



## ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### AGENDA

The following agenda will be considered at a regular Meeting of the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Directors to be Held on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9am** at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

#### **I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **II. Roll Call of ASCMV Board Members and Determination of Quorum**

#### **III. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

#### **IV. Minutes**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- b. Approval of the Minutes from the Special ASCMV Board Meeting held October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **V. Reports/Presentations**

- a. City and County ACO Reports – City Animal Control and County Animal Control
- b. Shelter Statistics/Shelter Activities/Educational and Spay/Neuter Initiatives – Bernice Navarro
- c. Committee Reports
  1. Finance – David Dollahon, Committee Chair
  2. Executive – Kasandra Gandara, Committee Chair
  3. Facilities – Greg Smith, Committee Chair
- d. Zero In 7 Update

#### **VI. Public Input**

#### **VII. Chair and Board Comments**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

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1 **ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY**

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3 **September 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

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6 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

7 Kasandra Gandara - Chair  
8 Jess C. Williams - Vice-Chair  
9 Jack Eakman - Board Member  
10 Billy Garrett - Board Member  
11 Gregory Z. Smith - Board Member (arrived 9:04)  
12 David Dollahon - Ex-Officio Member

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14 **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

15 Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member

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17 **I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance (9:00 AM)**

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19 Gandara: Good morning everybody. Welcome to our Animal Services Center of  
20 Mesilla Valley Board Meeting. It is 9:00 a.m. September 6th. Welcome  
21 can everybody please stand as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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23 ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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25 **II. Roll Call of ASCMV Board Members and Determination of Quorum**

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27 Gandara: Will you please poll the board please?

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29 Baum: Certainly. Board member Dollahon is absent. Board Member Gonzales is  
30 absent. Board Member Eakman.

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32 Eakman: Present.

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34 Baum: Board Member Garrett is absent. Board Member Smith.

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36 Smith: Here.

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38 Baum: Board Member Williams.

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40 Williams: I'm here.

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42 Baum: Chairperson Gandara.

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44 Gandara: Here. I think we have a quorum. Correct Ms. Baum. Okay. Yes.  
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46 **III. Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda**

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2 Gandara: Okay is there any changes to the agenda at this point? Can I get a motion  
3 to approve the agenda?  
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5 Williams: Move to approve.  
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7 Eakman: I would second.  
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9 Gandara: Okay, Co-Chair Jess Williams moved to approve and second is Board  
10 Member Eakman. Will you please poll the Board?  
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12 Baum: Board Member Eakman.  
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14 Eakman: Yes.  
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16 Baum: Board Member Smith.  
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18 Smith: Yes.  
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20 Baum: Board Member Williams.  
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22 Williams: Yes.  
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24 Baum: Chairperson Gandara.  
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26 Gandara: Yes

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28 **IV. Minutes**

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30 **A. Approval of the Minutes from the regular ASCMV Board Meeting held**  
31 **August 9, 2018**

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33 Gandara: Okay, minutes. Can I get a motion to approve the Minutes?  
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35 Smith: So moved.  
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37 Williams: Second.  
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39 Gandara: Okay, motion made by Board Member Smith second by Board Member  
40 Williams. Please poll the Board.  
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42 Baum: Board Member Eakman.  
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44 Eakman: Yes.  
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46 Bam Board Member Smith.

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2 Smith: Yes.  
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4 Baum: Board Member Williams.  
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6 Williams: Yes.  
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8 Baum: Chairperson Gandara.  
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10 Gandara: Yes.

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12 **V. Reports/Presentations**

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14 **A. City and County ACO Reports - City and County Animal Control**

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16 Gandara: Okay on to reports and presentations. City and County ACO reports I see  
17 both of you here. Who is going to go first? Ladies first. Good Morning.

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19 Ward: Good Morning Chair. Board Members. Mary Lou Ward Animal Control  
20 and Codes Doña Ana County Supervisor. Okay we'll go ahead and start  
21 with our report for the month of August. In reporting for the month of  
22 August we report the total number of Animal Control Calls for the  
23 department was 964 calls and the Codes Enforcement Calls and I like to  
24 mix those up because the officers do both, was 300 so that would have  
25 gave us a total of 1,264 calls for service for the department for the month  
26 of August. Our return to owner, officers returning animals to the owners in  
27 the field was 161 dogs that were returned to the owners in the field.  
28 Animals that were scanned were 300. Microchips that were found out of  
29 that were 60. Animals picked up were 276 and unrestrained animals that  
30 were called for were 350. Now if you looked at the numbers you can see  
31 that the scanned numbers and the animals picked up are kind of different.  
32 That's because sometimes people don't have us pick up those animals.  
33 They might call us to come and just scan an animal. So we include those  
34 numbers as well.

35 Looking at the second one I also wanted to include animals in  
36 custody, so when somebody calls for an animal that's in custody looking at  
37 it on this chart that had a 131 animals and then people that were owner  
38 releasing their animals. I didn't have anybody owner releasing cats in  
39 August, so I didn't include that in this chart. But we did have people owner  
40 releasing their dogs so I did want to include that. So that is included in  
41 animals that were picked up and taken to the shelter out of those 276 so  
42 there was 14 dogs that were owner released out of those numbers.

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44 Gandara: Excuse me. Let the record reflect that Board Member Garrett is here and  
45 present.  
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1 Ward: Welcome Commissioner Garrett.  
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3 Garrett: Sorry I was late.  
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5 Ward: I'll go forth with the with the rest of this chart. And this one just kind of  
6 breaks down everything we just talked about. The calls for service for  
7 Animal Control was 964. Animals picked up were 276. Animals returned  
8 to their owner was 161. Scanned animals were 300. Microchips found  
9 were 60. Identifications were 15 and identifications traced were 43.  
10 Animals that were picked up are various; anything from vicious and/or  
11 dangerous, sick or injured, cruelty, care and maintenance, strays, rabies  
12 suspects or owner releases. So in August we picked up 14 dogs that  
13 were owner released. We responded to 57 vicious dog calls, 48 bite calls,  
14 45 injured animal calls, eight snake calls, and the officers prepared 12  
15 specimens for rabies submissions and picked up 13 dead animal calls. I  
16 do have Brian Holsey. Officer Holsey because he picked up or returned  
17 the most animals to their owners in the field. So of course I wanted to  
18 brag about him this month because he returned the most animals of 34 all  
19 by himself in the field to the owners. So he'll get a reward from us this  
20 month. So I want to thank him. So with that, I will stand for questions:  
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22 Gandara: Yes Board Member Williams.  
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24 Williams: Mary Lou. Thank you for the presentation it was very informative. Of the  
25 animals that were sent for rabies submissions, do we have any that tested  
26 positive?  
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28 Ward: Yes we did have one. We had a bat that was tested positive.  
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30 Williams: Okay. Thank You.  
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32 Ward: Any other questions?  
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34 Gandara: Any other questions? Board Member Eakman.  
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36 Eakman: Yes. Thank you for the report again. I was wondering, was the bite calls  
37 an average or was that more than usual in a month?  
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39 Ward: I would say that was more than usual for this month. It's the summer  
40 months so in the summer months we always have it a little bit higher in the  
41 summer months.  
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43 Eakman: Very good. Thank You.  
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45 Gandara: Yes, Board Member Garrett.  
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1 Garrett: Thank you. And thank you for the presentation. One of the things I have  
2 continued to be concerned about are situations where we have animals  
3 who don't pose a threat to the public, who nonetheless are strays, and  
4 how many there are of those. I mean your highlights begin by  
5 emphasizing vicious or dangerous and then we've got information about  
6 57 vicious dog calls 48 bite calls that's a little more than a 110, right, out of  
7 the total. I'm just curious do you have some sense of how many of the  
8 animals weren't sick or injured, weren't dangerous, and so forth.  
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10 Ward: I can break it down for you. Out of the month of August, our injured  
11 animals were 45. That's going to be sick or injured because we combine  
12 those into one category. Our vicious was 57. Bite calls were 48. So the  
13 unrestrained calls that we responded to were 350, that doesn't necessarily  
14 mean the officers picked those up. That means somebody called those in  
15 through Central Dispatch, "There's a stray running out there." Whether we  
16 picked them up or not that might be beside the point. We might have  
17 found out where they belong to and given them back to their owner or they  
18 might have been gone when we got there. So those statistics are a little  
19 bit off. In custody was 131 animals, somebody called they were in  
20 custody. Now because of the Shelter and the news release that went out  
21 for the Shelter, we have been trying to work with the owners on, or the  
22 people that have been calling their not the owners, but the people that  
23 have been calling if they're not posing a threat and if they can hold on to  
24 those animals and we can report them into the system a different way  
25 instead of taking them into the Shelter. We are trying to work with them  
26 that way. It's not always the case, but if we can do that, that's what we're  
27 trying to work with them.  
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29 Garrett: Right. I think the statistics that you present do a good job of illustrating  
30 that there's an important service that is provided by our ACOs to deal with  
31 dangerous and public safety issues. But there's also a part of this that has  
32 to do with owners not taking care of their animals the way they should.  
33 Letting them run loose which then poses a threat to the animals and  
34 potentially to other people. But this is very much a community problem  
35 that we're dealing with and the situation that we always face in terms of  
36 numbers going into the Shelter are actually things that people could  
37 control themselves if they were being responsible.  
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39 Ward: Right. I agree.  
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41 Garrett: Thank you.  
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43 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Smith and I apologize.  
44 I know you had your light on. Sorry.  
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1 Smith: No worries. Thank you Madam Chairman and Thank you Officer Ward  
2 and Officer Holsey. I appreciate your good efforts and I think you have  
3 been presenting us with more useful information all the time and that that  
4 helps us get a better sense. So forgive me if I'm asking something that  
5 you explained previously, but on the 57 vicious calls and the 48 bite calls  
6 are those 48 bite calls included in the 57 vicious or are those separate?  
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8 Ward: Those are separately.  
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10 Smith: Okay, so we would assume that a bite is considered vicious, but it is in a  
11 separate category.  
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13 Ward: It's in a separate category. Usually the vicious and or dangerous we are  
14 usually looking at that as an animal that has attacked another animal.  
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16 Smith: Okay thank you for clarification.  
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18 Smith: Thank you Madam Chairman.  
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20 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Board Member Williams.  
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22 Williams: Mary Lou on the bite dogs and the vicious dogs do those go to the Shelter  
23 or to the County's Court Hold Facility?  
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25 Ward: It depends on the case. And it depends on whether we've got a warrant  
26 holding the animal and on certain circumstances to where they might go.  
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28 Williams: Do you know the population of the County's facility at this point?  
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30 Ward: Of the County's facility? At our Facility?  
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32 Williams: Yes.  
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34 Ward: Zero. We have nothing at that facility right now. Of the animals being  
35 held at our facility?  
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37 Williams: Yes.  
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39 Ward: We have nothing.  
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41 Williams: Thank you.  
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43 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Williams. Any other questions? Thank you  
44 Mary Lou and congratulations. Thank you for a job well done. We very  
45 much appreciate it.  
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1 Ward: Thank you.  
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3 Gandara: Gino.  
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5 Jimenez: Good morning Madam Chair and Members of the Board.  
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7 Gandara: Good morning.  
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9 Jimenez: I'm the Animal Control Supervisor for City of Las Cruces. Before I begin  
10 my presentation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clint for  
11 bringing in a class that we all attended a couple weeks ago. This class  
12 was on compassion fatigue. And it's a very very important class that we  
13 believe our officers really needed at the time. You know compassion  
14 fatigue can lead to burnout and for our occupation that's about between  
15 five and seven years where an officer sees that same thing over and over  
16 and over and we can become complacent and now with this training that  
17 we received from Rob, who is a member of NACA, the National Animal  
18 Control Association, the officers were able to recognize that within  
19 themselves and take those steps to correct it before it becomes a  
20 tremendous problem. So I would like to thank Clint for bringing Rob to us  
21 and exposing us to that training. So here are my numbers for August  
22 2018. We responded to 523 reported strays, of those 251 were GOA. We  
23 were able to capture 272 Strays and we impounded 223 of those at the  
24 Animal Service Center. Forty-nine were successfully returned to their  
25 owners in the field and 22 were unsuccessful. There were a total of 71  
26 identifiable stray animals. I've kind of taken the liberty to at Councilman  
27 Eakman's request to expand a little bit on my numbers here and I hope  
28 that is what you were looking for sir. So out of that 71 were identifiable.  
29 They were wearing a tag, microchip, rabies tag, some sort of identification.  
30 Here is our three-year comparison for the strays. You can see that we're  
31 keeping within our trend. Last month we were at 523. Here is our four  
32 year comparison for field RTO's again, pretty comparable for the last three  
33 years. And I will stand for any questions you may have.  
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35 Gandara: Thank you Gino. Appreciate it. Any questions? Seeing none. Thank you  
36 Gino.  
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38 Jimenez: You're welcome. Thank you.  
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40 **B. Shelter Statistics and Activities/Educational and Spay-Neuter Initiatives**  
41 **- Clint Thacker**  
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43 Gandara: Next on the agenda is our Shelter Statistic Shelter Activities Educational  
44 and Spay and Neuter Initiatives. Mr. Thacker, welcome home.  
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46 Thacker: Thank you. Good morning.



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Gandara: Good Morning.

Thacker: Before I begin I would like to bring some up to date on some efforts we have been doing. First of all, the Compassion Fatigue Class that we did last week was a great success. We had Rob Leinberger who is the President of the National Animal Care and Control Association came and presented to us how change is not necessarily a bad word and cooperation isn't a bad word. Also talked about emotional support and compassion fatigue and burnout and the differences between those. It was invaluable for us those that are supervisors so we can see those warning signs in some of our staff and I think some of us went away with individuals in mind that we need to talk to and present that information to as well. All of the ACOs for the Animal Control Officers went for the City of Las Cruces. We had two sessions so we were able to rotate those through and I believe that all of County Animal Control Officers also went and then several, almost close to half of our staff were able to go through. I had our supervisors because we have so many and are open all seven days of the week there is no way that we are able to get everybody in so managers kind of pinpointed individuals that would benefit the best from it from our facility so they were able to go.

However, I can't take all the credit. It was actually Mary Lou who came to us several months ago and said we need to have a presentation on this. And the individual that she took the class from cost money that we just didn't have. So I said, well I know this guy and he's taught nationally and also at other state associations this compassion fatigue so Rob was kind enough to do it for free for us. All we had to do was pay for the flight and we didn't have to pay for the board because he slept in my house. So it was a good situation all around. So we appreciate him and also support from the municipalities here.

Now a quick update on our distemper outbreak. First of all I want to point out that this distemper issue has been at the facility for quite some time. Looking at the numbers we see that there was a large, this time of year there is a large jump in euthanasia specifically for distemper according to our records. We decided to really fix it and look at the root of the problem. Currently what we are doing is and this is what I believe is the reason for the large outbreak we're having is whenever a spot comes open anywhere in this facility except for the adoption area, a dog is placed there. So it goes right from our impound area into could be the heart of the shelter. There is no real setup of where these animals are going. So we've been working with Austin Pets Alive. They are a leading lifesaving organization out of Austin Texas and have been around for a very long time. We've been working with them consulting and they have a proven impound method that really keeps things nice, clean, organized, so it's called the Snake Method. So an animal starts in cage number one and then the next day they are moved to cage number two and three and dogs

1 come in and move into cage number one and so by the time they are at  
2 the end. They are ready to go into our Adoption Facility they've been in a  
3 clean facility. They've been vaccinated from day one, they're vaccinated.  
4 They're given that time for the immunity to begin to work so that makes a  
5 lot more sense to me than just placing dogs that could be sick and putting  
6 them into the heart of the shelter. So it's a change in theory. We're  
7 getting used to it, but we're organizing that and beginning that today  
8 actually is the first day.

9 So we have secured a temporary operating place at the  
10 Fairgrounds on I-10 on the west side. So we secured that facility. Best  
11 Friend's Animal Society has actually donated to us for temporary use of  
12 their kennels. These large flat panel kennels that just put together with  
13 bolts and we are going to be housing approximately anywhere from just  
14 ten to fifteen to thirty dogs probably closer to fifteen to thirty dogs out there  
15 at the facility. And that's so we can empty one portion of the shelter and  
16 that portion of the shelter is going to be scrubbed and cleaned today and  
17 tomorrow and then animals are going to be reintroduced using the Snake  
18 System into that.

19 The entire shelter does not need to be evacuated or relocated. I  
20 know that's going around that we're trying to do that. We're not. We just  
21 want to clear out one specific area and then rotate the dogs through so we  
22 can clean that area and so on and so forth. This is not the first time that  
23 Austin Pets Alive has done this. They go through their part of the  
24 Maddie's Fund Leadership Program and they have been a tremendous  
25 help at other places throughout the country. So we are very happy and  
26 lucky to have them. If it wasn't for them and with the personal things going  
27 on with the loss of our family members and personal things to do with my  
28 family I probably wouldn't be here right now. Probably would have gone  
29 crazy. They have been heaven sent and so has Best Friends. Best  
30 Friends has given us a budget of \$10,000 to move these animals through  
31 and to do the relocation and to purchase the items that are going to be  
32 needed. So that is a huge help as well. So we appreciate them.

33 I also want to appreciate the citizens of Las Cruces. We put out a  
34 plea for animals, for a temporary or it's called a Four Days for Life is what  
35 we have been doing. What that is, is we have asked people to come in  
36 foster an animal just for a couple days. The minimum four days. Foster  
37 an animal of your choice so we can empty the shelter as much as  
38 possible. Through that program, through rescues stepping up, through  
39 adoptions improving, we have done several promotions for adoptions. We  
40 have been able to clear majority of a kennel out. That we are able to  
41 condense down and empty a kennel was just about fifteen dogs or so,  
42 twenty dogs going to the off site place. APA, or is called Austin Pets Alive,  
43 is the name, they are also going to be helping manning the temporary  
44 shelter. Helping us get up and running. Showing us the best ways to  
45 clean and also Best Friends Animal Society is sending two or three  
46 representatives. They are going to come and help man that as well and

1 this is all for free, no charge to the center at all so we appreciate them  
2 what their efforts that they're doing there. So all around I'd liked to have  
3 seen a little bit more involvement from the community of really rallying  
4 together and helping us. I know during the other issue we had with the  
5 giardia there was a lot of thankful or thanks and a lot more community  
6 involvement it felt like, but this one maybe because this one has gone on  
7 for so long maybe, but I would have liked to have seen more involvement  
8 especially with the Four Days of Life Program, but it is what it is and we  
9 were able to get that out. So we're excited for this to continue and also to  
10 be over. It will take about three to four months for the cleaning and  
11 everything to be done and not see any more distemper. We are still  
12 euthanizing animals in our facility when they are not responding to the  
13 treatment of distemper. We are treating those that that may come down  
14 with the clinical signs of it. However we are euthanizing when they don't  
15 respond.

16 All of the stats that we are doing everybody can see on our  
17 Facebook Page. We are posting that daily. This is actually an idea from  
18 Donny King, one of our front office specialist individuals. He attended a  
19 training where another shelter was doing it and he came back to me and I  
20 said I love this. It's a great idea. Let's try it. So the first time we did that  
21 post there were a lot of confusion and outcry over euthanized animals and  
22 why, but we've been able to explain those and there are far more positive  
23 posts on these posts that we're doing than negative by far and people do  
24 appreciate the transparency. We do those every day. So any questions  
25 on distemper?

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27 Williams: Madam Chair.

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29 Gandara: Co-Chair Williams.

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31 Williams: Mr. Thacker. I just want to, as we're thanking people, I want to make sure  
32 that we also thank the Doña Ana County Sherriff's Department who made  
33 the Fair Grounds Facility available to us. Specifically Under Sheriff Liliana  
34 McDowell-Schnell, she responded to us within hours of the initial plea  
35 going out that whether we could use that area and they're being very  
36 accommodating and we're hopeful that our facility staff can also help with  
37 the move and getting the trailer unloaded.

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39 Thacker: Thank you very much for mentioning that and I will echo that. We  
40 appreciate the cooperation for that. We had a hard time finding a place to  
41 do this. And again thank you to the citizens of Las Cruces because when  
42 we posted that online there was a lot of responses, some great ideas, but  
43 none of them were able to come to fruition for that but we do appreciate  
44 that and we were able to find a spot for that, so thank you.

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46 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Board Member Smith

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2 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair and Thank you Mr. Thacker. I don't have a  
3 question as much as I have a comment that as you pointed out, a lot of  
4 things came together that your active role in this helps the transparency  
5 piece, helps us look at how we're actually addressing an issue and  
6 hopefully maybe distemper will never completely go away, but we certainly  
7 look like we're getting in there in a way that's going to help get a handle on  
8 the current situation and reduce the likelihood that it's going come back.  
9 So I thank you. I know it's come at probably some personal tole and effort  
10 and certainly the continuing euthanizing of some of animals is distressing,  
11 but I think that what we're seeing is an active response to the situation  
12 that's very much appreciated. Thank you Madam Chair.

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14 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Any other questions/concerns? Okay.

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16 Thacker: As always I can't take all credit for this. Honestly it really has been our  
17 Medical Director Susan Baez and also Austin Pets Alive and Best Friends  
18 that have really been pushing this for the last week as we've dealt with the  
19 issues personally in our life my wife and I's life that we've had to so, I  
20 appreciate it but it has to go to where it's due. I have gotten more grayer  
21 in my hair this past week so, but we appreciate the praise.

22 So to begin the report we have in July 2018 we have 557 total  
23 impounds or intake from the City of Las Cruces and 461 Doña Ana County  
24 again those are our two largest by far for a total of 1,061 total intake in  
25 July. Bernice and I talked this morning actually about these numbers and  
26 about reporting and we both feel very confident that as long as staff we  
27 can keep the PetPoint System up to date we can post just the previous  
28 month's numbers. We do feel confident that's a good decision because  
29 people are waiting a long time for these numbers. So we are going to try  
30 that and so next month, October we're going to have our Quarterly Report  
31 and you will see that the month after that it will be October's numbers. So  
32 we will begin doing that just on a month instead of a two-month delay. So  
33 going forward. So this is a comparison I thought this was very interesting  
34 in 2017 in July we took in 673 dogs, in 2018 we've brought in less 627,  
35 however, cats more than made up that difference 2017 was 290 and 2018  
36 was 418. We really cannot figure out what that 418 came from. That's an  
37 extra 120 something animals or cats. We did look into the possibility that  
38 maybe the grant, so more people are bringing them in, but those are not  
39 being put in as a stray cat or an intake, those are being put in through our  
40 clinic program. So it's not that. I really believe that we do have, there are  
41 bumper years for all animals and so maybe it's just that. I know we had  
42 kittens early and we are having kittens later this year. We still have kittens  
43 in our facility that are being not necessarily brand new born but they are  
44 just a couple weeks old. So that could be a portion of what that higher  
45 impound is. Overall the 2017 intake was 991 and the 2018 was 1,061, so  
46 in the grand scheme of things that's what 70 numbers isn't a lot but the

1 cats is quite alarming of that intake and we will continue to look at that  
2 number going forward.

3 Our outcomes 167 adoptions, 160 reclaims, 270 rescued,  
4 euthanized 294 which is 27.7% and the live release rate was 67.2% total.  
5 Now, I do want to point out on this next slide you'll see the comparisons  
6 live release rate for this last year was 63 and here we are with more  
7 animals and higher live release rate with the exact same euthanasia rate.  
8 July was the month that we did finally confirm that there is a distemper  
9 issue and we did euthanize animals at a higher rate due to that distemper  
10 in July. So that's those numbers compared.

11 I do want to point out that rescued almost a hundred more, about  
12 80 more animals and thank you so very much to the rescues here locally  
13 and also to the ones that we do that are out of state for us to continue to  
14 cooperate with that and that program. For licensing comparisons there  
15 again we continue to look at that PetData mail and also online program.  
16 With such a small number we have been in talks with David Dollahon and  
17 IT Department of doing something of our own. This is a lot of money that  
18 we're spending. We are not going to plan on renewing that contract with  
19 PetData. So we continue to look at that, but it was decided that we are  
20 not going to renew that and that will save us quite a bit of money so we  
21 can put that towards other programs.

22 For the month of August our preliminary numbers, 920 was our total  
23 intake, 195 adoptions, 110 reclaimed and so on. A higher euthanasia  
24 rate, August was a hard month with the distemper. We at one point, one  
25 day we did over 30 dogs and that was the day that I decided that we are  
26 going to change how we're looking at this and go a different direction. And  
27 I contacted El Paso Animal Control because they went through this same  
28 exact thing just about a month earlier. They put me in touch with a  
29 veterinarian from Austin Pets Alive who put me in touch with Faith Wright  
30 with Austin Pets Alive that's part of the Maddie's Fund Program  
31 Leadership. So we were able to really switch things around and save a lot  
32 of lives hopefully that way.

33 Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of really a lot of our  
34 programs. The biggest number you're going to see here is Farmer's and  
35 Petco. Without our volunteers we would not be able to be at these  
36 locations. We just do not have the staff to house. We have one person  
37 generally at each of these locations at the off-sites so and that's  
38 impossible for one person to do so we thank them very very much. Kia,  
39 PetSmart, and Bravo Chevrolet continue to be big partners for us. Kia is  
40 always a fun place to be, Pitre Kia that one the first Saturday of every  
41 month we are there they usually have hotdogs cooking for us. The first  
42 time I got there they asked me if I wanted a hotdog and I go "No, I'm not  
43 buying a car." They go "No, it's for you guys." I'm like wow. So they  
44 actually cooked for the volunteers and the staff that's there. So it was  
45 really awesome for them to do that for us. Continuing on to the volunteer  
46 hours, our photography teams are a huge benefit for us. They do great

1 pictures there and able to put them all over, they go into our database and  
2 those get blasted out everywhere. Facebook, Petango, all these different  
3 places. The teams that care for our cats, do a lot for us, again these are  
4 all volunteers that are doing this work. Cleaning cat cages and also our  
5 county cats, kudos to them, they realize that there is a problem there in  
6 the cat area where animals or kittens were getting sick so they called me  
7 and also our Medical Director, Susan Baez went out there and identified  
8 some problem areas. They problem solved got things taken care of. We  
9 provided some more cleaning. Our different cleaning items, chemicals  
10 and cats are looking good, healthy, and they're moving right out of there.  
11 We just brought I think two more or one more out there just a couple days  
12 ago.

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14 Williams: Just to clarify Madam Chair.

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16 Gandara: Co-Chair Williams.

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18 Williams: I think we're up to 163 adoptions at this point. We're focusing less on  
19 kittens and more on teenage cats and we're having real good luck with  
20 that and they are moving quickly and I think you did bring two earlier this  
21 week.

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23 Thacker: Yes. Teenagers need love too.

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25 Gandara: They do.

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27 Thacker: Currently we have 28 families with 51 animals in our foster program. We  
28 continue to make strives to make this larger. I attended a meeting I  
29 believe it was early in August for the Unitarian Church, I believe Jean can  
30 give us more information on it, but we were there talking about fosters and  
31 how the foster program is going to help Animal Service Center to be able  
32 to achieve the no kill status that we look for. Surrender to foster currently  
33 we have one family with one animal in it. Some of our big boys. Right  
34 now all dogs over 40 lbs. are free adoption. We are able to do this  
35 through looking at the cost of how much it's going to be having these dogs  
36 and also life saving as well for them. So were excited to have those big  
37 boys featured and they're there at our facility. Again, all dogs over 40 lbs.  
38 is a free adoption.

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40 Smith: Madam Chair.

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42 Gandara: Sorry Board Member Smith

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44 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Mr. Thacker, how long is that program on for  
45 the all dogs over 40 lbs.?  
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1 Thacker: Remaining September, it's all September.  
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3 Smith: Okay, just this whole month. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.  
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5 Thacker: We continue to have a large group come through the shelter usually this  
6 number is in the 4,000s and I believe it's because of our remodeling  
7 construction that's going on right now. The shelter does actually from the  
8 outside look closed. If it wasn't for all the cars you would think it was a  
9 vacant building because of all the construction that is happening at the  
10 front. But we had over 3,000 visitors come to the shelter and those  
11 numbers are broken down as you see there. And then again on the  
12 reclaim offices it has two sides right now.  
13 Our community outreach continues to be a success. Especially  
14 with the radio stations we have a new radio spot go out. I don't know if  
15 you've heard that or not, but it starts off with the dad telling his kid how or  
16 telling somebody that that's his kid over there and it's alright to leave him  
17 outside and if he gets a cold he'll just cough it out, not a problem. And  
18 then it goes on the announcer goes to say, "You wouldn't treat your kid  
19 this way. Why would you treat your pet this way?" And he brings up  
20 some great information about the center and they're hard numbers that  
21 we're talking about. Hard as in they're tough to swallow. And working  
22 with Wilson Binkley, we really wanted to get some stats out there so  
23 people are shocked. We're really trying to push the message of, we're in  
24 a dilemma at the Animal Service Center as far as animals coming in. We  
25 really are. So when it talks about over 800 animals coming in in a month  
26 that, it's a shocker. I'm even, when I hear it on the radio I'm like, "Holy  
27 cow". So then it breaks it down by number of animals being adopted, the  
28 number of animals that go out to rescue, and then it says, "The rest, well  
29 we do our best." And we really do. We do our best with those animals  
30 that are housed there at the animal facility. I have heard it mostly on Zia  
31 Country 99.5 so we appreciate all the radio stations that it's playing on and  
32 also in Spanish. The Wilson Binkley continues to be a huge help. We  
33 have some, we're calling them decals, we're not calling them bumper  
34 stickers, but decals that we are working on getting so when you adopt an  
35 animal from us you'll get a free decal and also they will be for sale and it  
36 has our logo and a fun saying on it; like "Forever Pet" or a just has a big  
37 adopt on it. Just some fun sayings so we are really on those. We also  
38 have some magnets that we're going to be giving out that have our contact  
39 information and our logo, looks like our business cards. Just trying to get  
40 the word out more. I was really worried it was going to be expensive to do,  
41 but it is really an excellent investment to be able to get your name out  
42 there and to see a car that's going to have a buy it when it comes out, all  
43 that free advertising. It will be worth it. And it's really not that expensive  
44 for these to be done. We continue to advertise in Dog'Cruces Magazine.  
45 We are scheduled to be at the Pet Expo coming up this September. We're  
46 excited to be there. Have pet adoptions. Still in American Classifieds and

1 also the Doc Senior Program. We had one cat in that and for those that  
2 are watching, what that program is, is if you qualify as a Senior Citizen you  
3 get \$25 placed towards your adoption and that's free from the Doña Ana  
4 County Humane Society. We work with them for that. That does not  
5 mean though that you can adopt a 40 lb. dog and get free \$25. It doesn't  
6 work that way. I know you guys were thinking that.

7 We currently have 245 animals in the foster to adopt program and I  
8 actually went around the Shelter this morning with my head hurting really  
9 bad. I'm sorry, the Center, with my head hurting from that 245, that is just  
10 an astronomical number. I asked Bernice if it was correct. I asked  
11 Michelle, our Office Supervisor if it was correct and I also talked to our  
12 Medical Director, making sure that number is correct, and it is. It is a  
13 correct number. The reason why is because of our kittens, the high cat  
14 number. The amount of kittens coming out of the facility is just  
15 phenomenal because they are really cute and cuddly, but none of them  
16 are sterilized. So these are animals that are in the foster to adopt  
17 program. Also the animals that we are pushing, we have done several  
18 days for free. We've done a lot more adoptions and they are just not  
19 sterilized yet, but we don't want to keep them at the facility until they get  
20 sterilized it's a Catch-22. We are following up on every single one of these  
21 animals to get them in. And I talked to our Medical Director about  
22 changing our focus more again toward shelter animals. See if we can get  
23 these animals sterilized then we don't have to put in the back end effort of  
24 contacting and setting appointments and so on. So it's a continual  
25 program that we are going to have. One of those necessary evils I think of  
26 what we're doing.

27 So for the surgeries, we did a 194 for the public, APA had eight,  
28 Broken Promises two, and the Community Cat Program 58. And that  
29 Community Cat Program continues to be a great success for us especially  
30 for euthanasia numbers, because those are cats that would just be  
31 euthanized without that trap/neuter/return program. So total surgeries in  
32 August was 428. Some of our cute cats that are available. Our cat team  
33 that does photography just does a fabulous job. If you've ever tried to take  
34 a picture of a cat you know these are excellent pictures. And that's all we  
35 have.

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37 Gandara: Thank you Clint. Any questions? Okay seeing none.

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39 **C. Committee Reports**

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41 **1. Finance - David Dollahon, Committee Chair**

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43 Gandara: Moving right along. Committee reports. Finance. Hello. Yes Josh is  
44 here.  
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1 Saffell: Good morning Madam Chair, Members of the Board. My name is Josh  
2 Saffell and on behalf of the Finance Department of the City of Las Cruces,  
3 I would like to present the unaudited financials as of August 2018. Due to  
4 the timing of the meeting we haven't actually closed the month of August  
5 yet, so these are not final numbers so there may be some changes so we  
6 are still working on the close. The close usually takes place five business  
7 days after the end of the month so that will be Monday. So we are still  
8 working on that, but so these numbers are good, but they're just not final  
9 numbers. On our Balance Sheet that's page one of your packet the  
10 General Fund is showing about \$548,000 in cash and \$89,000 in  
11 receivables. That Receivable number the \$89,000 is actually what's due  
12 from the County for the month of August and I'm sure we'll get that paid  
13 early this month. It's just a receivable at the moment.

14 The total Liabilities in the General Fund are about \$96,000. The  
15 overall Fund Balance is at \$636,000 with \$292,000 in unassigned. So we  
16 are meeting our Fund Balance Reserve of \$248,000. In Operations and of  
17 course that's the next page, page two Statement of Revenues  
18 Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance in your packet we see the  
19 General Fund is showing about \$691,000 in Revenue and \$348,000 in  
20 Expenditures giving us a net change of \$343,000. The total Revenues are  
21 at 23.9% of budget and the total Expenditures are at 11.7% of Budget and  
22 our target of course is 16.7%.

23 Here we show actual Revenues compared to Budget actual  
24 Revenues of \$691,000 is mainly due to Doña Ana and City contributions  
25 per the Joint Powers Agreement. You will notice that the City of Las  
26 Cruces is actually a little bit low it's that 22%, again because we haven't  
27 quite posted all the entries for August. The entry that transfers the funds  
28 from the City to the Animal Service Center has not posted yet, but that will  
29 post this week.

30 Looking at Expenditures we see that most of the expenditures are  
31 well below that 16.7%, the only exception being insurance which is at  
32 25.9%. It's so high because while we paid our premiums and the  
33 premiums are done quarterly so of course we'll see that amount being  
34 slightly higher than what we would expect. In our Capital Projects Funds  
35 we see cash of \$1.13 million and a Liability of \$115,000. That Liability is  
36 actually the two grants that we got; The Petco and the PetSmart Grant.  
37 Because we haven't actually expended the funds we couldn't recognize it  
38 as revenue so it becomes a Liability known as Cash in Advance basically  
39 for those, so as that's spent that Liability will be decreased and our  
40 Revenue will be increased. And that concludes the August Financial  
41 Report. Are there any questions?  
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43 Gandara: Thank You Josh. Any questions? Board Member Eakman  
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45 Eakman: Madam Chair if I might, just to report that the Finance Committee met on  
46 August 21st reviewed the July Financials once again, but of course didn't

1 have the August at that time and is recommending changes to the Budget  
2 because we're still sorting out the last Fiscal Year so that's why we see a  
3 Resolution on the agenda today. Thank you.

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5 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Eakman. Any other questions? Thank you  
6 Josh. I appreciate it. I know moving up our meeting made it a little  
7 difficult, but we certainly appreciate your work.

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9 **2. Executive**

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11 Gandara: Okay. The Executive met on August 18th. We spoke to several items,  
12 always building the agenda for the September meeting, also spoke to the  
13 distemper issue many of the PAO's that you saw out were a lot of the  
14 dialogue that we spoke to. We want to continue to let the public know in a  
15 very transparent way that we have a plan we are working through that.  
16 We appreciate the help from all the rescues, from the staff, Clint, Dr.  
17 Susan. I know it's probably a very, very difficult time, but again we do  
18 have a plan and continue to work with the City in terms of the facility as a  
19 whole and how to move forward. And Clint can I ask you to discuss a little  
20 more further about the work that is going to be done with the new plans  
21 and the information in terms of meeting with Facilities and how we're going  
22 to move forward in terms of HVAC and different things like that.

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24 Thacker: Yes. So we did have a good meeting, a series of meetings, last I think a  
25 couple weeks ago, Friday. We had a good discussion about the HVAC  
26 issues there at this facility. We talked about getting a study done for  
27 airflow study that will be completed sometime this month. It is going to be  
28 scheduled by the correct department. I believe it is going to be Facilities  
29 that will be doing that. We also talked about some of the things that were  
30 brought up in this meeting last week, about maybe doing some that are  
31 ductless doing anything right now temporarily to ease that. That's some  
32 possibilities there. I had an idea because to side track on the house that's  
33 down there and the grant that we have to demolish that house we are  
34 going to just bring it in to the contract we currently have with the contractor  
35 doing our renovation of just adding that in to it and having that done  
36 having them demolish it. So I thought well what about we're already up on  
37 the riff, we're already dealing with the ducts of they are bringing in another  
38 HVAC unit to do the new lobby area, why can't we just you know it's easy  
39 to do why can't we just throw in another couple hundred thousand dollars  
40 and put some refrigeration air on the top while we're already there and  
41 doing the ducts while we are in the ceiling. So she is going to get with me,  
42 the architect is going to get with and get some numbers together so we  
43 can have that and see what that actual will cost to be to get that done.  
44 Does that answer your question?

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46 Gandara: It did. Thank you Clint. Any other questions around that?

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2 **3. Facilities**  
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4 Gandara: Okay. Facilities, Mr. Smith.  
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6 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. As has been covered by several of the  
7 comments already, work is already started on the new addition and  
8 remodeling of the existing building. And has also been commented is on  
9 the fact that with the GO Bond passing we are going to need to be working  
10 on plans for the new building and certainly the discussion about how the  
11 AC the HVAC is handled in both the current building and changes there  
12 and potentially with the new building. It brings me to a question that I've  
13 been struggling with and that is that every since I have been chairing this  
14 committee we have struggled to have meetings on a regular basis and I  
15 have an additional question and that is simply what are we expecting the  
16 Facilities Committee to do? Are we asking that the Facilities Committee  
17 be a part of the discussion about the design for the future? If so, then we  
18 need to be looking at ways that we are actively involved. Board Member  
19 Garret of course was previously Chair of this Committee and it may be  
20 helpful to understand how that was approached in the past, but if I'm  
21 simply a pass through or if our Committee is simply a pass through for  
22 information that Mr. Thacker is able to share with us I'm not seeing that  
23 we're actually actively doing something. So I would like a little guidance  
24 from the rest of this Board as far as what we are expecting Facilities  
25 Committee to do so that I can more proactively work on setting up the  
26 meetings and making sure that we're covering those areas because right  
27 now I'm feeling kind of like the slacker of the crew here.  
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29 Gandara: Certainly don't want you to feel like "the slacker" Board Member Smith. I  
30 think one of the difficulties is, is that as we all the three of us sit on the  
31 Executive we speak to Facilities, we're having issues getting Board  
32 Member Gonzales to the table and so that makes it a bit difficult. But from  
33 my perspective I think the Facilities Committee really needs to be involved  
34 in the new addition and ensuring that you're familiar and a part with Clint  
35 and others in terms of how we move forward. That's my recommendation.  
36 Any other feedback that the Board may have? Board Member Garrett.  
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38 Garrett: Thank you Madam Chair  
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40 Gandara: I saw you coming to push but, didn't see the light. Okay.  
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42 Garrett: When we establish committees for the Board, the intent, as I recall was to  
43 make sure that when we got to our general Board meetings, that sufficient  
44 work had been done at the policy level so that when we as a whole looked  
45 at an issue, we were able to make well-informed decisions. And the idea  
46 of Facilities is simply that we have that as a major responsibility and then

1 we have to some degree operations get involved in that, but I think that  
2 the responsibility relative to Facility runs everywhere from basic analysis  
3 of whether we're meeting standards in terms of the maintenance work and  
4 the cleaning and all that, all the way up to do we have the information  
5 that's necessary for the Board to make decisions about major additions  
6 and changes. The other thing, and I think this is mentioned in our  
7 Strategic Plan is that we also as part of Facilities have questions like  
8 mobile surgical units that are out there as potential ideas, and I think it's  
9 up to that committee to sort of keep track of the full range of things that  
10 have to do with our kind of capital. And its condition and what we're doing  
11 to improve. So I guess I would say yes I think it's still important for us to  
12 have that committee. I understand, we've always understood that there  
13 were potential overlaps between Executive and both Finance and  
14 Facilities, but I think we need to keep all three of those going because  
15 there are going to be times where we need more work on the Budget  
16 issues and finances and grants and that kind of thing and the same thing.  
17 So I think what I would suggest is that maybe sitting down and kind of  
18 laying out what are the issues for the committee to be working on and  
19 maybe that's something to be done with the Executive Committee so that  
20 you've got a division of labor and it's clear what needs to be done with  
21 which group.

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23 Gandara: Board Member Smith

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25 Smith: Well I thank you both. And I would say that since we on the City Council  
26 rarely sit down with the City Architect or some of the people who are  
27 tasked with executing some of the things that we're trying to do at the City  
28 Council Level instead of a shift of gears when we're talking about a  
29 Facilities Committee working for this Board and working with the City  
30 Architect and the other people who are involved in making some of those  
31 things happen, so I appreciate that input and certainly will endeavor to get  
32 more actively involved in some of those aspects of what we're trying to do.  
33 And since Madam Chair you sit also with me on the Facilities Committee  
34 we'll try not to intrude too much on Executive Committee, but also include  
35 Board Member Gonzales better as well. I realize that he has a commute  
36 to get up here for things, but we'll work on that. Thank you Madam Chair.

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38 Gandara: I appreciate that Board Member Smith and we'll work on that certainly.  
39 Thank you.

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41 **D. Zero in 7 Update**

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44 Gandara: Next is Zero in Seven update. Good morning.  
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1 Gilbert: Good morning. I'm Jean Gilbert, the Secretary for the Coalition for Pets  
2 and People bring in the community animal welfare report. Here's the  
3 mission statement for the Coalition which was adopted in March 2017.  
4 Here's the listing of community organizations. And we make every effort  
5 to represent all of the organizations with slides. Here were the topics that  
6 were discussed at the August Coalition meeting, and we're so happy that  
7 the GO Bond passed for a new animal shelter. And Last Litter will be  
8 mentioned in this presentation, and also so will the TNR grant status and  
9 fostering.

10 Speaking of fostering, I know Clint made reference to this and this  
11 was a recent animal fostering forum which was hosted by the Unitarian  
12 Animal Advocates and the program was done in two segments. The first  
13 segment were with our keynote speakers which were Clinton Thacker of  
14 the ASCMV, Michel Meunier with APA, and Frank Bryce with HSSNM.  
15 And then after they each had a 10-minute presentation on fostering as it  
16 related to their respective organizations and then there was Q&A from the  
17 audience. And in the second segment we had representatives from  
18 organizations that each of them had 10 minutes and they gave some  
19 fostering stories respective to their organizations and of course Tricia  
20 Quinllen is the volunteer coordinator with Safe Haven. And Michelle  
21 Corella represents cats in the community and of course is on the board of  
22 directors of the Cat's Meow. Joy Miller represents the community at large  
23 because she fosters for, has over many years fostered for many  
24 organizations in the community and now more recently Forever Homes  
25 Animal Rescue. And I just want to say how delighted I was as a long time  
26 advocate in the community to see so many players in one room. There  
27 were over 40 people there, so we were really thrilled with the attendance.

28 Here is some upcoming events; Safe Haven is sponsoring a low  
29 cost spay/neuter this weekend. HSSNM we have our adoptions coming  
30 up, and of course the Dog'Cruces Pet Expo is weekend after next and  
31 SNAP has a spay/neuter clinic this month. Here's the Dog'Cruces Pet  
32 Expo.

33 Doña Ana County Humane Society and Spay/Neuter Action  
34 Program co-host Yappy Hour and I personally like this theme. And that  
35 will be September 19th. This is not up to date information and I think, was  
36 it yesterday or the day before I received like three e-mails, one from Tom  
37 Townsend, one from Michel Meunier, and one from Frank Bryce all saying  
38 the same thing, that the grant has been fulfilled. So evidentially if there  
39 are any cats out there that are not in that 500 number, they evidentially  
40 have appointments now to be spayed and neutered because it's my  
41 understanding now there are no more openings for any cats. So the grant  
42 has basically been fulfilled within seven months, so it just goes to show  
43 you the great need.

44 And Broken Promises, this is just a sample of what a very busy day  
45 can be for them, trapping two cats in the morning in a colony, rescuing a  
46 cat from the shelter in the afternoon, and trapping Bowser who's pictured

1 here in the evening. And below is Gracie who is the mom of a few kittens  
2 and that colony has been completed. Broken Promises numbers are 53  
3 TNR year to date and I know September is going to show an increase  
4 because on just one weekend here recently they trapped eight cats, so  
5 they are stepping up their TNR work.

6 And here is Cat's Meow. And I want to say that they had a very  
7 very successful fundraiser with their Bellissimo Gattini, their lasagna  
8 fundraiser and this is a picture of Cleo and Cleo's adoption is very  
9 significant because he was part of a hoarding case and came with two  
10 others and this cat was very very sick for a very long time. And Cat's  
11 Meow is debuting their new T-shirt which I really like. I think we should all  
12 get one. And Mary Lou Ward and Clint both referenced the recent  
13 compassion fatigue conference or classes that were over a weekend. I  
14 want to thank Mary Lou for the photos. And HSSNM we're happy to say  
15 provided refreshments for the workshops.

16 And HSSNM stats, you can see there we have 31 year to date for  
17 adoptions. Our pet help line averages over 100 calls a month and Cans  
18 for Critters year to date since 2012 has helped 155 animals with \$7,630  
19 that have been brought in through aluminum can reclamation. Microchips,  
20 were getting close to 6,000 now. We had a wonderful donor, her name is  
21 Debbie Holderby who made some homemade cat beds and Dorothy kitty  
22 is inspecting her bed which went home with her at her adoption.

23 And this is a program I lead. I lead Critter Connection and Fur'ever  
24 Friends and school started as you know in August and we've done 12  
25 sessions. That's one of the, as part of the curriculum I started out  
26 because it's actually the name of our program, BFF, Books for Fur'ever  
27 Friends. And so I worked with the kids and some stories with animals with  
28 extension activities that are BFF from that book. And Terry Blevins in the  
29 middle was one of the guests with her little Ms. Sassy at Grace Village  
30 and Susan Sammis, long time volunteer in the community and affiliated  
31 with Therapaws with her dog Leo at Oñate high school.

32 Cherished K-9s, I know they've had some record adoptions and I  
33 want to acknowledge Carla Baker in the audience, she's the president of  
34 Cherished K-9s. And they've had some record adoptions with six  
35 Cherished K-9s found their adoptive homes in August and they had two  
36 more that were pending at that time. I'm assuming those were adopted  
37 and there's one of the six right there, Zaney. And then some Corgi mix  
38 puppies who are visiting there former foster mom. Adorable puppies.

39 And 2 Hearts 4 Paws, they hold adoption events the first Saturday  
40 of the month and here some that were featured, some Pomeranian sisters  
41 who are in foster care were at their event. And 2 Hearts 4 Paws did a  
42 donation drive for food and supplies for Last Litter.

43 Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, they've had 15 adoptions year to  
44 date and Kelani is one of their recent adoptions and I like the middle  
45 picture of a visitor to the store with their dog with some summertime  
46 reading. And Safe Haven also had a recent information table and they

1 were promoting the spay/neuter clinic that's coming up and that was held  
2 at Tractor Supply.

3 ACTion Program for Animals, Nathaniel Pete, the boy pictured on  
4 the right with his brother, for his birthday he asked for food and supplies  
5 for APA and school supply donations for children which is so enlightened.  
6 And then another thing done by children was at Alameda and MacArthur  
7 Elementary schools did a Pennies for Pet campaign and that brought in  
8 \$200 along with these beautiful handmade cards from the children. And  
9 APA stats for August, you can see there in the corner. And Biscuit, I  
10 thought this was really a cool story. We know that Greg and I'm trying to  
11 remember Greg's last name who's a handler of a lot of the dogs that are in  
12 the PAWS program and it is his daughter that adopted Biscuit and Biscuit  
13 has moved to San Antonio. And during the month of August APA ran a  
14 summer loving free adoptions for cats and there is Sandy is one of the  
15 many. They adopted a lot of cats during the month of August.

16 And Last Litter Inn officially opened and I know Kelly Barker is here  
17 with her team and she'll be talking soon. They officially opened their doors  
18 August 14th and I'm happy to say that the Coalition approved some  
19 funding to help Last Litter. Their mission as you can see here is to  
20 alleviate homeless discarded puppies in Las Cruces and those weaned  
21 puppies are transferred to a specialized rescue. This is all done free and  
22 I'm not going to say too much more because I know Kelly is going to tell  
23 you about that.

24 And Colorado Puppy Rescue has just been phenomenal with the  
25 work that they've done helping Kelly and Kelly's organization and the  
26 Animal Shelter. And here are some of the photo ops that are of the pups  
27 now that they are at, some of them now that were former guests that are  
28 in Colorado and of course the Inn has a lot more precious puppies in their  
29 residence and Kelly will be talking about that. And just that volunteers are  
30 of course needed because the mom dogs need break time from their  
31 puppies and there are just so many other rewarding roles and volunteer  
32 opportunities at Last Litter Inn.

33 Forever Homes Animal Rescue, Jamie Jones is the Las Cruces  
34 coordinator and on the left is a picture of Chew-Chew who was a rescue  
35 from the shelter. I put this on the slide just to show what one of their  
36 postings can look like because here we're seeing that the first leg of the  
37 transport has been filled. The second leg from Albuquerque to Trinidad or  
38 Pueblo, Colorado is where when that posting was made was where there  
39 was an opening and then the third leg was filled. So this is how they fulfill  
40 the legs is by posting and sharing with animal advocates and through our  
41 network. And then here are some pictures of some other animals that  
42 have been transferred and relocated and their referrals all come from  
43 Southern New Mexico and El Paso, and they go to places such as  
44 Albuquerque and cities in Arizona and Colorado and I'm sure elsewhere,  
45 but these are ones from that location, these photos here.

1                   And this is Doña Ana County Humane Society and the picture on  
2 the right and the one in the middle are related to the Animal Relief Fund.  
3 The dog Smilie on the right had an obstruction and the Animal Relief Fund  
4 helped with medical costs for that. And then the young puppy in the  
5 middle had a broken femur and they helped with, the R-Fund helped with  
6 that which is a very very valuable program for pet retention, helping to  
7 keep pets in their homes. And we know that the Doña Ana County  
8 Humane Society has their pets for senior program and here is one of a  
9 woman who adopted two kittens from the Animal Shelter.

10                   SNAP has clinics coming up September 24th and October 15th. I  
11 like their batman cartoon.

12                   Kelly's organization along with the Dog Park Coalition hosted a  
13 Check the Chip event in August and here are some pictures Animal  
14 Control had a table and the people by the Check the Chip are  
15 representatives of the Dog Park Coalition. Here we see Denise and  
16 Denise is here in the audience, is pictured here at their information booth  
17 for Last Litter. And then we see a member of the public who is training his  
18 dog it looks like, his two golden retrievers. And more from the Check the  
19 Chip event, members of the public in the photo on the right and Dr. Carver  
20 I believe it was who was the veterinarian on hand for vaccinations and  
21 then we see a picture of Kevin Armstrong who is the president of the Dog  
22 Park Coalition.

23                   And we want to remember Julie Schmidt and I certainly remember  
24 her from the Mutt Show. She used to do some wonderful demonstrations  
25 with some of her equipment, her grooming equipment and I know as back  
26 as 2009 Kevin said that this is part of a legacy that she leaves. She would  
27 hold Christmas parties for her clients and she is the person who was  
28 instrumental in the start of celebrating the dog's birthdays at the dog park  
29 which they do twice a year.

30                   The Las Cruces Pet Network advocates for animals in need  
31 through e-mail and Facebook. And like the dog Dirk pictured on the right  
32 and which they're lost and found animals or animals that are in need in  
33 some way, maybe they need medical help or foster or adopters, but a  
34 whole range of needs, the network advocates for animals. And the  
35 network also posts on a regular basis through direct distribution and  
36 through social media the pet of the week for the ASCMV. And that  
37 completes the community report. Any questions?

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39 Gandara: Thank you. I don't see any questions at this point. I appreciate it.

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41 Smith: Madam Chair.

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43 Gandara: Board Member Smith.

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45 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. And Ms. Gilbert just thank you. I've said this  
46 before but I continue to appreciate the wealth of information that you share



1 with us and the photographs really heartens me that so much is being  
2 done and so much collaboration is happening so I appreciate that very  
3 much and wish you well in your continued good work. Thank you.  
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5 Gilbert: Thank you very much. I just want to say how proud we can be as a  
6 community. I've really seen it grow over the years and expand the  
7 services and the programs and the work that we all do. I think we can be  
8 very very proud. Thank you.  
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10 Smith: Thank you Ms. Gilbert. I agree. Thank you Madam Chair.

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12 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Thank you Ms. Gilbert.  
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#### 14 **E. Last Litter Presentation**

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16 Gandara: Kelly Barker is next up. Last Litter presentation.  
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18 Barker: Good morning Madam Chair and Board Members. I'm Kelly Barker of  
19 UNcaged Paws. And today I'm here to bring the Last Litter to you to show  
20 you the work that we've been doing in the last 20 days. Let me find us  
21 here. I'm really proud to present a video that was done by Melissa and  
22 Koko Dean.  
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24 VIDEO PLAYED.  
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26 Barker: And if it would please the Board, there are many members of the Last  
27 Litter team who are in the audience today who have taken time off of their  
28 work schedule to come and tell you about their work, in 20 days they've  
29 put in 650 man hours. Many of us have lost weight. We call it a pound for  
30 a hound. I've never worked so hard with something so joyous and I'd like  
31 if you would be so kind as to let them speak for an allocated period of time  
32 about their experience, the importance. These are members of our  
33 community who've come together, many of them I did not know before this  
34 program started. So if you'd be so kind.  
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36 Gandara: Yes Kelly.  
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38 Barker: Thank you.  
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40 Gandara: I'm going to give you two minutes each. Welcome. Thank you. I see  
41 some tears out in the audience.  
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43 Beyer: I'm Denise Beyer. I'm a retired teacher Las Cruces Public Schools and  
44 Gadsden Public Schools for over 27 years. And I retired so I could take  
45 care of my two grandchildren. My son is a City Firefighter. My daughter-  
46 in-law is a nurse, so daycare doesn't really work for that and so I help out

1 when I need to. Then I discovered the Services Center needed volunteers  
2 went ahead and worked with them for a while and then they had asked for  
3 someone to walk dogs before they were photo ops and that's how we  
4 began with Melissa and Koko and that's how I met Kelly. After that when  
5 Last Litter became a thing, I started going and I'm addicted. I'm never  
6 home. I'm there between six and 12 hours a day sometimes, because  
7 there's always something to do and trust me it's not always what was in  
8 those lovely pictures. Yesterday was a lot of poop, so there was a lot of  
9 that. But we need desperately volunteers who are willing to give even  
10 short amounts of time to things like doing dishes and mopping floors and  
11 making sure that we can maintain a facility that's safe for our animals, but  
12 it's so rewarding and I just love every minute of what I do. But it is hard.  
13 It's hard some times because we have to send them off to somebody else  
14 after we've taken such good care of them, but we try really hard and we  
15 thank you guys. We hope you continue to support this program.

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17 Gandara: Thank you Ms. Beyer. Hello. Welcome.

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19 Kleitz: Good morning. My name is Jennifer Kleitz. And I am new to the program.  
20 I've been there about two weeks working with Kelly Barker and Last Litter.  
21 My sister Denise brought me in. We are both dog lovers from forever. I  
22 recognize how important this is and I have a lot of things on my plate and I  
23 run through businesses but I make time to do this because it's very  
24 important. I think what Kelly has put together is fabulous and she's really  
25 making a difference and I encourage you to support her program. I think  
26 it's giving puppies, mommas a safe place to be and then taking care of the  
27 mommas and giving them their time and putting the puppies into good  
28 homes. So thank you very much and I just love working there and helping  
29 out. I mean it's cleaning up poop and it's feeding little puppies who have  
30 walked in their poop, but I mean who doesn't love puppy breath. Thank  
31 you.

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33 Gandara: Thank you.

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35 Buckman: Hi. My name is Kathy Buckman.

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37 Gandara: Good morning.

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39 Buckman: I work for Farmer's Insurance. In addition to working a full time job, I love  
40 to spend my time with Kelly and everyone at the Last Litter Inn. It is a lot  
41 of hard work, but it's very rewarding in addition to knowing the good that  
42 you're doing the comradery with these people that you work with. It is a  
43 very rewarding volunteer experience. I started working with Kelly with the  
44 Tails for Freedom program and started with the Last Litter Program as  
45 soon as it opened. Yes, there's a lot of dog poop. There's a lot of food.  
46 There's a lot of work to be done. It's a lot of hard work, but it's such a

1 great experience. We make an amazing team. We work really well  
2 together. We know each other. We can sit down afterwards like we did  
3 last night, sat down after all the puppies were taken care of and all the  
4 cleaning was done and we were able to sit down and discuss some of our  
5 issues and some of the additional things that need to be done. Maybe any  
6 mistakes that have made that we have learned from and how to better  
7 ourselves and make this a better program for the puppies and for the  
8 community. So thank you.  
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10 Gandara: Thank you so much.

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12 Williams: Sounds like she knows a thing or two because she's seen a thing or two.

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14 Gandara: Right, or five or ten, or 20. It's a good tagline Co-Chair Williams. Kelly is  
15 there anybody else. Okay.  
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17 Avery: My name is Diane Avery and I'm actually from Sunland, well I don't live in  
18 Sunland Park but we've been trying to divert dogs that were coming from  
19 Sunland Park to your facility for the last two years, something close to 400  
20 dogs that didn't get to Mesilla Valley because we were diverting them up  
21 there. But I look at the program that Kelly started as absolutely amazing  
22 because they've already proven you cannot kill them fast enough. You  
23 can't kill dogs fast enough, you can't kill cats fast enough. That's why the  
24 trap, neuter, release is so important for cats. But for dogs these puppies,  
25 this what 100 or close to 100 puppies that've been sent the last few weeks  
26 are a 100 puppies that won't be reproducing. Furthermore their mother's  
27 aren't going to be reproducing. This is a valuable program. We can't kill  
28 them fast enough. And as hard as it is even think of killing any of them, I  
29 feel when the shelter, Mesilla Valley or El Paso, any of the shelters, any of  
30 the public animal control areas, when they get blamed it's not their fault  
31 and they do a good job. None of them go to work every day going "Oh we  
32 get to kill dogs today, or we get to kill cats." So we have to look at ways  
33 like this program. And like the spay, neuter, release, and like making spay  
34 and neuter for dogs affordable. I paid for a rescue dog \$205 to get one  
35 male neutered. That's ridiculous. People can't afford it. If they're going to  
36 have to feed their children or neuter their dog or spay their dog, they're not  
37 going to do it. We have to make it affordable. We have to make it  
38 available and we have to support programs like Kelly's that are going to  
39 divert them before they ever get the chance. This is 100 puppies that will  
40 not get to reproduce because where they're going, make sure they get  
41 spayed and neutered.  
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43 Williams: Thank you very much.

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45 Avery: Thank you.  
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1 Gandara: I think you're on Ms. Kelly.

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3 Barker: Thank you Kathy, Denise and Jennifer. So I will read part of this but I'm  
4 giving it to you in printed form. So the Last Litter is a pilot project  
5 developed by my 501(c)(3) rescue UNCaged Paws to provide a safety net  
6 for the puppy transport program. Since October of last year I've been  
7 working almost exclusively with Colorado Puppy Rescue. We've  
8 transferred prior to the beginning of this program, we've transferred 888  
9 puppies out of Las Cruces to Colorado Puppy Rescue. That program was  
10 put in jeopardy with the outbreak of the distemper that was eventually  
11 recognized at the shelter. Colorado Puppy Rescue lost 13 puppies that  
12 we sent to them between June and July and unfortunately they could not  
13 continue to take the risk that I was pulling directly from the shelter, putting  
14 on the shelter vehicle and transporting directly to them. So the only way  
15 to continue the life saving work of transferring was to be able to provide a  
16 safety net. And this safety net is now called the Last Litter Inn. I was able  
17 with the help of Frank Bryce to secure a facility on a short-term basis and  
18 it was a former dog boarding, grooming, and daycare facility. It primarily  
19 meets our needs and we could house at any one time over 100 puppies in  
20 multiple rooms. It's got multiple play areas and really it's really been a  
21 lifesaver.

22 So in 20 days of securing the facility with some of the volunteers  
23 you saw here today, we've put in 650, I think I typed that wrong, 650  
24 volunteer hours have been logged. The transports have continued and we  
25 just yesterday morning sent out 33 puppies and that's the second  
26 transport out of the Inn so we're a total of 66 puppies out of the Inn in the  
27 last two transports, bringing our total to something like 940 now with  
28 Colorado Puppy Rescue. Probably the most encouraging part that I  
29 learned from the last two transfers, is usually what happens is when the  
30 transfer happens the Colorado Puppy Rescue, they take their puppies  
31 directly to a vet in Raton who does the health certificates and does the  
32 physical evaluation of the animals that we have sent. Most of the time in  
33 the past I received messages back, I'll receive the report back and it will  
34 say things like "live ticks," "dead fleas," "cuts," "bruises," these sort of  
35 things. And that's of course coming straight out of the shelter where they  
36 had no ability to do grooming. They had no ability to give them baths.  
37 They just don't have the resources to be able to do it. In our facility we  
38 were able to prepare everybody to go. Everybody had their nails clipped.  
39 Everybody had their ears cleaned. Everybody had fleas and ticks and  
40 things like this all taken off. So when they went to the vet I got two totally  
41 clean reports which tells us that we're sending quality product to them.  
42 The other important part of what we're doing at the Inn is because there is  
43 socialization that single puppies previously had to transfer in a single cage  
44 and that takes up of course room in the transport vehicle, more for the  
45 receiver than for the sender because we've have the luxury of having a  
46 beautiful vehicle to transport in. The receiver comes down in a big SUV

1 with crates. But because of the socialization we can now take two  
2 puppies that were not part of a litter, but have now been socialized  
3 together and they can transfer as companions in a single crate, thereby  
4 meaning that we can transfer more in the 18 allocated kennels that we are  
5 giving. So we see a lot of really good that can come out of it in just such a  
6 short period of time.

7 So the plan and how this is technically working, although it is a  
8 work in progress, is the program is designed to have the public and ACO  
9 deliver the moms and pups to the shelter. The shelter is to be segregating  
10 their vaccinations and containment protocol so that they isolate those  
11 candidates for the program outside of the main shelter system. The idea  
12 is that they are papered to the shelter but maybe are in Clint's office or  
13 lunchroom, or something like this and that they never enter the shelter  
14 population. The animals are the property of the ASCMV because they are  
15 put into the PetPoint system. We then take them because someone  
16 contacts us, and we care for them prior to the transfer. Ninety-eight  
17 percent of the care is provided without any ASCMV involvement. The  
18 shelter van does provide the transport every two weeks to Albuquerque  
19 and if we do have a medical concern and we have had, then they will be  
20 my first line of contact to say I have a problem and I need you to see this  
21 puppy.

22 In 20 days we have had two cases of parvo. Of course that takes  
23 my breath away to even say it, that we have experienced it. We're still  
24 working on protocols and what the reason might be and how it happens  
25 and of course like all of these things, whether it's parvo or distemper,  
26 there's a lot of mixed messages with a lot of experts giving information as  
27 to how it happens, what the containment period is and things like that. We  
28 have had the two cases, case two is the one we're more focused on right  
29 now because it came into the ASCMV on August 23rd, it was listed on the  
30 paperwork that I received as vaccinated, it was supposedly only in the  
31 shelter less than four hours and 11 days later it broke with parvo. We  
32 know that there was a break in protocol because when I saw the puppy it  
33 was already in the SBR room, so therefore it was in shelter population and  
34 theoretically in an adoption room. So that was a break in shelter protocol  
35 because it would not normally have been there. The 11 days, we don't  
36 know whether that's long or short because I've heard all sorts of things,  
37 but she put down very very quickly. I brought her directly to the shelter the  
38 moment that we saw something going on and Susan Baez and the team  
39 from Austin Pets Alive came to my vehicle and performed some medical  
40 services there, their support services to try and help her, but later that day  
41 actually within two hours the recommendation was made that they  
42 euthanize her and that we were not going to be able to pull her through.  
43 Case one was a community dog. She was five years old which is very  
44 odd to end up with parvo. She came in to our system nursing her five 12-  
45 day-old pups. The pups are thriving and they have tested negative for  
46 parvo. We took her to the shelter, asked for immediate support services

1 for her. We went even a step, because she was there first, we went a  
2 step further and we went directly to private vets in town at a cost of \$1,400  
3 for two days of services and basically Mimi was euthanized under the  
4 recommendation of Calista Vet after three days of being diagnosed. She  
5 was an odd case. There might be one that appears like that every now  
6 and then, but obviously we're looking at everything that we're doing both  
7 shelter protocol and our protocol to make sure that we don't have these  
8 problems coming in and that we've got healthy puppies. The loses were  
9 really devastating to our team and everybody is committed to work on  
10 basically protocols from shelter straight forward.

11 So what we're looking at doing and this will require budgetary  
12 approval is to approve the Last Litter as a pilot program benefiting the  
13 ASCMV for a period from August 14 which is the day we opened, though  
14 December 15, 2018. Funding for the program would be through a  
15 management service contract to the nonprofit, UNCaged Paws. Our  
16 estimate is \$7,000 a month. That will allow us to put on some paid staff.  
17 That will allow us to also pay vet or vet techs to visit our place on a fairly  
18 regular basis to ensure that the health of the animals is progressing as we  
19 want it to. The program fees would pay for the building operation which is  
20 the rent, the utilities, the trash, site management, and of course all food,  
21 housing, vaccines, parvo test, distemper tests, all of the regular things that  
22 go into it. The ASCMV would still provide backup medical care as  
23 required, but obviously our goal is not to pull too heavily on them because  
24 they're dealing with so much of what's going on in the particular shelter,  
25 but they would certainly be as this is their animals, they would be our first  
26 line.

27 We would like the facility to be considered an offsite annex for the  
28 ASCMV for purposes of the pilot program. And in my conversations with  
29 both Maddie's Fund, Best Friends, and Austin Pets Alive, they believe that  
30 this pilot program could be groundbreaking and they would like us to do  
31 success measurements as to how it works and what our tracking will be in  
32 terms of socialization, health of the animals, etc. And in doing so they  
33 probably are looking at what it would take to recommend this program to  
34 other places. In addition, because of Austin Pets Alive they identified  
35 another puppy receiver for us and I will commence transports from Last  
36 Litter to this new receiver starting September 21. They will take another  
37 65 puppies per month from us and they will go to northern California. The  
38 receiver provides their own transport. They'll come to Cruces and pick  
39 them up. This will then allow us to increase total capacity between  
40 California and Colorado to 150 puppies a month to leave this particular  
41 area. Sixty-six puppies have left in the last two transports, that does bring  
42 us to a total of 954 puppies that we have transferred in 10 months. We  
43 know that the big problem here is outreach to the community to have them  
44 feel safe to come to the shelter, surrender their nursing mom if that's the  
45 case, and the puppies. Most puppies here are either sold cheaply on  
46 Facebook, given away, and of course all that does is repopulate those

1 puppies because they're going out unvaccinated in 99% of the cases and  
2 there's no follow-up on sterilization. So if we can take puppies out of the  
3 population to an area where we know that they're taken care of. We are  
4 effectively stopping what's going into the pipeline.

5 In the community and trying to get the community to work with us,  
6 we've sold the program that if you have a mom who has had an unplanned  
7 litter and you turn that mom and puppies in to the Last Litter program,  
8 when the nursing mom has finished and we transfer the puppies, we will  
9 fix the mom and vaccinate her and microchip her for free and return her to  
10 you. We currently have two moms in the program whose puppies have  
11 already left, the moms are getting fixed, and they will go back to their  
12 homes. And I think that that will allow the community to feel safer with us  
13 and not be, maybe not be penalized for having to make the decision of  
14 turning their puppies in or turning their mom in, because a lot of times we  
15 have found in the past they try and turn in 12-day-old puppies with no  
16 mother and obviously there's no survival rate for those animals at that  
17 time.

18 So my request today is that the ASCMV and Clint Thacker take this  
19 under advisement as a pilot program, approved, to continue working with  
20 the shelter through December and taking a look at this program. I know it  
21 works. I've seen it work and at December perhaps what happens is  
22 maybe the shelter will be in a position to take it back and handle all the  
23 moms and babies themselves, if they're not then obviously we can talk  
24 about what could be a future for the program. So with that I thank you. I'll  
25 stand for questions.

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27 Gandara: Thank you Kelly so much for the work that you're doing here. Are there  
28 any questions? Yes, Board Member Smith.

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30 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Thank you Ms. Barker. I've commented before  
31 that you have a knack with the words and certainly the Last Litter Inn just  
32 is very catchy and immediately in three words helps us understand what's  
33 going on and what's happening there. So I appreciate you putting that  
34 thought process to work in such a passionate and productive way because  
35 you keep coming back to us with more neat things. And really the only  
36 question I have is as you have presented how this works and how it would  
37 conceivably work with the Animal Services Center, and I'm not sure you'll  
38 be able to answer this, but as an entity and you're set up as a 501(c)(3)  
39 already for that or for UNCaged Paws?

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41 Barker: Well UNCaged Paws is a 501(c)(3) and all of these programs function  
42 under it.

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44 Smith: Okay.

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46 Barker: It doesn't require a separate 501(c)(3), they're pilot programs.

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2 Smith: Well thank you. And as a pilot program what constraints do we have on  
3 us as far as how we proceed with the kind of thing that you're talking about  
4 because certainly often when the City's doing programs and that sort of  
5 thing, we have to go through an RFP process and those kinds of things  
6 and I certainly appreciate and think what you're doing is great, but I don't  
7 know what constraints we have as far as making that kind of commitment.  
8 So I don't know who would be able to help us understand that better, but  
9 it's certainly something I appreciate what you're doing and appreciate you  
10 bringing the pilot idea to us. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.  
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12 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Co-Chair Williams.  
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14 Williams: Thank you. And Kelly I want to echo what Board Member Smith has said  
15 on all levels. My concern of course is the budget. Clint, do we have  
16 sufficient budget to do a midyear revision of this magnitude to support this  
17 program?  
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19 Thacker: We would have to cancel making some purchases, some things that were  
20 requested and possibly have to delay them until next year. So is it  
21 possible, yes it is. That's the answer.  
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23 Williams: If I may continue Madam Chair.  
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25 Gandara: Of course.  
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27 Williams: When I first saw this proposal a few weeks ago the rate was \$5,000 a  
28 month and now it's jumped to \$7,000 and what I didn't see in the original  
29 proposal, perhaps I missed it and maybe, well you say that you want to  
30 bring on paid personnel. Clint do we have sufficient personnel that we  
31 could lend shelter personnel to support this program and maybe bring  
32 down the financial costs?  
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34 Thacker: No we do not. Not for that. I've requested the five additional animal  
35 caregivers in there and that is for the shelter. We need that.  
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37 Williams: My third question is, has the program proposal been brought forward  
38 either to the ASCMV's attorney, to determine whether there is an anti-  
39 donation issue here or to the City or the County's attorney's offices to  
40 determine whether this Board has the authority to contract with a nonprofit  
41 for a pilot project of this nature?  
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43 Thacker: No it has not.  
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45 Williams: The last concern, well I want to support the program Kelly, I really do and  
46 in fact I've made a donation yesterday. I'm concerned about precedent



1 and whether if the ASCMV Board approves a contract of this magnitude  
2 with your organization we just saw Jean present the breadth of  
3 organizations within this community and they're always looking for funds,  
4 and so are we putting ourselves in a position where other organizations  
5 are going to come up and say "Well we have another proposal for you."  
6 And I'm not saying that that would be a bad thing, but we would have to  
7 evaluate each of them and I'm worried about setting precedent. I think  
8 that the matter, my recommendation to this Board would be to give  
9 direction to Clint to do a budget presentation for us to show exactly how if  
10 this Board were to go forward, the money would work and to pursue legal  
11 review to make sure that we are able to do a pilot program of this nature  
12 without running a foul of either procurement or anti-donation issues under  
13 the State of New Mexico law. Thank you Madam Chair.

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15 Thacker: Thank you.

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17 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Any other? Board Member Garrett I see  
18 you reaching for your light.

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20 Garrett: Thank you. And thank you Kelly for the work that you're doing and the  
21 folks that are working with you. I want to echo both the sentiment that's  
22 been expressed by others here in terms of it appears to be a very good  
23 program that's timely and working and at the same time there are some  
24 concerns that as the Board we have to look at. I want to also note that  
25 we're already into your timeframe and one of the things that, I mean the  
26 County Commission just had to undo an agreement, basically a resolution  
27 to pay some of our senior DASO officers on a retroactive basis and we  
28 were told we couldn't do that. There are state laws that apply to some of  
29 this and so I'm going to say that your timing was great in terms of jumping  
30 in to respond to the situation at the shelter, but that the legal and the  
31 financial is lagging behind and I don't know how that's going effect this.

32 It occurs to me that one thing that does make this a little bit different  
33 potentially is that you've presented this as a way of helping the shelter  
34 immediately reduce the population going in during a crisis with the  
35 distemper outbreak. I'm concerned that we in a certain sense haven't  
36 given other organizations an opportunity also to do that and to  
37 compensate them for that. So those are some of the things I think that  
38 need to be worked out with the attorneys and we just need to understand  
39 that we've got to do that. I would simply say I'll put in a contribution  
40 myself, I'm going to make a commitment to do something and I think as  
41 opposed to just looking at this as something for ASCMV to fund, we may  
42 be able to support some other work that you're doing in terms of getting  
43 public support for this, look for grants, look for other ways of doing it. I just  
44 want to in terms of words the idea that the facility would be an offsite  
45 annex for ASCMV I immediately am thinking about standards and

1 inspections and liability and that's the stuff we have to live with. And so I  
2 think you've might've meant that in an informal way.

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4 Barker: Correct.

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6 Garrett: I'm thinking "Well wait a minute if this goes into some kind of an  
7 agreement written that way, it means that we've actually sort of set up  
8 some kind of relationship with ownership of that" because we can't just  
9 think of it casually. So I applaud the initiative and the effort that's going  
10 into this and I think that in everyone's interest we need to get to the bottom  
11 of the legal and financial questions as fast as we can because somebody's  
12 on the hook for some money and we want to make sure that we're clear  
13 also about the legal issues. I mean just as an example you know we pick  
14 up animals and there's this question about property and whose property is  
15 the animal and there are a lot of protocols that are in place because of that  
16 kind of thing, so we need to make sure that we're following the laws. And  
17 maybe through that process are helping develop a better pilot for  
18 replication in other places. So I want to thank you again for the work and  
19 encourage the executive committee and Mr. Thacker to get to the bottom  
20 of this as fast as possible.

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22 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Eakman.

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24 Eakman: Yes. Thank you. And Ms. Barker thank you so much for the presentation.  
25 I can understand where the tears come from on seeing that kind of  
26 success happen and the closeness with those puppies. My stance today  
27 is I hesitate to take any action on something like this because it wasn't  
28 noticed on our agenda and we don't have other people here that might be,  
29 we were told we were going to get a presentation, but I guess we didn't  
30 know we'd have something that would effect the budget to that degree and  
31 so being it wasn't spelled out like our three action items are spelled out, it  
32 does give me some pause there. And I know our Executive Director has  
33 discretion in what he does in managing the Services Center. And if I  
34 heard correctly he doesn't have that amount of money in his budget to  
35 take out of what he's doing to something else. He certainly hasn't  
36 disclosed that to the Finance Committee that he has that kind of money  
37 available. So I agree this probably has to come back to us in the future  
38 and perhaps as an action item. Thank you.

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40 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Eakman. Board Member Garrett.

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42 Garrett: Madam Chair. I'm just going to suggest that given the urgency of the  
43 situation and the multiple parts that are involved in this and the fact that  
44 we do have some people who are I think in good faith extending  
45 themselves without a contract and without an agreement and again that's  
46 not a very good way to do business. I'm just going to say that. I hope you

1 understand that. That we could potentially have a special meeting and so  
2 I would be up for that. I think when I said get to understand what all the  
3 ramifications of this are, I think that needs to be done quickly and then if  
4 we need to come back together to deliberate on that one way or the other  
5 we should probably do that.

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7 Gandara: Co-Chair. Thank you Board Member Garrett. Co-Chair Williams.

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9 Williams: Thank you Madam Chair. Josh, would you mind coming forward?  
10 Normally I would ask this question to Board Member Dollahon but in his  
11 absence you are our fiscal expert in the room. Does anything about this  
12 discussion raise the hair on your neck as regards to procurement issues?

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14 Saffell: As far as procurement issues, I'm not that familiar with that. I work mostly  
15 with the accounting side. There may be some definite, I would definitely  
16 contact the purchasing department and see because I know the  
17 procurement code may outline some specifics, so I would definitely  
18 consult them because I feel that that'd probably be the best way to  
19 proceed with that.

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21 Williams: From my limited knowledge, well 20 years of working in government, of  
22 the procurement code, there are two ways to approach a contract of this  
23 nature; one would be through an RFP process which is rather an extended  
24 process, the other would be through a sole source option. And the sole  
25 source as I understand it can be pursued when there is no competing  
26 supplier for the goods and/or services that are being proposed. I'm  
27 guessing that in this case a good case could be made for a sole source  
28 contract, but again I like Board Member Garrett's idea of a special meeting  
29 sooner rather than later, but I really want to have a sit down either with the  
30 City's procurement, and I think it's appropriate that it be with the City's  
31 procurement people. I want Mr. Dollahon in the room to talk about these  
32 issues and then after that meeting I believe that Clint and the Executive  
33 Committee should meet with the ASCMV's attorney to determine whether  
34 there are any legal issues related to the State Constitution. I know that  
35 that is what governed the retroactive issues that came before the Board of  
36 County Commissioners recently. We need to find out what we can do  
37 legally, how we can do it, and what those timelines are. In the meantime  
38 I'm going to ask just on behalf of Kelly that this community continue to  
39 support this program until this Board knows what we can do and what  
40 amount of funding we have available, if any, to legally pursue a contract.  
41 So that's my recommendation. I'll make myself available to the Executive  
42 Committee to expedite this as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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44 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Kelly I very much appreciate what you're  
45 doing here, you're willingness, you've stepped up. You've seen a need in  
46 our community and we definitely have an issue with mommas and puppies

1 and so I would agree with everything that's being said here. I knew and  
2 after talking to Frank and the Executive Committee to a degree that you  
3 were, we had talked about putting it as a presentation although I knew in  
4 my mind that there were going to be some procurement issues and some  
5 concerns about budget. I knew that Clint didn't have that in his budget  
6 and we'd have to find it in some way. So as we're moving through this I  
7 would agree that we need to contact legal. Sit down with the City  
8 procurement and David Dollahon. Unfortunately he's ill today, unable to  
9 be here and he may or may not be back until Monday. I will be gone the  
10 rest of next week, returning on Sunday and so I'm not saying that you  
11 have to work around my schedule. I'm happy to be by phone if you  
12 determine in terms of communicating with others, I'm happy to be by  
13 phone. I don't want to hold this up.

14 The thing I want to stress and we talked about, you made mention  
15 and let me move through some of the wording that you used. I call them  
16 metrics, but you talked about things like benchmarks, right in terms of, I  
17 don't think you used the word benchmark but I'll call them benchmarks, in  
18 terms of socialization, health of animals. The outreach to the community.  
19 Of course we don't want to be heavy handed and sort of punish folks, but I  
20 also think that we need an educational component because we're going to  
21 continue to see these things where people are not sterilizing, right their  
22 animals and I want to see in terms of if we move forward some sort of  
23 benchmark and I would encourage the community, the Zero in Seven, I  
24 know you all meet, you meet regularly. I think this would be a great  
25 opportunity to look at training and capacity building. How are we going to  
26 get our community behind this in terms of reducing the pet population  
27 because it's all of our responsibility, a shared responsibility so I'd like to  
28 see some metrics if we move forward in terms of how collectively we're  
29 going to work in terms of reducing the pet population and pregnant  
30 mommas. We have to do something and so I know that there are efforts  
31 already underway and have continued over time and that might mean a  
32 solid, looking at Wilson Binkley and advertising and those. But being in  
33 the school, and I mean at the lowest levels, elementary schools, talking to  
34 kids, that's where they're going to learn and then bringing it to their  
35 parents about "Momma not okay, right we've got to get them spayed and  
36 neutered" and those kinds of things. So please from the bottom of my  
37 heart I appreciate what you're doing. I've always appreciate it. When you  
38 see a need you're a go-getter. Like everybody in this room and so I  
39 appreciate you're efforts.

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41 Barker: Thank you. I just want to address two quick issues. I appreciate you  
42 looking at sole source. This is, if there was a case for sole source, this is  
43 the case for it. There is nobody that will have done what I just did.  
44 There's nobody that would sign a lease, open a facility, staff it out of their  
45 own pocket, have 20 hours and 650 volunteer hours. I didn't do it alone. I  
46 did it because the transport program is life saving and I'm telling you that if

1 we stop this, we don't have a safe way, whether it's not me, we don't have  
2 a safe way to protect these moms and babies, so that the receivers are  
3 getting quality product, you have no transport program because they're not  
4 going to take them from here and that's really serious and I'm sorry to say  
5 it in such strong terms, but I moved aggressively to protect the product  
6 that we were sending to Colorado Puppy Rescue because it will be a very  
7 bad black mark on them if they continue to get sick puppies from us.

8 So I don't believe that there's any other source here that would do  
9 this. Secondly, it isn't a rescue. That's the important thing that I think that  
10 people haven't looked at. This isn't a rescue operation. This is revenue  
11 neutral. It does not, our receivers do not pay us to take our animals. If we  
12 don't send to them, they'll take from some place else. Unfortunately in  
13 New Mexico and many other places there's no shortage. So if it's not us  
14 it's somebody else and if a program like this, even if it isn't Last Litter, if a  
15 program like this doesn't exist, we will go back to exactly what Clint was  
16 dealing with before, boxes of puppies coming in the door just being told  
17 "Here, there are 10 puppies here. I don't want them any more." And he  
18 doesn't have the resources for them either. So I recognize that budget  
19 may be an issue, but I do think that there's the other side of the budget  
20 that says they're coming in your door anyways and whether that number is  
21 an operating agreement with a group like Last Litter or in a program like  
22 Last Litter, the cost at the shelter I would probably make a case that the  
23 cost at the shelter is at least twice of what I just told you because I don't  
24 know. I've said to Clint "I don't know how you took care of these puppies."  
25 And he openly said to me "We didn't. We couldn't." This is a high volume  
26 shelter. So I think it's important not to look at this like it's a rescue project  
27 that somebody, that another rescue is going to say "Here let me create  
28 this pilot project for you and take any intake that comes into the shelter,  
29 we will take it." I don't believe anybody's going to do that. I do think that  
30 it's ground breaking and when groups like Maddie's Fund and Best  
31 Friends want to look at it and see how they could help us make it better for  
32 other communities, and of course for our own community, I think that's a  
33 benefit. So I thank you so much for the extra time you gave me today and  
34 for the appreciation because the team's worked really hard to make this  
35 happen.

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37 Gandara: Thank you Kelly.

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39 Barker: Thank you.

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41 Gandara: Yes, Co-Chair Williams.

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43 Williams: Thank you. I just want to say Kelly that I do think that there's a sole  
44 source way to proceed, if this is legal, and that's what we have to find out.  
45 We have to find out from the procurement side and we have to find out  
46 from the legal side. Clint in his masterful efficiency has already fired off an

1 e-mail to the Executive Committee and the attorney, so the process is  
2 underway to do the review. And we'll get it done as quickly as possible  
3 and see where we can go from there.

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5 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams.

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7 Garrett: Madam Chair. If I could just ...

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9 Gandara: Yes. Board Member Garrett.

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11 Garrett: I think some of the comments that we've had as we've wrapped up and  
12 just generally in response to the proposal, are illustrative of an issue that  
13 the Board is going to have to deal with and that I think is going to be at the  
14 heart of whether or not we can or should do sole source. And that has to  
15 do with the scope. Let me just say that we can look at this as a whole  
16 initiative that has to do with spay and neuter reducing animals having  
17 unwanted litters and educating the public and so forth. That's what a lot of  
18 groups are working on. That's what the Shelter's working on. And I think  
19 if we open it up too broadly that in fact there are legitimately a lot of  
20 groups that would say "Well wait a minute we can do that, or we could do  
21 that in combo with somebody else." I want to say that I think that, and a  
22 very important part of this, both in terms of taking public money and  
23 directing it to a particular nonprofit, what's driving my interest in this right  
24 now is the fact that we have a distemper outbreak at the shelter and that is  
25 potentially affecting one of the major ways we have of reducing our  
26 euthanasia and that's through transfers. That's really narrowing the scope  
27 of that and saying that until we're able to bring the distemper outbreak  
28 under control, that we need to have a way of dealing with a particular part  
29 of the population because there are a number of things that Mr. Thacker  
30 has outlined that are important in terms of dealing with the distemper  
31 situation. And we need to be able to do all of those. This is a part of that  
32 and if he feels that this is a very important part of that, then we need to  
33 hear that. But I think narrowing the scope and keeping it very tight, and  
34 quite honestly the fact that there's been money put out, that there's a  
35 facility that's been leased, many of our organizations have already done  
36 that too, so the unique thing here that makes this potentially a sole source  
37 is dealing with an emergency condition at the shelter that has to do with  
38 being able to have animals that are in good shape for transfer and of  
39 finding a way to very efficiently and effectively deal with that and  
40 consequently reduce the population at the shelter. I'm just suggesting we  
41 can narrow and tighten that up and that'll keep us out of a lot of other  
42 issues that we might get into.

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44 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Agreed. Okay.

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46 **VI. Action Items**

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**A. Resolution 2018-22: Amend the Adopted FY19 Budget Allowing a Carry-Over Budget for Expenditures From FY18 For the Capital Fund (7441)**

**B. Resolution 2018-23: Accept a \$20,000 PetSmart Grant for Funds Associated with the Transportation of Animals.**

**C. Resolution 2018-24: Accept the Tomahawk Live Traps**

Gandara: We're on the action items, A, Resolution 2018-22, amend the adopted Fiscal Year '19 budget allowing a carry-over budget for expenditures from Fiscal Year '18 for the Capital Fund (7441). Can I get a motion?

Williams: Madam Chair.

Gandara: Yes.

Williams: May I make a motion for all three items, unless there is some objection from the Board?

Eakman: I would second that.

Gandara: Okay. Motion made to include all three in terms of approval, made by Co-Chair Williams, second by Board Member Eakman. Public input for each three, A, B, and C. Is there any public input for A, B, and C, the resolutions A, B, and C? No. Okay. Poll the Board please.

Baum: Board Member Eakman.

Eakman: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Garrett.

Garrett: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Smith.

Smith: Yes.

Baum: Board Member Williams.

Williams: Yes.

Baum: Chairperson Gandara.

1 Gandara: Yes. Thank you. All three resolutions pass. Thank you.

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3 **VII. PUBLIC INPUT**

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5 Gandara: Now onto public input. Is there anybody that would like to give public  
6 input? I'll start to my left. Okay. Three minutes Jean please. Anybody  
7 else, if you'd like to please move down to the first few rows that would be  
8 appreciative, so we can get through this.

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10 Gilbert: I just have a quick question for, I'll direct it to Jess. Jess you said there've  
11 been 163 cat adoptions. Can you tell us what the timeframe is please?

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13 Williams: That's over a six-year period.

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15 Gilbert: Okay. Thank you very much. And I just want to say that I, and I've heard  
16 all of you say pretty much, what I'm going to ask is that you look at work  
17 arounds as it relates to the Last Litter Inn. Thank you for all the  
18 consideration on that program.

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20 Gandara: Thank you Jean. Anybody else? Hello Ms. Baker. Good morning.

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22 Baker: Hi, my name is Carla Baker. I'm the Director of Cherished K-9 All Breed  
23 Rescue. I'd like to do a little bit of public input in regards to the proposal  
24 that Kelly just made. First of all I want to back up. There are several  
25 rescues in this community as Jean pointed out and I don't think you guys  
26 are really aware of the points of what everybody does. And I'm just going  
27 to focus on mine really fast. We're an off the street rescue. We right now  
28 have a population borderlining around 100 dogs that're fostered  
29 everywhere from El Paso to Radium springs. We've got them all over the  
30 place. We take in a ton of mommas. We've taken, there for a few months  
31 we were taking pregnant mommas all the time from the shelter that were  
32 getting pregnant at the shelter. In December I think we had 48 puppies  
33 born from dogs we pulled off the streets and out of the shelter. We are  
34 taking in these too. We've nerve asked for a dime. We are also securing  
35 these dogs in homes. We've paid every little, from every medical bill to  
36 every supply they've needed, we go off of grants or donations. I'd like to  
37 see Kelly get grants. She keeps talking about Maddie's Fund and Best  
38 Friends and how they're in support of it. I'd like to see her actually do like  
39 the rest of the rescues in this community do and we have to get our own  
40 source of income versus going to the City and County. We have, gosh  
41 every day I get calls to take litters. We take litters all the time. I mean and  
42 the same thing, we are taking them, we're either sending them off to other  
43 rescues out of our community or we're sending them, we're rehoming  
44 them. But my big point is that I just want to point out that this is happening  
45 and then when she was pointing out her medical bills, you know there's a  
46 dog we took in last week, actually a couple weeks ago, we intercepted it.



1 They'd already called Animal Control. We swooped in and got it before  
2 Animal Control got there. She'd been run over. She had a fractured tibia,  
3 fibula, femur, and three fractures of her pelvis. The shelter never saw that  
4 dog. She would've probably been killed at the shelter. She's a little four-  
5 month-old puppy. We've got her. We've seen orthopedics. She's being  
6 treated.

7 My point is, is we're getting our own funding and so is every other  
8 rescue in this community and I believe that Kelly should also be required  
9 to get her own funding. You know she talked about putting the money  
10 toward herself. She went to the Coalition and got the money for the rent  
11 for the facility and I just wanted it to be out there that the rest of us are  
12 busting butt. I mean I personally put in 12, I have a job too but I work for  
13 myself so I'm flexible. I put in 12 to 18 hours a day and I've been doing  
14 this year round for years. This is for this community. We don't get paid to  
15 take in these dogs. We don't pay for the dogs we take in. I just want you  
16 guys to be aware that she's not alone in this. We're all doing this. There  
17 are a lot of rescues doing this and you guys aren't paying us to do this, so  
18 I want you guys to be aware of the big picture also before you jump on the  
19 bandwagon that that's the only rescue.  
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21 Williams: Thank you.

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23 Gandara: Thank you Ms. Baker. Anybody else? Okay seeing none.  
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## 25 **VIII. CHAIR AND BOARD COMMENTS**

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27 Gandara: Chair and Board comments. We'll start with Co-Chair Williams.  
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29 Williams: Well the first thing I want to do is thank everybody who came here today  
30 and everybody who's watching for the community's coordinated support  
31 for the GO Bond. That's going to be a major quality of life issue for this  
32 community and thank you to everybody who voted in favor of that. And  
33 we've certainly got our work cut for us to make that happen and make sure  
34 that the new facility meets our needs and the community's needs going  
35 forward. Also just want to thank everybody who presented today and who  
36 talked to us about the great things that are happening in our community.  
37 This is a team effort and it's great to see the team come together. Thank  
38 you.  
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40 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. Board Member Smith.

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42 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. Just two things very quickly. One, there's been  
43 a great deal of mention about the dog park and I know that at one point we  
44 had talked about possibly combining that with a dog walking area at the  
45 Animal Services Center since that is property the City already owns and I  
46 know there are other locations where this might happen, but I would hope

1 that that could still be part of the consideration I often refer to. The other  
2 thing is that in Santa Fe they have a huge dog park where dogs can run  
3 and romp and socialize and it's on an old landfill, so that's a reuse of  
4 property that the City might've had a hard time doing something else with  
5 there and I think that also, which of course where the Animal Services  
6 Center is not a landfill, but another consideration if it's not to be at the  
7 Animal Services Center.

8 The other thing is that we had talked previously about the possibility  
9 of taking on a pet cemetery. Recently last week I was at the New Mexico  
10 Municipal League Conference in Roswell and one of the mayors there  
11 said "You know if anybody every comes to you and wants to offer you a  
12 municipal cemetery, don't do it." So I was like well we haven't had that  
13 offer but we have had a pet cemetery and I suspect some of the same  
14 pitfalls might be involved there, so I know we're continuing to discuss or  
15 consider perhaps what might be the best thing to do there, but I do think  
16 we also need to look very carefully at what some of the downsides might  
17 be. Thank you Madam Chair.

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19 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Smith. Board Member Garrett.

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21 Garrett: Thank you all for being here. We had a good discussion and I look  
22 forward to getting the information back relative to the proposal that's been  
23 made by Kelly. Thank you.

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25 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Board Member Eakman.

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27 Eakman: Thank you Madam Chair. I want to thank the other members of the Board  
28 for moving this meeting one week earlier than scheduled. That allows us  
29 to attend a very important seminar next week and that's excellent.

30 I have one request and it would be for the Executive Committee to  
31 consider, there are reports of immunosuppressed individuals dying from  
32 dog bites of healthy animals because these gram negative rods are just  
33 natural inside animals and so people who are immunosuppressed are  
34 falling victim to these things. I wonder if we could have a presentation on  
35 that from an infectious control nurse or an infectious control doctor so that  
36 we can really get this thing into the proper perspective. It's probably a  
37 very small portion of our population and I'm very concerned that they  
38 deserve protection and I know if I was immunosuppressed I would  
39 overreact to a dog being around me. I'd act exactly wrong when being  
40 approached by an animal. And so I think if we had some education on  
41 that we could better guide our pet owners and maybe give some advice to  
42 the public on this very important issue. It's becoming more and more  
43 prominent. So I'd appreciate that being considered. Thank you.

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45 Gandara: Board Member Garrett.

1 Garrett: Madam Chair. There was one other thing I wanted to mention and I'd  
2 forgotten, I want to commend Mr. Thacker for the leadership that he's  
3 been showing dealing with the distemper outbreak at the shelter.  
4 Something that I've advocated is that we have regular and timely press  
5 information out there. I think that I look at this much as one might  
6 consider sort of an emergency event and there are protocols for how the  
7 press is informed and how the public gets information. I think that it is  
8 important that we recognize that we have a leader in place who is dealing  
9 with the situation and that's Mr. Thacker. I personally support you and the  
10 work that you and your team are doing. We need to have that in order for  
11 the response to the situation to be orderly, as efficient as possible, and  
12 actually as quickly done as possible. But I think that it's reasonable for the  
13 public to have questions about "Well what's coming and what's been  
14 considered, and what's the status?" This is sort of between the posting of  
15 the data on a daily basis and maybe the monthly reports that we get about  
16 what's going on at the shelter. It's clear you have a plan and I think that  
17 we need to make sure that everyone understands what that plan is and  
18 then how individual elements are working out and if there are changes that  
19 need to be made and so forth. So the work on the HVAC system is a  
20 component of that; having animals transferred out so you've got a kennel  
21 that aerated that can be cleaned and I think, the snake sounds a little  
22 weird to me but I think the idea of how you have an orderly way of moving  
23 animals into the population and so forth. I think those are all important  
24 things for the people to understand to build confidence and trust in the  
25 shelter and the way that it's operating in dealing with this problem. Thank  
26 you. I just want to encourage more public information be released and  
27 through a variety of media. Thank you.

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29 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Yes Co-Chair Williams.

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31 Williams: First to Board Member Eakman, I can certainly reach out to my colleague  
32 at the Department of Health to see whether they have an expert who can  
33 make a presentation to the Board. And second to Board Member Garrett,  
34 Mr. Thacker's been working with me to get those press releases out.  
35 When they go through my office they are going to all regional media, so  
36 it's a very wide distribution net.

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38 Gandara: Board Member Garrett.

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40 Garrett: If I could, and then I appreciate the written pieces. I think that every so  
41 often having a show and tell, having something that's a photograph,  
42 having something that potentially is a video for TV, I would get as many  
43 ways of getting people out. This is a critical issue for the shelter and I  
44 think we need to make sure that everybody understands how it's being  
45 handled. That's all. Thanks.

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1 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett and much appreciated. I think we are  
2 working pretty diligently to ensure that we have lots of different venues  
3 where the information is coming out. I see a lot with Facebook and KVIA  
4 and that the daily Facebook accounts are really important, but I'd like to  
5 see a weekly PIO about progress in those areas in terms of facility, the  
6 HVAC, the transports, how we're seeing our pet population being moved  
7 in that snake pattern if you will. I think that is really important, because  
8 people are looking, I know, I'm seeing it on Facebook. I'm getting  
9 feedback from folks and the more information out there the better I would  
10 think. So thank you. And thank you Clint and Dr. Susan and your staff,  
11 Bernice, Paul, everybody. I know how difficult this must be, very  
12 challenging, but I appreciate all your work. Thank you.

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14 **IX. Adjournment (11:28 AM)**

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16 Gandara: And so can we get a motion to adjourn.  
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18 Williams: So moved.  
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20 Garrett: Second.  
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22 Gandara: Thank you. We're adjourned.

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24 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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1 **ANIMAL SERVICE CENTER OF MESILLA VALLEY**  
2 **WORK SESSION**

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4 **October 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**  
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7 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

8 Kasandra Gandara - Chair  
9 Jess C. Williams - Vice-Chair  
10 Jack Eakman - Board Member  
11 Billy Garrett - Board Member (arrived 1:05)  
12 Gregory Z. Smith - Board Member  
13 David Dollahon - Ex-Officio Member  
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15 **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

16 Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member  
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18 **I. Call to Order (1:02 PM)**  
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20 Gandara: Good afternoon everybody. Let's go ahead and begin. It's one o'clock.  
21 We're here at the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley Board of  
22 Directors meeting. This is a special meeting but it's a work session, so  
23 Robert's Rules will apply. I'm going to ask that when you speak that you  
24 say your name first and last because we're not at chambers and  
25 livestreaming. We want to make sure Becky can get the names and the  
26 notes and such so that we have it on record.

27 Okay today is October 5th. We begin at 1:00. I'd like for us to  
28 stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Your flag is in the back.  
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30 ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
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32 **II. Roll Call**  
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34 Gandara: Becky, will you call the roll.  
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36 Baum: Certainly. Board Member Dollahon.  
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38 Dollahon: Here.  
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40 Baum: Board Member Gonzalez is absent. Board Member Eakman.  
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42 Eakman: Here.  
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44 Baum: Board Member Garrett is absent. Board Member Smith.  
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46 Smith: Here.

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2 Baum: Board Member Gandara.  
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4 Gandara: Here.  
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6 Baum: And Board Member Williams.  
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8 Williams: I'm here.  
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10 Gandara: Okay. I noticed that the kind doctor is here today and I just want to say  
11 congratulations for passing your tests. We're very excited and I'd like to  
12 just give you a round of applause. I know that's not easy. I'm so proud of  
13 you, so congratulations.  
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15 **III. Discussion Item - Last Litter Program**  
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17 Gandara: Okay. Next on our agenda is the Last Litter Program. Okay.  
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19 Williams: Madam Chair. At our last regular meeting I had requested that we find  
20 out, that we get input from Board Member Dollahon and the Board's  
21 attorney, Mr. Young, to determine whether there would be any  
22 procurement and/or legal issues pertaining to this proposal. And since  
23 they're both here I would ask that we hear from them at this time. Let's let  
24 Mr. Young go first so Mr. Dollahon can finish lunch.  
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26 Gandara: Okay, Mr. Young.  
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28 Young: It's good to be here. So the query to me was related to procurement  
29 issues and other legal issues involved with the proposal as we've  
30 received. I've received an e-mail proposal from Ms. Barker. What we  
31 have here, it's not a contract that would be in executable form, so that  
32 would be something that would have to be put together and drafted. But  
33 at the same time there are several hurdles that would have to be  
34 overcome. What we have right now is not something that I would be able  
35 to advise the Board that it could be executed. There are procurement  
36 issues. The procurement code requires generally speaking when you ask  
37 for services that there be a bid for proposals so that other members of the  
38 community who are able or willing to offer similar services, can provide  
39 competitive bids. I don't know enough about, and I don't believe enough  
40 information has been provided to the Board to be able to say as a matter  
41 of fact that no other similar service in this community would be able to  
42 offer a similar program. That would be something that would have to be  
43 published. There are exceptions in the procurement code when you're  
44 dealing with financial, if a program is less than \$60,000, then you can get  
45 into certain exceptions, but in order to do that it has to be either a small  
46 purchase, an emergency procurement, or a sole-source, and that still puts

1 a burden on the Board to inquire within the community about are there  
2 other entities available to do this kind of service. If the Board failed to do  
3 that, and failed to make a good faith effort which is one of the reasons why  
4 we're here today to have other folks who are interested in these issues, to  
5 speak up and tell us whether or not they are capable of providing the  
6 same service and able to competitively bid against what's been offered in  
7 this proposal.

8 So as it currently stands, the Board would not be able to execute it  
9 without violating procurement code. The other issue too is we'd have to  
10 deal with some budget adjustments as well because we're in the middle of  
11 the fiscal year, the budget was created earlier this year and runs through  
12 the end of June. So anything that would be proposed, it's my  
13 understanding that the proposal right now is for \$7,000 a month for the  
14 next three or four months, but that would still be something that hasn't  
15 been originally budgeted for, so it would be a process of amending the  
16 budget, of doing a line item adjustment in order to do that. So as it stands  
17 currently, this proposal would not be able to be executed currently without  
18 doing the work of going to the community and seeing if there are others  
19 who are willing to do that and then at the same time if it's something that is  
20 in the best interest of the shelter and the Board is willing to engage in it.

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22 Gandara: Thank you Mr. Young. Any questions/concerns? Yes.

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24 Eakman: If I might. What do we hope to accomplish here at this work session  
25 today? I'm wondering what we are here to accomplish today.

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27 Zahler: Would you speak up please so we can all hear you?

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29 Eakman: Yes. I wish we had proper sound in here. I'm wondering what, as a work  
30 session of the Board of Directors, what we are here to accomplish today?  
31 What is our mission?

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33 Williams: I'm willing to take a shot at it.

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35 Gandara: Go Jess.

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37 Williams: Board Member Eakman. As I understand it our mission here today is to  
38 further discuss the proposal that Ms. Barker brought forward to the Board,  
39 particularly I'm here to hear from Mr. Dollahon and Mr. Young about  
40 whether the Board can legally enter into an agreement of this nature. And  
41 so what Mr. Young has told me is very informative, that there may be  
42 ways that we can do it, but we're not there yet. And so I'm still waiting to  
43 hear from Mr. Dollahon about whether he has concerns from the City's  
44 procurement side. Once we have heard from both of them and they have  
45 answered any questions that the Board or the community might have, then



1 my goal would be that we seek some sort of consensus either to bring this  
2 forward as an action item on a regular meeting agenda or not.

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4 Gandara: Thank you Co-Chair Williams. I think that covers really from the meeting  
5 prior as you recall or how fully you recall Ms. Barker did a presentation on  
6 the Last Litter Program, specifically to address the puppy population.

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8 Smith: Expenses incurred.

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10 Gandara: Expenses incurred, that's true. And the puppy overpopulation really in the  
11 center and what to do about it. And so she presented this and a plan of  
12 action and then we had some concern about be it that, are we within our  
13 right procurement-wise and some of the information we needed to reach  
14 out to our attorney, Mr. Young. So that's why they're here present, to give  
15 us feedback and then I would agree with Jess that then if we need to  
16 move forward that we could do that as an action item next Thursday at our  
17 regular scheduled meeting. Anybody else feel like? Yes Billy. And let the  
18 record show that Board Member Garrett has joined us.

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20 Garrett: Thank you. My apologies for being a little late. At the last meeting it was  
21 clear that there was an ongoing activity that was being pursued, I believe  
22 in good faith, and the one that Ms. Barker was working on. We also had in  
23 good faith efforts that were going on in the shelter in terms of dealing with  
24 the distemper issue and figuring out what the best way was to deal with  
25 that. I believe that the Board felt a sense of urgency because there was  
26 both I think real concern about what was happening at the shelter and  
27 there was support for the Last Litter Program. And I was worried about  
28 incurring additional debt if you will and expectations that were being  
29 raised. So we talked about as soon as we had the information that we  
30 needed to have a meeting to get this out clear in the community. So it's  
31 not to make the decision today, as a work session we can't do that, but I  
32 think that to the extent that Ms. Barker is engaged in something that is  
33 incurring costs, she needs to know if we've got legal and financial issues  
34 we've got to deal with. She's got to be able to make adjustments. And I  
35 think the community needs to understand what that is as well and why.  
36 So I think this is as good as we can get in terms of getting this information  
37 out so everybody can see it as soon as it was really ready to be brought  
38 out. The only other thing I would just underscore and I've said this to Mr.  
39 Thacker. I think I've conveyed this to the Chair, is that I wanted to make  
40 sure that whatever programs we were pursuing that had to do with if you  
41 will diverting animals from going into the shelter, that that in fact was  
42 something that Mr. Thacker felt was essential in terms of his management  
43 of the shelter. He's our employee. We're responsible for the shelter, but  
44 he's the guy that we work with and he's our professional. So I think it's  
45 critical that we understood where we were going to be in terms of dealing  
46 with the medical health issues that we were having and how that related to

1 any change in the way that we were going to relate to outside groups  
2 helping the shelter. So that was an important factor as far as I was  
3 concerned. Thank you.

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5 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Anybody else? Okay. Board Member  
6 Dollahon.

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8 Dollahon: Madam Chair, Members of the Committee. There's one item that we need  
9 to be clear of under New Mexico law first and foremost. There's an  
10 attorney general opinion that we cannot pay for any activities conducted in  
11 arrears without being under a contract. So you can't pay for anything  
12 performed by anyone else that has not been properly procured and  
13 properly contracted. So there is no going back. There is only going  
14 forward. So that's first and foremost and representing the City as your  
15 fiscal agent, that is something that we never do. Clearly never do.

16 From a procurement standpoint, how it works depending on the  
17 needs of the identifying department, and in this case I'll refer to it as  
18 Animal Service Center being the department, they have to identify what  
19 their needs are as part of the procurement process and then there is a  
20 myriad of ways that you can procure that. If you're generally talking about  
21 procuring a service that is not necessarily can be accomplished a  
22 multitude of ways; architects, engineers, they all work, those are done  
23 through a Request For Proposal process. There are small scale Requests  
24 For Proposals and there are larger scale Requests For Proposals, but the  
25 larger scale we have a detailed administrative process. On the smaller  
26 scale projects they're administered in coordination with the purchasing  
27 department and the user department. In this instance, Animal Service  
28 Center. They have to define what their need is and how they would like to  
29 see that service accomplished through a Request For Proposal process.  
30 Then it's put out for a certain period of time. The department could  
31 potentially identify potential services providers that may be interested in  
32 bidding and there maybe more than one. There may be, I'll use engineers  
33 as an example, there may be hundreds of engineers versus where you  
34 might have a pest control company where you have only three or four that,  
35 depends on the service and the nature of what you're looking for. The  
36 user department along with our purchasing department would identify  
37 potential people or companies that would be interested in responding to a  
38 proposal. That's a written formal proposal. Comes in by the deadline. If  
39 you miss the deadline you're excluded. Then depending on the scale of it,  
40 it's evaluated through one of two processes.

41 I'm going to pick \$60,000 as our threshold. If you're talking about  
42 less than \$60,000 that's evaluated by a committee made up of staff and it  
43 could be staff from Animal Service Center, it could be also other City staff  
44 from other departments. You could look at City Animal Control, you could  
45 also look at County Animal Control to give you an evaluation committee.  
46 That evaluation committee then evaluates all those proposals and then

1 that committee makes a recommendation on the top performing service  
2 provider, and then from there it's a matter of negotiations. And we can  
3 negotiate a contract. The reason we do the request for proposal is  
4 because it gives you that avenue of negotiations. Because there maybe  
5 parts of the proposal that you don't like or you don't want the proposer to  
6 provide that service, because you're saying "Well I don't need it at that  
7 scale. That's not exactly that we're looking for," but it gives you an  
8 opportunity for negotiating. If negotiations fall through on the first one, you  
9 go to the second ranking proposal. That's it in the simplest form and then  
10 you take an item forward, once you have a negotiated contract, to the  
11 Board to authorize an award of a contract. Unless it's already budgeted  
12 and it's already planned for and within Mr. Thacker's authority to execute  
13 that contract. I don't know that this contract or the thought of a contract of  
14 this nature was planned as part of our budgeting process specifically this  
15 year. I don't believe it was. Because sometimes, I'll give you an example.  
16 We planned and budgeted to buy new vehicles. It was budgeted for, it  
17 was included in the budget, Clint works through the process with our  
18 purchasing and fleet office to identify his needs and he buys a new  
19 vehicle. That does not need to come back to the Board for authorization.

20 But if it wasn't, I'll use another example. We plan to buy medicine,  
21 without question, we plan to buy veterinarian medicine. That is within  
22 Clint's authority to execute any necessary contracts to purchase what  
23 medicine he needs to. He should be working with our purchasing office  
24 and I know that they do, to identify the best price for us to buy medicine.  
25 That is a planned purchase. If it was not a planned purchase, then the  
26 Board needs to give authorization both budgetarily, where are we finding  
27 the money to pay for it from? Are we cutting money from one spot to pay  
28 for another spot, to pay for this service or not, and then it's an  
29 authorization to execute the contract.

30 So I would argue that where we are is if there is a need within the  
31 shelter for these types of services that we would be going out through a  
32 Request For Proposal process. And telling the community, the service  
33 providers, this is what we're looking for, how can you perform that and at  
34 what cost will it come to the Animal Service Center. Once we get those  
35 prices in, then we can also look at the budget at the same time. That's  
36 purchasing in its simplest form. It's not always that easy.

37 The other thing is, Mr. Young talked about sole source provider.  
38 Sole source provider is not something that we do regularly. There is a  
39 justification process that we have to go through for sole sourcing. You  
40 could end up in a sole source situation because you've gone through a  
41 request for proposal process and only one person or company responded  
42 to that. Generally what we do, we treat that not as a sole source, as a  
43 single source provider, and we make outreach to the other people that we  
44 asked to submit proposals on. Is there a reason that they didn't do it?  
45 They share with us why. I've had companies who say "We're too busy.  
46 We have too much work. We weren't going to bid on your project. Thank

1 you but no thank you." We've had companies that we've made outreach  
2 to who've said "That's not what we do." It was a misunderstanding. We  
3 thought they did something else. So we have asked for documentation  
4 from those people who decided not to, if they will share, why they're not  
5 bidding or proposing on our projects. That is something that is handled  
6 administrative and that gets us to avoiding a sole source situation. I don't  
7 think we're in a sole source situation at this point because I believe there  
8 are potentially other providers out there who may have interest and ability  
9 to provide this service, but without going through that, I don't know.

10 I will give you a better example of a sole source provider. We buy a  
11 piece of equipment a long time ago for a utility pump well. We bought all  
12 of those for that well and they have an exclusive patten on this piece of  
13 equipment for 20 years. And a piece of equipment or a portion of that  
14 equipment breaks and we have to go back to that provider to buy that  
15 piece of equipment. That is a true sole source situation. And that we  
16 clearly understand. But we're talking about a service function. There are  
17 a multitude, not necessarily here locally, there are a multitude of potential  
18 service providers who could provide any type of service that we may be  
19 willing to entertain as we go through this process.

20 Unfortunately, I missed the last meeting and the discussion at the  
21 last meeting, so sorry about that, but that's procurement RPF process 101  
22 in the simplest form. Our City procurement code is 29 pages long. It's not  
23 the most exciting read. We have a staff of six dedicated to managing that  
24 process, so I've given you the CliffsNotes version. It all starts with a need  
25 from the department or the shelter to identify how to address a need.

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27 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Dollahon. Mr. Thacker.

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29 Thacker: Yes ma'am.

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31 Gandara: Do you have some input for us?

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33 Thacker: So I would agree with what our attorney, Mr. Young, has said about  
34 having to follow those correct procedures, get a contract and then  
35 (*inaudible*). The question about whether we need it right now, that Mr.  
36 Dollahon said is currently with our change in protocols and speaking with  
37 our doctor, we believe that we do not need this separate housing. We do  
38 need the facility, the animals to be moving and transport the animals out  
39 because we're all about live animals, but we do not need a separate  
40 facility to have those animals placed. We believe that our animals, we can  
41 have a healthy animal, especially the puppies, to be able to transfer out to  
42 Colorado Puppy Rescue like we're doing now. There's no longer that  
43 need to have that safe space like we needed when we were having the  
44 distemper issue. That issue is under control. We believe that we're  
45 delivering healthy animals to those destinations.

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1 Gandara: So I have a question for you Mr. Thacker. In terms of your puppy  
2 population do you know what that is and are you keeping data?  
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4 Thacker: Upwards of about three months ago I would have to say no, we did not,  
5 because we were not putting ages in our records systems. We were  
6 doing you know you might say for six months and younger be a puppy,  
7 older be adult, but now we're aging animals upon intake, so we have some  
8 months of data, but not a lot. That's one of the ones when we came in  
9 and started changing out our system, or changing how we handle our  
10 computer system, putting those pages in.  
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12 Gandara: Okay. And so you're collecting the information now to be able to have  
13 some data.  
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15 Thacker: Yes.  
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17 Gandara: Okay. How many puppies would you say the last six months you've  
18 delivered out? I know that's a loaded question.  
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20 Thacker: I don't know. I'd have to get back to you on that.  
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22 Gandara: So the point is you haven't collected that data but now you're collecting it  
23 so that if it ever became emergent or an emergency situation you could  
24 determine what the need is easily?  
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26 Thacker: Yes.  
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28 Gandara: Okay. My other question is, you had made mention about distemper and  
29 it being under control. Can you talk to me about how that relates to you  
30 said the healthy puppies being delivered out?  
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32 Thacker: So how does distemper relate to the healthy puppies?  
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34 Gandara: Well during that issue where we were having to, very concerned about the  
35 puppies, right, distemper. I just want to make sure that public is clear  
36 about what the status is in the center today as it relates to that and  
37 puppies.  
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39 Thacker: Okay. So the Colorado Puppy Rescue who's taking these puppies were  
40 really worried about the quality of health of the puppies coming in. So  
41 they stated that they really wanted the animals somewhere else besides at  
42 the facility or at the center, so there's that risk, puppies are the most  
43 vulnerable to diseases and so they wanted to have them somewhere else  
44 which where Kelly's place came in so nicely is that they could go there  
45 straight, they didn't have to come to the shelter. I think that's really where

1 all of this came to birth into an idea is having, not even coming to the  
2 shelter, going straight to the facility (*inaudible*) disease isn't there.

3 Now we have a change of protocols in a way that we're able to  
4 pinpoint diseases of where they started the way they come in and if can I'd  
5 like to defer to our Medical Director. She knows all the big words that she  
6 can impress you with to better explain it.

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8 Gandara: Dr. Susan.

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10 Baez: So everybody can understand what is the difference from before and now  
11 because if you were out in the community you'd say "What changed?"  
12 Right? The biggest problem that we had before was our impound area.  
13 The impound area was ...

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15 Williams: Susan, I see people leaning forward can you speak up?

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17 Garrett: Maybe stand.

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19 Gandara: Maybe stand would be good. Yes. There you go.

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21 Baez: So before our impound area had a completely different site. It was in a  
22 place where kennels had to be stacked. So unfortunately because of the  
23 volume and the cages, we had to put puppies up and down which is one  
24 of the worst things we could have had. If a puppy breaks down that was  
25 incubating either a parvovirus, distemper virus, or any other disease, when  
26 you clean that cage it's going to fall, right. Before Best Friends came and  
27 Austin Pets Alive came to help us, we couldn't find a place or move quick  
28 enough to change the situation. Now our impound area completely  
29 changed. Our vaccination protocol completely changed. How the staff  
30 handles these animals changed. So now our impound area is no longer  
31 there. Everything got moved into a different location where no puppies  
32 are stacked, where no puppies are next to each other. So we have a  
33 single room where we put puppy, adult, puppy, adult, puppy, adult. In the  
34 case that a puppy breaks with parvo, less likely that's going to be  
35 transferred to an adult, right. Also whenever an ACO brings an animal,  
36 that animal is going to get vaccinated right away, making sure that this  
37 puppy has enough protection to battle the diseases. If a puppy comes in  
38 sick, it gets deferred. It's not placed in the impound area. It gets placed in  
39 isolation so we can treat him.

40 Another thing that changed is that we're no long accepting dogs in  
41 the lobby which was a big issue. We had someone that wanted to  
42 relinquish a mom with 10 puppies and that mom with the 10 puppies was  
43 sitting next to a dog that had parvo and spread it all over the lobby. So  
44 that is why our policy, if you went to the shelter, we have notifications for  
45 the public saying "No dogs are allowed in." And this is because of that  
46 problem. We were getting dogs that were sick or distemper which is

1 airborne and it would get already exposed dog population and when we let  
2 those puppies in there's where the problem was. So all of that changed.  
3 No longer dogs are being, whenever the ACOs bring the dogs after hours,  
4 they're not being housed with the population that's already vaccinated and  
5 inside the shelter. Those dogs are being placed in different cages where  
6 they get vaccinated the morning as at first hour and then when everything  
7 is cleaned, they get moved in. So its way better protocols and flow of  
8 animals that we didn't have before. Now the staff was explained how to  
9 recognize the clinical signs and either myself or one of the technicians  
10 gets called, we evaluate the puppies or the adult dogs in a case and we  
11 decide where these dogs are going to be placed. So that is a huge  
12 difference. It sounds like nothing, but a lot of time was invested in this and  
13 we are seeing that it works.  
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15 Thacker: And it's also not new. Several shelters, this is what these people do from  
16 Austin Pets Alive, when Best Friends came in, gave us the best practices  
17 and this is what they're following in many shelters throughout the country.  
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19 Gandara: Thank you Mr. Thacker and Dr. Susan. Do you have something else?  
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21 Baez: Just to add. Since we started this (*inaudible*) we haven't had an active  
22 case of distemper showing neurological signs, and those dogs that have  
23 been showing respiratory signs are responding to the treatment in a short  
24 time.  
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26 Gandara: Good. Any questions for the two? Board Member Garrett.  
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28 Garrett: Yes, thank you. Based on the new protocols, are we ready to start  
29 transferring large numbers of puppies to Colorado and anywhere else that  
30 will take them? What's needed now in terms of?  
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32 Baez: So the last contact that I have was with Halo, I e-mailed them, Paul and I  
33 have been in touch with them and ideally we would be sending the new  
34 population of dogs that we have. Of course, because we stopped all  
35 transfers and everything while we clear this up, now those dogs that didn't  
36 have distemper or that they did but it stopped at the respiratory state, we  
37 still have that population which my plan for it is those dogs that responded  
38 to the treatment, adopted to the community, that way if any clinical signs  
39 relapse, I'm there to treat it. In the new population we don't want to be  
40 sending out.  
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42 Thacker: So yes, we are sending out transports again. We also reached out to just  
43 last week to Colorado Puppy Rescue as well, letting her know that we are  
44 ready to continue to do it and she was excited to hear that as well.  
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1 Garrett: So is it fair to say we're in a new normal? What I mean by that is that we  
2 got to the no-kill number for a month or so.  
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4 Thacker: Oh several months. Come on Commissioner, it was several months.  
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6 Garrett: All right. And I was very happy with that. But we got there and it's been a  
7 combination of factors in terms, that we've been working on and a big part  
8 of that was that we were transferring out large numbers of animals. And I  
9 think that making sure that we have the credibility and the trust of those  
10 entities that we're transferring to, is really important in terms of the new  
11 normal. We've got, we faced a critical medical issue in the shelter. And  
12 then I think from all your reports it sounds like we've got a handle on that.  
13 We're moving in new direction, and we're better. You know we've gotten  
14 better in terms of best practices for that and that's really important. But  
15 we've got to be able to get to that point where we're also being able to  
16 transfer out. So we are close to that or we have started that?  
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18 Thacker: Yes.  
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20 Garrett: Okay.  
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22 Thacker: We've already made transports. We did one to Halo two weeks ago, and  
23 then we've also made some trips to Albuquerque as well.  
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25 Garrett: Okay.  
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27 Thacker: So it's back up and going.  
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29 Garrett: Okay.  
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31 Thacker: And also of note is we have a great relationship with our rescues because  
32 they're the ones who told us that the animals were provided to them were  
33 coming down with clinical signs of distemper. So that's the relationship we  
34 have and for them still to want us to continue to rescue with us shows the  
35 great relationship we have with them.  
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37 Garrett: So just to make a very clear point I guess, we no longer are in a situation  
38 where we need to divert the puppies from coming in to the shelter?  
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40 Thacker: Correct.  
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42 Garrett: You know I mean it doesn't mean that we don't want that to happen as  
43 much as possible with the community groups and so forth, I'm not saying  
44 that. I'm just saying in terms of the way the shelter operates, we're not in  
45 a position now where the dynamics of dealing with an illness, disease in  
46 the shelter and all of that kind of thing created extra stress on the system,



1 and that stress, we're now at a position where we can go back and that's  
2 why I called it a new normal, where we still have all of the other groups  
3 doing their thing and helping with foster and rescue and transfers and all  
4 that kind of stuff, but we don't need a special situation as we were looking  
5 at in terms of not having the puppies go in.  
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7 Thacker: Correct. We don't need that safe place as we refer to it.  
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9 Garrett: Right. Okay. I think that's important for us to hear.  
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11 Gandara: Board Member Smith.  
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13 Smith: Thank you Madam Chair. And I just want to thank Kelly Barker. I think  
14 ever since you've arrived in Las Cruces you've been intimately and  
15 actively involved in helping us make a better situation for our animals here  
16 and I think the situation that came up that you helped out with when we  
17 had the distemper issue at the shelter is one where you basically stepped  
18 up and helped in a way that was critically important. So I want to be sure  
19 that we're expressing that and you're hearing it. I also am sorry that that  
20 ended up putting a financial burden on you and those who've been  
21 supporting what you're doing. I think what we're hearing today is that we  
22 can't retroactively come back and help you with that difficulty.

23 On the other hand I think that what you're doing, and continue to  
24 do, and you keep coming up with different ways to help out, I think that's  
25 very very much appreciated, is that we need to then coordinate how we  
26 continue to make that work with both your organization and the other  
27 organizations that are making a difference here so that we can  
28 adequately, when possible and when appropriate, compensate, you know  
29 because an RPF has been done or because that kind of agreement has  
30 been made in advance so that that kind of thing is working. But I just  
31 wanted to be sure you understood how much that is appreciated and how  
32 helpful that has been, and how frankly the way that you continue to be  
33 innovative in your thinking and that is the sort of thing that I think is going  
34 to help us get to an even better place as we move forward, as we get a  
35 new facility, and as we do these things, it's going to help us make this  
36 whole community work together in a way that we will reduce the number of  
37 animals coming. We will reduce the number of animals that have to be  
38 killed. And we will increase the number of happy homes enjoying happy  
39 animals. So thank you.  
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41 Barker: You're welcome.  
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43 Gandara: Board Member Dollahon.  
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45 Dollahon: Madam Chair. I agree with Board Member Smith and everyone else's  
46 comments today. I think we do at the Animal Service Center, GO Bond

1 process is underway. We have a plan. We have met with staff. Bernice  
2 and Clint were at a meeting this week to better understand the process  
3 that's going to involve for the procurement, for the construction of a new  
4 shelter on the site. One of the things I think we need to have staff look at  
5 is, are emergency protocols in place for emergency overflow situations or  
6 medication situations such as this because we never know when our  
7 protocols are still going to work and it's going to be (*inaudible*). Are there  
8 procurement opportunities that we should be evaluating now as part of  
9 that or in cooperation with the County? I know when we were cleaning the  
10 building, the County stepped up and helped us move out to the  
11 fairgrounds. Is that an appropriate avenue and venue for our secondary,  
12 and should we have agreements in place? I don't want to speak for the  
13 County or the fairgrounds, it's not always used all the time, like a police  
14 station or a county government building or other places, but should we  
15 have those mechanisms in place now as our fall back measures. And we  
16 may also need to, if the County or the City or somebody else can't provide  
17 us with that space, we may want to look at having a standby contract or  
18 provider that has a space that we can fall back to where we're not having  
19 this discussion in the future that we have something in place. They're not  
20 getting paid unless we use them, but they know that we could be calling  
21 on them to use their facility if things go desperate. So I think we do need  
22 to evaluate that process.

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24 Gandara: Thank you Board Member. I see you but I'm not ready for public comment  
25 yet. Give me a moment. Anybody else? Wait Marilyn. It's still a work  
26 session and I'm going to give you time, I promise.

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28 Zahler: All right. But I've got to leave in a little while.

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30 Gandara: Okay. I hear you loud and clear. Anybody else? Kelly.

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32 Barker: I just want to first of all thank you for the opportunity. This is incredible to  
33 be able to bring the program. I wanted to answer your question. You  
34 asked about how many puppies. Oddly enough there's a typo in my  
35 document. We have been running the puppy program for exactly one  
36 year. I have done sole logistics on that. Colorado Puppy Rescue is my  
37 contract. They are taking from me. If I'm getting them from the shelter,  
38 that's fine. If I'm getting them from Deming, El Paso, or any place else,  
39 they don't care because it's my contract. I don't get paid for it. She does  
40 support us in donations, but what she is all about, Kim is her name, she's  
41 the CEO of Colorado Puppy Rescue, this is part of her mission is to pull  
42 from areas that are in desperate need. She's very successful. She's been  
43 running Colorado Puppy Rescue for 25 years. When she lost 13 puppies  
44 on our July transport and the Colorado Veterinary Board Inspector told her  
45 to euthanize the entire load, that's 38 puppies. She stood her ground and  
46 said no. So she's valuable and very valuable to this community because

1 there hasn't been another place that I'm seeing that could take the type of  
2 quantity we take, so in exactly one year we have transferred, including the  
3 20 I just did last week, 979 puppies. Now that is not everything that came  
4 into the shelter certainly and not every one of those ran through the  
5 shelter's front door. And the problem is so big that I don't think any of us  
6 really have an idea about how to put our hands around it because these  
7 puppies are being sold on craigslist, they've been given away to families,  
8 and just in the 51 days we've been doing this, the stories that I've seen  
9 and the part that we've been a part of tells me that the community, it's not  
10 that they're not with us because I think they are, they don't know what to  
11 do. There's that part that says having the idea of taking your puppies to  
12 the shelter is not a positive experience. I realize this group is changing  
13 completely, but that is not a positive outlook. So they start giving them  
14 away. They sell them for \$25. They do all sorts of stuff like this and my  
15 big concern is that they're not fixed, they're not vaccinated. I get, every  
16 single day there are multiple people in this room that are on that volunteer  
17 team, we get calls and e-mails and messages that says "We've a box of  
18 seven puppies dropped in our driveway, can you take them? If you can't  
19 they're going to the shelter. And although I recognize that their protocols  
20 for cleaning has changed and vaccination has changed, that does zero for  
21 me about what walks in that front door. And I have case after case of  
22 being called from the shelter, having a mom and nine puppies and we've  
23 been at the shelter, we've pulled them out instantly. There are other  
24 rescues in this room that have done the same thing. The question is how  
25 do you plan that in a business way and not in a "Ohh our hairs on fire, let's  
26 run to the shelter and grab these animals."

27 So Last Litter didn't, it came out of the relationship with Colorado  
28 Puppy Rescue. It came out of the fact that she stood her ground and  
29 would not euthanize 38 puppies. She lost 13 and we lost 13. And in  
30 losing those 13 I think we owe it to ourselves as a community to figure out  
31 what's a clear plan. Maybe the clear plan, and I've talked to Clint about it,  
32 maybe the clear plan is the shelter has a maternity and a nursery. That's  
33 great. I'm not about this needs to be my plan. I'm just saying I saw a  
34 need, I saw a problem, I proactively went forward. If you funded it, great,  
35 if you decide not to, I'm here to tell you El Paso's already on my door  
36 saying "How soon can we send you puppies?" I met with Deming this  
37 morning, the same thing "Oh my God we can send you moms and  
38 puppies." All around here the problem exists. Now I'm not the proponent  
39 that says let's bring in Texas puppies and send them to Colorado, but I do  
40 think there's a business solution that has to come forward with this. It's a  
41 significant number. I bet the shelter if they had the numbers, I bet the  
42 numbers of puppies that went into that shelter could possibly even be  
43 twice that number. So I do think that we ought to look at it, whether I'm  
44 your provider or not your provider, how the shelter does it, it's real and  
45 until we get large volume affordable spay/neuter, and until we get that

1 message out to every single household about getting their animals fixed  
2 and chipped, we're going to have this problem.

3 So I appreciate that opportunity to talk about it because in 51 days  
4 we took in 122 guests, 14 of them were moms, four of those moms went  
5 back to their families, which is a big statement that says four people  
6 whose dog got pregnant with multiple puppies, they didn't know what to do  
7 with them. They trusted us enough that they gave us their mom and their  
8 puppies and curtesy of the shelter and the program, the shelter fixed those  
9 moms and four of those moms have gone back to their families. As they  
10 speak so highly there may even be some people in the room about it, they  
11 speak so highly about what that experience was for them and what a win-  
12 win. What a win-win for the community. So I appreciate the opportunity to  
13 have put it forward. It will continue. There turns out to be a much bigger  
14 vision that I didn't know at the time and last week we had 20 puppies on  
15 board. I appreciate that the shelter drove those puppies and tomorrow  
16 they're all available for adoption and by tomorrow night they'll have  
17 homes. That's such a success. So thank you.

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19 Gandara: Thank you Kelly, very much. Any questions for Kelly? Or other questions  
20 that? Okay. Public comment. Marilyn. I'm going to give you three  
21 minutes and if you could stand that would be great.

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23 Zahler: And I'm going to need more than three minutes.

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25 Gandara: I'm giving you three minutes.

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27 Zahler: Well you can say whatever you want but I'm telling you that I'm here ...

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29 Gandara: Come on Marilyn. Come on, there's a room full of people that probably  
30 want to speak. I'm trying to be respectful. Please.

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32 Zahler: When I talk, wait till they hear what I have to say.

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34 Gandara: We are listening.

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36 Zahler: Good. Thank you very much. I'm Marilyn Zahler and I only care about the  
37 animals. All right. And I will tell you my discussions with Kelly have been  
38 sometimes pretty tough but I will tell you that I think she saved your neck,  
39 the Board's neck. Okay, because I was ready to call PETA and I've  
40 worked with PETA before, to come in and examine the shelter. You  
41 would've been in a lot of trouble as a Board, let me tell you. I've worked  
42 with the shelter for 18 years and I'm going to be very critical of some of the  
43 statements that were made today. All right, one, all you talked about was  
44 a contract. Contract this, contract that. Nobody here mentioned about  
45 grants. And Mr. Garrett can attest to the fact that the County gave SNAP  
46 different grants over the years and it was for \$60,000 a piece for spay and

1 neuter. They were grants. The City at one time has a grant committee  
2 and they used to give grants to animal groups until the board realized, the  
3 grant board realized that the grants were for people not for animals, so  
4 they had to stop it. All right. There is no reason and I've talked to the  
5 lawyer and I've talked to a lot of lawyers in my lifetime, I was a called a  
6 pseudo-attorney at one time, that you can go for grants and that doesn't  
7 take a contract. I was on a committee with the County and the City years  
8 ago when they wanted to look at who they should give the grant to,  
9 whether it was DACS, Doña Ana County Animal Group, or to Humane  
10 Society of Southern New Mexico. They gave it to DACS and I eventually  
11 was appointed chair for a committee that was called For the Love of  
12 Animals and got the executive director fired, all right. So I know more  
13 about what goes on at that shelter than I think of anybody on this Board. I  
14 had said at one time when Beth was there give every Board Member a  
15 key so they could go at anytime they wanted and the Board sat there and  
16 didn't do anything. I have a question for the Medical Director. Young lady,  
17 are you a licensed veterinarian?  
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19 Baez: Yes ma'am.

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21 Zahler: You passed the exam?

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23 Baez: Yes ma'am.

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25 Zahler: Congratulations.

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27 Baez: All of them.

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29 Zahler: All right. I checked on that to make sure.

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31 Baez: Yes.

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33 Zahler: Okay. That's great. And so you sign the health certificates?

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35 Baez: No, because I'm getting my USDA accreditation which is completely  
36 different.

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38 Zahler: Yes, I know what that is.

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40 Baez: Yes.

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42 Zahler: But somebody has to sign off on the, has to be a licensed vet.

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44 Baez: Dr. Medina. Not a license, an accredited.

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46 Zahler: Accredited. Yes. Well he is.

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2 Baez: Yes ma'am.  
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4 Zahler: Okay. That means every animal that leaves that shelter to go to another  
5 state has to have a health certificate signed by an accredited vet.  
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7 Gandara: Thank you Marilyn.  
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9 Zahler: Okay. And I'm going to say one more thing. I'm sorry but it is that I've had  
10 problems with this Board since the eight or nine years you've been on and  
11 I haven't seen the support that should've been given to the animals. I  
12 visited the shelter. Okay, I've been there and I saw four to five dogs in  
13 one kennel that was built for one or two dogs. Now that's not good ladies  
14 and gentlemen and you should request to go visit. I saw feces in the  
15 shelter.  
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17 Gandara: Thank you Marilyn. Thank you.  
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19 Zahler: See they don't want to hear this. But I'm talking to you. I know a person  
20 that worked there for six months and left because she saw Curtis Haring  
21 putting in small dogs with the pit bulls and you can guess what happened.  
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23 Gandara: Marilyn I'm asking you. You're time is up.  
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25 Zahler: I know.  
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27 Gandara: I gave you an additional time. Who else would like to?  
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29 Zahler: On a City Council and (*inaudible*).  
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31 Gandara: I do have other public comment. Thank you. Thank you Marilyn.  
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33 UNKNOWN FEMALE: This is important information.  
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35 Gandara: It is but I've given her three minutes. We have a room full of people and  
36 they get to have an opportunity to speak solely with me and anyone on the  
37 Board and you have public comment on Thursday. And she and I have  
38 had these conversations. And I've been as respectful as I can with a room  
39 full of people. I very much appreciate. I'm hearing you loud and clear and  
40 we go out there often to see it.  
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42 Zahler: How many times have you been there?  
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44 Gandara: Go ahead. Please stand up and sort of try to face if us.  
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1 Gilbert: My name is Jean Gilbert. My concern is, is if the Last Litter Program is not  
2 continued and serves the Animal Shelter in some capacity, some way, that  
3 our numbers ... I understand that the protocols changed, so there aren't  
4 the issues of distemper and parvo, but we still have a capacity issue. And  
5 so how are we going to deal with that. And the really strong point with the  
6 Last Litter Program is that all of the moms were spayed or have been  
7 spayed. And I don't know how that is going to translate taking puppies  
8 and moms at the shelter without the Last Litter Program. And so I guess  
9 my concern is about numbers and how we're going to be able to reach our  
10 no-kill goal.

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12 Gandara: Sure. Thank you Jean.

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14 Gilbert: And if there's something else that's going to be done in its place. Anyway.

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16 Gandara: Billy.

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18 Garrett: Madam Chair. Just as a matter of clarity. You're saying some thing I  
19 heard differently and so I'd like to ask Ms. Barker. You're saying you  
20 intend to continue the Last Litter Program, is that correct?

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22 Barker: That is correct.

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24 Garrett: Okay. And in order to pull moms and puppies or divert them from the  
25 shelter, are you saying in order to do that with our shelter that you need to  
26 be paid for that?

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28 Barker: I'm not currently, have not taken puppies from the shelter, moms or  
29 puppies from the shelter in Las Cruces for over a month now. I take from  
30 the community and from other communities. And yes, the model will  
31 change. If Las Cruces wants us to move their moms and puppies via  
32 transport, yes there will be a revenue model. There is no revenue model  
33 in it right now.

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35 Garrett: Okay. And previously you were pulling animals that you were sending to  
36 Colorado.

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38 Barker: That's correct.

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40 Garrett: But without any money.

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42 Barker: That is correct.

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44 Garrett: Okay. And are you talking ...

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46 Barker: But I also did not have a facility.

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2 Garrett: I understand.  
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4 Barker: And costs attached to it.  
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6 Garrett: Okay.  
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8 Barker: The time was my cost which was the cost of logistics management and  
9 relationship management. I'm happy to give that for free. None of this  
10 has to do with a salary for Kelly Barker.  
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12 Garrett: I know. I understand.  
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14 Barker: Okay.  
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16 Garrett: And so relative to El Paso, pull animals from El Paso they have to pay?  
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18 Barker: We will create a revenue model. If other places wish to use Last Litter  
19 there will be a revenue model attached to it.  
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21 Garrett: Or Deming or whatever?  
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23 Barker: Whatever.  
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25 Garrett: Okay. I just needed to make that clear. I mean you're basically saying  
26 your Last Litter Program is shifting to a situation where you're going to  
27 need to have revenue in order to sustain what you're doing.  
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29 Barker: Correct.  
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31 Garrett: Okay. I think that that's important for us all to understand.  
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33 Barker: Sure.  
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35 Garrett: That's different than what you were doing before. This is where you are  
36 today. Okay. Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.  
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38 Gandara: Thank you Board Member Garrett. Yes Mr. Bryce.  
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40 Bryce: I'm going to stand up because more people hear me and I wish other  
41 people would do the same thing. I'd like to just clarify this open discussion  
42 in a way, the difference between pulling and accepting the animals. If you  
43 pull it, it's your animal. If you take it from the shelter under the condition  
44 that I'm aware of with the Last Litter, it's still their animal. There's a big  
45 difference there. I'd like to get that out on the table.  
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1 Barker: And that's why the mother's have been able to be spayed. They are  
2 shelter animals in the PetPoint system and therefore there's no cost to  
3 Last Litter to fix those moms which is a tremendous benefit to the  
4 community.  
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6 Gandara: Frank, anything else?  
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8 Bryce: I have a lot but we'll go as we can. Thank you.  
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10 Gandara: Okay. Yes. Vic.  
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12 Villalobos: Vic Villalobos, Dog'Cruces. I just want to, you know I don't have a lot of  
13 comment with what's actually going on, I think we're still in the early  
14 stages of it. I really want to commend Clint and his staff. I think they've  
15 been doing a truly outstanding job. I think we've seen such a huge  
16 difference. We've seen over the years the differences between the  
17 organizations and all the shelter and stuff and boy we just see such a  
18 difference today. And we still bicker a little bit but in general it is just so  
19 much better and I really commend Clint and his staff and the Board. You  
20 guys have been doing a real good job. You know it's, I really appreciate  
21 Kelly. I'll be honest, in the beginning Kelly and I had a little butt heading  
22 on a few things but ...  
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24 Barker: Only you did.  
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26 Villalobos: Only I did. Doing a real great job here with this. You know I understand  
27 the tough decision because all you might be in all your organizations bring  
28 a lot to the table and it's hard as a Board, you know or if I were on the  
29 Board to say you get money, you don't get money, you do get money, and  
30 that's a really hard decision to make, so I don't envy you for that. I think  
31 it's a great program. We're actually going to feature in our next issue of  
32 the magazine, we're featuring the story on the Last Litter and my hopes  
33 are that Kelly, yes I realize there's a financial need for it, but we would be  
34 really happy to put our support as we do with many other organizations,  
35 behind fundraising for you to be able to, because I get it, you're going to  
36 get animals from other cities at times. But if we were able to help  
37 fundraising to continue to work with the shelter that would be an option  
38 that we really need to look at because I think the community once they  
39 see this program and really what it does, it's not a lot of money that you  
40 need. We can help you get that money.  
41  
42 Gandara: Thank you Vic. Yes.  
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44 Smith: I just want to brag on Vic a little bit. I was out at the shelter yesterday and  
45 I saw these "Pardon Our Dust" signs and they were cute and compelling

1 and I asked where the source and it was Vic Villalobos. So thank you for  
2 that.

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4 Gandara: Thanks Vic. Thank you. Yes Clint.

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6 Thacker: I just want to point out that I don't want to get the feeling that the shelter is  
7 against Last Litter. We are not in anyway. I recognize that at the time we  
8 needed it. And we still do need it, but we don't need the separate facility  
9 for these animals to go to. I want that to be clear. We still support it. We  
10 still want it. We just don't need that area that's going to cost the money  
11 that's requesting that to be done.

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13 Gilbert: Clint, can I ask then. There isn't a capacity issue any more then?

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15 Thacker: Oh there is a capacity issue.

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17 Gilbert: So then why don't you need another space? I don't understand that part.

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19 Smith: They needed to be separated.

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21 Gandara: They needed to be separated because of the distemper, right. And that's  
22 why. It was an emergent situation.

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24 Gilbert: I understand that but.

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26 Thacker: So the capacity issue isn't going to get any better until we finish what's  
27 coming in, until we address that. And that's what Kelly was saying is, is  
28 that even if we get rid of the puppies, that isn't going to fix the problem  
29 right now. What we need to do is do the education, we do the mass  
30 sterilization, all these big things and I promise you they're in the works.  
31 We've made goals as a center to address these problems but we can't do  
32 it until I have the resources to do. What good is it if I put out a mass plea  
33 for sterilization when it's six months wait to sterilize your animal at the  
34 shelter?

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36 Gilbert: And you need a community.

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38 Thacker: And I need the community. I need the best support. I need all these  
39 different things. And that's why the new facility's going to help out  
40 because we'll have that place for the animals and the old animal center  
41 can be our high capacity spay and neuter and really start kicking this  
42 problem in the butt is what we want to do.

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44 Gandara: Dr. Susan is it relation to this?

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46 Baez: Yes.

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2 Gandara: Okay.  
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4 Baez: Just adding to what Clint was saying.  
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6 Gandara: Stand up Dr. Susan if you can.  
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8 Baez: To add to what Clint was saying, even if we send 100 puppies at a time to  
9 the facility which would ...  
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11 Gilbert: It would fill up again.  
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13 Baez: Our numbers, you wouldn't see the difference. You know what I mean.  
14 Like if you walk around the shelter you would be like, really, a hundred  
15 went? Our overpopulation, it's crazy and I agree 100% with Clint and what  
16 Kelly was saying, we need massive spays and neuters. Unfortunately the  
17 veterinarians to do that are lacking and it's a huge problem to find them.  
18 And also I think the best way to kind of like release the pressure in the  
19 other population is transports. We get hit with 40 animals a day, daily, and  
20 the adoption numbers are 12, 15 a week.  
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22 Gandara: The lady in the blue had something. I'm sorry I don't know your names but  
23 I wrote down what you were wearing.  
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25 Avery: My name is Diane Avery. But I'm guess I'm kind of here representing  
26 Sunland Park since our animals come up to this shelter. We've diverted  
27 like close to 300 last year and I'm not sure where we stand now because  
28 they're renovating so they're really not accepting animals. But all I wanted  
29 to say and I think that your Medical Director will probably validate this is  
30 that there will be, I appreciate what you said Mr. Dollahon because I think  
31 you do need another plan of what to do because you will have, and I think  
32 Carla and everybody's going to agree with this, you will have another  
33 parvo/distemper outbreak. It happens at all the large shelters.  
34  
35 Baez: Or anything else.  
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37 Avery: Or (*inaudible*) or coccidia or whatever because the animals are housed  
38 closely together. These are easily transmittable diseases. It's kind of like  
39 when you're kids go to school, they all come home the first month or six  
40 weeks with a cold because they're crammed into classrooms and it's  
41 spread around. There is no way with large numbers not to have these  
42 outbreaks. So a secondary plan of what to do, places to put them, is.  
43 And the other thing I'd like to say, and then I have to leave because  
44 I have another meeting, is that there needs to be a shelter of some sort  
45 because I can guarantee you and I have been doing this as well as a lot of  
46 other people have, but I can almost guarantee you that there is no way, it's

1 a great idea to have an adult dog and puppies and an adult dog and  
2 puppies. There is still going to be because of handlers, because somebody's  
3 going to forget to wash their hands or put hand sanitizer on between going  
4 from. These things are going to be, it's just human. We're all human and  
5 it's going to happen. So I just would like to say I do believe that you do  
6 need an alternative plan for places to put animals and then you do need  
7 an alternative place to put puppies that get them out of this flow, because I  
8 can guarantee that all of the rescues, I think this is true, we're all full. And  
9 I was glad, and this is the last thing I'll say and I'm sorry to go a minute or  
10 so over my three minutes, but I was glad to say a couple of weeks ago  
11 that ACO from Sunland Park, because what he's doing is calling me, he  
12 says they can't accept dogs right now and he said he had three puppies  
13 and I was so thankful to be able to call and say "Kelly I'm bringing you  
14 three puppies." Because you know where they'd been otherwise, with the  
15 other 12 puppies at my house and you know it is just, I was just so  
16 thankful to have a place to say I could safely put these. Rather than  
17 saying oh you know what Clint, I've got puppies coming from Sunland  
18 Park, you know while you're in the midst of this distemper outbreak. So  
19 that's all I really have to say is I do think you need another plan. I do think  
20 Last Litter or some thing like it.

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22 Gandara: Thank you.

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24 Avery: Is definitely a necessity.

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26 Gandara: Thank you. The lady in the maroon. And you might want to come, I'm  
27 sorry, you're pretty, unless you can project.

28  
29 Dougil: I have a big mouth.

30  
31 Gandara: Did you say that? I didn't hear you.

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33 Dougil: I'm Dee Dougil. Most of you know me from the Coalition for Pets and  
34 People and being around here for a long time. I just want to bring up and  
35 Clint mentioned mass sterilization. I've brought this up before so some of  
36 you already have heard it at the Coalition meetings. I've met with the  
37 Mayor, with Kelly, a couple of times we talked to him. I've proposed it so  
38 many times. It's about the bigger picture. The City can do something  
39 about the population. It's so easy. There are over 49,000 residents just in  
40 Las Cruces alone, homes. And you guys have raised, the City has raised  
41 the recycling rates, gave us a recycling bin that nobody even asked for,  
42 didn't get to vote on it, but yet when I mention charge every resident  
43 \$0.50, on your City bill and let that money go to spay and neuter for the  
44 whole City and even the county and let people, anybody, any walk of life,  
45 any amount of money, you can go and get a voucher from the City, go to  
46 any vet you want and get your animal spayed or neutered. It would work.

1 It worked, there's a man by the name of Joe, he has Rio Grande Estate  
2 Sales. He was a Mayor for a while in Tombstone. He did it in Tombstone  
3 and it worked well. We can do it here. Fifty-cents. I would pay \$0.50  
4 gladly on my City bill. I'd much rather pay \$0.50 to get animals fixed than  
5 to pay for the stupid recycling bin. That's it.  
6  
7 Gandara: Thank you. The lady in black and white. Yes ma'am. Not you. That's  
8 you, black and white I think. Hello. Oh blue? Sorry. Blue, I can't see  
9 from way up here. Sorry.  
10  
11 Dalcour: It's a dark blue.  
12  
13 Gandara: Okay, dark blue.  
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15 Dalcour: But I want to agree with the veterinarian.  
16  
17 Baum: Can I have your name please?  
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19 Dalcour: Oh I'm sorry I'm Tina Dalcour with Zen Pets.  
20  
21 Baum: Thank you.  
22  
23 Dalcour: I think she hit the real nail on the head. It's our veterinarians in this town  
24 that is our problem. We need to get them on board because I run a  
25 program where I pay for spay and neuters for my clients. I just finished  
26 calling the shelter because I have a kitten that's almost ready to go into  
27 heat, they put me off until next week to even call me back. So I had to call  
28 my vet, get an appointment, pay \$200 for a cat that isn't even mine so that  
29 it can get spayed before it gets pregnant. And so if the room really wants  
30 to address the problem get the money so that we can pay the vets and if  
31 the vets don't want to do it, then they are the problem in the community.  
32 Because these dogs and cats get pregnant because all my clients that I  
33 have want to get their animals spayed and neutered, but the waiting list is  
34 so long that their animal gets pregnant by the time they get it done. And  
35 that's when Kelly steps in. But it didn't solve the problem. The person  
36 wanted to get it spayed and neutered, but there's nowhere to get it done  
37 unless you're low income which I've also done that way. I've had them go  
38 through the low income so that we could get the animals done, but they're  
39 also full because they don't have the money. So that's my piece.  
40  
41 Gandara: Thank you. Vic.  
42  
43 Villalobos: Yes, I just had one more question and it's for Mr. Dollahon, and you may  
44 have said when you were talking that big long speech you said.  
45  
46 Dollahon: I'm a bureaucrat, I can talk.

1  
2 Villalobos: So is it possible in the future budget, so I understand with the Last Litter  
3 Program you know one month maybe they can do so many, the next one  
4 they can do so many because of finances. But in the event of an  
5 emergency situation, can there be a contract or something put in place for  
6 next fiscal year let's say where Clint would have the authority to say  
7 obviously we can't pay the back money, but we've got an emergency  
8 situation here, we're going to move 200 puppies your way over the next 30  
9 days and do that. So can that be put in ahead of time so that you don't  
10 have to do this?  
11  
12 Dollahon: Mr. Chairman, Vic. That's my recommendation to the staff is that we need  
13 to have those emergency protocols in place both in partnership with the  
14 County because we use the County fairgrounds, or with somebody else,  
15 but that's a procurement process. We have to go through that  
16 procurement process to have somebody on standby and we can do that.  
17 We can do that now. The problem that we're going to run into is we're  
18 going to have to outline through that process what constitutes an  
19 emergency and the protocols for instituting that so that we can come up  
20 with the money after the fact. Because if we know we have a standby  
21 emergency shelter situation, and we have them on contract, then we can  
22 pay them. We'll figure out the money afterwards. But we don't have that  
23 in place yet, but we can.  
24  
25 Villalobos: I think the emergency should be when Clint and his staff start texting you,  
26 "Do you have somewhere I can move all of our animals?" That should be  
27 the start of the emergency.  
28  
29 Gandara: The lady in the black to my right, short hair. Yes ma'am.  
30  
31 Genanie: Hi. I'm Bev Genanie. I'm a transporter of pups. Okay, I do a voluntary. I  
32 drive all different places. I think the Last Litter Program is a good idea. I  
33 think there might be some issues with it. I transport for rescues. And all  
34 the rescues that I transport for and I transport dogs that'll go clear across  
35 country. They all need help. Every one of them. I do my part by doing it  
36 for free as much as I can. I go all the way to Van Horn, sometimes all the  
37 way to Balmorhea, all the way to Benson. I've been all the way to  
38 Albuquerque and to Colorado. What I see with all of this is it's a good idea  
39 but I follow a rescued pets movement out of Houston. They also transport  
40 dogs. Transport a lot of dogs to Colorado. Their last transport to  
41 Colorado was 108 dogs that they transported up to Colorado. That was  
42 on October 4th. We just had a transport that went up with puppies from  
43 what I saw. You know there's a lot of dogs going to Colorado. That  
44 bothers me.  
45

1 Dougil: The reason they go is because they have a spay/neuter law that's  
2 statewide.  
3  
4 Genanie: They do. They have that law but there's also BSL up there. Denver is  
5 very BSL.  
6  
7 MANY PEOPLE SPEAKING AT ONCE.  
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9 Gandara: One at a time please. What is BSL?  
10  
11 Williams: Breed specific legislation.  
12  
13 Genanie: No pit bulls or anything that looks like a pit bull.  
14  
15 Dougil: Wait, that's just in Denver. That's just in Denver.  
16  
17 Genanie: I know but they do have a law.  
18  
19 Dougil: But that's just in Denver.  
20  
21 Gandara: Okay.  
22  
23 Genanie: So it's just in Denver. But this is a problem. You have all these dogs and  
24 108 dogs were transported from Houston just last week or just actually this  
25 week, yesterday as a matter of fact. Ours are going up to Colorado too.  
26 They're taking dogs out of Roswell to Colorado. What's going to happen  
27 in Colorado?  
28  
29 Dougil: Their state legislature's already looking at the number of dogs who are  
30 coming in.  
31  
32 Genanie: We're taking all these puppies up there. They're all going to be spayed  
33 and neutered before they get adopted out or are we sending puppies and  
34 dogs to get killed in kill shelters up there? They have kill shelters.  
35 Colorado Springs is a kill shelter. You know are we making us look good  
36 by sending our problem someplace else? This is a problem. I think that  
37 this Last Litter thing is a really good deal but I think that they need to go  
38 like every other rescue and ask for funds. I don't think that we should be  
39 specific and give them money to try and help our program down here.  
40 You know, they're a 501(c)(3), all of the rest of the rescues around here  
41 have to go and beg for money. Why should they be given \$7,000 a  
42 month?  
43  
44 Gandara: Thank you Bev. Appreciate it. The lady in the black and white that's  
45 turning around.  
46

1 Belford: Me?  
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3 Gandara: That's you. Pointing at yourself.  
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5 Belford: I can't stand up.  
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7 Gandara: No. You don't want to. Okay. Go on. Oh, okay, I'm so sorry.  
8  
9 Belford: I can't stand up.  
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11 Gandara: Just state your name please.  
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13 Belford: I'm going to read this little statement.  
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15 Dougil: State your name.  
16  
17 Belford: Yes, I didn't get there yet. My name is Regina Belford. I'm a volunteer  
18 and foster for Cherished K-9 All Breed Rescue. I've been so for about two  
19 and a half years and I've probably fostered about 60 puppies and dogs in  
20 the time with only one foster failure, but I consider that a success. I  
21 probably assisted and helped in about 60 adoption events and these are  
22 not for the weak of heart or the leg. They are a lot of work but time well  
23 spent and very personally rewarding. I suggest each of you try it,  
24 especially the Board Members to see what happens out there at these  
25 events.  
26 I'm here today to speak for Cherished K-9 and the other rescues;  
27 APA, Safe Haven, Broken Promises, all the big ones and the little ones,  
28 that they need to scrape and scramble to get the resources from the  
29 tapped out community. The community's totally tapped out. It's tapped  
30 out of money from constant pleas for donations, volunteers, and fosters.  
31 There are too many needy dogs and cats that the local shelter obviously  
32 can't handle. Thankless rescues step in and do the best to intercept them  
33 or pull them and get them treated for God knows what, get them fostered,  
34 spayed, neutered at their expense, and hopefully get them adopted or  
35 shipped out of the community. Unfortunately the rescues are overloaded  
36 and under funded. They can only support so many animals. I have no  
37 issues with Kelly and her crew. We worked together last week to bring up  
38 some puppies from Anthony and we got them into some shelter, but  
39 hopefully they got a chance now.  
40 My issue is that what Kelly wants to do and what the other rescues  
41 are doing is not different, they're already doing it in a smaller, broader  
42 way. The rescues take in pregnant mothers and then deal with the  
43 puppies. Sometimes they ship them out, a lot of times, most of the times  
44 they get to adopt them. That's the easy part. It's the moms that are the  
45 hardest part. It's the older dogs. It's the broken dogs. It's the disfigured  
46 dogs, the dogs that get hit by cars that no one wants to take back or to fix



1 them. These are the problems. These are the hard things for the  
2 rescues. To have a nonprofit ask for \$7,000 a month to do the same thing  
3 is a slap in the face to these rescues. Every time that they scrape to get a  
4 sick dog hydrated or to have a broken leg set, you know or worse,  
5 removed, and then try and get them adopted. I'm a Department of the  
6 Army civil servant and I work at the ATEC contracting office at WSMR.  
7 This expense totaling \$84,000 a year is by no means a sole source. I  
8 can't honestly imagine what Cherished K-9 would do with the community  
9 with \$84,000 a year. (*Inaudible*) a handout and it will never make it  
10 through the sole source RFP. Also I do believe that the costs that Ms.  
11 Barker is incurring would be considered an unconsolidated, or an  
12 unauthorized commitment. If the City has \$84,000 to donate to a rescue, I  
13 would like to see just a medical fund here at the shelter for all the rescues  
14 to tap into as needed or free spay and neuter. That's all.

15  
16 Gandara: Thank you.

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18 Belford: Go Red Socks.

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20 Gandara: You just had to get that on in.

21  
22 Dougil: I have a question. Did APA, Broken Promises, and Safe Haven give you  
23 permission to speak for them?

24  
25 Belford: I'm not speaking for them. I'm just ...

26  
27 Dougil: You just said ...

28  
29 Gandara: Hold on please. This is not direct communication with you both. You can  
30 take it outside if you have questions. Okay. Thank you. Anybody else?  
31 Yes sir.

32  
33 Tapia: Okay, I've got something to read. My name is Marcus Tapia.

34  
35 Gandara: Mark will you stand up.

36  
37 Tapia: Sure.

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39 Gandara: Thank you Mr. Tapia.

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41 Tapia: Thank you for having me. My name is Marcus Tapia. I volunteer for a few  
42 rescues here in town and I do a little TNR. I want to thank every rescue  
43 and I wish I could volunteer for all of you. One rescue I volunteer for is  
44 UNcaged Paws. I was also a team member for Last Litter. This is why  
45 we're here today. They are doing a great service in this community. The  
46 Last Litter deals with puppies and sends them out within a week. Lots of

1 work. Other rescues I volunteer for bring in heartworm positive, broken  
2 limbs, seniors, timid, and aggressive dogs. It takes a lot of time and  
3 medical bills to get these dogs adoptable and they have them for longer  
4 than just weeks, sometimes months or even years. I also have a question  
5 for Last Litter about the moms that do not have owners to return to. The  
6 Last Litter has not held any adoption events. Where are the moms going?  
7 Do they go back to the shelter? I have had an experience with them I  
8 would like to share. I got a dog to foster from UNcaged Paws in July. She  
9 was supposed to go on Freedom Flight on August 14th. Because of the  
10 distemper outbreak there was no flight. They had no plan for this dog so  
11 last week I asked them to relinquish her to me. I am not a rescue, just a  
12 volunteer. They failed this dog and they failed me. I would like to know  
13 that these mothers are not just being returned to the shelter. My  
14 suggestion is if there's a \$7,000 a month to be spent, we should stop the  
15 problem before it starts by having free spay and neuter program for Doña  
16 Ana County or share these funds with the rescues. Thank you.

17  
18 Gandara: Thank you Mr. Tapia. I appreciate it. Kelly.

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20 Barker: If I could clarify for the record. It's not an \$84,000 that we requested,  
21 never was. This whole thing was set up as a pilot project for a very limited  
22 duration and ...

23  
24 Gandara: Are you okay Kelly?

25  
26 Barker: I don't know.

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28 **IV. Adjournment (2:26 PM)**

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30 MEETING ADJOURNED.

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32 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kasandra Gandara, Chairman

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Gregory Z. Smith, Board Member

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Amanda Lopez Askin, County Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Maria Villa, Accounting Manager **Initials:** MV  
**Date:** October 10, 2018 **File #:**  
**F-18-279**

**Subject:** Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Financial Report  
Unaudited September 30, 2018.

Attached are the unaudited financial results of the Animal Service Center operations for the period ending September 30, 2018. Some observations for your consideration:

- The Statement of Net Position (page 1) shows cash of \$589,196. There is outstanding account receivable for \$88,636 from Dona Ana County in the General Fund.
- The outstanding payroll liabilities are \$52,798 for the General Fund. There is also an outstanding accounts payable balance of \$488. In addition, there is a \$20,000 PetSmart Grant in Revenues Collected in Advance.
- The Capital Projects Fund shows cash of \$1,059,783. There are no outstanding receivables in the Capital Fund.
- The \$77,000 in Revenues Collected in Advance is a PetSmart Grant that has not been expended.
- The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (page 2) shows YTD operating revenues in the General Fund are \$988,021. YTD operating expenditures are at \$603,704, which results in an increase in Net Fund Balance of \$384,317.
- The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual (page 3) indicates 34.2% of budgeted revenues and 20.2% of budgeted expenditures have been recognized. The current budget parameter for this month is 25.0%.

- The Grants and Donations Schedule on page 7 provides a summary of grants and donations received.

CC: William Studer, Assistant City Manager  
CC: Amador Espinosa, Financial Reporting Analyst

**Initials:** WJS  
**Initials:** AE

**Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

	<u>Fund 7440</u> <u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fund 7441</u> <u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fund 9440</u> <u>Capital Assets</u>	<u>Statement</u> <u>of</u> <u>Net Position</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash & investments	\$ 589,196	\$ 1,059,783	\$ -	\$ 1,648,979
Accounts receivable	88,636	-	-	88,636
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>677,832</u>	<u>1,059,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,737,615</u>
<b>Capital Assets</b>				
Equipment, net of accum depr	-	-	265,991	265,991
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265,991</u>	<u>265,991</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 677,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,783</u>	<u>\$ 265,991</u>	<u>\$ 2,003,606</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488
Accrued Wages Payable	-	-	-	-
Accrued payroll liabilities	52,798	-	-	52,798
Revenue Collected in Advance	20,000	77,000	-	97,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>73,286</u>	<u>77,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,286</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>				
Required reserve	248,540	-	-	248,540
Restricted	-	50,000	-	-
Unassigned	356,006	932,783	265,991	1,554,780
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<u>604,546</u>	<u>982,783</u>	<u>265,991</u>	<u>1,803,320</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 677,832</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,783</u>	<u>\$ 265,991</u>	<u>\$ 2,003,606</u>

**Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**And Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the Period Ended September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

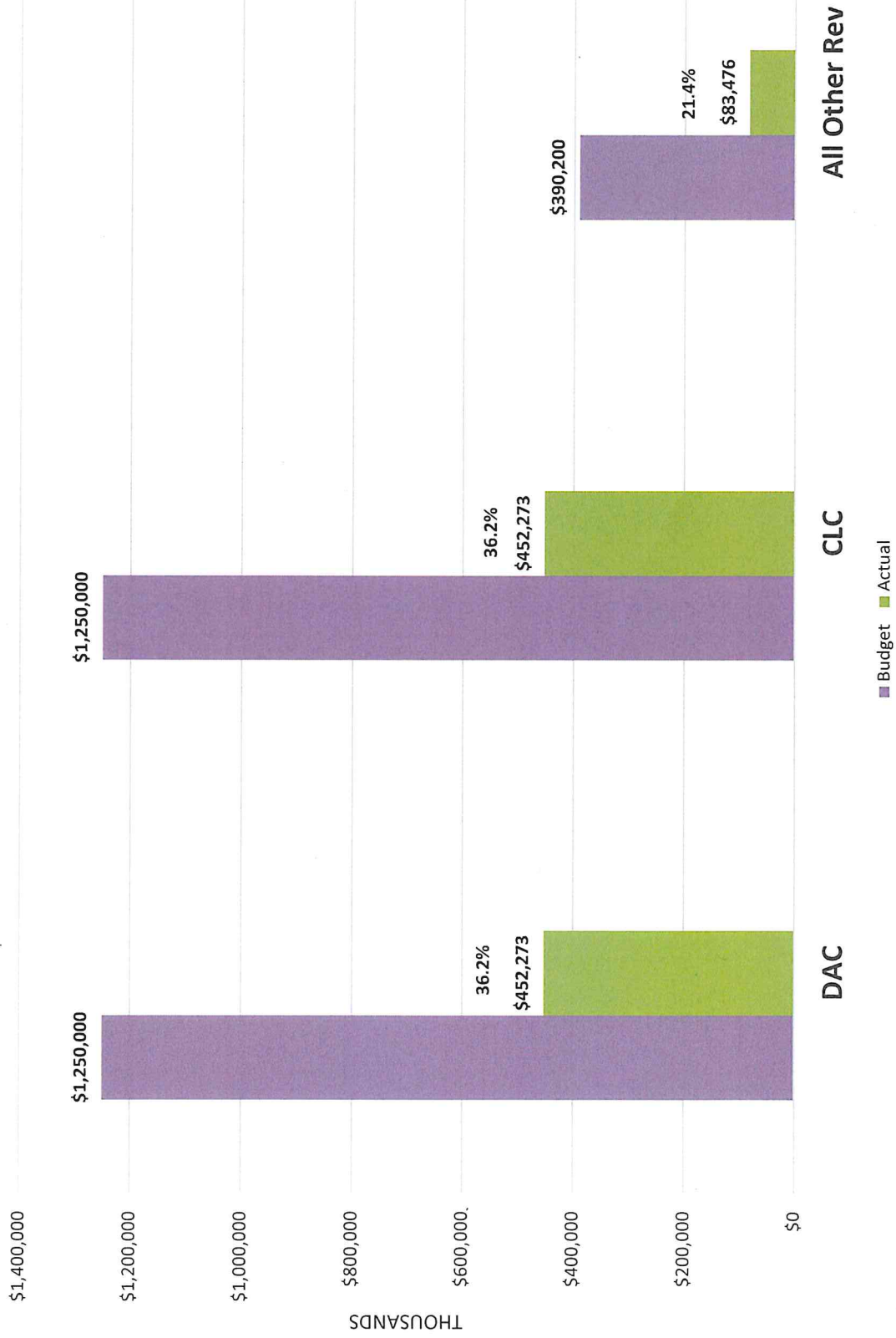
	<b>General Fund 7440 Actual</b>	<b>Capital Projects 7441 Actual</b>	<b>Fixed Assets 9440 Actual</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Pet licenses CLC	\$ 11,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,836
Pet licenses DAC	3,962	-	-	3,962
Vaccinations	5,048	-	-	5,048
Pet micro-chip	5,870	-	-	5,870
Onsite adoptions	7,317	-	-	7,317
Return to owner-Dona Ana Cou	2,603	-	-	2,603
Return to owner-City of Las Cru	5,712	-	-	5,712
Spay/neuter	15,940	-	-	15,940
Dona Ana County	452,273	-	-	452,273
City of Las Cruces	452,273	-	-	452,273
City of Anthony	-	-	-	-
Donations & memorials	11,324	-	-	11,324
City of Sunland Park	-	-	-	-
Village of Hatch	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	11,170	38,000	-	49,170
Investment income	2,694	-	-	2,694
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>988,021</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,064,022</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Personnel	386,753	-	-	386,753
Temp agency services	16,107	-	-	16,107
Repairs and maintenance	11,327	-	-	11,327
Services	106,688	-	-	106,688
Supplies	51,773	-	-	51,773
Insurance	24,109	-	-	24,109
Other	6,947	-	-	6,947
Depreciation & amortization	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	70,568	-	70,568
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>603,704</u>	<u>70,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>674,272</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>384,317</u>	<u>(32,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>351,749</u>
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>384,317</u>	<u>(32,568)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>351,749</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>220,228</u>	<u>1,015,351</u>	<u>265,991</u>	<u>1,501,570</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 604,546</u>	<u>\$ 982,783</u>	<u>\$ 265,991</u>	<u>\$ 1,853,320</u>

**Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
And Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
For the Period Ended September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

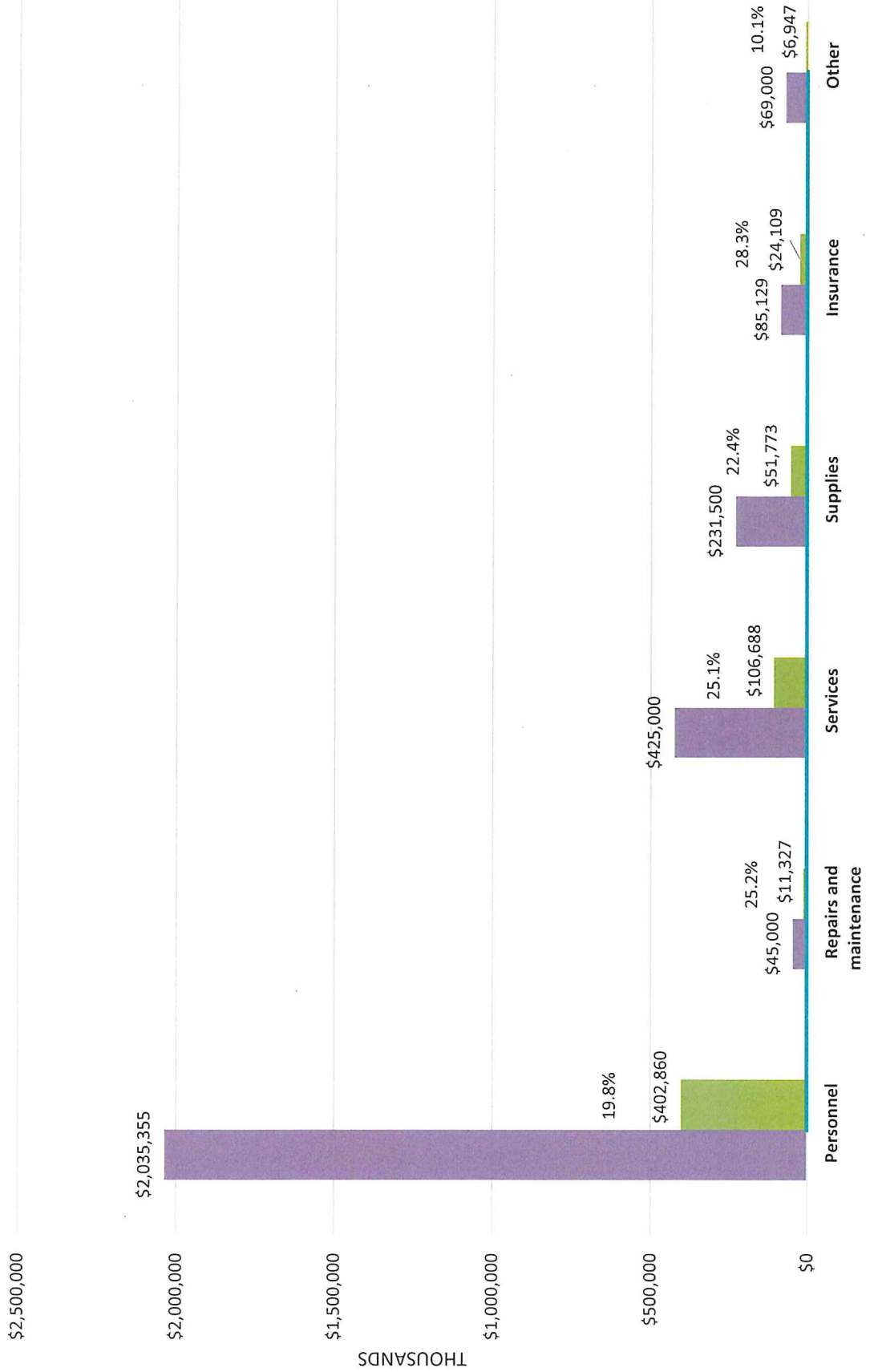
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual/Bgt %</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Pet licenses CLC	\$ 50,000	\$ 11,836	23.7%
Pet licenses DAC	20,000	3,962	19.8%
Vaccinations	30,000	5,048	16.8%
Pet micro-chip	50,000	5,870	11.7%
Onsite adoptions	60,000	7,317	12.2%
Return to owner-Dona Ana County	10,000	2,603	26.0%
Return to owner-City of Las Cruces	25,000	5,712	22.8%
Spay/neuter	70,000	15,940	22.8%
Dona Ana County	1,250,000	452,273	36.2%
City of Las Cruces	1,250,000	452,273	36.2%
City of Anthony	3,000	-	0.0%
Donations & memorials	30,000	11,324	37.7%
City of Sunland Park	2,000	-	0.0%
Village of Hatch	200	-	0.0%
Other revenue	23,000	11,170	48.6%
Investment income	17,000	2,694	15.8%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u><b>2,890,200</b></u>	<u><b>988,021</b></u>	<b>34.2%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel	1,935,355	386,753	20.0%
Temp agency services	100,000	16,107	16.1%
Repairs and maintenance	45,000	11,327	25.2%
Services	425,000	106,688	25.1%
Supplies	231,500	51,773	22.4%
Insurance	85,129	24,109	28.3%
Other	69,000	6,947	10.1%
Capital outlay	91,500	-	0.0%
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u><b>2,982,484</b></u>	<u><b>603,704</b></u>	<b>20.2%</b>
Net income (loss)	<u><b>(92,284)</b></u>	<u><b>384,317</b></u>	
Transfer to capital from operations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<u><b>\$ (92,284)</b></u>	<u><b>384,317</b></u>	
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>		<u>220,228</u>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>		<u><b>\$ 604,546</b></u>	



Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
 Annual Budget vs. Actual Year -To- Date  
 September 30, 2018 - Revenues  
 Budget Parameter 25.0%



Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
 Annual Budget vs. Actual Year-To-Date  
 September 30 , 2018 - Expenditures  
 Budget Parameter 25.0%



**Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley  
Grants and Donations Schedule  
as of Sempptember 30,2018**

Fund	Project	Project Name	Award Amount	Life-to-Date Expenditures	Remaining Balace	Type	End Date	Purpose
7441	11627	STERN DONATION	\$ 50,000	-	\$ 50,000	Donation	upon completion	The Kern donation provides funding strictly for costs associated with the renovation of the cat room.
7441	11628	PETCO GRANT	\$ 38,000	38,000	\$ -	Grant	Pending Steve M	The grant funds support costs associated with constructing a new adaption lobby, office support space, and renovating existing
7441	11732	PETSMART RENOVATION	\$ 77,000	-	\$ 77,000	Grant	07/31/19	The grant funds will be used to construct and renovate the shelter infirmiry area, i.e. concrete slab work, plumbing, electrical,
7440	Pending	PETSMART	\$ 20,000	-	\$ 20,000	Grant	08/31/19	The grant funds support costs associated with transportation, vaccination , health certificates , medical treatment.

# Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

Monthly Statistics Report-August 2018

<b>INTAKE</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Reptiles</b>	<b>Pocket Pets</b>	<b>Avian E</b>	<b>Avian L, W</b>	<b>Livestock</b> <small>(horse, goat, sheep, pig, donkey)</small>	<b>Wildlife</b> <small>(skunk, bat, coyote, fox, raccoon)</small>	<b>Total</b>
<b>City of Las Cruces</b>										
Owner Surrender	45	16		5						66
Returned Adoptions	6	1								7
Seized from Owners	8	2								10
Strays (brought in by the public)	35	50		2			2		2	91
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	137	138	2						12	277
Wildlife									14	12
<b>Subtotal City of Las Cruces</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Doña Ana County</b>										
Owner Surrender	67	10			2					79
Returned Adoptions	0	0								0
Seized from Owners	13	1								14
Strays (brought in by the public)	50	49							1	100
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	120	117								237
Wildlife										0
<b>Subtotal Doña Ana County</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>430</b>
Anthony, NM	15	12								27
Hatch, NM	1	4								5
Sunland Park, NM	2	0								2
Jurisdiction Unknown/Other	0	0								0
<b>Total Intake</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>927</b>

<b>OUTCOME</b> <i>(city and county)</i>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Reptiles</b>	<b>Pocket Pets</b>	<b>Avian E</b>	<b>Avian L, W</b>	<b>Livestock</b> <i>(horse, goat, sheep, pig, donkey)</i>	<b>Wildlife</b> <i>(skunk, bat, coyote, fox, raccoon)</i>	<b>Total</b>
Admin Missing										
Foster-Escaped										0
Foster-Lost Contact										0
Foster-Stolen From										0
FTA-Escaped	1									1
FTA-Lost Contact										0
FTA-Stolen										0
Offsite-Missing										0
Offsite-Stolen From										0
Shelter-Escaped										0
Shelter-Missing										0
Shelter-Stolen										0
<b>Subtotal Admin Missing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Adoptions</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>71</b>		<b>2</b>						<b>197</b>
<b>Expired in Shelter</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>								<b>19</b>
<b>DOA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>							<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Return to Owner</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>7</b>								<b>110</b>
<b>Transferred Out (Rescues)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>132</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Wildlife Release</b>										<b>8</b>
<b>Owner Request Euthanasia</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>								<b>34</b>
<b>Euthanized</b>										
Age - Too Old	3	0								3
Age - Too Young	0	0								0
Behavior - Aggressive - Dog	6	0								6
Behavior - Aggressive - Human	2	0								2
Behavior - High Arousal Level	4	0								4
Behavior - Resources Guarding	3	0								3
Behavior - Timid	0	8								8
Behavior - Timid - Fear Biter	7	0								7
Breed - Medical	0	0								0
Court Order	5	0								5
Eliminator	0	0								0
Failure to Thrive	0	0								0
Feral	0	11								11
Hit by Car	2	1								3
Medical Issues	11	8							<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
Medical - Animal Attack	3	0								3
Medical - Distemper - TX	91	0								91
Medical - Distemper - Non TX	4	0								4
Medical - Felv	0	0								0
Medical - FIV	0	1								1
Medical - HW Positive	0	0								0
Medical - Kennel Cough - TX	0	0								0
Medical - Kennel Cough - Non TX	0	0								0
Medical - Liver Failure	0	0								0
Medical - Mange - TX	0	0								0

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Reptiles	Pocket Pets	Avian E	Avian L, W	Livestock	Wildlife	Total
Medical - Mange - Non TX	0	0								0
Medical - Mass	3	0								3
Medical - Neurological	0	0								0
Medical - Parvo - TX	2	0								2
Medical - Parvo - Non TX	2	0								2
Medical - Pneumonia	19	1								20
Medical - Pregnant	0	0								0
Medical - Prolapse	0	0								0
Medical - Ringworm	0	11								11
Medical - Tick Borne Disease	0	0								0
Medical - URI - TX	1	83								84
Medical - URI - Non TX	8	14								22
Rabies Suspect	0	0							1	1
Space	0	0								0
Space - Pitbull Breed	0	0								0
<b>Subtotal Euthanized</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>Euthanasia Rate</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>
<b>Total Outcome</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>930</b>

<b>Public Services</b>	City Clinic (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	73	42							115
	County Clinic (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	39	74							113
	Jurisdiction Unknown	0	0							0
	<b>Subtotal Clinic In</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228</b>
	Clinic Out (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	82	110							192

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Intake*</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>927</b>
	<b>Outcome*</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>930</b>

<b>Statistics</b>	Live Release Rate	61.0%	60.3%	na	100.0%	100.0%	na	100.0%	na	66.7%	61.4%
	Euthanized, Expired in Shelter, DOA	206	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	390
	Average Intake/day	16.1	12.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	29.9
	Average Outcome/day	16.5	12.6	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	30.0
	Average Euthanizations/day	5.7	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	10.3
	Average RTO/day	3.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5
	Average Adoptions/day	4.0	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4

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<b>City of Las Cruces</b>										
Owner Surrender	54	34			2					90
Returned Adoptions	3	0								3
Seized from Owners	4	0								4
Strays (brought in by the public)	43	33	2	1						79
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	151	85	1						2	239
Wildlife									14	14
<b>Subtotal City of Las Cruces</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Doña Ana County</b>										
Owner Surrender	55	13			1					69
Returned Adoptions	3	0								3
Seized from Owners	11	0								11
Strays (brought in by the public)	39	25		1						65
Strays (brought in by Animal Control)	151	110								261
Wildlife									1	1
<b>Subtotal Doña Ana County</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>410</b>
Anthony, NM	13	13								26
Hatch, NM	1	0								1
Sunland Park, NM	0	3								3
Jurisdiction Unknown/Other	0	0								0
<b>Total Intake</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>869</b>

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<b>Admin Missing</b>										
Foster-Escaped										0
Foster-Lost Contact										0
Foster-Stolen From										0
FTA-Escaped	2									2
FTA-Lost Contact	3	1								4
FTA-Stolen										0
Offsite-Missing										0
Offsite-Stolen From										0
Shelter-Escaped										0
Shelter-Missing	1	3								4
Shelter-Stolen										0
<b>Subtotal Admin Missing</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Adoptions</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>1</b>						<b>165</b>
<b>Expired in Shelter</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>								<b>40</b>
<b>DOA</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>							<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Return to Owner</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>15</b>								<b>116</b>
<b>Transferred Out (Rescues)</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1</b>						<b>10</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Wildlife Release</b>				<b>1</b>						<b>11</b>
<b>Owner Request Euthanasia</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>					<b>39</b>
<b>Euthanized</b>										
Age - Too Old	7	1								8
Age - Too Young	0	2								2
Behavior - Aggressive - Dog	18	0								18
Behavior - Aggressive - Human	4	0								4
Behavior - High Arousal Level	0	0								0
Behavior - Resources Guarding	0	0								0
Behavior - Timid	0	1								1
Behavior - Timid - Fear Biter	11	0								11
Breed - Medical	0	0								0
Court Order	1	0								1
Eliminator	0	0								0
Failure To Thrive	0	0								0
Feral	0	0								0
Hit by Car	2	0								2
Medical Issues	8	6						<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>
Medical - Animal Attack	4	1								5
Medical - Distemper - TX	9	0								9
Medical - Distemper - Non TX	3	0								3
Medical - Fely	0	5								5
Medical - FIV	0	0								0
Medical - HW Positive	0	0								0
Medical - Kennel Cough - TX	0	0								0
Medical - Kennel Cough - Non TX	0	0								0
Medical - Liver Failure	0	0								0
Medical - Mange - TX	0	0								0



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Medical - Mange - Non TX	0	0								0
Medical - Mass	0	0								0
Medical - Neurological	1	1								2
Medical - Parvo - TX	1	0								1
Medical - Parvo - Non TX	1	0								1
Medical - Pneumonia	19	6								25
Medical - Pregnant	0	0								0
Medical - Prolapse	0	0								0
Medical - Ringworm	0	1								1
Medical - Tick Borne Disease	0	0								0
Medical - URI - TX	3	40								43
Medical - URI - Non TX	0	2								2
Rabies Suspect	0	0							1	1
Space	0	0								0
Space - Pitbull Breed	0	0								0
<b>Subtotal Euthanized</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Euthanasia Rate</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>20.9%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
<b>Total Outcome</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>829</b>

<b>Public Services</b>										
City Clinic (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	38	26								64
County Clinic (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	20	24								44
Jurisdiction Unknown	1	0								1
<b>Subtotal Clinic In</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>
Clinic Out (includes outside surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips)	42	39								81

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Intake*</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>869</b>
	<b>Outcome*</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>829</b>

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Live Release Rate</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>70.3%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>76.5%</b>
	<b>Euthanized, Expired in Shelter, DOA</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>260</b>
	<b>Average Intake/day</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>
	<b>Average Outcome/day</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>27.6</b>
	<b>Average Euthanizations/day</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>
	<b>Average RTO/day</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>
	<b>Average Adoptions/day</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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