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Mendocino County Animal Care Services Third Animal Balance Clinic: July 31-August 2

Animal Care Services successfully completed our third and final Animal Balance high-volume spay and neuter clinic of the 2026 series, held July 31, August 1, and August 2. This clinic altered 211 animals, bringing our three-clinic total to 621, that is, 21 animals above our original goal.

We are deeply grateful to Animal Balance for bringing their high-volume expertise to Mendocino County, Dogwood Animal Rescue for sponsoring the first two clinics and Margery Pfund for her generous spay/neuter donation that made it possible for Animal Care to fund the third clinic. Our thanks also go to For the Animals of the Ukiah Shelter for their ongoing support and to all our incredible volunteers who dedicated long, demanding days to each clinic.

A special thank-you to Perkins Family Law for providing meals for all three clinics and to the many animal owners who waited patiently in long lines and trusted us with the care of their pets. It truly takes a village, and Mendocino County showed up.

We are already planning our next high-volume clinic in 2027 in coordination with Inland Humane, who has generously committed to sponsoring the event.



Operational Highlights:

- **Intakes:** In August 2026, our shelter welcomed a total of 60 new animals into care. This included 28 cats and 32 dogs, reflecting steady intake trends for companion animals in our region. Each intake represents an opportunity to provide safety, medical attention, and a path toward adoption or appropriate placement.
- **Shelter Services:** During August 2026, we successfully facilitated the adoption of 13 cats and 11 dogs, transferred 6 animals to other animal rescue organizations and reunited 15 pets with their owners.
- **Clinic Services:** Our clinic performed 48 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 41 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 45 microchips in August 2026.
Animal Protection Services: Officers responded to 267 calls for service with 60 categorized as priorities which included biting animals, cruelty complaints, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals and law enforcement assistance.
- **Dog Licensing:** 626 dog licenses were sold in August 2026, generating \$26,252 in revenue.

Looking Ahead:

- **Upcoming Caravan Dates:** The Caravan will be at JD Redhouse in Willits on September 22nd.
- **Second Chance Vaccine Clinic:** We are pleased to support Second Chance Rescue during their second vaccine clinic of 2026, being held on October 2nd at the Fort Bragg Food Bank, 910 N. Franklin Street. Rabies vaccines, core vaccines, and microchips will be free for all attending dog owners, and Dr. Weiss will be on-site providing wellness exams throughout the event. This clinic is for dogs only and continues our shared commitment to expanding access to essential preventive care for coastal communities.
- **Rabies, Microchip Clinic:** We're pleased to partner with the ASPCA, Subaru Loves Pets, and For the Animals of the Ukiah Shelter to host a rabies and microchip clinic on Sunday, October 4th, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Ukiah Shelter, 298 Plant Road. Rabies vaccines, core vaccines, and microchips will be free for both dogs and cats.
- **Volunteer Orientation:** Join us for volunteer orientation on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.
- **Empty the Shelter Pack Walk:** Join us for our monthly Empty the Shelter Pack Walk the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Help us get every dog out for a group walk, participate in training sessions, and enjoy socializing time with the dogs. This walk is open to all community members.

Upcoming Adoption Events:

Come meet and maybe even adopt your new best friend at one of our community adoption events. We'll be at I.SEE. Optical in Cloverdale on 9/26 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Conclusion: Our Animal Care Services program continues to have a positive impact on the community, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team. We remain committed to our mission of promoting animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.