



Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

90 Day Review Interim Update #2

May 6, 2025 Town Council Meeting





Recommendation

- Receive and file the Animal Shelter Operational Review, Update #2.
- Authorize the new position of Animal Shelter Specialist.
- Consider the establishment of a standing committee of two council members; and solicit public participation and input in the committee meetings.
- Direct staff to initiate programmatic operations for volunteers and animal foster efforts upon completion of staffing priorities.
- Review the identified Performance Factors and provide input and direction as desired.
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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



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.





Actions Taken

- ✓ Petfinder, Adopt a Pet, Animal Shelter Facebook Pages are updated weekly.
- ✓ Expanded Use of Local Media and Social Media.
- ✓ Data verification and collection review of existing data sets and existing data processes.
- ✓ Scheduling of Low Cost Spay/Neuter Event.
- ✓ Scheduling of Special Adoption Events.
- ✓ Outreach to Rescue Groups.
- ✓ Animals at the Impound Kennel Available for Public Viewing.





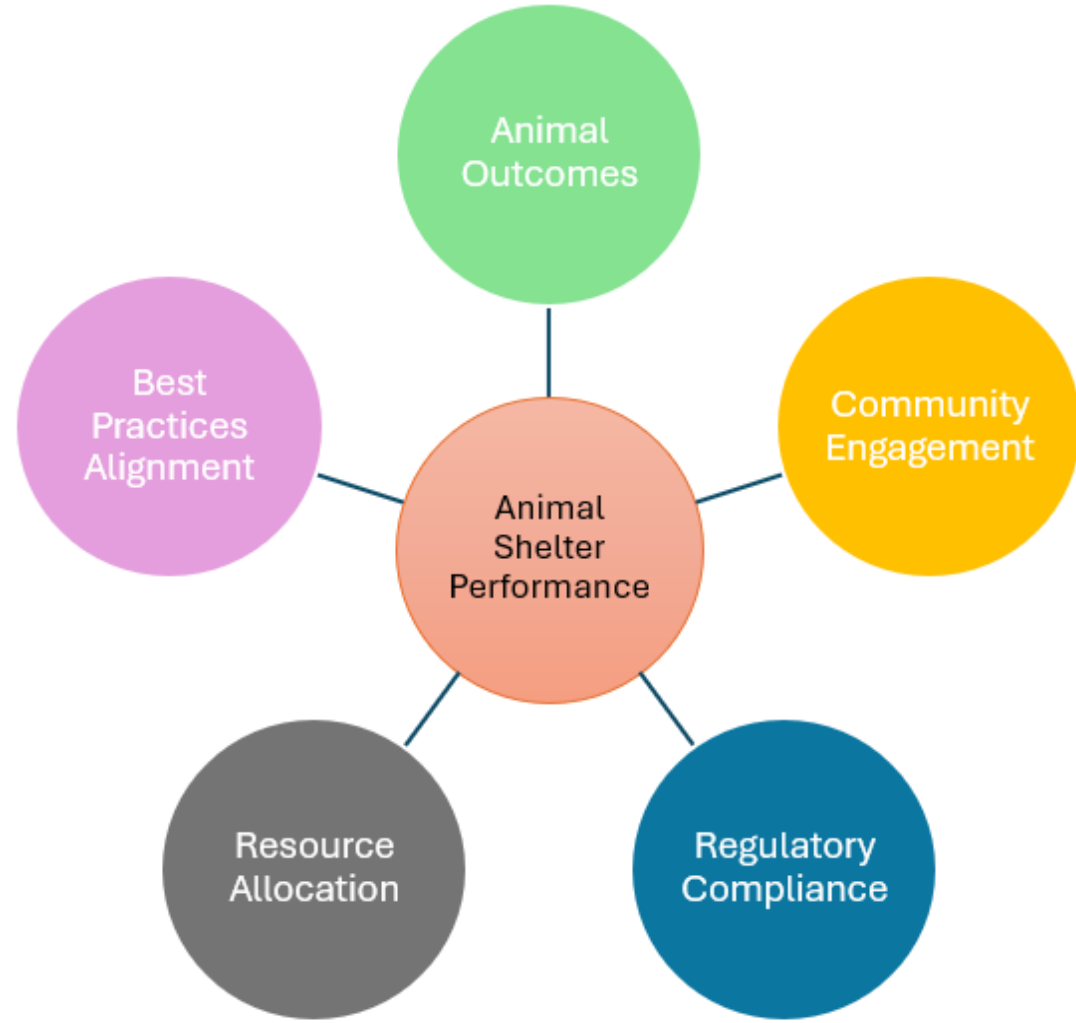
Actions Taken

- ✓ Volunteer Opportunities: Evaluation is underway for volunteer opportunities in accordance with Town policies.
- ✓ Foster Program Opportunities: Evaluation is underway for animal foster opportunities upon completion of staffing priorities.





YVAS Key Performance Factors





Capacity Management Policy Considerations

Animal Shelter intake volumes significantly exceed per capita averages (2023)

Rancho Cucamonga	1,361 dogs	Population 147,405	8 dogs / 1,000 residents
Yucca Valley	1,009 dogs	Population 30,000	33 dogs/ 1,000 residents

Intake capacity management is necessary to increase positive outcomes.

Policy consideration may include:

- Expanded Spay/Neuter assistance programs
- Pet ownership assistance programs
- Shelter intake management programs
- Coordination with real time data / capacity factors

Potential policy considerations must be coordinated with Shelter operations.



Owner Turn-In

City of Hesperia	Yes – residents only
City of Moreno Valley	No
City of Rancho Cucamonga	Yes
City of Redlands	Case by case acceptance only
City of San Bernardino	No – only sick/injured
City of Twentynine Palms	Yes
Riverside County	No – only sick/injured/aggressive
San Bernardino County	No – only sick/injured
Town of Apple Valley	No – only sick/injured
Town of Yucca Valley	Yes





After Hours Drop Off



City of Hesperia	No – except law enforcement
City of Moreno Valley	No
City of Rancho Cucamonga	No
City of Redlands	No
City of San Bernardino	No
City of Twentynine Palms	Yes – in the process of phasing out after hours kennels
Riverside County	No
San Bernardino County	No
Town of Apple Valley	No
Town of Yucca Valley	Yes

On Going and Additional Actions



- Staffing Evaluation.
- Community Engagement.
- Expanded Shelter Adoption Opportunities.
- Donor Outreach to Leverage Public Resources.
- Shelter Capacity Management.
- After Hours Drop Off Kennels.
- Owner Surrender.
- Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR).
- Community Education and Resources for Responsible Pet Ownership.



Potential 2025/2026 FY Budget Amendments

Full Time Animal Shelter Specialist:	\$70,000
4-Emergency Hire Temp Part Time	\$55,000
Spay Neuter Vaccination Clinics	\$12,000 to \$16,000
Radio/Newspaper Marketing/Advertising:	\$15,000 to \$20,000
Shelter/Field/License Software	\$1,000 to \$45,000
Off-Site Staff Training and Certifications:	\$10,000
Volunteer Operational Supplies:	\$5,500
Staff/Volunteer Computer/Workstations:	\$6,500
Estimated Animal Shelter Operational Budget	
Changes over current fiscal year:	\$175,000 to \$228,000



NEXT STEPS

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Question of Staff followed
by Public Comment

