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Mendocino County Animal Care Services

Spotlight on Coconut

Say hello to Coconut-a big, beautiful snow queen with a heart as soft as her coat! She is a 10-month-old, spayed female who is a loving, playful, and affectionate girl just looking for someone to help her become the best version of herself. She's sweet, sociable, and loves being around people, whether it's cuddling on the couch or romping around the yard.



The Animal Care Services program areas include Shelter, Clinic and Animal Protection Services. These programs provide animal education outreach, adoptions, volunteer opportunities, fostering, lost and found services, feral cat trap-neuter-release programs, dog licensing, low cost spay and neuter, veterinary care, animal health education, rabies vaccinations, micro-chipping, impounding of lost and stray animals, responding to injured, ill, and suspected cruelty complaints, and promoting responsible pet ownership.

This month has been a period of significant activity and progress for our Animal Care Services program. Our dedicated team has continued to provide essential services to the community, ensuring the well-being of animals and promoting responsible pet ownership.

Operational Highlights:

- **Shelter Services:** During the month of August, we successfully facilitated the adoption of 7 cats and 17 dogs, transferred 32 animals to other animal rescue organizations, and reunited 18 pets with their owners.
- **Clinic Services:** Our clinic performed 68 spay and neuter surgeries, administered 67 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 63 microchips in August.
- **Animal Protection Services:** Officers responded to 243 calls for service with 32 categorized as priority which include biting animals, cruelty complaints, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals, and law enforcement assistance.
- **Dog Licensing:** 613 dog licenses were sold during the month of August, generating \$24,289.00 in revenue.
- **Caravan Services:** In August the caravan performed 37 spay/neuter surgeries, administered 27 rabies vaccinations, and implanted 37 microchips. The caravan was in Boonville for a feral cat spay and neuter day on August 1st and JD Redhouse in Willits on August 19th.
- **Upcoming Caravan Dates:** The Caravan was at JD Redhouse in Willits on September 16th, will be in Laytonville (location TBD) on October 2nd and we will be partnering with Second Chance Rescue for a vaccine clinic in Fort Bragg on October 3rd.

Market and Industry Insights:

- **Trends:** There has been a positive trend in community engagement and volunteer participation, reflecting growing awareness and support for animal welfare.
- **Challenges:**
 - **Foster Recruitment:** Finding more foster families to care for animals temporarily continues to be a challenge.
 - **Veterinarian Availability:** Continuing to find available veterinarians to support our clinic and outreach programs remains a critical issue.

Challenges and Risks:

- **Resource Constraints:** Limited funding and resources remain a challenge, necessitating careful budget management and fundraising efforts. Additionally, we are experiencing a decrease in the number of available adopters, which impacts on our ability to find homes for animals in our care.
- **Health Risks:** Ongoing monitoring and mitigation of health risks, including rabies and other zoonotic diseases to ensure the safety of both animals, staff and community.

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.

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.