

Santa Barbara County Animal Services

New Vision & Jurisdiction Contract Fee Options

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Origin of Animal Control & Sheltering: Rabies



- Early 1800s: Rabies control model of “dog catchers” and “pounds” was developed.
- 1950s: Rabies is effectively under control in the US but animal control and sheltering stagnated around an obsolete model of gathering animals and short-term kenneling.
- 1998: Hayden Act passed in California in response to millions of animals being killed in shelters.
- Hayden Act changed the culture of animal sheltering but it did not address the physical shelters themselves which were not designed for longer term, humane housing of animals.

Historic Model of Animal Services - Santa Barbara County



- Shelter-Based
- Siloed Services
- Warehousing Animals
- Lack of Cohesive Countywide Service



Pre-Hayden Era Shelters:
Lompoc & Santa Barbara facilities are 50+ years old and require significant upgrades

COVID Silver Lining
Animal Services Reimagined

Focus on SOLUTIONS to:

- Reduce intake and move animals through the shelter system quickly.
- Reallocate resources to serve more animals and people outside of the shelter walls.



Tier 2 Pilot Shelter - HASS Model
Community-Based Sheltering

NEW Countywide Vision for SBCAS

- Historical model of three independent shelters is no longer optimal and there are exciting opportunities for more efficient use of the following resources:
 - Staffing
 - Veterinary
 - Nonprofit partnerships and fundraising
 - Animals
 - Services
 - Volunteers
- New Countywide vision for unified Animal Services includes the following:
 - Service-based model
 - Expansion of existing infrastructure
 - Improved efficiency and economies of scale
 - Synergy of partnerships



Pet Licenses Just Got an Upgrade!



- ✓ FREE online pet profile
- ✓ Extended Lost Pet Recovery Program
- ✓ Optional Premium Services



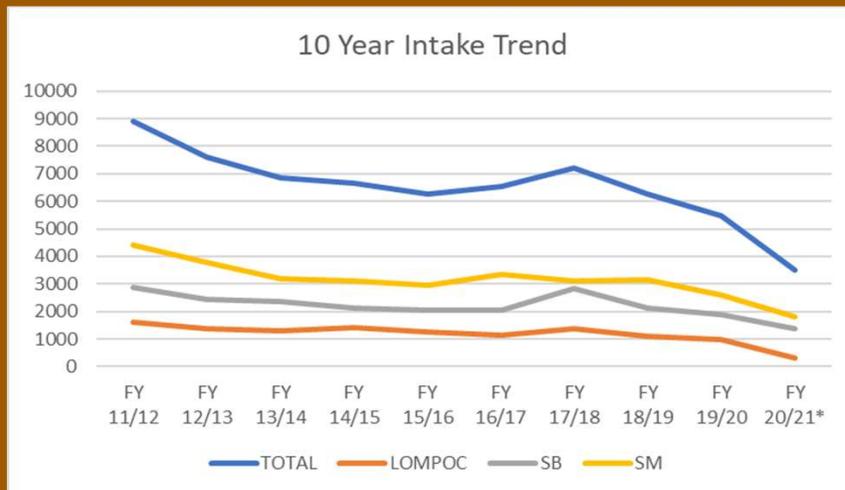
There is no additional cost to you -- just our normal pet license fee. Upon activation of your pet's new tag on PetHub.com, you will have the option to upgrade to additional services like PetHub's Shelter Alert Network & scan notifications with GPS mapping.



Solution-Based Services

- Service Model vs. Shelter Model
- All traditional services still available
- Innovative technologies
- Convenient online and appointment-based services
- Foster-based vs. warehousing
- Alternatives to impound
- Expanded collaboration and partnership with nonprofit organizations
- Equity and access to services
- Community-oriented field services

Animal Intake Trend



- Pre-pandemic intake trends stabilized around 6,000-7,000 animals annually.
- FY 19-20 intakes declined 12.5% primarily in last quarter due to pandemic.
- FY 20-21 intakes initially down by 24% but are expected to increase through peak season months.
- Uncertainty industry-wide regarding long-term impacts on intakes.

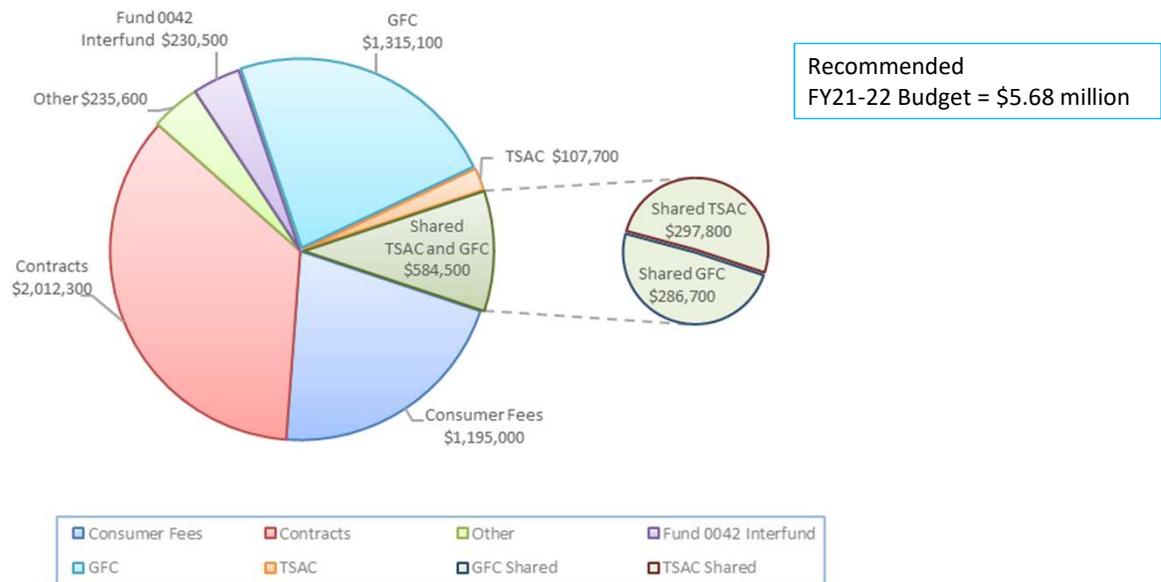
- Community needs have changed and require resources and staff time, meaning decreased intakes do not equate to fewer expenses.

New Animal Services Positions

FY 14-15	Community Outreach Coordinator
FY 14-15	Kennel Attendant
FY 15-16 (AHA)	Operations Manager
FY 15-16 (AHA)	Registered Vet Tech
FY 15-16 (AHA)	Veterinarian (Contract)
FY 16-17 (AHA)	Animal Control Officer
FY 16-17	Kennel Attendant (EXH to REG)

- 7 new positions added between FY 14-15 and FY 16-17 (AHA = 4 positions)
- AOP position reduced in FY 18-19
- No new positions added since FY 16-17
- Net increase in positions = 6

FY 2021-2022 Animal Services Funding Sources



Per Capita Contract Fee Options*

	Buellton	Goleta	Guadalupe	Lompoc	Santa Barbara	Santa Maria	Solvang	Chumash	Total	Change
FY 20-21 Current Contracts	41,552	259,252	60,716	334,984	409,760	814,508	46,256	2,100	1,969,128	
FY21-22 Option 1: Recommended Budget 2%	42,400	264,500	61,900	341,700	418,000	830,800	47,200	2,200	2,008,700	39,572
Option 1 % Increase	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%		
FY21-22 Option 2: Calculated with Recommended Budget, updated population; without TSAC & Position GFC	56,221	331,559	83,150	429,895	487,864	1,105,164	57,230	2,562	2,553,645	584,517
Option 2 % Increase	35%	28%	37%	28%	19%	36%	24%	22%		

*The MGT Fee Study is currently underway and will provide a full cost billing analysis for contract jurisdictions.

Recommendation: Option 1 2% Flat Increase

- Allows best practice of external review and analysis by MGT.
- Provides for continuity and stability during many changes and new Animal Services vision.
- Does not place undue economic burden on contract jurisdictions post-pandemic and allows time to plan for potential contract increases.

