



Animal Care Services FY 2026 Proposed Budget

City Council Budget Work Session

Presented by Jon Gary, Director

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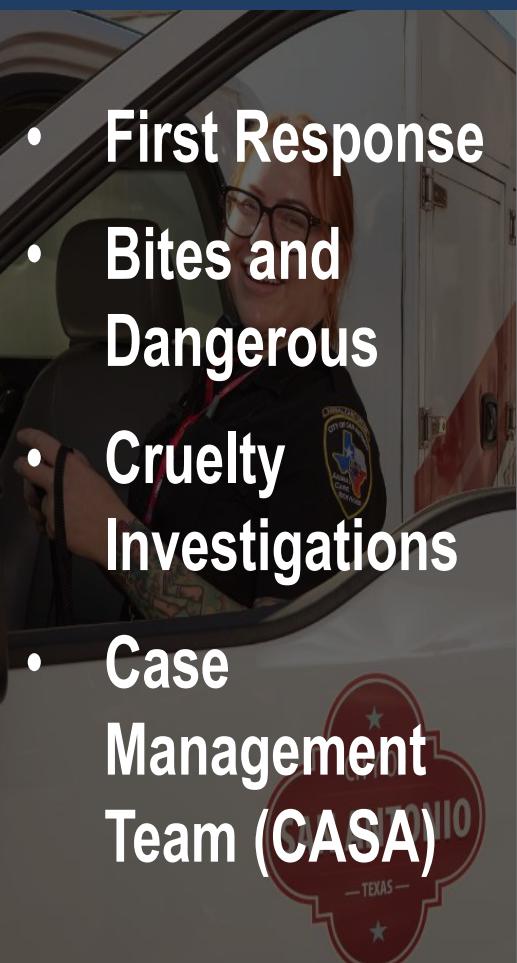
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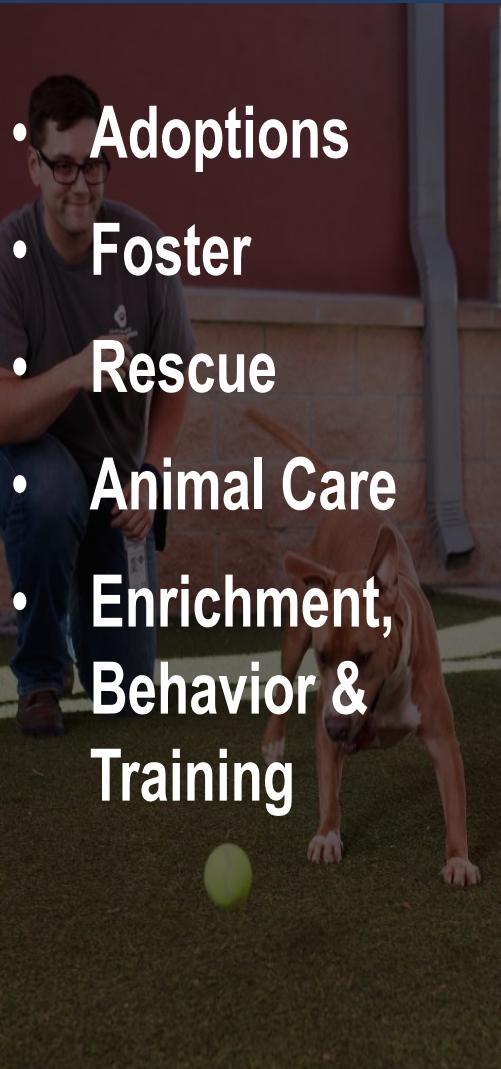
Department Overview

Field



- First Response
- Bites and Dangerous
- Cruelty Investigations
- Case Management Team (CASA)

Placement / Shelter



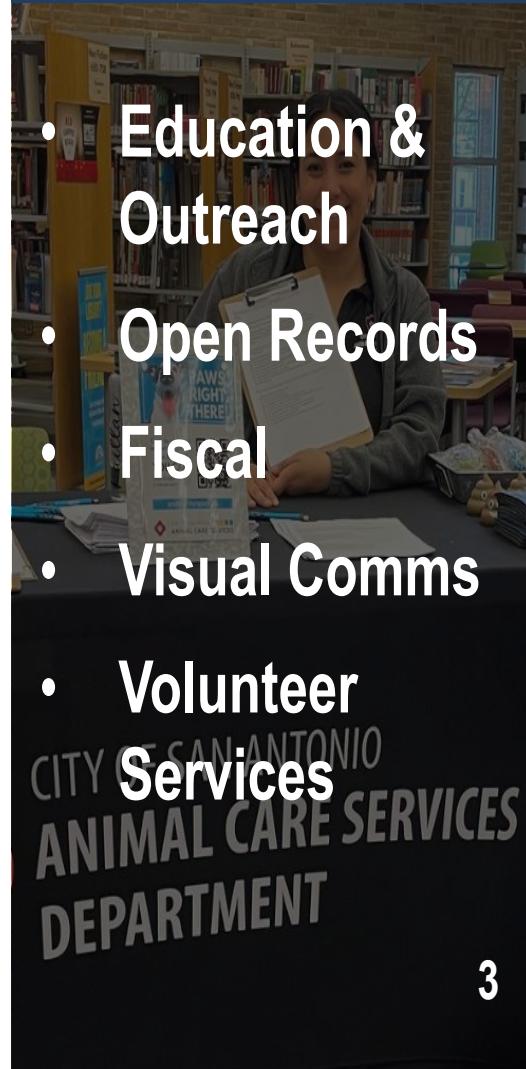
- Adoptions
- Foster
- Rescue
- Animal Care
- Enrichment, Behavior & Training

Clinic



- Veterinary Care
- Spay/Neuter
- Special Surgeries
- Foster Pet Wellness

Support



- Education & Outreach
- Open Records
- Fiscal
- Visual Comms
- Volunteer Services

ACS 2023 Strategic Plan

Support a Safe
Community for People
in Their
Neighborhoods



Protect the Safety and
Humane Treatment of
Pets



Champion a
Healthy & Thriving
Workforce



Foster Positive
Connections with
Our Community

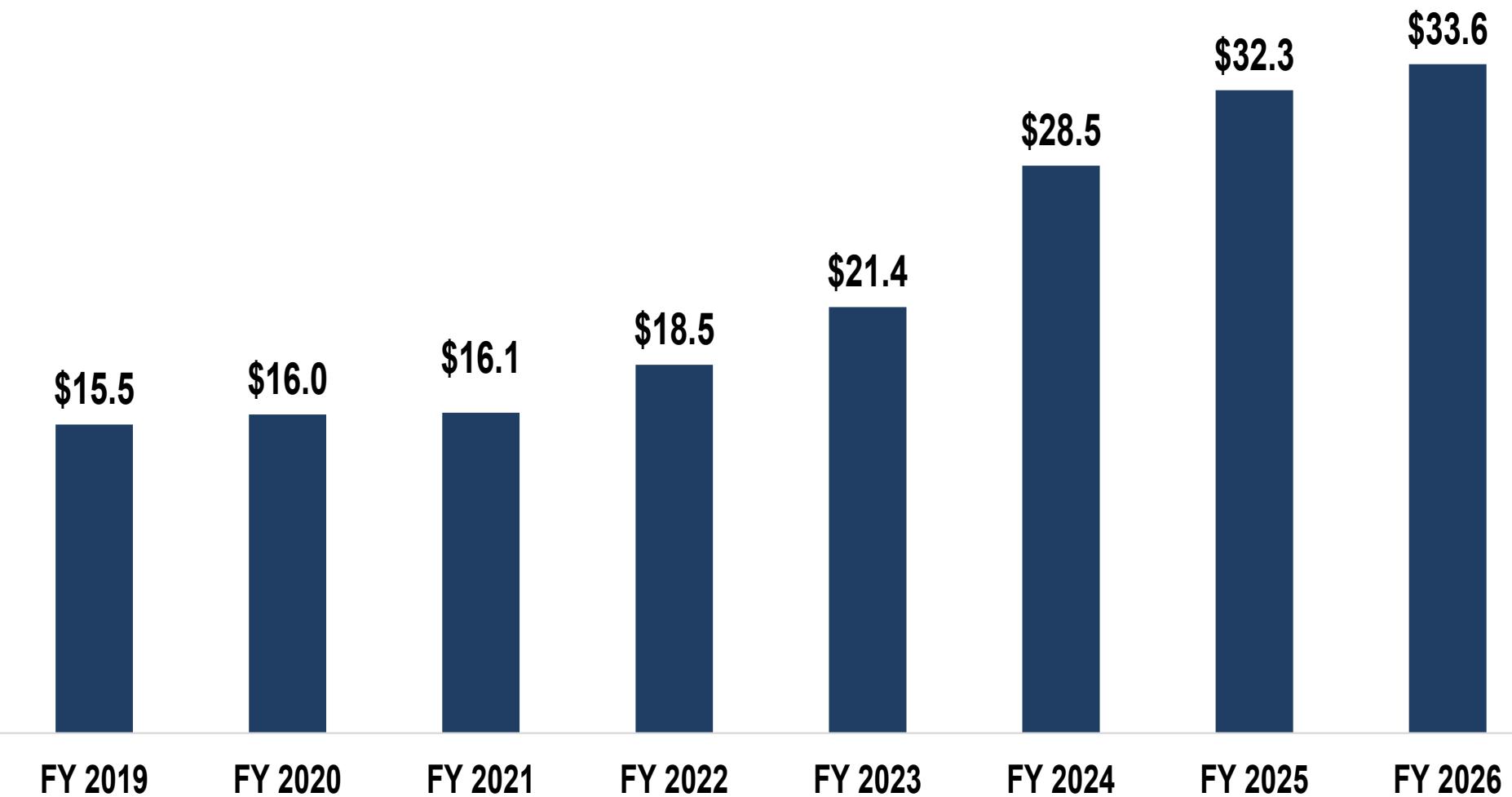


Support the
Placement of Pets for
Life



Animal Care Services

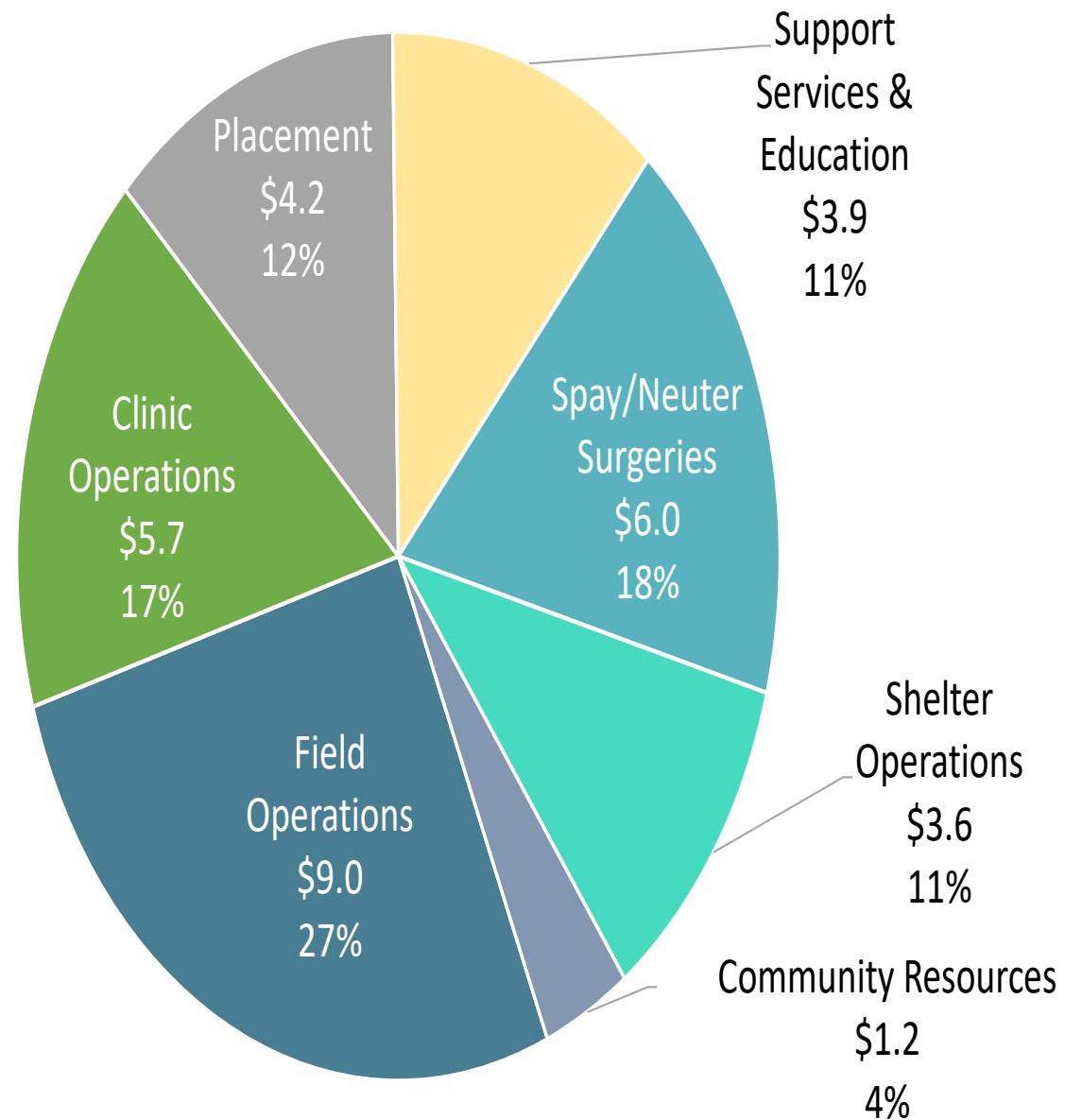
General Fund Budget History (\$ in Millions)



FY 2026 Proposed Budget: \$33.6 Million

Fund (\$ in Millions)	FY 2026 Proposed
General Fund	\$33.6
Total	\$33.6

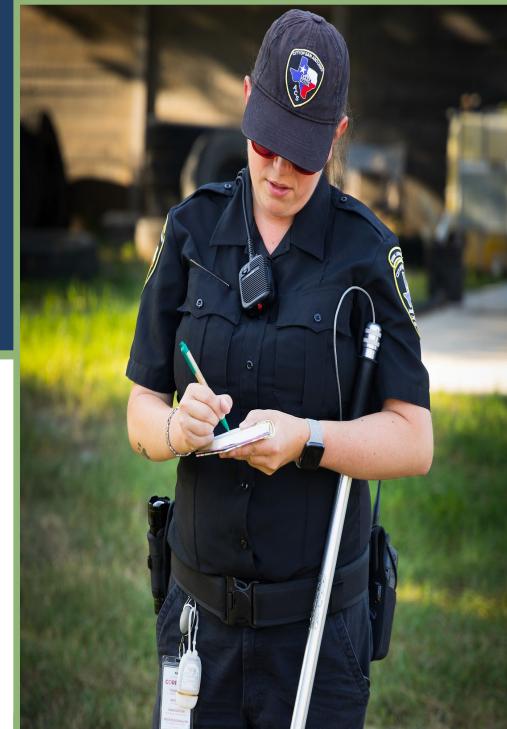
Positions	
General Fund	245
Total	245



Public Safety

ENFORCEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

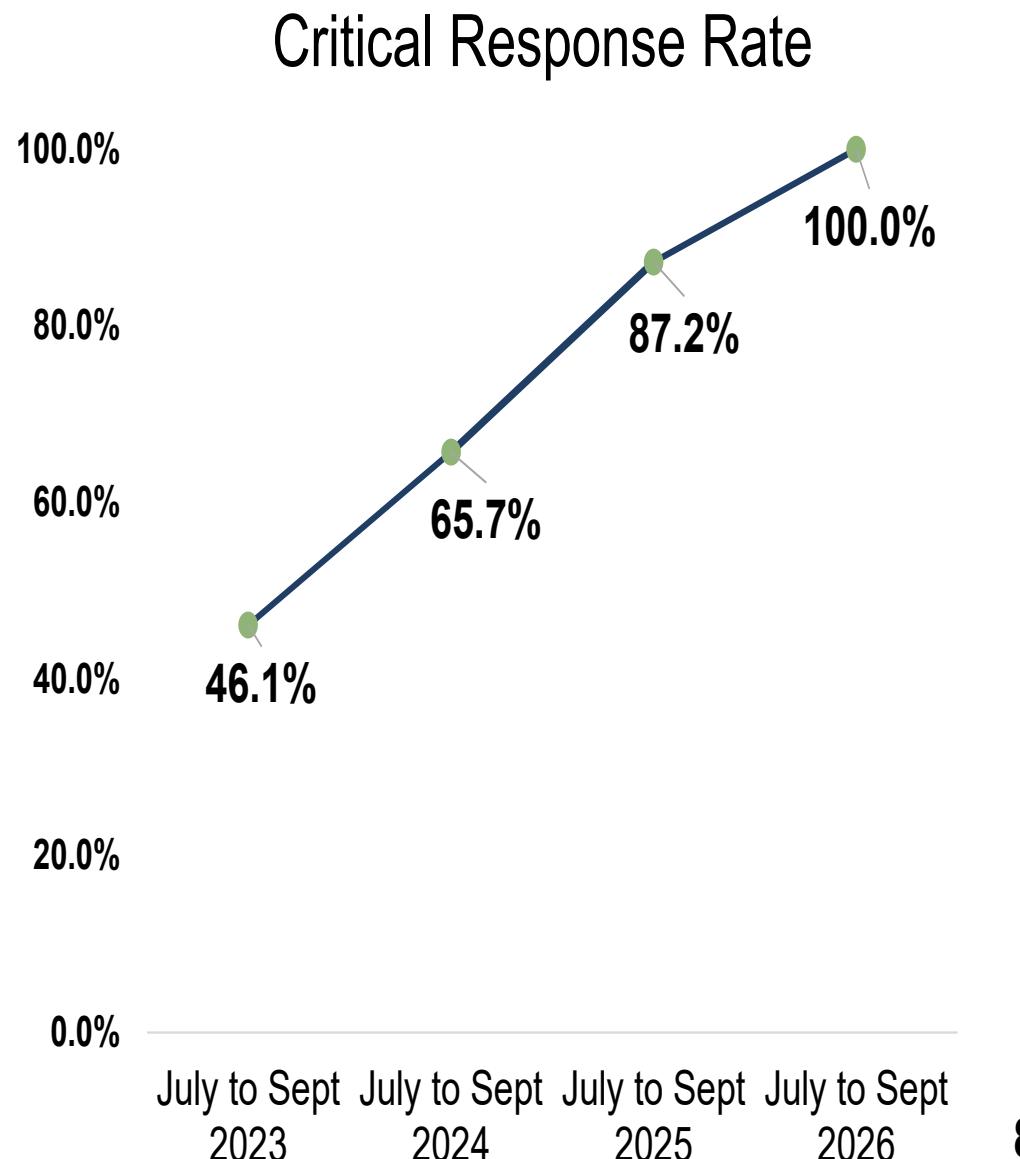
- Increased dangerous dog compliance rate from 55% in FY23 to **84%** in FY25
- Dangerous dog cases worked increased by **100%** over FY24
- Total citations up **106%** compared to FY 24
- Changes to Chapter 5 of the City Code in December 2024 to increase minimum fines for bites, free of restraint, and repeat offenses



Public Safety

CALLS FOR SERVICE

- Critical Call response rate increased from 44% in FY23 to **83%** in FY25
- Cadet class of 15 graduating September 2025
- Currently responding to **32%** of non-critical calls (strays, public nuisance, permits)



Pet Care Connect

PILOT PROGRAM

- Aims to reduce roaming animals, support responsible pet care, and address non-critical violations
- Piloted in Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 4 (upcoming)
- 4-week effort including door-to-door outreach & education, direct access to resources, proactive enforcement
- Free pet food distribution and vaccine/microchip pop-ups

RESULTS

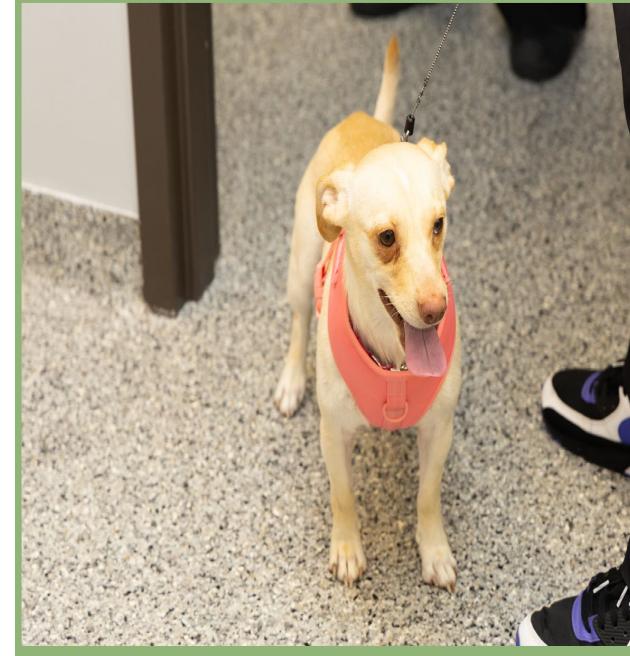
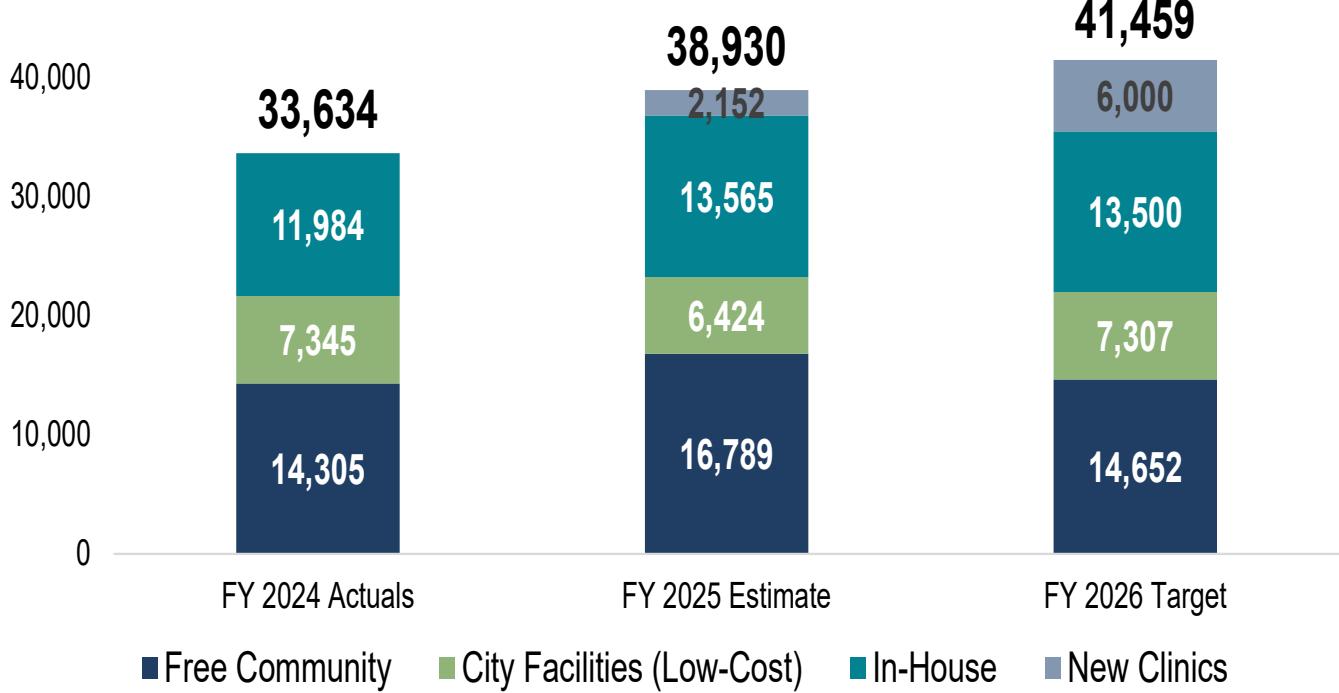
- 4,000 homes reached, 600+ direct interactions
- 1,400 pet care resources distributed; 100+ pet houses provided
- 100,000 lbs of free pet food provided
- 400+ pets vaccinated + microchipped
- 200+ free spay/neuter services secured for this program



Spay/Neuter

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

- Two new spay/neuter clinics opened summer 2025 on East and West sides
 - Serving shelter pets, foster pets, and community pets
- Total surgeries increased **15.7%** over FY 2024; 65% increase over FY 2023
- Surgeries expected to increase **6.5%** over FY 2025 estimate



Placement

LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS

- 19% increase in pets returned home over FY24
- Almost **12,000** pets transferred to rescue partners
- Live Release Rate increased despite 9% increase in intake from FY24
- Large-scale Adoption Events – contributed to **450+** adoptions in FY25

NEW KENNEL BUILDING

- Newly acquired South Kennel building - 30 kennels and 18 small stainless-steel kennels
- Will give more time to harder-to-place pets and free up space on main kennel floor
- Improvement: **\$169,098** for pet supplies, animal feed, janitorial supplies, etc.



Community Outreach

WELLNESS CLINICS

- Large-scale Vaccine/Microchip clinics – **1,400+** pets served
 - November “mini-mega” at ACS
 - March “mega” event at Wheatley Heights
- Regular Vaccine/Microchip clinics – **6,000+** pets served
 - Free clinic every weekend



MARKETING

- Billboard campaign launched in May to promote ACS messaging
- Pet Networking Team to market adoptable pets with high-quality photos

Pet Search Page

OLD

Adoptable Pets

Dogs Cats Other 

Active filters: None [Change filters](#) [Clear filters](#)

Animals: 1 - 30 of 1671



Name: MAMA (A720847)
Age: 1 year, 5 months old
Intake Date: 06/22/2025
Located: Animal Care Services - Hwy 151



Name: CHULA (A720848)
Age: 1 year, 5 months old
Intake Date: 06/22/2025
Located: Animal Care Services - Hwy 151



Name: BELLE (A720849)
Age: 1 year, 5 months old
Intake Date: 06/22/2025
Located: Animal Care Services - Hwy 151



Name: EDWIN (A756292)
Age: 4 months old
Intake Date: 06/22/2025
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Name: NILA (A761458)
Age: 2 years



Name: DEMARCUS (A761492)
Age: 4 months old

NEW

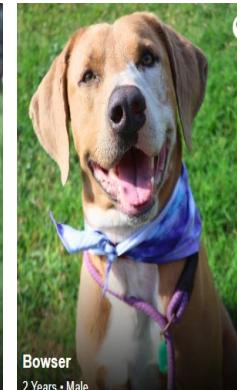
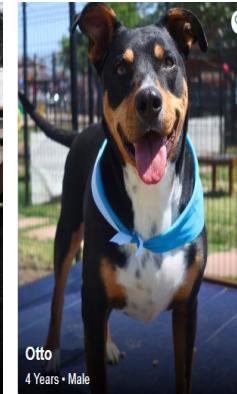
Search: Pet Name / Animal ID 

Filter By:

[Pet](#) [Gender](#) [Age](#) [Size](#) [Arrived](#) [Location](#) [Favorites](#)

I'm looking for ^

Good with dogs Good with cats Good with kids Potty Trained Special Needs



FY 2026 Reductions: \$298,261

- Total of \$298,261 in reductions that will not impact core services
- Right-size temporary salaries and microchips: \$291,825
- Reduce education and Travel Budget: \$6,436
- No reduction in positions



FY 2026 Revenue Enhancements

Fee	FY 2025 Rate	FY 2026 Rate	FY 2026 New Revenue
Animal Exhibit Permit (amount per exhibit)	\$200	\$500	\$4,500
Pet Grooming Permit (amount per establishment)	\$75	\$100	\$1,750
Petting Zoo/Recreational Animal Ride Permit (amount per exhibit)	\$50	\$200	\$6,150
TOTAL			\$12,400



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