

## ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 31st, 2025 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Recording Link:

<https://slco.webex.com/slco/ldr.php?RCID=bb388cb28345fc97cacaf634250c8ee0>

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Members in attendance:

Dustin Gettel – Midvale  
Grant Crowell – Bluffdale  
Kevin Severson – Copperton  
Holly Smith – Holladay  
Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon  
Scott Baird – SLCO Mayor

Alan Peterson – Kearns  
Audrey Pierce – Magna  
Toby Hazelbaker – Salt Lake City  
Julie Ulvestad – Industry Expert  
Rita Lund – Millcreek

#### Members absent:

Brian Wright – Murray  
Linda Price – White City

Dea Theodore – SLCO Council  
Jeff Bossard – Brighton

#### Non-Members Present:

Carrie Sibert – SLCO Animal Services  
Talia Butler – SLCO Animal Services  
Jami Johanson – SLCO Animal Services

Karl Carpenter – SLCO Animal Services  
Alyssa Watts – SLCO Animal Services  
Don Belnap – SLCO Animal Services

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – Dustin Gettel, Chair**

1.1. Welcome new member Toby Hazelbacker with Salt Lake City.

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (2-minute limit) – Please state name & jurisdiction.**

No public comment given

#### 3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### 3.1. [Approval of 4-24-25 Meeting Minutes](#)

Rita Lund motioned, Grant Crowell seconded. All say aye.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

##### 4.1. **Free Microchip program**, Donald Belnap, Animal Control Officer

Talia Butler and Don Belnap explained the county's free microchip program that is available to all residents in Salt Lake County and how they can receive one for their pets. Talia Butler displayed examples of pets that have been reunited with their owners due to having a microchip. Don explained the benefits of microchips and how they assist animal control officers in reuniting lost pets to their owners.

##### 4.2. **Spayghetti Gala updates and auction items**, Jami Johanson, Associate Division Director

Jami shared event information for this year's Spayghetti gala. Jami also requested that if any of the members jurisdictions would like to donate a basket/any donated items for the auction to help raise money for the spay and neuter program that they reach out to us to turn it in by the beginning of September. Jurisdictions will be advertised for any basket or items donated for the event.

**4.3. Fee Schedule, Talia Butler, Division Director**

Talia explained the proposed revisions to the current fee schedule that if adopted will go into effect in 2026. Talia went over each adjustment and what it entails and highlighted which fees are not changing. Talia explained a few new fees Animal Services would like to form such as a license membership fee that would include perks along with the annual license.

Rita asked for clarification on the microchip fee. Talia explained we only charge a microchip fee for animals that are not in Salt Lake County.

Scott asked if we'd like a vote of support in the proposed changes before it goes to County Council for discussion and possible adoption. Talia stated we'd like a vote of support.

Members took a vote:

Rita Lund Motioned, Audrey Pierce seconded. All say aye.

**4.4. Animal Services Projects, Talia Butler, Division Director**

Talia went over various projects that Animal Services is working on featuring capital projects including: the upcoming outbuilding/overflow kennel space, lobby remodel that will include a new adoption program space separate from the enforcement program and a new security office for the Sheriff deputy, clinic remodel, roof repairs, and parking lot resurfacing.

Talia also went over the capital projects that are scheduled to be completed in 2026 such as: shelter flooring, barn/shed repairs, auditorium updates, and repairs to the Murray shelter.

Talia went over bill initiatives that we are participating in for the 2026 legislative session including: Revising court holds involving animals in our care, rabies administering revisions, rabies information addition to the USISS Database, and First Responder classification for Animal Control Officers.

**4.5. Division Updates, Talia Butler, Division Director**

Talia highlighted the PAWS program. Carrie Sibert explained that we are ensuring we visit each area at least twice and as of Monday 7/28/25 the program performed 682 surgeries so far.

Talia explained that the Animal Care Campus project is currently working on building a master plan and we are trying to locate potential location ideas.

Talia went over recent Animal Services emergency response efforts to local fires that occurred in a couple jurisdictions. Rita Lund provided a summary of the devastating fire that occurred in Millcreek and how the pet owners were affected. Talia explained that we'd like to set up separate meetings with each jurisdiction to ensure contact information is accurate and updated. Animal Services would also establish which types of emergency cases the jurisdictions would like to be informed of. Talia also explained that our humane education program offers training classes on animal emergency preparedness that can assist owners in emergency situations.

Holly Smith asked if neighboring jurisdictions can assist in helping reunite with lost pets from the recent fires. Talia explained that yes, we are sharing information on social media and local rescues are also helping.

Talia explained the successes of our recently formed adoption program and the team that manages the program. Talia explained that the revenue goal from adoptions has greatly increased as the team have greatly improved efforts to find shelter pets new homes.

Talia went over an upcoming Paws for Health event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> that is combining efforts from multiple agencies that is focusing on providing free vaccinations for pets and humans.

Talia highlighted a new incentive that we are offering with our adoptions where we are providing a laser engraved tag that includes a image of the pet and an identifying life saved number.

## **5. MEMBER REPORTS**

### **5.1. Updates from member's jurisdictions that may impact Animal Services.**

- Alan Peterson – Kearns - None
- Grant Crowell – Bluffdale - None
- Rita Lund – Millcreek – Rita thanked efforts for the fire and highlighted that we will be out there for a licensing and microchipping event.
- Dustin Gettel – Midvale – Dustin updated members on his recent ride along with Sgt. Cantor

and what he experienced. Dustin also extended condolences to those in the Millcreek fire and shared the donation link. Dustin also highlighted their upcoming Harvest Days event.

- Toby Hazelbacker – Salt Lake City – Dustin introduced Toby and welcomed him to the committee. Toby provided his background and his position with Salt Lake City. Toby explained that they still encounter pet related issues in their parks.
- Holly Smith – City of Holladay – Holly explained that they are establishing another new park and may include a dog park within it. Holladay is also updating their entire code and may reach out for the animal section. Holly extended a thank you to Carrie Sibert for her efforts.
- Lt. Brian Wright – Murray – N/A
- Kevin Severson – Copperton – Kevin explained that they've received a lot of complaints about deer in their jurisdiction and asked if anyone has used the urban deer program and have some information on it. No other members have used it before. Grant stated Herriman City may have used it and suggested reaching out to them.
- Jeff Bossard – Brighton – N/A
- Linda Price – White City – N/A
- Audrey Pierce – Magna – Audrey thanked Carrie Sibert for contacting them for the fire in Magna and response efforts. Audrey stated they are a bit concerned on the number of animals involved and look forward to meeting about emergencies.
- Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon – Gary reported that Rocky Mountain power is doing substantial road work that may impact entry and exiting in the canyon at certain locations. Rita also mentioned Millcreek Canyon is also undergoing some road work that may impact dog walkers and bicyclists.
- Scott Baird – Salt Lake County Mayor – No updated but echoed Dustin's suggestion to members to go out on a ride along with an Animal Control Officers and highlighted the appreciation to our officer's experiences and skill levels.
- Dea Theodore – Salt Lake County Council – N/A
- Juli Ulvestad – Industry Expert – Juli extended a thank you to Sgt Cantor's efforts. Juli appreciated Animal Services efforts on the proposed fee schedule. Juli asked if there will be intake reductions and offered veterinary assistance by the Utah Humane Society to Animal Services while our veterinarian is out on vacation. Talia explained we do have some volunteer and part time veterinary help while Dr. Kelly is off, and intake efforts are being taken to reduce the number of animals entering the shelter but we will utilize their assistance.

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

## 7. **ADJOURN**

Rita Lund motioned, Scott Baird seconded. All say aye.

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# SPAYGHETTI

## & No Balls Gala

OCT **10**<sup>TH</sup> 2025

— 6 PM —

**THE SHERATON**

*150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101*

*Cocktail Attire*

Games, Music, Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions,  
Puppies, Kittens and so much fun!

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**Tickets On Sale: August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Silent Auction Opens Online: October 3rd**



# SPAYGHETTI GALA



## WANT TO SUPPORT OUR SPAYghetti AUCTION?

Donate a gift basket or auction item to help raise funds for animals in need!

**To donate, please contact:**

Nicole Simmons – [NSimmons@SaltLakeCounty.gov](mailto:NSimmons@SaltLakeCounty.gov)

Carrie Sibert – [CSibert@SaltLakeCounty.gov](mailto:CSibert@SaltLakeCounty.gov)

Jami Johanson – [JJohanson@SaltLakeCounty.gov](mailto:JJohanson@SaltLakeCounty.gov)

**Your generosity & support means  
the world to us! Thank You!**

# Proposed Fee Schedule 2026 Budget

Enforcement	2023	2026	%	\$	Notes	Projected Revenue	
	Current	Proposed					
<b>Impound Fee</b>							
1st Impound	\$50						
2nd Impound within 24 months	\$100	\$150	50%	\$50		\$1,250	
3rd Impound within 24 months	\$200	\$250	25%	\$50		\$150	
Subsequent Impound within 24 months	\$400	\$500	25%	\$100		\$300	\$1,700

<b>Notice of Violation</b>							
First NOV (fee per violation)	\$75	\$100	33%	\$25		\$3,750	
Second Violation (fee per violation)	\$150	\$200	33%	\$50		\$7,500	
Third Violation (fee per violation)	\$300	\$400	33%	\$100		\$1,500	
Subsequent Notices of Violation	\$400	\$600	50%	\$200		\$3,000	\$15,750

<b>Pet Licenses</b>							
License - Unsterilized	\$50						
License - Sterilized	\$25						
License - senior citizen, sterilized	\$15						
Membership License Fee	\$0	\$100		\$100	Includes license, annual shots, microchip w/plan, ID tag, Pet Crew	\$20,000	
License - Transfer fee or replacement	\$10			(\$10)			
Late license penalty (applicable)	\$50	\$0		(\$3,000)		(\$3,000)	
Pet Licenses Sold Affiliate Business	\$0	\$50	\$25	\$100	100%	\$3,000	*not valid on renewal \$3,000 \$20,000

<b>Permits - 1 year</b>							
Commercial - up to 30 animals	\$250	\$300	20%	\$50		\$2,500	
commercial - over to 30 animals	\$400	\$500	25%	\$100		\$5,000	
Residential permit	\$75			(\$75)			
Late application renewal fee (if applicable)	\$50			(\$50)			\$7,500

Services	2023	2026	%	\$	Notes	Projected Revenue	
	Current	Proposed					
<b>Rabies/Vaccines/Microchip</b>							
Rabies Vaccination	\$30	\$40	33%	\$10		\$2,000	
Rabies Deposit	\$30	\$40	33%	\$10		\$200	
Rabies Test Fee	\$250	\$300	20%	\$50	(plus any third party charges)	\$1,000	
Microchip	\$40	\$50	25%	\$10	*out of county only	\$500	\$3,700
<b>Sterilization</b>							
Sterilization Deposit (mandate)	\$200	\$250	25%	\$50		\$7,500	
In-house sterilization	\$150	\$250	67%	\$100		\$15,000	\$22,500
<b>Livestock</b>							
Dead Livestock Removal	\$400	\$600	50%	\$200	(plus any third party charges)	\$600	
Dead Livestock Disposal	\$250	\$300	20%	\$50	(plus any third party charges)	\$150	
Brand Inspection Fee	\$50	\$100	100%	\$50	(plus any third party charges)	\$150	
Livestock Transportation Fee (	\$100	\$500	400%	\$400	(plus any third party charges)	\$1,200	\$2,100
<b>Euthanasia and Disposal - Companion Animals</b>							
Euthanasia and disposal of sm	\$10	\$20	100%	\$10		\$250	
Euthanasia (dog or cat)	\$75	\$100	33%	\$25		\$2,500	
Disposal (dog or cat)	\$75	\$100	33%	\$25		\$2,500	\$5,250
<b>Other</b>							
Surrender Fee	\$150	\$200	33%	\$50		\$7,500	
Surrender Biter Fee	\$300	\$400	33%	\$100		\$2,000	
Field Service Fee	\$100	\$200	100%	\$100		\$300	\$9,800

Total: \$88,300

# OFFICER DON BELNAP



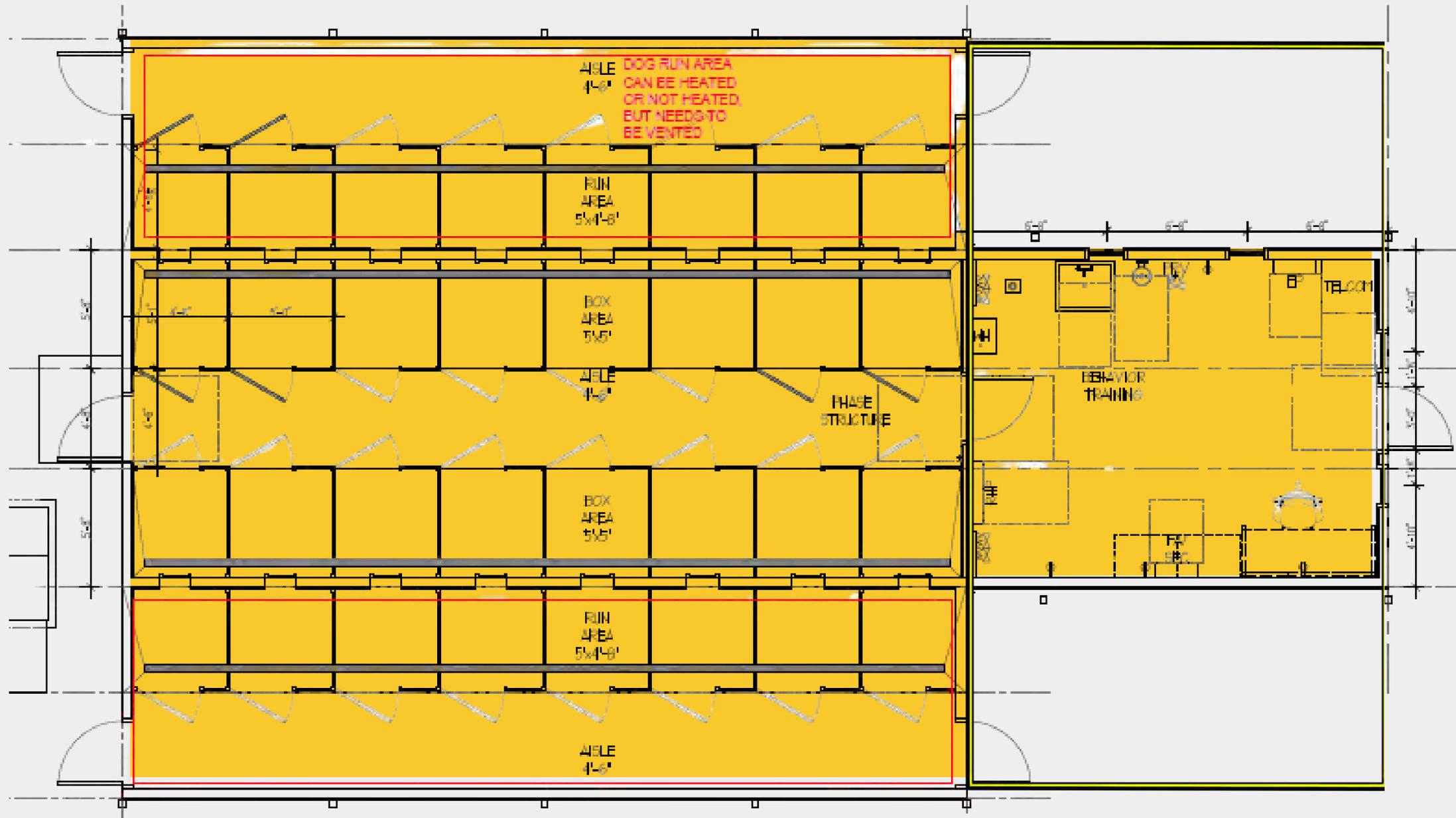


# MICROCHIPS

- FREE FOR ALL COUNTY PETS
- PROVIDED WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
- WALK-INS WELCOME TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 10 AM TO 6 PM
- AVAILABLE AT MULTIPLE SHELTER LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY

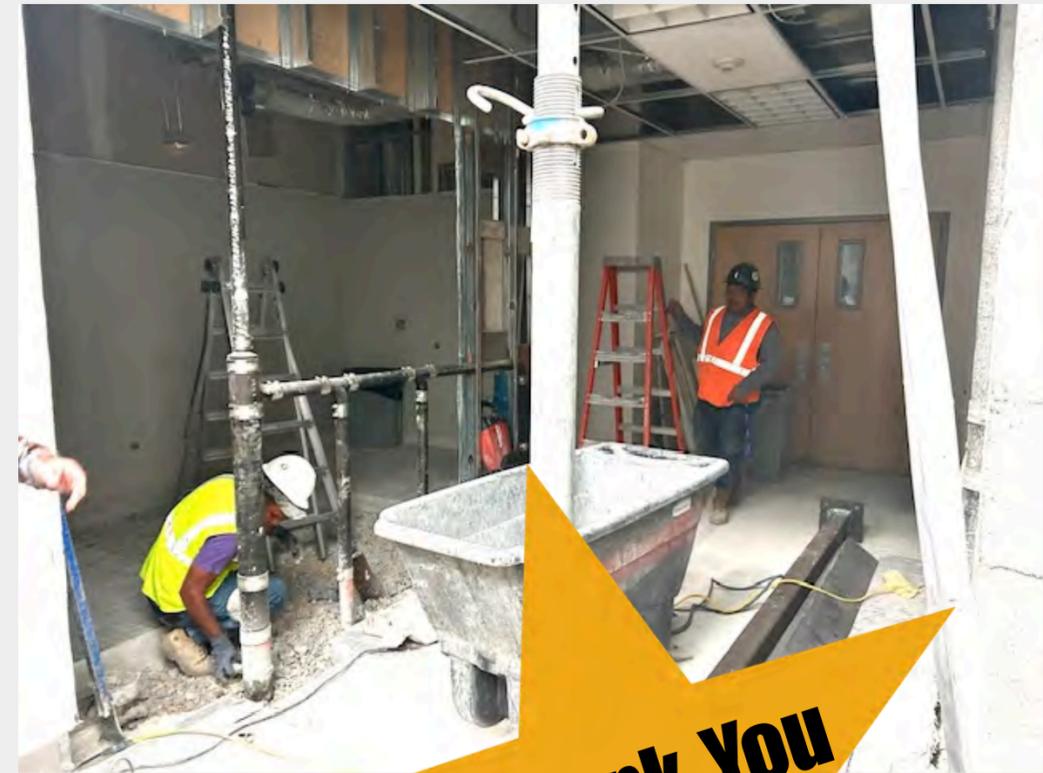
# 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS

## OUTBUILDING



# 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS

**LOBBY (ADOPTIONS, SECURITY, VOLUNTEER, RESTROOMS)**



**Thank You  
Mark Miller Subaru**

**OTHER PROJECTS:  
ROOF REPAIRS  
CLINIC GROOMING TUB  
FRONT/SIDE PARKING LOT**

# 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT LIST

- **Shelter Flooring Project**  
Remove all carpeted areas and damaged floors.
- **Asphalt: South Parking Lot**  
Repair and resurface asphalt in south parking lot.
- **Barn/Shed Area Repair Project**  
Repair/asphalt/resurface barn and shed areas.
- **Auditorium Update**  
Repair windows, animal-friendly blinds, repair partition walls, update chair/table storage area.
- **Employee Area Update**  
Update bathroom, update eye wash station, update disease contamination area, separate kitten feeding area from break room.
- **Murray Door/Window Repair**  
Repair rust damage in doors and window frames, repair thresholds and moisture guard, repair moisture damaged floors and drywall.

\*Pending Budget Approval

# LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

## **Court Holds**

Require courts to determine disposition of animals held in cruelty cases at the first scheduled hearing. Does not require owner attendance. Addresses cost of care.

## **Allow Rabies/Animal Information to be included in USISS Database**

Would allow animal rabies/microchip/license information to be connected to owners in a current state-managed database.

## **Rabies Administering**

Change the language for rabies vaccinations to not require direct veterinary supervision to be consistent with all other vaccine types. Liability transfer to organization.

## **First Responder Classification**

Currently the law only includes animal control officers that are part of a police or sheriff agency. Requesting change to include all municipal animal control employees that meet the first responder requirements.

# DIVISION UPDATES

Mobile Unit / Animal Care Campus  
Emergency Response Updates  
Adoption Team Success  
Paws for Health Event



We've been working on something special!  
Every adopter will soon receive a custom keychain celebrating the life they saved — complete with their pet's life number as part of our no-kill policy.  
A small token of a big impact. ❤️

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