



County of Mendocino
Department of Animal Care Services
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Mendocino County Animal Care Services

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

Effective County Government

During the year 2024, 147 cats & 211 dogs and 9 goats were adopted, 140 animals were returned to their owners, and 111 animals were transferred to other animal rescue organizations.

Safe and Healthy Community

During the year 2024, the Animal Protection Unit worked 2,745 calls for service with 412 of the calls being categorized as priority such as a "biting animals, cruelty complaints, animals in distress, aggressive loose animals and Law Enforcement Assist."

Thriving Economy

During the year 2024, 6,265 dog licenses were sold resulting in \$224,762.00 in revenue being generated.

Prepared and Resilient County

During the year 2024, 1,423 spay & neuter surgeries were performed in the Clinic, along with 1,360 rabies vaccinations being administered and 1,207 microchips implanted.

2024 Shelter Highlights

2024 was a year of challenges and equal successes in the world of rescue. While things still look different post COVID, we continue to be thankful for the community support and the steady adoptions that come our way. Overcrowding is a county wide concern that requires a joint effort from the shelter, the community, fellow rescue groups and dedicated volunteers to assist with the ongoing homeless animal crisis.

However, we are happy to report that a brand-new mobile spay and neuter Care A Van has been purchased and has already been put to use! We have traveled to Willits and Redwood Valley and have several upcoming days planned at local reservations. We have also signed contracts with multiple new vets and have more

pending. We are excited to add more locations and provide more services on the road in 2025 for rural areas of our county.

We also want to spotlight our very dedicated team of volunteers who spent countless unpaid hours advocating for the animals in our care. Volunteers come in daily to walk dogs, socialize with cats, give baths and work behind the scenes on social media and website graphics. Some also take animals on short or long-term foster breaks so that the animals have a chance to experience home life before adoption. They participate in weekend and monthly events such as the Pack Walk and off-site Mobile Adoptions. For the past several years, they have also organized special Thanksgiving and Holiday meals for the animals staying with us. The shelter is a much brighter place for both the people and animals because of their efforts.

