

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE
MEETING**



*The Mission of the Town of Yucca Valley is to
provide a government that is responsive to its citizens
to ensure a safe and secure environment
while maintaining the highest quality of life.*

**ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE: 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER - CHOLLA ROOM
57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HWY
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284**

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Animal Shelter Operating Committee

Jeff Drozd, Council Member

Jim Schooler, Council Member

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**TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:
760-369-7207
Public Comments: townclerk@yucca-valley.org
www.yucca-valley.org**

**AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
4:30 PM**

The Town of Yucca Valley complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require special assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (760) 369-7209 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Drozdz, Schooler

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Animal Shelter Operating Committee

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the administrative background of the standing committee structure, select a chair, affirm the name of the committee, and identify the preferred meeting frequency and schedule as desired.

2. Public Outreach Animal Visibility

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

3. Shelter Statistics

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and file the report.

4. Urgent List and Shelter Capacity

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

5. Animal Shelter Operational Review Status Update

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the Operational Review Status Update and provides input and direction as desired.

6. Animal Care & Control Staffing Discussion

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

STAFF UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Animal Shelter Operating Committee takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Animal Shelter Operating Committee is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussion items not on the printed agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Town of Yucca Valley

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the administrative background of the standing committee structure, select a chair, affirm the name of the committee, and identify the preferred meeting frequency and schedule as desired.

Discussion

The Town Council's Manual of Procedural Guidelines establishes the guidelines for the formation, administration, and operation of advisory committees. Pursuant to the guidelines, the Town Council established the Animal Shelter Review Committee and appointed Mayor Drozd and Councilmember Schooler to the committee. The standing committee is expected to conduct business in excess of 180 days and is therefore subject to the provisions of the Brown Act. This includes formal meeting notice, agenda preparation, minutes, opportunity for public comment.

In the first meeting of the committee, it is recommended that the committee address various housekeeping activities as listed below.

Committee Chair

For administration of the committee, it is recommended that the committee select a chair as presiding officer. The chair shall have the responsibility for conduct of the meetings in an orderly manner in accordance with the Brown Act and the Town's Manual of Procedural Guidelines. The committee is anticipated to remain intact beyond the traditional leadership changes that occur within the full Town Council, therefore it is recommended that the chair be selected independently, outside of Town Council leadership titles.

Committee Name

The current name of the committee has been referred to as the Animal Shelter Operating Committee. The committee can choose to rename as desired. Examples include:

- Animal Shelter Committee
- Animal Shelter Operations Committee
- Animal Welfare Committee
- Shelter Advisory Committee
- Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Animal Shelter Review Committee
- Animal Shelter Care Committee

Committee Frequency and Meeting Dates

Staff would anticipate operational updates to occur over time. It is recommended that the committee meet monthly throughout 2025 to keep the committee and community updated on

shelter activities and the progress in implementing the recommendations included as part of the Town Council's recent Operational Review. The meeting schedule can be set to accommodate the committee members' calendars with a goal of establishing a regular schedule. Alternatives include:

Third Monday of each month

Third Wednesday of each month

Third Thursday of each month

Tuesdays and Fridays are not recommended due to conflicting meeting schedules and the desire for public participation. Start time of the meeting is at the discretion of the committee. While duration of the meeting will depend on the agenda, the meetings are not recommended to exceed one hour due to potential facility/meeting room demands.

Meeting Format

The format of the meeting, while consistent with the Brown Act and the Town's guidelines, is currently envisioned as a workshop meeting. In this format, staff will typically present operational or administrative updates to the committee and public participants, and then encourage and solicit feedback from both the public participants and committee members. In this structure, the committee may desire to modify the public comment period to allow for additional interaction with the public. The committee can affirm or vary from this format.

Alternatives

None recommended.

Fiscal Impact

None with this item.

Town of Yucca Valley

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

Public outreach to increase animal live release rates is an important element of shelter operations.

Discussion

Attached to this staff report are samples of the Shelter's efforts at increasing live release rates through public outreach and animal visibility.

Staff will also present the Shelter's updated web page that presents photos and brief descriptions of animals currently at the Shelter.

Alternatives

Staff recommends no alternative actions.

Fiscal Impact

NA

Attachments:

Outreach Packet_Reduced

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

PET-A-PALOOZA

APRIL 17 - APRIL 19TH

\$35 DOG ADOPTIONS

\$20 CAT ADOPTIONS

Thanks to generous donations, animal adoptions fees have been reduced! Fee includes all current vaccinations, the spay or neuter, a microchip and a voucher for a free vet visit!

ADOPT NOW



(760) 365-3111



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BIG NEWS!!!!

ZERO ADOPTION FEES FOR THE FIRST 10 DOGS



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Yucca Valley Animal Shelter
4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Adoption Hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 12 PM – 5 PM

NATIONAL ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY

\$10 Event




Aster

All adoptions include spay/neuter, up-to-date on vaccinations, microchip and a free vet visit.

WED. APRIL 30TH

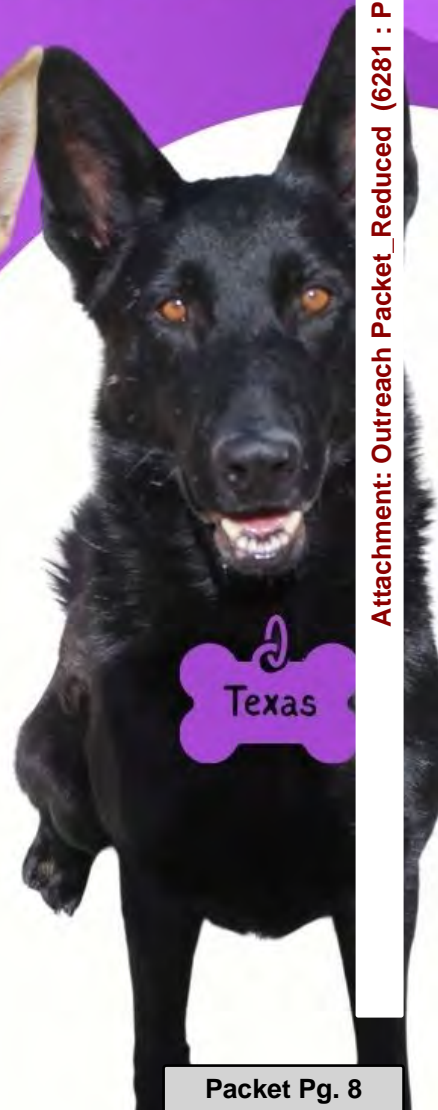
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7455 Malin Way
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

 (760) 365-3111

ADOPTION HOURS
12pm to 5pm



Sprig



Texas



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ALL ADOPTION FEES WAIVED!



Valerie

All adoptions include licensing, vaccines, spay/neuter, microchip, and vet exam

Go Adopt Today!

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter



California Adopt-a-Pet Day

**4755 Malin Way Yucca Valley
Today Only 12pm-5pm
(760)365-3111**

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

A Town of Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Adoption Event

THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY ALL DOG AND CAT ADOPTIONS



ONLY \$20*



Adoptions include vaccinations, spay or neuter, free veterinary examination, and microchip
*Licensing fees may apply

YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

4755 MALIN WAY
YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284
(760) 365-3111



Sprig

Texas

SHELTER VISITING HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm





Yucca Valley Animal Shelter



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER PET ADOPTION EVENT

\$25 DOG ADOPTIONS
\$20 CAT ADOPTIONS

**ADOPTIONS INCLUDE CURRENT VACCINATIONS,
SPAYING OR NEUTERING, MICROCHIP, LEASH FOR
THE DOGS OR A CARRIER FOR THE CATS**



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JULY 15
TO
JULY 31ST

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SUMMERTIME SPECTACULAR

PET ADOPTION EVENT



\$25 DOG ADOPTIONS
\$20 CAT ADOPTIONS

All adoptions include current vaccinations, spaying or neutering, microchip, and a free vet visit!



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CLEAR THE SHELTER AUGUST EVENT

THE MONTH OF AUGUST

\$25 DOG ADOPTIONS

\$20 CAT ADOPTIONS

Adoption Fee includes: Spay/neuter, microchip, vaccines, vet visit, and a dog leash or cat carrier



A nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign that helps find loving homes for animals in need

**4755 MALIN WAY
YUCCA VALLEY**

Tues-Sat: 12pm-5pm

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SHELTERS**

NBCUniversal Local

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TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY SODA WITH THE MAYOR

This voucher is good for one

FREE PET ADOPTION

At the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

Pet Adoption includes vaccination, spay/neuter, microchip, and an initial veterinary exam.

Expires: September 30, 2025



Mayor Drozd

This voucher is non-transferable and has no cash value.



Voucher 25-XXX

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4th of July

PET SAFETY TIPS

- 1 KEEP PETS INDOORS**
 Fireworks and crowds can cause panic—secure them in a quiet, escape-proof room.
- 2 AVOID FIREWORKS EXPOSURE**
 Even the calmest pet can bolt from the noise. Never bring pets to fireworks displays.
- 3 CHECK ID TAGS & MICROCHIPS**
 Make sure your pet's ID tags are current. Microchipped? Double-check that your contact info is up to date.
- 4 BLOCK OUT NOISE**
 Close windows, turn on a fan, TV, or white noise to muffle scary sounds.
- 5 WATCH THE TABLE SCRAPS**
 Party foods and BBQ scraps can be toxic to pets. Keep people food out of reach.
- 6 NO GLOW STICKS/SPARKLERS**
 They may look fun to pets, but can be harmful if chewed or swallowed.
- 7 COMFORT IS KEY**
 Give them their favorite toy or treat, and stay calm yourself—it helps them relax too.



Yucca Valley Animal Shelter
4755 Malin Way Yucca Valley | 760-365-3111



YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

PET OF THE WEEK

I love treats & Belly Rubs

Bluey is a 2 year old Rottweiler/Lab mix. He has been at the Shelter for 145+ days waiting patiently for someone to see how special he is.



This sweet & playful dog has a heart as big as his paws. Bluey has a special gift making everyone around him feel safe and loved.

BLUEY

\$25 Adoption Fee

Include: Spay/Neuter, Vaccir Microchip, & Vet Visit

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YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

PET OF THE WEEK BERTHA

ZERO
ADOPTIONS FEE
NOW-JULY 31ST



Bertha is a large and loyal Great Dane/Lab mix with a strong presence and a protective heart.

She would thrive as the only pet, where she can bond deeply with her people and feel secure.

Bertha is ready to be someone's one and only!



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Yucca Valley Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK

ADOPT ME!
I'M A
GOOD BOY!



CHARLIE

One Year Old - Black Lab Mix



Charlie has a heart as big as his paws.

Loyal, chill, and always ready for a cuddle, he's been patiently waiting at the shelter for 113 days.

Come Meet Charlie Today!!

\$25

July Adoption
Fee Special

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

PETS OF THE WEEK



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Meet Cindy & Spike



Cindy

This adorable shepherd/cattle dog sibling duo is full of energy and heart, they love outdoor adventures, playful moments, and soaking up the sunshine. These pups are loyal, joyful, and ready for their forever home.

Spike



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Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

PET OF THE WEEK



About Me:

Name: Joy

Breed: Golden Retriever Mix

Age: Approx. 2 years old

Days at the Shelter: 123+ days



Joy lives up to her name every way.

Her tail wags with happiness and her gentle nature brings smiles to everyone she meets.

She's pure happiness wrapped in fur!



JOY

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YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

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PET OF THE WEEEK

ZERO ADOPTION FEES
*DURING PET OF THE WEEK



Rocket is a young adult shepherd mix
Full of energy, heart, and loyalty.
Whether it's hiking, playing, or just
hanging out, Rocket's your guy.
Rocket is smart, eager to please, and
ready to blast off into his next
adventure with you!
Come meet him today!

ROCKET

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YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK

SMITH



Smith is playful, curious, and always ready to make new friends. Whether he's exploring outside or lounging in the shade, Smith brings his big smile wherever he goes.

Ready for a new best friend? Take Smith home today!



\$25

Clear the Shelter
Adoption Fee
Special

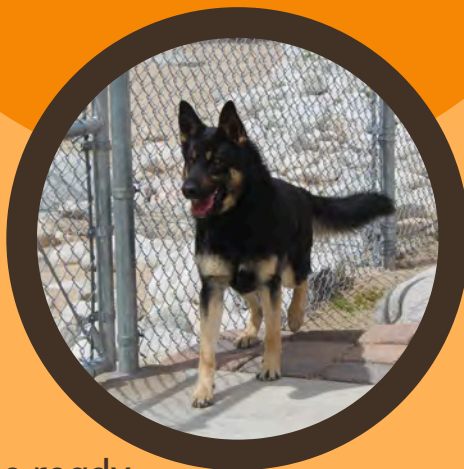
Male | Bulldog Mix | >1year
155+ Days at the Shelter



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MEET OUR PET OF THE WEEK YOWIE



Meet Yowie

With his tongue always out and nose ready for treats, Yowie is a playful, funny, and energetic adult dog full of love! He loves long walks, playing fetch, and chasing his favorite squeaky toy. Friendly, affectionate, and loyal—Yowie is ready and waiting for his forever home!

COME SEE ME

Tues - Sat
12 PM - 5 PM

4755 Malin Way
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
(760) 365-3111

Looking for a home.....
and treats!



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TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTED PET OF THE WEEK



Congrats Sprig!

**Last Month: Pet of the Week
This Month: Family Member**

**THIS SWEET, SILLY YOUNG PUP
FOUND HIS FOREVER HOME!**

Sprig's friend's are still waiting!

4755 MALIN WAY, YUCCA VALLEY
TUES-SAT: 10PM-5PM
(760) 365-5111





Yucca Valley Animal Shelter's

 **ADOPTED PET OF THE WEEK** 

HELENA

THIS SWEETHEART FOUND HER FOREVER HOME



 Your hearts just got a little fuller
and your home a whole lot happier!
Congratulations on Your Newest
Family Member! 

COME MEET HELENA'S FRIENDS TODAY!



Phone Number
(760) 365-3111



Tues-Sat: 12pm-5pm



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ADOPTED PETS OF THE WEEK

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DAYS HAVE TURNED INTO MONTHS... HELP THEM FIND THEIR FOREVER HOME!

LAVIGNE VAN WIGGLEBOTTOM

THIS PLAYFUL GOOFBALL LOVES EVERYONE AND IS A WHIRLWIND OF WIGGLES, ZOOMIES AND JOY!

ADOPTED



DRACO

THIS FRIENDLY GUY IS ALL HEART LOYAL, LOVING, AND IS WAITING TO BE YOUR BEST FRIEND

ADOPTED



JESCO JON JENKINS

THIS ATHLETIC LOVEBUG HAS A HEART FULL OF LOVE AND LIVES FOR PLAYTIME AND BELLY RUBS!

ADOPTED



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Yucca Valley Animal Shelter's

ADOPTED Pet of the Week

Daisy – Adopted and Blooming!

From
Shelter
to Sofa!



From shelter pup to beloved family member, Daisy's journey has been nothing short of heartwarming. This playful, affectionate girl has finally found her forever home where she gets all the belly rubs, treats, and love she deserves. We're so happy for you, Daisy—may your days be filled with tail wags and sunshine!

Z1077 Website Ads



ADOPT YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND TODAY!

YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111
 Adoption Hours: 12pm-5pm

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter **ALL JUNE**

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER PET ADOPTION EVENT
\$25 DOG ADOPTIONS
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INCLUDES VACCINES, SPAY/NEUTER, MICROCHIP & MORE!

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Yucca Valley Animal Shelter partnering with **California Adopt-a-Pet Day**

Unleash love, find your friend.

ZERO adoption fees
 All dogs and cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated & microchipped

Saturday, June 7th
12pm-5pm
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Go Adopt!

Find out more at caadoptapetday.org

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FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY VISIT
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THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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Z107.7 Website Banner Ads

ADOPT YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND TODAY!

YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Looking for a loyal companion?
Look no further than our shelter!

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Yucca Valley Airport District Board of Directors meets Wednesday (8/13)



Z107.7 News
August 13, 2025



The Yucca Valley Airport District Board of Directors meets in regular session Wednesday evening to appoint a new Board Member to a seat that was left vacant. Former Board Director Gerard Noonan resigned earlier this year. The board will also discuss their 2025/2026 fiscal year budget and receive an update...

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Twentynine Palms Tourism Improvement District (TBID) board meets Thursday (8/14)



Z107.7 News
August 13, 2025



The Twentynine Palms Tourism Improvement District Board meets in regular session on Thursday afternoon (August 14). The Board is expected to approve a contract for social media services and consider an update for their grant program guidelines. They will also consider and may approve their 2025-26 marketing plan and...

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years

Hi-Desert Water District begins construction on Phase Two of sewer system

Family of Lorraine Bird seeking community's help for information regarding her death

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referred to as Old Woman Springs Road. Nighttime work operations will be taking place near Yucca Valley from Highway 62 Junction to Gin Road....

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Comedy Campout this Friday and Saturday at The Palms in Wonder Valley

Z107.7 News
May 24, 2025



Co-produced by Kevin Bones, The Palms is hosting a weekend-long comedy festival that kicks off Friday (May 23) from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and runs through

Updated: Missing 80 year-old Twentynine Palms woman Lorraine Bird found deceased

Updated: Residents can return home as FBI Investigation in Twentynine Palms continues (5/19)

UPDATING: FBI identifies Twentynine Palms man as suspect in Palm Springs explosion

Work on Old Woman Springs Road begins on Sunday (5/18)

Joshua Tree Music Festival: A community-driven celebration recognized as the Best in the U.S.

YOU COULD WIN A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PRIZE FROM STEAK 'N SHAKE IN YUCCA VALLEY!

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Memorial Day Observance at Joshua Tree Memorial Park this Monday (5/26)



Z107.7 News
May 25, 2025



The public is invited to honor United States service members who died while serving in the military at an Observance that will take place at the Joshua Tree Memorial Park this Monday. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with an hour-long formal ceremony that includes the placing of memorial...

[Read more](#)

Hi-Desert Nature Museum celebrates Leonardo da Vinci at new exhibit



Hilary Sloane
May 24, 2025



Starting on May 24 and continuing through September 9, the Hi-Desert Nature Museum will host a hands-on exhibit inspired by Leonardo da Vinci, providing a creative playground for people of all ages. Visitors can explore the original Renaissance man's inventions, art, and ideas at more than a dozen interactive stations....

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grades three through eight this summer.

In partnership with Yucca Valley High School varsity volleyball coach Becky Yakimow and her players, this clinic offers coaching, skill-building drills and team spirit.

The clinic will take place June 23-26, with separate sessions tailored to two age groups. The session for girls in grades 3-5 will run from 8 to 10 a.m., and the

Each session is designed to enhance volleyball fundamentals, including serving, passing, setting, and spiking. Participants will receive personal coaching from Yakimow and her team to develop their volleyball techniques and teamwork skills.

As an added bonus, each registration includes a daily pass for Fun Swim at the pool, providing an opportunity for participants to cool

ic is \$75 per participant, with spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is open now and can be completed online at yucca-valley.org or in person at the Yucca Valley Community Center, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For information, contact Jakub Kusmieruk at jkusmieruk@yucca-valley.org or (760) 369-7211, extension 239.

Participants will learn fundamental basketball skills and sharpen their ball

credit cards to cover daily expenses. Fixed
members reduce stress, plan ahead,
about these solutions can help service
For information, contact Schneider at smiker233@gmail.com.

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**THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY
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ONLY \$20.00

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SHELTER VISITING HOURS
Tuesday - Saturday
12 Noon - 5:00 pm




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Be an

ALL STAR



celebrate at 2025 awards night



Left, Yucca Valley High School inductees into the National Honor Society receive recognition during Renaissance awards and scholarship night May 21.

STACY MOORE HI-Desert Star



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CLASS OF 2025

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,"
Romans 15:13.

HI-DESERT STAR THE DESERT TRAIL

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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ook.com/stmartins29

ary's of the Valley
hurch St., Yucca Valley
760-367-2287
nday at 8, 9:30 and 11 (in Spanish)

St. Martin in the Fields
Episcopal Church
760.401.1837
72348 Larrea Avenue • Twentynine Palms

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service

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AM Sunday Gospel Meditation
AM Wednesday Morning Prayer

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EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM
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*Celebrating God's Love for
All God's Children*

Vicar, Peggy Ventris
ask & distance to care for all.

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

SUMMERTIME SPECTACULAR

PET ADOPTION EVENT



\$25 DOG ADOPTIONS
\$20 CAT ADOPTIONS

All adoptions include current
vaccinations, spaying or
neutering, microchip, and a
free vet visit!

JULY 15 TO JULY 31
YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER • 760-365-3111
4755 MALIN WAY, YUCCA VALLEY
TUESDAY-SATURDAY 12PM TO 5PM



Attachment: Outreach Packet_Reduced (6281 : Public Outreach Animal Visibility)

Hi-Desert Medical Center was recently awarded for its care for stroke patients.

The American Heart Association recognized HDMC with a Rural Recognition Gold Award through the Get With The Guidelines program.

People who live in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than their urban counterparts, have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease and face a

50% increased risk for stroke mortality, a gap that has grown over the past two decades. The AHA award recognizes rural hospitals working to change that.

"We are proud that our team at Hi-Desert Medical Center is being recognized for the important work we do every day to improve the lives of people who are affected by stroke, giving them the best possible chance of recovery and survival," CEO Karen Faulis said.

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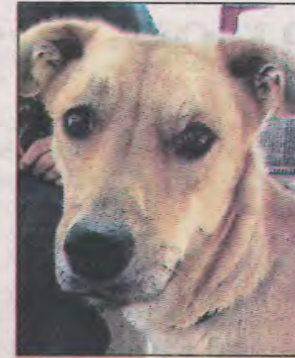
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Pet of the Week

YUCCA VALLEY — Joy is a 2-year-old golden retriever mix and lives up to her name in every way.

She is a sweet girl with a bright spirit and a heart full of love. Her tail wags with happiness and her gentle nature brings smiles to everyone she meets. She's pure happiness wrapped in fur!

Joy's adoption fees have been reduced to \$25 through the end of July. Her adoption fee includes vaccinations, microchip, spay and one free veterinarian visit.



Joy

For more information, call the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter at (760) 365-3111.

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Attachment: Outreach Packet Reduced (6281 : Public Outreach Animal Visibility)

Town of Yucca Valley

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and file the report.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

The Shelter tracks and reports various forms of data. Data should be reviewed on a regular basis for monitoring statistics.

Order of Procedure

Request Staff Report

Request Public Comment

Committee Discussion / Questions of Staff

Motion/Second

Discussion on Motion

Call the Question

Discussion

Attached to this staff report are the Shelter statistics for the first six months of 2025. These will continue to be updated on a monthly basis. Calendar year 2024 data is also attached for comparative purposes.

Touching on only two of the data points, adoptions have increased from 18.19% to 32.6% and euthanasia has been reduced from 53.76% to 25.49% for the first six months of 2025 compared to 2024 annual data.

Alternatives

NA

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact created by this activity. Tracking and reporting statistical data is a standard process for animal shelter and control agencies.

Attachments:

Jan-June 2025 Kennel Stats

2023 2024 Shelter Stats

IMPOUNDS

2025

| Dogs | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Dogs |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| AC Officer Impounds | 26 | 9 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 14 | | | | | | | 98 | 21.9% |
| Strays From Citizens | 11 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 18 | 27 | | | | | | | 112 | 25.0% |
| Owner Turn Ins | 8 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 11 | | | | | | | 66 | 14.7% |
| Dead Animals | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 22 | 4.9% |
| Quarantine | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | 6 | 1.3% |
| Neonates (under 8 weeks) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10 | | | | | | | 16 | 3.6% |
| Transferred from Other Agency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Holding Pen | 41 | 21 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 3 | | | | | | | 93 | 20.8% |
| Born @ Shelter | 0 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 15 | | | | | | | 35 | 7.8% |
| Total | 91 | 67 | 70 | 80 | 58 | 82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 448 | 100.0% |
| Cats | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Cats |
| AC Officer Impounds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | 9 | 10.98% |
| Strays From Citizens | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | 19 | 23.17% |
| Owner Turn Ins | 7 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | 24 | 29.27% |
| Dead Animals | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 4 | 4.88% |
| Quarantine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Neonates (under 8 weeks) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | 17 | 20.73% |
| Transferred from Other Agency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Holding Pen | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | 9 | 10.98% |
| Born @ Shelter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total | 15 | 16 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 100.00% |
| OTHER | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | |
| | 10 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 6 | | | | | | | 61 | |
| TOTAL IMPOUNDS | 116 | 99 | 86 | 104 | 85 | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 591 | |

Attachment: Jan-June 2025 Kennel Stats (6280 : Shelter Statistics)

| DISPOSITION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2025 | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Dogs | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Dogs | |
| Adopt | 7 | 22 | 14 | 12 | 31 | 32 | | | | | | | 118 | 32.60% | |
| Return To Owner | 18 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 13 | | | | | | | 67 | 18.51% | |
| Euthanasia | 26 | 26 | 17 | 3 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | 89 | 24.59% | |
| Owner Request Euth. | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 16 | 4.42% | |
| Dead Animals | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 22 | 6.08% | |
| Died in kennel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | | 13 | 3.59% | |
| Esc/Stolen | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 2 | 0.55% | |
| Transferred to rescue | 3 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 34 | 9.39% | |
| Transferred to shelter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 0.28% | |
| Total | 59 | 76 | 57 | 49 | 55 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 362 | 100.00% | |
| Cats | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | % of Total Cats | |
| Adopt | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 8 | | | | | | | 39 | 58.21% | |
| Return To Owner | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 1 | 1.49% | |
| Euthanasia | 3 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 20 | 29.85% | |
| Owner Request Euth. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% | |
| Dead Animals | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 4 | 5.97% | |
| Died in kennel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% | |
| Esc/Stolen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% | |
| Transferred to rescue | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 3 | 4.48% | |
| Transferred to shelter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | 0.00% | |
| Total | 12 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 100.00% | |
| Others | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL | | |
| | 8 | 7 | 18 | 12 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | | 61 | | |
| TOTAL DISPOSITION | 79 | 99 | 81 | 71 | 80 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 490 | | |

| Shelter Year | Yucca Valley | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|------|--------|
| | 2023 | | 2024 | |
| Total dog intake | 1009 | | 969 | |
| Disposition | | | | |
| Adopt | 222 | 20.83% | 179 | 18.19% |
| Return to Owner | 219 | 20.54% | 155 | 15.75% |
| Euthanasia | 495 | 46.44% | 529 | 53.76% |
| Dead Animals | 24 | 2.25% | 49 | 4.98% |
| Died in Kennel | 17 | 1.59% | 17 | 1.73% |
| Escaped/ Stolen | 1 | 0.09% | 1 | 0.10% |
| Quarantine | 15 | 1.41% | 14 | 1.42% |
| Trans. Rescue | 58 | 5.44% | 10 | 1.02% |
| Trans. Shelter | 15 | 1.41% | 30 | 3.05% |
| Other | | | | |
| Total dog outcome | 1066 | | 984 | |
| Live Release | 514 | | 374 | |
| Live Release Rate | | 48.22% | | 38.01% |

Attachment: 2023 2024 Shelter Stats (6280 : Shelter Statistics)

Town of Yucca Valley

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

Urgent lists are used to provide information to approved rescue groups for animals which are not available for public adoption.

Discussion

Attached to this staff report is a sample of the urgent request used by the Shelter. The urgent request is sent to partner rescue groups in an effort to maximize the Shelter's live release rate.

A formal shelter capacity has never been established or adopted. The Shelter has a total of 59 dog runs. The dog population has been running between approximately 105 and 120 and changes on a daily basis. Cat population is most recently at 24.

Alternatives

Staff recommends no alternative action.

Fiscal Impact

NA

Attachments:

Urgent Rescue List 8-5-2025



RESCUE URGENT LIST

The animals contained in this notice are in immediate need of 501C3 Rescue Partner assistance in exiting the Animal Shelter, as all animals listed below are at risk of humane euthanasia.

Due to a serious health condition, temperament issue, or insufficient kennel space, humane euthanasia has been identified as the likely pathway out of the shelter for any animal with the status of Rescue Urgent.

Please do not delay in contacting the Animal Shelter at 760-365-3111 if you are a 501C3 Animal Rescue Organization and are interested in accepting transfer of any animal on the list below.

This Rescue Urgent List is being generated on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

An interested Rescue Partner needs to contact the Animal Shelter by close of business on Friday, August 15, 2025, to make any necessary arrangements for accepting transfer (taking possession) of any of the animals on this RESCUE URGENT LIST.

The rescue group will need to complete the transfer (take possession) from the shelter by close of business on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your interest in helping with our shelter animals.



Yucca Valley Animal Shelter
760-365-3111

NOTE: Euthanasia may occur prior to the dates listed above should unforeseen circumstances occur.

Attachment: Urgent Rescue List 8-5-2025 (6282 : Urgent List and Shelter Capacity)

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 051625-S2

Description: Domestic Medium Hair, gray tabby, female, 5 years old, named "Little One"

Animal Condition: Unsocialized to people

NOTES: Owner Surrendered to shelter, reason provided was too many cats / violates lease agreement.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111

Animal ID: 040325-C2

Description: Pitbull mix breed, yellow and white, male, adult, named "Bane"

Animal Condition: Friendly with people / aggression towards other dogs

NOTES: Came to the shelter as a stray, was originally thought to be adoptable and was vaccinated for rabies and has been neutered. Due to behavior with other shelter animals, was determined not be adoptable to the public and was listed a RESCUE URGENT.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111

Animal ID: 061025-S3

Description: French Bulldog, blonde and white, male, 3 years old, named "ACE"

Animal Condition: Friendly with people / aggression towards other dogs

NOTES: 2nd impound to shelter. Dog is already microchipped and not altered. Owner was contacted, notified of impound to shelter, and failed to respond and claim their pet.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 022225-S1

Description: Belgium Malinois, black and brown, female, 1 year, named "Lady"

Animal Condition: Friendly with people / aggression towards other dogs

NOTES: Dog found in Animal Shelter afterhours holding pen. No information left with the dog.

Dog has a microchip, microchip company unsure of who owner is.

Staff observations are dog aggressive, Nippy/bitey, hard to handle, jumper, tries to escape.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 060325-S1

Description: Chihuahua, black, female (spayed), 1 year old, named "Harmony"

Animal Condition: Aggression

NOTES: Adoption return, reason for return listed as tried to bite and growls

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 051725-S1

Description: Rottweiler, black and tan, male, 5 years old

Animal Condition: Aggression

NOTES: When attempted interaction with staff, tried to bite staff face, fence fights with other dogs, difficult to safely handle.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

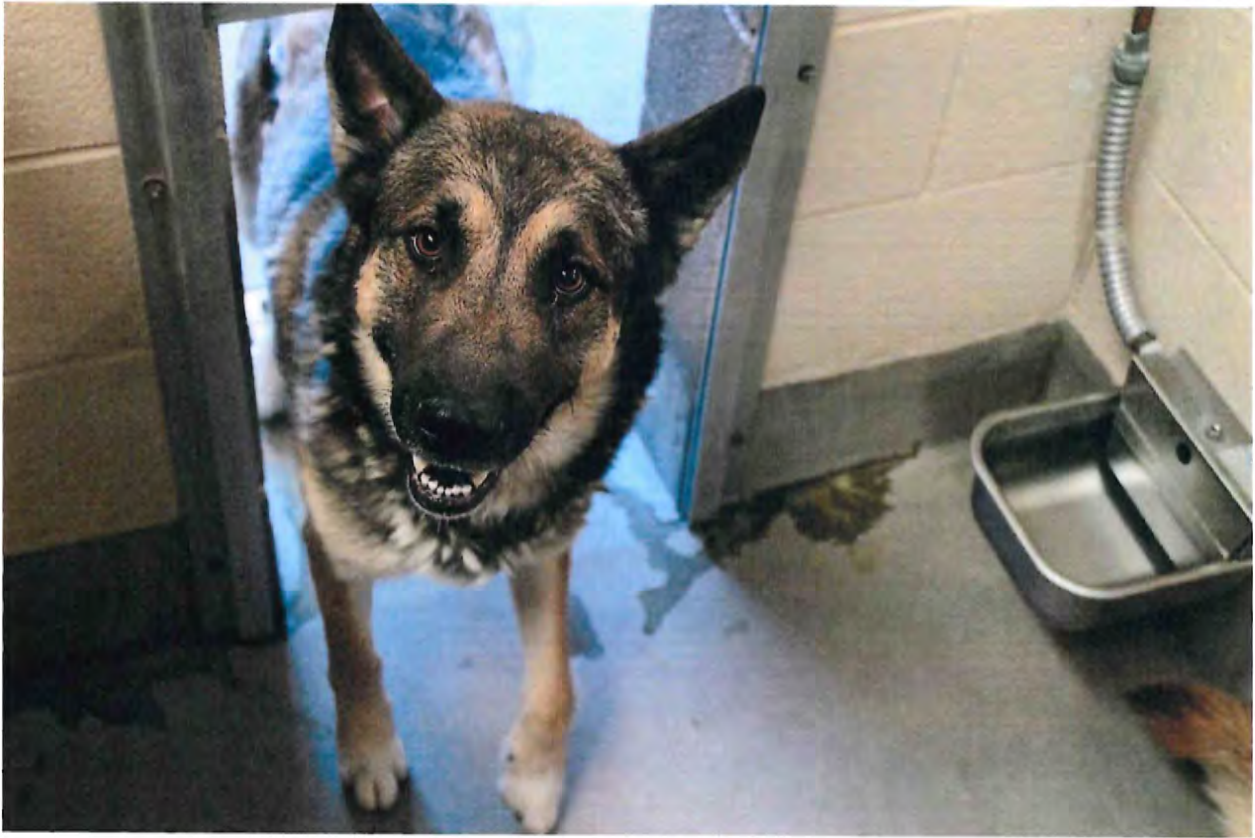
Animal ID: 052925-S4

Description: Pitbull mix breed, brown and white, female, 1 year old

Animal Condition: Unsocialized to people

NOTES: Was able to be vaccinated upon intake, then began showing barrier aggression towards staff, was unable to be re-vaccinated. Dog was abandoned on street in front of shelter.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 050325-S2

Description: Shepherd mix breed, tan with black mask, male, adult

Animal Condition: Animal Aggression

NOTES: Impounded with 050325-S1 (Shepherd mix breed, female). When separated and placed with other male dogs, would fight with other dogs.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



**YUCCA VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
760-365-3111**

Animal ID: 050325-S1

Description: Shepherd mix breed, tan with black mask, female adult (one blue eye)

Animal Condition: Animal Aggression

NOTES: Impounded with 050325-S2 (Shepherd mix breed, male). When separated and placed with other female dogs, would fight with other dogs.

RESCUE URGENT LIST



Animal ID: 070825-S1

Description: Pit bull mix breed, tan and white, male, 2 years old

Animal Condition: Aggression / unsocialized to people

NOTES: unable to be vaccinated / attempted to bite staff

Town of Yucca Valley

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the Operational Review Status Update and provides input and direction as desired.

Prior Review

The Town Council directed an Operational Review of the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter on March 4, 2025. Update #1 was presented to the Town Council on April 1, 2025. Update #2 was presented to the Town Council on May 6, 2025. The final review was presented to the Town Council on June 3, 2025 at which time the Town Council accepted and directed staff to proceed with the recommendations identified, and proceed with peer review.

Discussion

Focused operational reviews can be helpful to confirm or correct statistics, affirm or clarify operational practices, evaluate procedures for consistency with industry best practices, consider modifications that may improve desired outcomes, and provide communication and transparency to the public.

The Town Council accepted the Operational Review and associated recommendations on June 3, 2025 and directed staff to continue or begin the implementation of the various recommended actions. Staff have been working on the recommendations and Town staff will present an update for the Committee at the August 21 Animal Shelter Committee meeting. Additional information and data review will be included in the review.

While specific recommendations are presented, meeting the Town Council's established performance factors will be a marathon, not a sprint. Successful implementation will require Town Council commitment, Animal Shelter Committee engagement and leadership, public engagement, professional collaboration, financial commitments, public education, and staff accountability.

Alternatives

None recommended.

Fiscal Impact

None with this item.

Attachments:

YVAS Operational Review Recommendations

REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Factor – Categorized within one of five Key Performance Factors

- Community Engagement
- Regulatory Compliance
- Resource Allocation
- Best Practices Alignment
- Animal Outcomes

Recommendation – Summarized course of action

Description – Practical application of the Recommendation

Priority – Assigned priority on a scale of 1 (Highest) to 3 (Lowest)

Cost – Rough magnitude of fiscal impact on a scale of \$\$\$ (Highest) to \$ (Lowest)

Timeline – Anticipated timeline or critical path needed for implementation

Community Engagement

| Factor | # | Recommendation | Description | Priority | Cost | Timeline |
|----------------------|---|--|---|----------|--------|--|
| Community Engagement | 1 | Form Town Council Standing Committee | Establish Town Council Standing Committee to implement ongoing communication opportunities with the community. | 1 | \$ | Form Committee in June 2025, meeting approximately quarterly |
| Community Engagement | 2 | Review Town Volunteer Policy and Program | Ensure Town Policy adequately addresses volunteer needs and opportunities for the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter. | 1 | \$ | June /July, 2025 |
| Community Engagement | 3 | Establish Volunteer Positions and recruit for those Volunteer Positions | Ensure priority volunteer positions meet the Shelter's operational needs and that the appropriate staffing and supervision structure exists for those volunteers. | 1 | \$\$ | August/Sept 2025 |
| Community Engagement | 4 | Establish Donor and Donor Recognition Program | Develop outreach for financial and service donors and ensure proper recognition of all donors. | 2 | \$ | Jan 2026 |
| Community Engagement | 5 | Implement Spay Neuter Vaccination Clinics | Sponsor and coordinate spay neuter chip events throughout the year to support public education and responsible animal ownership. | 2 | \$\$\$ | Summer 2025 |
| Community Engagement | 6 | San Bernardino County Animal Control Coordination | Encourage San Bernardino County to hold spay neuter vaccination clinics for the unincorporated Morongo Basin Area. | 2 | \$ | June 2025 and ongoing |
| Community Engagement | 7 | Maximize customer feedback on Shelter customer service levels and performance. | Modify customer service form to continually receive customer feedback on Shelter performance. | 2 | \$ | October 2025 |
| Community Engagement | 8 | Review Animal Care and Control Fees for Services | Consider adjusting adoption fees for seniors, veterans, and for animals that have been at the Shelter for 60 or more days. | 2 | \$\$ | Summer/Fall 2025 |
| Community Engagement | 9 | Expand use of local media to market adoptable animals | Radio station and newspaper advertisements encouraging adoption of Shelter animals. | 1 | \$\$\$ | May 2025 and ongoing |

Attachment: YVAS Operational Review Recommendations (6277 : Animal Shelter Operational Review Status Update)

Regulatory Compliance

| Factor | # | Recommendation | Description | Priority | Cost | Timeline |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|----------|------|-----------------------|
| Regulatory Compliance | 1 | Implement state mandated holding periods | Ensure compliance with mandatory holding periods for known owned and non owned animals. | 1 | \$ | Immediate and ongoing |
| Regulatory Compliance | 2 | Make animals available for public adoption pursuant to California law. | Ensure compliance with State laws for defining adoptable animal including Food and AG Code 17005 and Penal Code 599d. | 1 | \$ | Immediate and ongoing |
| Regulatory Compliance | 3 | Use all resources available to contact owners of shelter animals with owner identification. | Ensure compliance with state law in all efforts to contact known animal owners. | 1 | \$ | Immediate and ongoing |
| Regulatory Compliance | 4 | Local regulation review | Evaluate local regulations for potential modifications that will support Shelter operations and Key Performance Factors. | 3 | \$ | FY 2025-26 |

Resource Allocation

| Factor | # | Recommendation | Description | Priority | Cost | Timeline |
|---------------------|---|---|---|----------|--------|-----------------------|
| Resource Allocation | 1 | Amend FY 2025-26 Budget to address staffing needs identified through the 90 Day Operational Review | Make recommendations to the Town Council for necessary funds to implement programmatic changes. | 1 | \$\$\$ | June - Aug 2025 |
| Resource Allocation | 2 | Review staffing levels 6 to 9 months following implementation. | To consider further staffing modifications if necessary. | 1 | \$\$ | Jan thru June 2026 |
| Resource Allocation | 3 | Amend FY 2025-26 Budget to address operational needs identified through the Review | Volunteers Program, Foster Program, Spay Neuter Vaccination Clinics, Software Purchase, training and implementation. | 1 | \$\$\$ | June - Aug 2025 |
| Resource Allocation | 4 | Amend FY 2025-26 Budget to address local and social media needs | Expand use of local and social media to increase live outcome rates. | 1 | \$\$ | Immediate and ongoing |
| Resource Allocation | 5 | Consider future budget amendments if necessary to implement further operational change | Monitor data and statistics in evaluating modified program implementation and effectiveness. | 3 | \$\$ | Jan thru June 2026 |
| Resource Allocation | 6 | Consider expanding operational hours for public access to the Shelter | Evaluate an expansion of the operating hours for public access to the Shelter based on visitation data, resident surveys, best practices, and fiscal resource requirements. | 2 | \$\$\$ | FY 2026-28 |

Attachment: YVAS Operational Review Recommendations (6277 : Animal Shelter Operational Review Status Update)

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Operational Review

Best Practices

| Factor | # | Recommendation | Description | Priority | Cost | Timeline |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|----------|--------|------------------------|
| Best Practices Alignment | 1 | Review, purchase and initiate new field and shelter software | Implement modern data systems for shelter management and public information. | 1 | \$\$ | June through Dec 2025 |
| Best Practices Alignment | 2 | Ensure daily online information for all animals at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter | Implement modern data systems that provide information on public adoptable, lost, and non public adoptable animals that is updated daily. | 1 | \$ | Jan 2026 |
| Best Practices Alignment | 3 | Establish and implement Foster Program that function as an extension of the Shelter. | Implement foster programs that function as an extension of shelter services where animals may even be adopted directly from fosters. | 1 | \$\$ | Jan 2026 |
| Best Practices Alignment | 4 | Establish and implement Volunteer Program. | Ensure priority volunteer positions meet the Shelter's operational needs and that the appropriate staffing and supervision structure exists for those volunteers. | 1 | \$ | August - September 202 |
| Best Practices Alignment | 5 | Provide professional training opportunities for Shelter staff | Ensure necessary certifications and professional animal shelter and control training for staff. | 1 | \$ | Ongoing |
| Best Practices Alignment | 6 | Implement Spay Neuter Vaccination Clinics | Sponsor and coordinate spay neuter chip events throughout the year to support public education and responsible animal ownership. | 2 | \$\$\$ | Ongoing |

Animal Outcomes

| Factor | # | Recommendation | Description | Priority | Cost | Timeline |
|-----------------|---|--|--|----------|--------|----------------------------|
| Animal Outcomes | 1 | Maximize Animal Adoption Rates | Use all available tools including adoption fees, foster programs, community education, and special adoption events to maximize adoption rates. | 1 | \$\$ | June 2025 and ongoing |
| Animal Outcomes | 2 | Minimize Animal Euthanasia Rates | Use all available tools to transition animals from the shelter to forever homes through adoption, return to owner, transfer to rescue and other shelters, and through education and outreach to the community. | 1 | \$\$\$ | June 2025 and ongoing |
| Animal Outcomes | 3 | Maximize Rescue Group Outreach, Coordination and Adoption. | Ensure ongoing outreach to add animal rescue organizations to the Town's approved list, and distribute data daily on available rescue group animals | 1 | \$\$ | June 2025 and ongoing |
| Animal Outcomes | 4 | Maximize Spay Neuter Clinics for Town Residents | Sponsor and coordinate spay neuter chip events throughout the year to support public education and responsible animal ownership | 1 | \$\$\$ | Summer 2025 |
| Animal Outcomes | 5 | Encourage and Coordinate County Animal Control Spay Neuter Clinics in the Unincorporated County Area | Encourage San Bernardino County to hold spay neuter vaccination clinics for the unincorporated Morongo Basin Area. | 1 | \$ | Summer 2025 |
| Animal Outcomes | 6 | Maximize Return to owner efforts where possible. | Through compliance with state law and maximizing use of shelter population data, use social media to maximize availability of lost and owned pets to be returned to their owners. Coordination with other social media resources | 1 | \$ | June through December 2025 |
| Animal Outcomes | 7 | Public Education | Evaluate best practices for public education programs and initiatives to highlight responsible pet ownership, pitfalls of illegal breeding, importance of spay/neuter programs and similar campaigns. | 1 | \$\$ | Oct - Dec 2025 |

Attachment: YVAS Operational Review Recommendations (6277 : Animal Shelter Operational Review Status Update)

Town of Yucca Valley
ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receives and files the report.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

Staffing levels in all Town Departments are established with adoption of the Annual Operating Budget.

Discussion

Staff will update the Sub Committee on Animal Care and Control staffing.

Alternatives

Staff recommends no alternatives actions.

Fiscal Impact

NA