

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 09-10 Proposed Budget

Service: **Animal Field & Kennel Services** General Fund Priority: 3 of 47
 Dept: Health & Human Services Dept. Org ID: 3427511
 Contact and number: Karen Gaffney 682-3942 Mandate: None Leverage: **HIGH**

Executive Summary

LCAS provides animal control and protection services to unincorporated Lane County, the City of Eugene and by request to all other incorporated cities. LCAS also provides progressive adoption, licensing, lost and found, and education programs. Services include enforcement of state, county and city ordinances regarding domestic animals and limited livestock situations. LCAS investigates and prosecutes animal neglect, cruelty and abuse cases and dangerous dog violations 24/7. We provide housing and basic medical services for lost, abused, and neglected animals; return animals to their owners; and transfer adoptable animals to local humane societies and rescue groups.

State/Federal Mandate

No Mandate. ORS 609.030 Establishing dog control district (1) The governing body of any county may declare the county a dog control district. (3) The board may issue licenses and enforce all of the county and state laws relating to the control of dogs within the county. The county could choose not to be a dog control district and rescind Lane Code Chapter 7 Animal Control.

Outcome Measures

3,363 # of animals impounded
 0.35% % adoptable animals euthanized due to lack of space
 698 # spay/neuter vouchers issued
 23,749 # current dog licenses

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
TOTAL DEPT REQUEST	\$1,397,878	\$2,066,513	\$668,635	16.00
Add Request Total	\$0	\$155,294	\$155,294	2.00
Additional Service Level Request 2	\$0	\$76,280	\$76,280	1.00
1.0 FTE Certified Veterinarian Technician position to provide medical care and coordinate medical services. In addition to ensuring that basic medical care is provided in a timely manner, this position would control medical supply inventory, and coordinate care with local vets, allowing Kennel Technicians to have more time for basic customer service and animal care responsibilities.				
Additional Service Level Request 1	\$0	\$79,014	\$79,014	1.00
1.0 FTE Animal Welfare Officer to serve unincorporated Lane County. The officer would respond to citizen calls for dogs that are menacing or chasing people or animals in unincorporated Lane County. This would also provide minimal enforcement of other Lane Code provisions including continual annoyance, dogs at large, and enforcement of licensing requirements. Restores position cut in FY 08-09.				
Proposed Budget Total	\$1,397,878	\$1,911,219	\$513,341	14.00
FY 08-09 Service Level	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00
The service is currently at threshold level.				
Level 1: THRESHOLD - below this level, service can not be provided	\$1,397,878	\$1,911,219	\$513,341	14.00
LCAS has reduced to .5 FTE of Animal Welfare Officer allocated for unincorporated Lane County, resulting in a response only to situations with imminent threat or where an animals has bitten a person or animal. Office and kennel staff are at the minimum required to provide basic animal care and community service as directed by the BCC through the Save Adoptable and Treatable Animals Task Force recommendations. Currently LCAS has a part time, extra help veterinarian to temporarily provide medical services. There is no permanent position for medical or behavioral services necessary to effectively save adoptable and treatable animals.				

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Please explain how the current (Mar 09) service level differs from the prior year. Include funding, FTE, change in leveraging, and impact on services.

LCAS has .5 FTE of Animal Welfare Officer allocated for unincorporated Lane County, 66% officer time from FY 07-08. There is no response for continual annoyance, dog-at-large, pick up of found dogs, dogs chasing people/animals, or menacing. Currently LCAS has a part time, extra help veterinarian to temporarily provide medical services, and a contract for part time behavior/training services, both funded through increased licensing revenue. The manager position was eliminated in FY 08-09 (reducing management staff by 50%), resulting in less resource for planning, implementing new programs, exploring revenue options, and program accountability. The number of animals in the shelter has increased, and many of these animals have medical and behavioral needs. The kennel staff level has not changed to meet these needs. There is no permanent position designed to coordinate/address medical or behavioral needs.