



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jonathan Gary

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

No-Cost Vaccination & Microchip Clinic amendment with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the no-cost vaccinations & microchip clinic contract with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services to increase the contract amount from \$56,000 to \$66,000 in order to provide an additional 500 free pet microchips and vaccines in the community for a term ending September 30, 2025. Funding is available in the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City's Animal Care Services (ACS) Department currently has a Professional Services Agreements with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services to provide no-cost vaccination & microchip clinics to City of San Antonio residents in the community. Providing these services to pet owners assists in keeping pets protected against disease, as well as properly microchipped and vaccinated in accordance with local and state laws.

Since FY 2023, ACS has partnered with these local community organizations to hold no-cost vaccination and microchip clinics on-site at the ACS campus and various locations around the city. These clinics offer pet owners no-cost veterinarian and pet wellness services, such as vaccinations

to include: Rabies, Bordetella, Distemper/Hepatitis/Parvovirus/Parainfluenza (DHPP), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis/Calicivirus/Panleukopenia (FVRCP), and microchips. Each clinic provides approximately 100 dogs/cats vaccines and microchips. Each partner is responsible for providing all staffing support and administration of microchips/vaccines at the clinics, as well as registering each microchip implanted. ACS assists with scheduling the clinic locations and advertising the events.

The current contract with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services is for a term beginning on October 1, 2024, and terminating on September 30, 2025, with an initial amount of \$56,000 to serve 2,800 pets. Staff recommends amending this contract to increase funding for Esparza Veterinary Relief Services from \$56,000 to \$66,000. This additional funding will provide free microchips and vaccines for 500 additional pets, for a contracted total of 3,300 pets.

**ISSUE:**

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the no-cost vaccinations & microchip clinic contract with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services to increase the contract amount from \$56,000 to \$66,000. This funding will provide free microchips and vaccines for an additional 500 pets in the community for a total of 3,300.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this amendment not be approved, there would be fewer opportunities to offer no-cost vaccination & microchip clinics to the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Ordinance authorizes an amendment to the no-cost vaccinations & microchip clinic contract with Esparza Veterinary Relief Services to increase funding from \$56,000 to an amount not to exceed \$66,000, for a total increase of \$10,000 to serve 500 additional pets for a term ending September 30, 2025. Funding is available in the FY 2025 General Fund Adopted Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval for this ordinance.