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Mendocino County Animal Care Services

Second Animal Balance Clinic: May 1-3

Our Second Animal Balance high-volume spay and neuter clinic, held May 1-3, was another strong success for Mendocino County Animal Care Services. Over the three-day event, 201 animals were spayed or neutered, continuing the momentum established during our March clinic and keeping us on track toward our annual goal of expanding access to essential veterinary care for county residents.

This clinic was supported by an exceptional turnout of volunteers. We were fortunate to have dedicated assistance from Inland Humane, the California Conservation Corps, and of course our own wonderful and committed volunteers who continue to show up with professionalism, compassion, and deep commitment to community service. Their teamwork ensured smooth operations from intake through recovery and allowed us to serve a high volume of animals safely and efficiently.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in making this clinic possible, and to all the pet owners who entrusted us with the care of their animals and chose to spay or neuter. Their partnership is essential to reducing unwanted litters, lowering shelter intake, and improving long-term animal welfare across Mendocino County.

With two successful clinics completed, we now look ahead to our third and final Animal Balance clinic of the year, scheduled for July 31-August 2. We anticipate another impactful event and remain grateful for the continued collaboration that makes this work possible.



Operational Highlights:

- **Intakes:** In May 2026, our shelter welcomed a total of 58 new animals into care. This included 38 cats and 20 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 May 2026, we successfully facilitated the adoption of 11 cats and 18 dogs, transferred 15 animals to other animal rescue organizations, and reunited 3 pets with their owners.
- **Clinic Services:** Our clinic performed 43 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 46 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 41 microchips in the month of May 2026.
Animal Protection Services: Officers responded to 316 calls for service with 61 categorized as priorities which include biting animals, cruelty complaints, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals, and law enforcement assistance.
- **Dog Licensing:** 529 dog licenses were sold in May 2026, generating \$21,863 in revenue.

- **Caravan Outreach:** The Caravan visited the Garden Club in Laytonville on June 12th and JD Redhouse in Willits on June 16th, providing services and outreach to community members in those areas.

Looking Ahead:

- **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.
- **Third Animal Balance Clinic:** We look forward to welcoming Animal Balance back for our next clinic on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd building on the momentum and community support from our successful May event.

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 6/27 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Conclusion: Our Animal Care Services team continues to make a positive impact throughout the community through their hard work, dedication, and commitment to animal welfare. We remain committed to our mission of promoting animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.