



Enhancing Animal Welfare: Investing in Sonoma County Animal Services

Department of Health Services



Sonoma County Animal Services

Sonoma County Animal Services (SCAS) plays a crucial role in safeguarding the welfare of animals within our region.



Operational Challenges

- **Lack of shelter capacity:** limiting animal well-being and posing operational difficulties
- **Inadequate infrastructure:** outdated kennel areas, lack of shelter in play yards, inefficient storage spaces
- **Limited staffing levels:** growing demand for community and in-shelter support
- **Increasing volume of public complaints:** response times, and communication



Proposed Investments

- Facility Improvements
- Explore Staffing Enhancements



Facility Improvements

Space Needs

Expand Office Space & Lobby: Expansion of office space and lobby area to address privacy concerns, operational inefficiencies, and safety risks

Upgrade Kennel Area: Improved ventilation and climate control solutions to promote better airflow and reduce temperature extremes

Install a Play Yard Shelter: Installation of permanent shelter solutions to ensure the safety of animals and volunteers

Improve Storage Area: Upgrade storage facilities to mitigate risk such as leaks and excessive heat damage

Initial Facility Investment Estimate

Design \$300,000 (included in Capital Projects 24/25 Recommended Budget)
+ \$4M Improvements Construction.



Staffing

- Fee Study Highlights
- Operational Needs
- Staffing Enhancements



Questions

