	\$449,348	\$336,891	\$92,246	\$6,113,565	\$742,880	\$148,504		\$223,988
Total	\$2,164,935	\$836,379	\$1,921,367	\$15,750,816	\$3,913,880	\$592,554	\$0	\$837,324
As a % of General Fund Budget Exp:	n/a	1%	1%	8%	2%	4%		5%
As a % of General Fund Budget Rev:	6%	1%	1%	8%	2%	4%		4%

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Potential Community Volunteer Programs



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Volunteer Programs

Burbank, Corona, Laguna Beach, Mission Viejo, Moreno Valley, Norco, Palmdale, Perris, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, City of San Bernardino, San Diego County, Seal Beach, Simi Valley, Twentynine Palms, Los Angeles County, Ventura County, Imperial County, Inland Valley Humane Society (not a city agency), City of Anaheim, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Murietta, Temecula, Wildomar



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What Functions Do Volunteers Perform

Cleaning, laundry, greeting, walking animals, socializing animals, assisting with foster program, assist with adoption process, washing dishes/bowls, feeding, showing animals, assisting with adoption and outreach events, office assistance, general questions, looking at foster program ambassador, transporter, media development for pets (marketing, adoptions)

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Foster Programs

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- Modern foster programs place animals with foster families who work to adopt the animal to other people. An extension of the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter.

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Statistical Review





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Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total							
Dog Intake	969	1009	950	775	705	906	925
Adopt	18.19%	20.83%	18.00%	20.20%	21.80%	30.00%	31.70%
RTO	15.75%	20.54%	21.40%	29.90%	30.40%	31.50%	23.60%
Euthanasia	53.76%	46.44%	43.00%	26.20%	22.20%	22.20%	28.80%
Dead Animals	4.98%	2.25%	5.80%	6.10%	7.20%	5.80%	7.50%
Died in kennel	1.73%	1.59%	0.80%	0.70%	0.40%	0.80%	0.10%
Escaped / Stolen	0.10%	0.09%	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%	0.00%
O/req Euthanasia						3.30%	2.20%
Quarantine	1.42%	1.41%	2.60%	2.40%	3.40%	2.40%	1.40%
Trans Rescue	1.02%	5.44%	5.70%	11.40%	3.70%	3.60%	
Trans Shelter	3.05%	1.41%	2.60%	2.90%	10.70%	0.60%	
Transferred							4.60%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

- Adoption Percentage 31.7 % in 2018 to 18.19% in 2024 (**13.51 %**).
- Return to Owner 31.5 % in 2019 to 15.75% in 2024 (**15.75%**).
- Town Programs have not changed during this same time period; open for business hours, adoption events, lowering of adoption fees during adoption events, etc.
- Inflation, cost of animal food, cost of veterinarian services, return to work following covid, increase in vacation rental properties and 2nd homes, other?

Shelter		Apple Valley				SB CO				Redlands			
Year		2023		2024		2023		2024		2023		2024	
Total dog intake		5462		5727		3335		4419		622		611	
DOG ONLY													
Disposition													
	Adopt	1301	24.48%	1487	28.60%	1258	33.98%	1388	28.57%	306	52.94%	351	57.07%
	Return to Owner	609	11.46%	464	8.73%	315	5.93%	610	12.56%	109	18.86%	108	17.56%
	Euthanasia	1427	26.85%	1178	22.66%	694	18.75%	1074	22.11%	43	7.44%	20	3.25%
	Dead Animals	580	10.91%	607	11.68%	438	11.83%	425	8.75%	39	6.75%	56	9.11%
	Died in Kennel	81	1.52%	46	0.88%	54	1.46%	91	1.87%	14	2.42%	13	2.11%
	Escaped/ Stolen	3	0.06%	1	0.02%	2	0.05%	12	0.25%	2	0.35%	7	1.14%
	Quarantine	*		*		*		*		*		*	
	Trans. Rescue	1274	23.97%	1338	25.74%	918	24.80%	1218	25.07%	22	3.81%	52	8.46%
	Trans. Shelter	32	0.60%	67	1.29%	23	0.62%	40	0.82%	9	1.56%	8	1.30%
	Other	8	0.15%	11	0.21%					34	5.88%		
Total dog outcome		5315		5199		3702		4858		578		615	
Live Release		3216		3356		2514		3256		446		519	
Live Release Rate			60.51%		64.55%		67.91%		67.02%		77.16%		84.39%

Shelter		Moreno Valley				SB CITY				Rancho Cucamonga			
Year		2023		2024		2023		2024		2023		2024	
Total dog intake		3191		3036		5114		7380		1361			
DOG ONLY													
Disposition													
Adopt		1164	37.67%	920	29.40%	1653	32.67%	2612	35.68%	603	44.44%	*	
Return to Owner		543	17.57%	560	17.90%	452	8.93%	818	11.17%	381	28.08%	*	
Euthanasia		563	18.22%	659	21.06%	729	14.41%	1175	16.05%	184	13.56%	*	
Dead Animals		303	9.81%	317	10.13%	661	13.07%	733	10.01%	*		*	
Died in Kennel		48	1.55%	4	0.13%	100	1.98%	133	1.82%	1	0.07%	*	
Escaped/ Stolen		0	0	0	0	18	0.36%	15	0.20%	0	0.00%	*	
Quarantine		*		*		*		*		*		*	
Trans. Rescue		455	14.72%	624	19.94%	1388	27.44%	1811	24.74%	185	13.63%	*	
Trans. Shelter		5	0.16%	39	1.25%	46	0.91%	10	0.14%	3	0.22%	*	
Other		9	0.29%	6	0.19%	12	0.24%	13	0.18%				
Total dog outcome		3090		3129		5059		7320		1357			
Live Release		2167		2143		3539		5251		1172			
Live Release Rate		70.13%		68.49%		69.95%		71.73%		86.37%			

Shelter		Riv CO				29 Palms				Yucca Valley			
Year		2023		2024		2023		2024		2023		2024	
Total dog intake		17169		22912		806		746		1009		969	
DOG ONLY													
Disposition													
Adopt		6007	34.69%	6332	24.87%	279	34.36%	328	43.73%	222	20.83%	179	18.19%
Return to Owner		2174	12.56%	2767	10.87%	134	16.50%	105	14.00%	219	20.54%	155	15.75%
Euthanasia		3108	17.95%	4412	17.33%	315	38.79%	253	33.73%	495	46.44%	529	53.76%
Dead Animals		1702	9.83%	1846	7.25%	*		*		24	2.25%	49	4.98%
Died in Kennel		118	0.68%	180	0.71%	82	10.10%	63	8.40%	17	1.59%	17	1.73%
Escaped/ Stolen		*		101	0.40%	*		*		1	0.09%	1	0.10%
Quarantine		*		*		*		*		15	1.41%	14	1.42%
Trans. Rescue		3264	18.85%	4835	18.99%	0		0		58	5.44%	10	1.02%
Trans. Shelter		189	1.09%	0	0.00%	2	0.25%	1	0.13%	15	1.41%	30	3.05%
Other		753	4.35%	4988	19.59%								
Total dog outcome		17315		25461		812		750		1066		984	
Live Release		11634		13934		415		434		514		374	
Live Release Rate		67.19%		54.73%		51.11%		57.87%		48.22%		38.01%	

2.9 MILLION DOGS had a live outcome* in 2023.

2023 DOG TRENDS

In 2023, 3% more dogs entered shelters than left, resulting in an additional 107,000 dogs in shelters at the end the year. While dog live outcomes exceeded those in 2021 and 2022, they are still 8% lower than in 2019, which means 242,000 fewer dogs exited shelters via a live outcome than in 2019.

ADOPTIONS

109,000 more dogs were adopted in 2023 than in 2022, however the total number of dogs adopted in 2023 is still nearly 108,000 fewer (-5%) than in 2019.

RETURN TO OWNER

Return to owner rates (of total dog intakes) have decreased from 18% in 2019 to 16% in 2023 despite stray intakes rising back to 2019 rates.

2023 DOG OUTCOMES SNAPSHOT



2.2 million adopted



625,000 returned to owner



359,000 euthanized in shelters



561,000 transferred between organizations



37,000 died in care



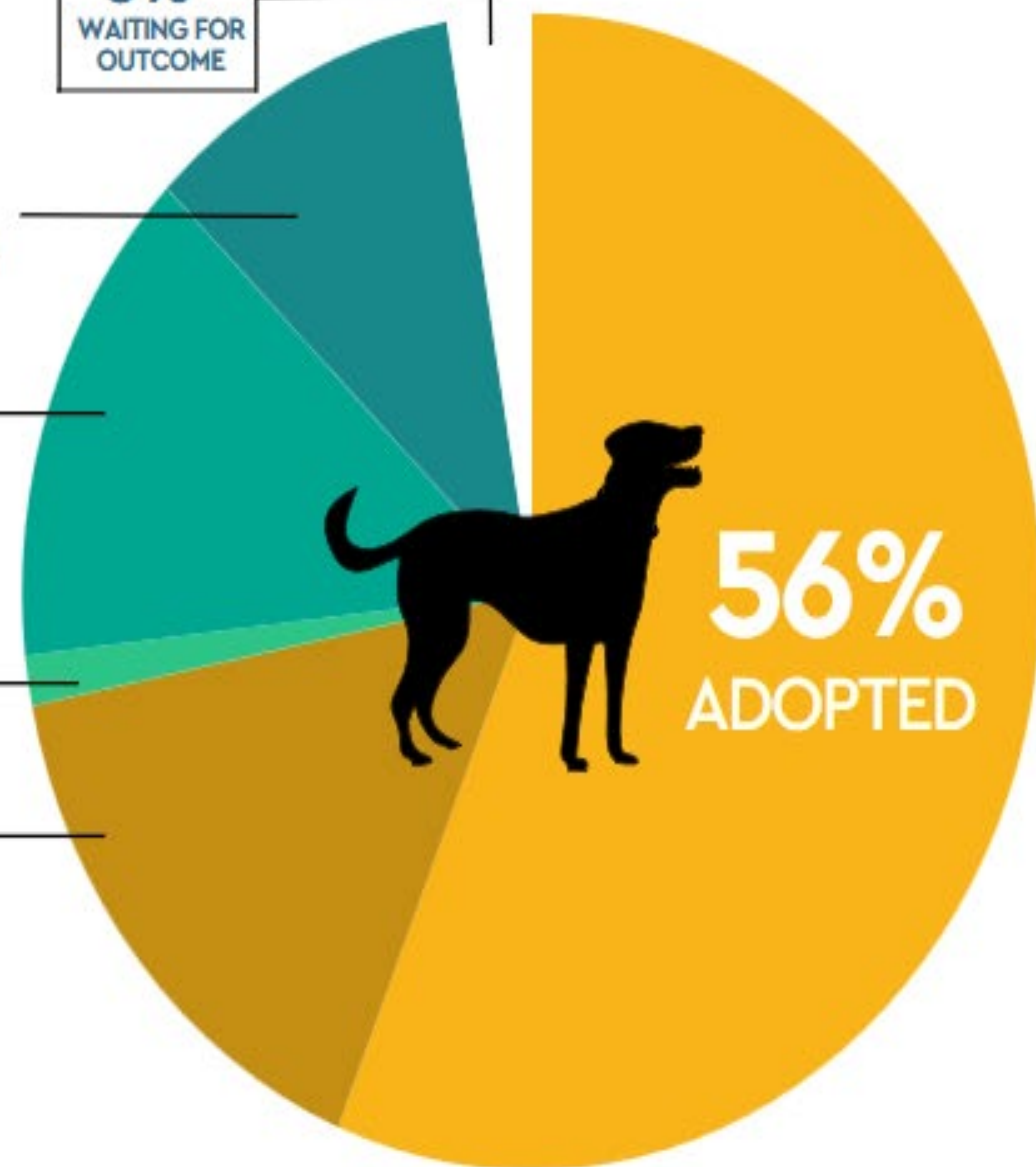
14%
TRANSFERRED
OUT

1%
OTHER

16%
RETURNED TO
FIELD/OWNER

10%
NON-LIVE
OUTCOMES

3%
WAITING FOR
OUTCOME



56%
ADOPTED

*Live outcome totals tally all live outcomes except transfers to ensure a clear count of animals receiving a final outcome in their community, avoiding double counting.

Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total							
Dog Intake	969	1009	950	775	705	906	925
Adopt	18.19%	20.83%	18.00%	20.20%	21.80%	30.00%	31.70%
RTO	15.75%	20.54%	21.40%	29.90%	30.40%	31.50%	23.60%
Euthanasia	53.76%	46.44%	43.00%	26.20%	22.20%	22.20%	28.80%
Dead Animals	4.98%	2.25%	5.80%	6.10%	7.20%	5.80%	7.50%
Died in kennel	1.73%	1.59%	0.80%	0.70%	0.40%	0.80%	0.10%
Escaped / Stolen	0.10%	0.09%	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%	0.00%
O/req Euthanasia						3.30%	2.20%
Quarantine	1.42%	1.41%	2.60%	2.40%	3.40%	2.40%	1.40%
Trans Rescue	1.02%	5.44%	5.70%	11.40%	3.70%	3.60%	
Trans Shelter	3.05%	1.41%	2.60%	2.90%	10.70%	0.60%	
Transferred							4.60%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

- Adoption Percentage 31.7 % in 2018 to 18.19% in 2024 (**13.51 %**).
- Return to Owner 31.5 % in 2019 to 15.75% in 2024 (15.75%).
- Town Programs have not changed during this same time period; open for business hours, adoption events, lowering of adoption fees during adoption events, etc.
- Inflation, cost of animal food, cost of veterinarian services, return to work following covid, increase in vacation rental properties and 2nd homes, other?

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Valentine's Day ADOPTION EVENT!

February 1st to 15th, 2025

ADOPTION FEES
CATS \$25
DOGS \$40

HOURS
TUES-SAT
12:00-5PM

Includes
Spay/Neuter,
Vaccinations,
Microchips



Additional
licensing fee may
apply for dogs

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter
4755 Malin Way
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
(760) 365-1807



*The Animal Shelter wishes to thank Rodeo Pest Control for the
generous sponsorship of this adoption event.*

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Visiting Hours: Tuesday – Saturday
12 Noon to 5PM

July 16 – Aug 31

It's SUMMER Time

Adoption Spectacular

Adoptions include current vaccinations, spaying or neutering, microchip, leash for the dogs or a carrier for the cats.



\$40 Dog Adoptions

\$20 Cat Adoptions



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• Mon:	Tues:	Wed	Thur.	Fri.	Sat	Sun
• ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man	ACC Man		
• Adm III	Adm III	Adm III	Adm III	Adm III		
• 2 FT 8 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	2 FT 8 hrs	3 FT 8 hrs	3 FT 4 hrs
• 2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 7 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 3 hrs	3 PT 3 hrs	2 PT 3 hrs	1 PT 4 hrs
•	1 PT 8 Hrs		1 PT 6 hrs	1 PT 6 hrs	1 PT 6 hrs	
•	1 FT 8 HRS					

- Shelter Specialist Position has been vacant for one year due to medical leave
- Full Time ACO 1 positions are hybrid positions, with both Shelter and Field duties.
- The Town does not have a dedicated Field Only Animal Control Officer
- Staff Transports to/From San Bernardino for Spay/Neuter Services, therefore staff not available at the Shelter.

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Update # 1 Summary





Early Findings Addressing Recent Public Comments and Input

1. Reduce Euthanasia and Increase Live Release/Return Rate
2. Significant Outreach, Communication and transfer of animals to Rescue Groups. Without significant transfers to Rescue Groups, the Town's Live Release/Return Rate will not significantly change.
3. Establish and Implement Volunteer Program
4. Establish and Implement Foster Program
5. Increased/Expanded Adoption Events



Early Findings Addressing Recent Public Comments and Input

6. Modify Adoption Fee/Rates
7. Enhanced Spay/Neuter Program Support
8. Increased/Expanded Social Media Marketing & Outreach
9. Software evaluation, purchase, training and operation.
10. Evaluate appropriate level of Animal Shelter staffing and structure
11. Identify required resources and timeframes to implement identified findings

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What is being done already?

- Interim staffing needs evaluation to address operational issues
- Rescue Group Outreach
- Volunteers & Foster Programs Research
- Expanding Adoption Events and Social Media Presence
- Sedation prior to euthanasia
- Software Evaluation for operational and data efficiency



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NEXT STEPS

- Town Council Directed Operational Review on March 4, 2025
- Updates scheduled as follows:
 - Update #1 – April 1, 2025
 - Update #2 – May 6, 2025
 - Report Submission – June 3, 2025
- Project Website Available for information, staff reports, presentations and input

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Interim Update #1

Recommendation:

- That the Town Council receives and files the Animal Shelter Interim Update Report and Provides Direction as Deemed Necessary.
- Staff will answer questions following public comment.

